

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Fort Myers Collaboratory

2031 Jackson Street,

Fort Myers, FL 33901

10:00 a.m.



AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call/Introductions
3. Public Comments on Items on the Agenda
4. *Approval of the March 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes
5. *Approval of the Scope for SS4A funded Countywide Safety Action Plan (Don Scott)
6. District One Van Pool Program Update (Michelle Peronto/Arlinda Karuli)
7. ATMS/FRAME/Signal Preemption Updates (Jillian Schiller/Steven Davis)
8. Presentation on the SR 78/Bayshore Road Capacity Study (Patrick Bateman)
9. Presentation on the US 41 at Bonita Beach Road PD&E Study (Patrick Bateman)
10. Report on 2023 Lee MPO Priorities (Ron Gogoi)
11. Local Agency/FDOT/MPO Updates
12. Public and Member Comments on Items not on the agenda
13. Announcements
14. Topics for next meeting
15. Information and Distribution Items

Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order

Chair Jay Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item #2 - Roll Call/Introductions

The committee members introduced themselves. Roll was recorded by MPO staff. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Bill Walker	Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District
Carl Karakos	City of Fort Myers
Ian Sikonia	Lee County Port Authority
James Lear	Cape Coral Police Department
Jay Anderson	Community Traffic Safety Team
Jillian Scholler	Lee County Department of Transportation
Laura Dodd	City of Cape Coral
Sean Kingston	Collier MPO
Teresa Lewis	Lee County MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee

Others in attendance included: Ron Gogoi and Brian Raimondo with the Lee County MPO; Sean Pugh, Tom Arsenault, and Steven Davis with FDOT; and Christopher Speese with Atkins.

Agenda Item #3 - Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

There were no public comments on items on the agenda.

Agenda Item #4 – Approval of January 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Teresa Lewis made the motion to approve the January 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Carl Karakos seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - SR 78 (Bayshore Rd) Median Modification Presentation

Mr. Christopher Speese with FDOT provided a Power Point presentation on the SR 78 (Bayshore Road) Median Modification project. The project limits are from North Evalena Lane to New Post Road. The presentation can be accessed here on slides one through twelve: [SR 78 Project](#)

Agenda Item #6 - SR 865 (San Carlos Boulevard) Median Modification Presentation

Mr. Christopher Speese with FDOT provided a Power Point presentation on the SR 865 (San Carlos Boulevard) Median Modification project. Project limits are from Linda Loma to Kelly Road. The presentation can be accessed here on slides thirteen through sixteen: [SR 865 Project](#)

Agenda Item #7 - SR 739 (Metro Parkway) CFI Updates

Mr. Christopher Speese with FDOT provided a Power Point presentation on the SR 739 (Metro Parkway) CFI updates. The presentation can be accessed here on slides seventeen through twenty-two: [SR 739](#)

Agenda Item #8 - Road Ranger Camera Presentation

Mr. Tom Arsenault with FDOT provided a Power Point presentation on the Road Ranger Cameras. In response to questions from committee members, he stated that the Ranger Mobile Camera can be activated only by an operator at the Regional Traffic Management Center, and that there is only one Road Ranger vehicle operating in Lee County. The presentation can be accessed here: [Road Ranger Cameras](#).

Agenda Item #9 - Report on Multimodal Fund Proposals

Mr. Ron Gogoi provided a Power Point presentation on local government proposals for MPO federal funds that included bike/ped and transit projects on off system roadways. The presentation also covered MPO's own proposals that involved bike ped projects on state highways. The presentation can be accessed here: [Multimodal Fund Proposals](#)

Agenda Item #10 - Report on Transportation Bills in the 2023 Florida Legislative Session

Mr. Gogoi provided a Power Point presentation on noteworthy transportation bills and appropriations project requests from the Lee County area in the FY 2023/24 Florida Legislative Session. The presentation can be accessed here: [Transportation Bills](#)

Agenda Item #11 - Local Agency/FDOT/MPO Updates

Mr. James Lear with the Cape Coral Police Department provided an update on the implementation of traffic safety sub grants including Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety and Distracted Driving. He also provided an overview of the FY 2023 Highway Safety Matrix and the ranking of City of Cape Coral for the various traffic safety priority areas. It was confirmed by Mr. Arsenault that a law enforcement agency from a jurisdiction can apply for grants in a traffic safety priority area even if that jurisdiction was not among the highest 25% for serious injuries and fatalities for that priority area if there were funds left unused. The presentation can be accessed here: [Cape PD Grant](#).

Agenda Item #12 - Public and Member Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

Agenda Item #13 – Announcements

Mr. Gogoi announced that the Lee MPO had received the Safe Streets For All (SS4A) Action Plan grant for \$300,000. The local match is \$75,000. He added the MPO and FHWA will have to execute an interlocal agreement to be able to use the funds. He also informed the committee that FDOT District 1 will be developing an Action Plan independently for the state highways in Lee County which would leave more money from the MPO grant to be used on off system roadways. The two Action Plans will be combined together after completion to make them whole.

Agenda Item #14 - Topics for next meeting

There were no topics suggested for the next meeting.

Agenda Item #15 - Information and Distribution Items

There were no information and/or distribution items.

Mr. Carl Karakos made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Teresa Lewis seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.

An audio recording of the meeting can be accessed at: [TMOG Audio March 8, 2023](#)

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**REVIEW AND APPROVE THE SAFE STREETS FOR ALL SAFETY
ACTION PLAN SCOPE OF SERVICES**

ACTION ITEM: Review, provide comment and approve the draft scopes of services (**attached**) for developing the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

The Lee County MPO has been awarded \$300,000 (to be matched with \$75,000 in MPO local funds) in federal Safe Streets for All funding to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. The Action Plan will identify projects, programs and strategies that will reduce fatalities and serious injuries for all modes of travel within Lee County. FDOT will also be developing a Safety Action Plan for the State roadways in Lee County, so the MPO's funding and scope is focusing on the other public roads within the County.

The attached draft scope of work for review outlines the tasks that will be conducted as part of the development of the action plan. The tasks in the scope follow the outline that was included in the grant application and it includes similar tasks/methodology that is included in FDOT's scope. In addition, the scope includes coordination opportunities with FDOT and their consultant conducting the State Road Action Plan.



Development of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

Draft Scope of Services

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1 INTRODUCTION

The Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization is seeking to develop a Comprehensive Vision Zero Safety Action Plan that identifies projects, programs and strategies that will reduce fatalities and serious injuries for all modes of travel within the County. FDOT will be conducting a Vision Zero Action Plan at the same time for the FDOT maintained roadways within the County and this scope includes coordination amongst the two efforts to provide consistency in the plan.

2 SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Consultant will be responsible for the Tasks that are listed below.

Task 1: Project Management

The Consultant and the Lee MPO will finalize a work plan and schedule for the development of the Comprehensive Vision Zero Safety Action Plan. Expectations for the project's scope of work, schedule, contacts and invoicing requirements will be established at a kick-off meeting. This task will include all work related to management of the project that includes invoicing, progress reports, coordination activities with staff deliverables related to those coordination meetings.

Deliverables:

- Virtual attendance and materials for the kick-off meeting
- Monthly virtual coordination meetings with MPO staff
- Monthly invoices and progress reports in a format consistent with USDOT requirements

Task 2: Safety Action Plan Stakeholder Team Meetings

The safety action plan will be produced in coordination with the MPO's partners and the Consultant will develop a Safety Action Plan Team that will participate in the development of the action plan. The safety action plan team will include the representatives from the local jurisdictions, FDOT, FHP, local law enforcement, EMS/Fire, Lee Health, LeeTran, Lee County Schools, VCB, local advocacy groups and community organizations. The stakeholder team will provide oversight and help guide the action plan development with local community knowledge and insight.

It is anticipated that there will be four action plan team meetings as part of this project that will include meetings roughly following and including the items outlined below:

- An initial meeting providing information on the project, safe systems approach and vision zero program, initial information from the crash analysis and input on the public involvement survey
- A second meeting is anticipated to include input on potential infrastructure and non-infrastructure countermeasures based on the crash analysis results and input on the draft criteria and prioritization process
- The third meeting is anticipated to review and provide input on the prioritized projects, programs and strategies and review the next steps and funding opportunities
- The fourth meeting is anticipated to be done virtually and include input from the stakeholder team on the draft action plan document following distribution and time for review

Deliverables:

- Agendas, presentation/handout materials in support of stakeholder meetings
- Consultant staff involvement in facilitating stakeholder meetings

Task 3: Public Involvement and Outreach Activities

The Consultant, with the MPO staff, will put together a short outline of the planned public involvement activities that are anticipated to be included as part of the project. This should include a minimum of two stand-alone public meetings scheduled separately from regularly scheduled MPO Committee, Board or other project specific public meetings. One of the public meetings is anticipated to occur after the crash analysis has been completed. This meeting will include examples of countermeasures that may be looked at to address what the crash data is showing. The second public meeting is anticipated to occur after the countermeasures have been identified along with applying the draft tiering prioritization analysis. The draft and final priority recommendations and documents will be brought through the stakeholder, MPO committees and Board for public review and approval. The Consultant will be responsible for scheduling the meetings, developing maps, graphics and tables for presentations and staffing for the public meetings.

The Consultant will also develop public survey that includes information on the project and questions regarding safety issues, driver behavior, questions and potential recommendations. The survey will be sent out by the MPO and will be used to provide notification of the project along with capturing recommendations and opinions that may help determine countermeasures.

Deliverables:

- Presentations and handout materials to support of virtual and in person public meetings

- Development of a survey that provides information on the project and questions for the respondents
- Development of outreach materials, data and graphics that can be sent out by the MPO and the stakeholders ahead of public meeting activities

Task 4: Conduct High Injury Network and Crash Analysis

The methodology for developing the high fatality and injury analysis conducted by FDOT on the state system will be reviewed to help develop consistency on how the High Injury Network is developed. The crash data will come from SIGNAL 4 for the most recent 5 year period, outside of the prior 60 days. The data will cover all modes of travel on non-state public roads. This data will serve as the baseline for reporting future fatalities and injury performance measures as required by the ongoing grant requirements. Later, this will also be used to measure what projects and programs were successful in reducing fatalities and injuries as well as what has not worked.

In a GIS database, the crash data will be combined with other available roadway characteristic data to help determine issues and potential solutions. These other data sources may include the following: number of lanes, sidewalks, pathways and bike lanes/paved shoulders, posted speed limits, railroad crossings, lighting, traffic counts, traffic signals/intersection controls and round-a-bout locations, transit stops and ridership, heavy truck traffic, bicycle pedestrian counts, land use and demographic data.

The consultant will develop a High Injury Network using the data in the GIS database. The High Injury Network will identify the locations and corridors with the County with the highest frequency of fatal and serious injury crashes. The High Injury network will provide a framework for recommendations for implementation projects, programs and strategies. The crash analysis will identify and focus on factors and issues that appear to be contributing factors in fatal and serious injuries crashes including but not limited to lighting, speed, land use, intersection/mid-block, number of lanes and roadway type. The Consultant will develop up to ten collision profiles that describe the primary factors that lead to fatalities and serious injuries on the High Injury Network and reflect the fundamental safety challenges in the County. The collision profile adds nuance to the collision landscape analysis by identifying some combination of factors that are present at a given location. The collision profiles developed under this task not only tell a story of where the collisions are occurring but they also identify some primary risk factors that lead to collisions which will help identify countermeasures. The Consultant will coordinate with the MPO and stakeholders to identify the High Injury Network.

Depending on the results of the crash analysis, this task may include more in depth crash analysis in up to five areas to help answer questions raised by the MPO or stakeholders. This analysis may include a review of the crash reports or coordination with local agencies to determine more specifically what is occurring in those areas.

The Consultant will develop a technical report outlining the key findings from the crash analysis and the High Injury Network. The technical report will include maps, graphics, tables and charts illustrating the key issues about the roadway characteristics, behavior factors, environmental and socio-economic factors that are contributing to the fatalities and serious injuries.

Deliverables:

- Collision database in GIS format included with other available data
- Identification of crash patterns, rates and trends on the non-State public roadways
- High injury network map
- Identify the locations, severity, contributing factors and types of crashes
- Identify both focused and systematic issues related roadway characteristics, land use and other factors indicative of increased crash risk
- Develop up to ten collision profiles that define key factors associated with fatal and severe injuries
- Produce a crash analysis technical report

Task 5: Identify Countermeasures and Prioritize Projects, Programs and Strategies

The Consultant will coordinate with MPO staff and stakeholders to develop a set of criteria that will serve as the background for the prioritization of the projects and programs to be implemented. The prioritization should be in groupings of higher, medium and lower priority to provide flexibility to the maintaining/implementing agencies based on project phasing, timing, upcoming programmed projects etc. The prioritization process should consider equity by assessing the impacts of proposed projects and programs on different populations giving higher priority to environmental justice communities consistent with grant requirements and opportunities for future phases. In addition, the prioritization process should include information on the estimated cost for the project as well as information on general phasing and timing. This will also include information who will be the responsible agency for implementing the project, program or strategy. The prioritization should also include information on previously completed or programmed projects that might influence future crash statistics as well as including opportunities to include countermeasures within currently programmed projects.

Deliverables:

- Project prioritization methodology and criteria
- Proposed projects, programs and strategies for implementation
- Plan with prioritized projects, programs and strategies in a tier level of high, medium or low priority with project cost and implementation information

Task 6: Develop Goals, Policies and Recommendations for Next Steps

The goals and policies will be developed to provide information on the next steps that should be taken to implement the prioritized projects, programs and strategies. This task will include providing recommendations on items that we should start/continue working on to ensure that we put ourselves in the best position to apply and receive Safe Streets for All implementation funding. This task will also include providing an overview of safety funding (infrastructure and non-infrastructure) opportunities outside of the Safe Streets for All funding program that the different implementing agencies could be using currently or in the future to help fund and implement the prioritized projects.

Deliverables:

- Chapter that includes recommendations for next steps along with various funding opportunities

Task 7: Produce a Draft and Final Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Document

The Consultant will produce a draft Comprehensive Safety Action Plan based on the findings from the work identified in the previous tasks. The draft Action Plan will include crash trends and emphasize projects, programs and strategies that will help reduce fatalities and serious injuries on the non-state public roadways with an emphasis on underserved communities. The draft Action Plan document will include feedback from the public outreach efforts, MPO committees, the stakeholders, local jurisdictions, FDOT etc.

Following a review and documentation of the comments received and changes made, as necessary, a final Action Plan document will be developed for MPO committee recommendation with final adoption by the MPO Board.

Deliverables:

- Draft and final Comprehensive Safety Action Plan document

- Presentation of the draft Comprehensive Safety Action Plan to the BPCC, TMOC, TAC, CAC and MEC or MPO Board for review and comment
- Presentation of the Final Comprehensive Safety Action Plan to the BPCC, TMOC, TAC and CAC for recommendation of approval and the MPO Board for approval
- Final Comprehensive Safety Action Plan document addressing final comments for submittal to USDOT

Task 8: Develop a Performance Measure Plan Outline

The Consultant will develop a Safety Action Plan performance measure outline for MPO staff to follow for reporting the status on a yearly basis. This data will start with the base year reporting of fatalities and serious injuries but will also include how the MPO may go about illustrating the specific reporting for projects, programs or strategies moving forward. The reporting should account for equity, project costs, effectiveness and lessons learned to help with the future implementation of similar projects.

Deliverables:

- Safety Action Plan outline with reporting data consistent with grant agreement requirements and monitoring of long term status

3 SCHEDULE

The Consultant must complete all work by March 31, 2025.

4 TASKS OR ACTIVITIES NOT INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE OF SERVICES

5 MPO's RESPONSIBILITIES

The MPO will provide previous safety action plan documents, information of previous safety outreach efforts and programs and stakeholder contact information.

6 PROJECT BUDGET

The Project Budget is \$375,000.

DISTRICT ONE VAN POOL PROGRAM UPDATE

DISCUSSION ITEM:

Commute Connector, a program of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), works to improve shared mobility options across Southwest Florida through the planning, promotion, and development of commuting options. In March 2021, FDOT began a partnership with Commute with Enterprise to provide a commuter vanpool option across the region. Workers who share a similar commute and schedule can create a vanpool of five or more people. Each rider pays a set fee per month, which covers all costs including gas, insurance, and repairs.

A presentation on the program was provided to the TMOOC last year at its March 19th meeting. An update will be provided at the July 12th TMOOC meeting by Ms. Michelle Peronto with FDOT and Ms. Arlinda Karuli with Commute with Enterprise with a special focus on services provided in Lee and Collier Counties.

ATMS/FRAME/SIGNAL PREEMPTION UPDATES

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEM:

Ms. Jillian Scholler with LCDOT will provide updated specs and costs for deploying Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) Phase III, and report on the County's plans to procure *Centracs Priority* software and associated hardware to deploy signal pre-emption countywide, and the reason behind the interest in this software.

Mr. Stephen Davis with FDOT will provide an update on the Florida Regional Advanced Mobility Elements (FRAME) project in Lee County and speak on the transit signal priority that will be installed as part of this project.

Mr. Davis will also be speaking on the *Wrong Way Detection System* that will be deployed at various interchanges along I-75 in Lee County, and how the technology works. This project is expected to be completed in early 2024.

The discussion will provide an opportunity for committee members to become familiar with these ongoing and planned ITS deployments and to provide input.

PRESENTATION ON THE SR 78/BAYSHORE ROAD CAPACITY STUDY

DISCUSSION ITEM:

FDOT is currently conducting a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study on SR 78 from I-75 to State Road 31 to evaluate potential alternatives to enhance safety, accommodate future traffic demand, and to improve the roadway design to serve the needs of all users, including bicyclists and pedestrians.

The current estimated completion date is Early 2024. The link to the project website that provides further information on this project is [444937-1 State Road 78/Bayshore Road Capacity Study from I-75 to State Road 31 in Lee County \(swflroads.com\)](https://www.swflroads.com/444937-1-State-Road-78-Bayshore-Road-Capacity-Study-from-I-75-to-State-Road-31-in-Lee-County). FDOT Project Manager Patrick Bateman will be at the July 12th TMOC to provide a presentation on the project, and to field questions.

PRESENTATION ON THE US 41 AT BONITA BEACH ROAD PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT STUDY

DISCUSSION ITEM:

FDOT is currently conducting a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study for the US 41 and Bonita Beach Road intersection. The study is evaluating alternatives for improvement that include an eight lane US 41 with traffic signal or a six lane US 41 with a partial displaced left turn. The current estimated completion date is late 2024. The link to the project website that provides further information on the project is [444321-1 US 41 at Bonita Beach Road \(C.R. 865\) Project Development & Environment \(PD&E\) Study \(swflroads.com\)](https://www.swflroads.com/444321-1-US-41-at-Bonita-Beach-Road-C.R.-865-Project-Development-&-Environment-PD&E-Study). FDOT Project Manager Patrick Bateman will be at the July 7th TMOC meeting to provide a presentation on the project and to field questions.

REPORT ON 2023 LEE MPO PRIORITIES

DISCUSSION ITEM:

MPO staff will report on some of the 2023 MPO priorities that were adopted by the Lee MPO this year to guide FDOT in the development of the FY 2025 – FY 2029 Draft Tentative Work Program. These include Federal and State Funded Priorities, TA and SU Multimodal Box Fund Priorities, MPOAC Freight Priorities for Lee County, and SUN Trail Priorities. Sun Trail priorities will include those that were adopted by the MPO last year which are still effective, and new projects that will be part of the 2023 SUN Trail priorities that staff will be taking to the MPO Board for adoption in September.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. FDOT is holding a Public Meeting on the SR 865 from Linda Loma Drive to Kelly Road. The in-person public meeting, to be held at the Cinnamon Cove Clubhouse, 11650 Caravel Circle, Fort Myers, on August 8, will begin at 5:00 p.m. The virtual meeting will be held on August 10 beginning at 6:00 p.m. See **attachment** for details.

SR 865 from Linda Loma Drive to Kelly Road

Financial Project ID No.: 447880-1



June 2023

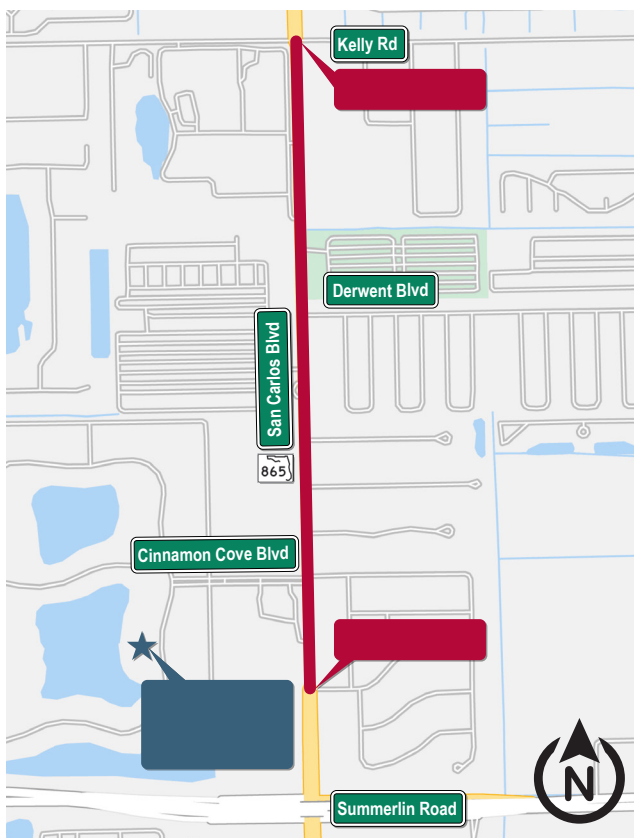
PUBLIC MEETING

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, invites you to the State Road (SR) 865 from Linda Loma Drive to Kelly Road Public Meeting. This meeting is to follow up on the previous meeting held on March 30, 2023. The Department appreciates the input from the public and its partners and would like to update them on the modification to the design, as a result of the feedback received. For your convenience, FDOT is providing three ways to participate:

1. **In-Person Option:** Attend in-person **on Tuesday, August 8, 2023** from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the **Cinnamon Cove Clubhouse, 11650 Caravel Circle, Fort Myers, Florida**. This will be in an "open house" format. Attendees who are not feeling well should not attend the in-person meeting.
2. **Virtual Option:** Attend virtually **on Thursday, August 10, 2023** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. from a computer, tablet, or mobile device. You can register in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/SR865-LindaLoma-to-Kelly>. Once registered, attendees will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting online. Please note, Internet Explorer cannot be used to register or attend this webinar.
3. **Website:** Updated materials will be available online by July 14 at swflroads.com/project/447880-1.

You do not have to attend a live event in order to submit a comment. Comments can be submitted at the live meeting, through the website, or through the contact information provided on the other side of this notification. While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please send your comments by August 22, 2023, to be included in the formal public meeting record.

PROJECT OVERVIEW



FDOT District One, is proposing improvements on SR 865 in Fort Myers, Lee County. The project limits are from Linda Loma Drive to Kelly Road. The purpose of this project is to provide improvements along SR 865 with the intent of enhancing safety along the corridor.

Proposed improvements include the installation of corridor lighting, mid-block crosswalks, median modification and the construction of chicanes, or concrete traffic islands, to narrow the roadway to discourage speeding. The chicanes will be constructed in each direction on SR 865. Additional improvements include the installation of new signage and pavement markings.

Register to Attend Virtually

Scan the QR Code shown here to register, and you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the public meeting online.



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CONTACT US

We encourage you to participate in the SR 865 from Linda Loma Drive to Kelly Road Public Meeting. If you have questions or comments regarding the project, please contact FDOT Project Manager, Chris Speese.



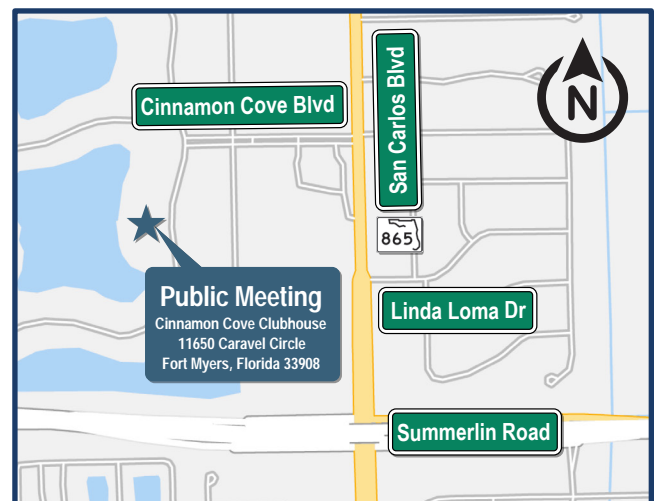
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