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FDOT District One to Host Public Hearings for the Tentative Five-Year Work Program

Fiscal Years 2021/2022 – 2025/2026

BARTOW, FL – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District One will host two in-person public hearings with a virtual component, to accept public comment on its Draft Tentative Five-Year Work Program for fiscal year 2021/2022 through 2025/2026. District One includes Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Manatee, Lee, Okeechobee, Polk and Sarasota counties. At the public hearings, information will be available on projects programmed to improve transportation infrastructure over the next five years.

The in-person public hearings will be held simultaneously at the District One headquarters in Bartow and at the SWIFT SunGuide Center in Fort Myers on Tuesday, January 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The public hearings will provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions or make comments about the Work Program and about specific projects included in the Work Program plan. The sessions will comply with all current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, and social distancing will be followed.

In-Person Public Hearings

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

FDOT District One Headquarters

801 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830

Limited availability, email Wayne.Gaither@dot.state.fl.us to RSVP by January 7, for planning purposes.

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

FDOT SWIFT Regional Transportation Management Center

10041 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33913

Limited availability, email Wayne.Gaither@dot.state.fl.us to RSVP by January 7, for planning purposes.

Online Public Hearing

Staff will also be available online to answer questions and accept comment on Tuesday, January 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. To attend the District One Tentative Work Program

2022-2026 Online Public Hearing from your computer, tablet or smartphone please register using this link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7056467027085747983>.

In-person attendees may review Work Program information with staff, ask questions, and share comments for the public record. Online attendees may review Work Program information on the www.SWFLroads.com website and share comments via GoToWebinar for inclusion in the public record.

Additional Opportunities to Participate

Interested individuals may schedule an in-person appointment to review materials and discuss the Work Program with FDOT staff. During the week of January 11 through January 15, FDOT representatives will be available for appointments at the District One Headquarters in Bartow (call (863) 519-2662 to schedule) and the SWIFT Regional Transportation Center in Fort Myers (call (239) 225-1900 to schedule).

Work Program materials will also be available for review online via the www.SWFLroads.com website.

Persons wishing to submit written statements, in place of or in addition to oral statements at the public hearing, may email them to Wayne.Gaither@dot.state.fl.us or mail them to:

L.K. Nandam, P.E., FDOT District Secretary
Attn: Wayne Gaither, Southwest Area Office Director
10041 Daniels Parkway
Fort Myers, FL 33913

All comments received by January 15, 2021 will become part of the Public Hearing record, regardless of how they were submitted.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Cynthia Sykes, FDOT District One Title VI Coordinator at (863) 519-2287 or Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us at least seven (7) days prior to the public hearing.

Comuníquese con nosotros: Nos importa mucho la opinión del público sobre el proyecto. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios, o simplemente desea más información, por favor comuníquese con nosotros. Nuestra representante en español es: Yvonne McClellan, (239) 285-7552.

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