



Florida Department of Transportation

SR 70

From CR 29 to Lonesome Island Rd
Design Public Meeting

August 21, 2025

FPID # 414506-5-32-01



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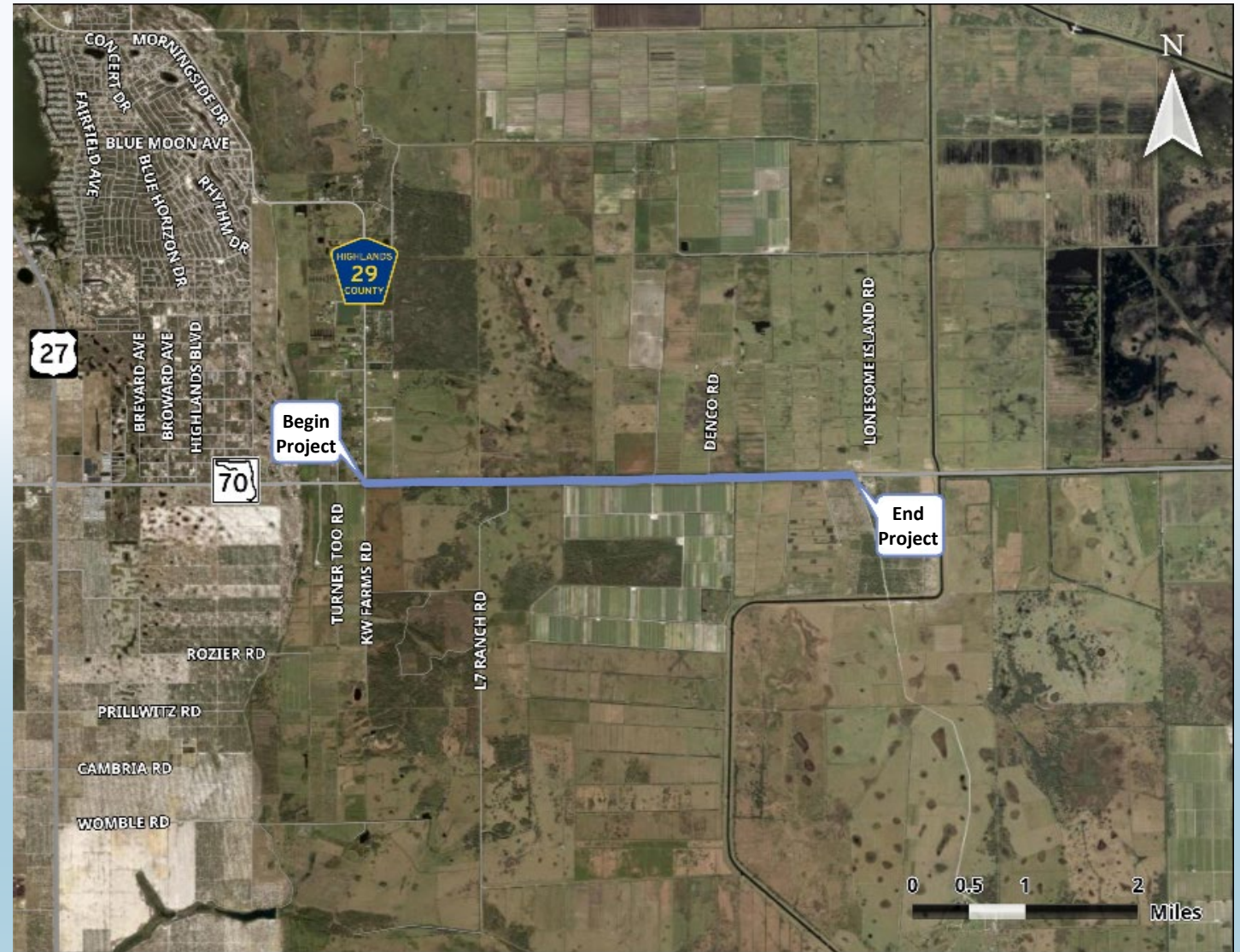
**Inform of
Design Changes**



**Collect Feedback on
Design Changes**

Project Limits

- Approximately 4.31 miles of SR 70
- From CR 29 to Lonesome Island Rd. in Highlands County



Project Background and Context

SR 70 PD&E Study

COMPLETED JUNE 2025

- Study ran from 2018 to 2025
- Public Hearing occurred in September, 2023

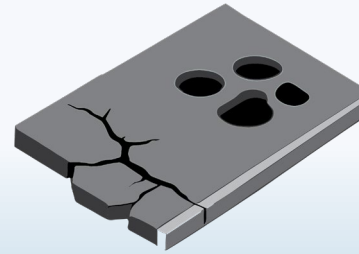
Scope:

- SR 70 from CR 29 to Lonesome Island Rd. in Highlands County
- Evaluate widening the existing two-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane divided roadway to address existing roadway deficiencies

Solution:

- PD&E Preferred Alternative:
 - Improve emergency evacuation/response times
 - Improve safety
 - Avoids impacts to conservation lands and Florida Gas Transmission

Key Findings



ROADWAY DEFICIENCIES



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



SAFETY



AREA WIDE NETWORK/SYSTEM LINKAGE



OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS

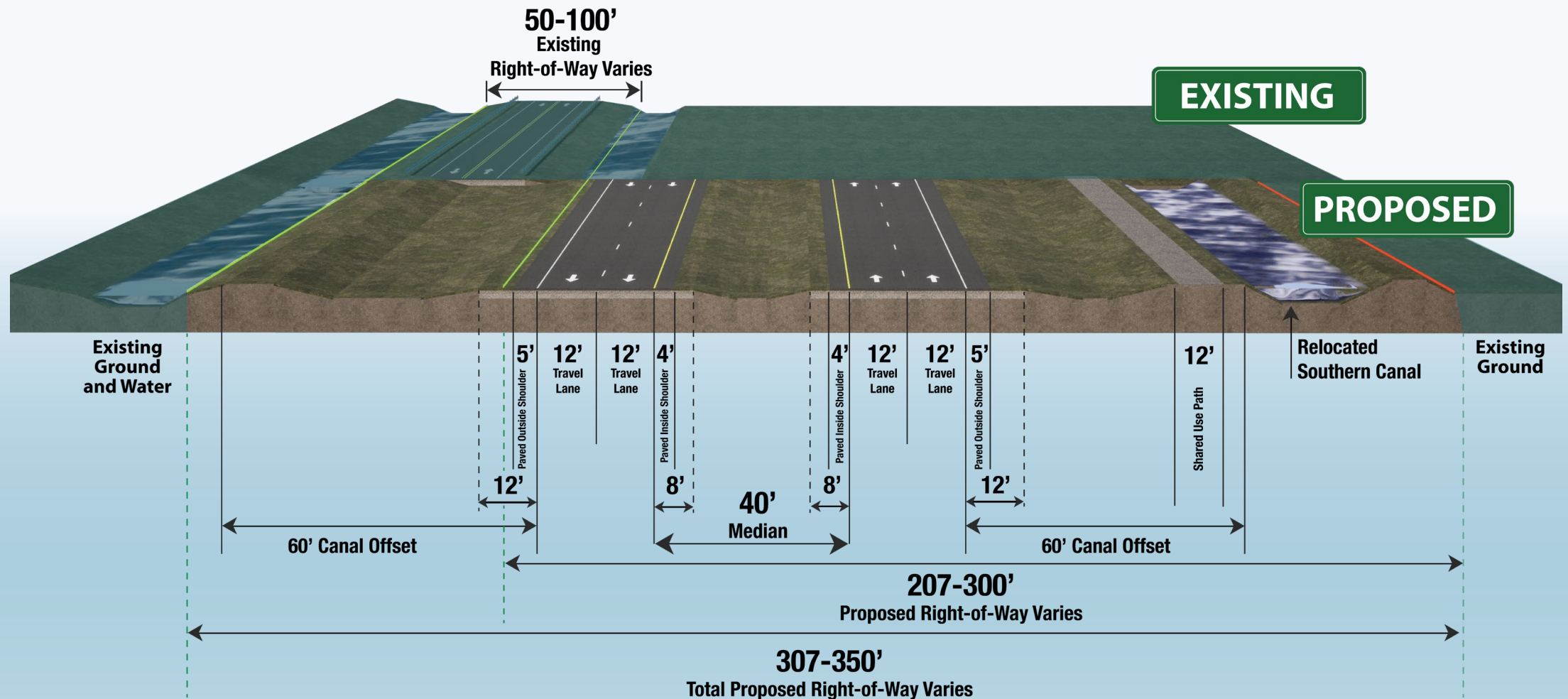
Transportation Project Development Process



Preliminary – Subject to Change

Public Outreach and Inter-Agency Coordination

Proposed Typical Section



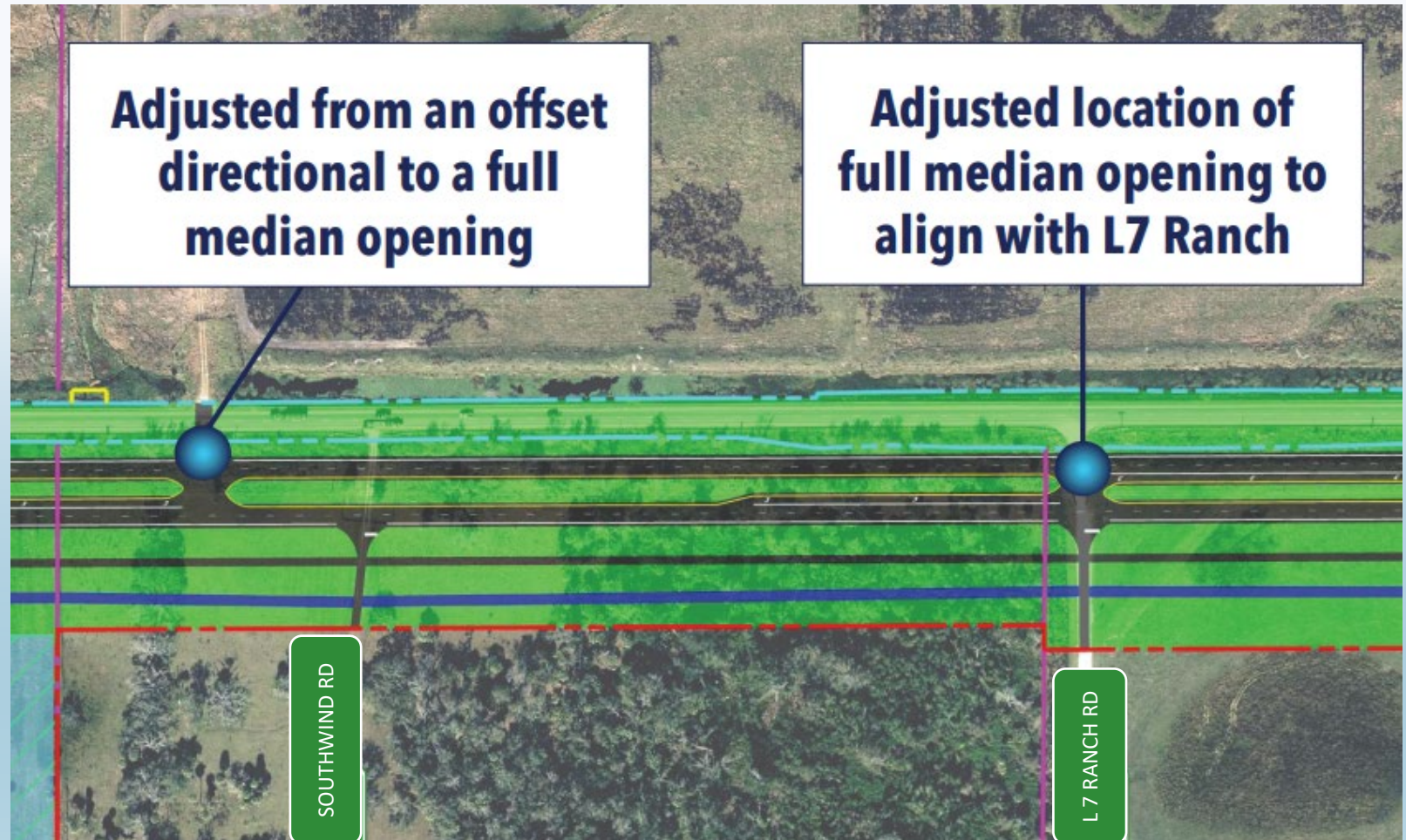
Proposed Design Changes

- The design changes have modified the proposed right-of-way throughout the project limits
 - Design speed of 65 mph
 - Eastern construction limit has been shifted west about ½ mile
 - Added two wildlife crossings



Proposed Design Changes: Access Management

- Median openings were modified:
 - **SR 70** – 0.23 miles west of L 7 Ranch Rd. was adjusted from an offset directional to a full median opening to give access to a driveway north of SR 70
 - **SR 70** – A full median opening was adjusted west to L 7 Ranch Rd. to give access to L 7 Ranch Rd. And a driveway north of SR 70



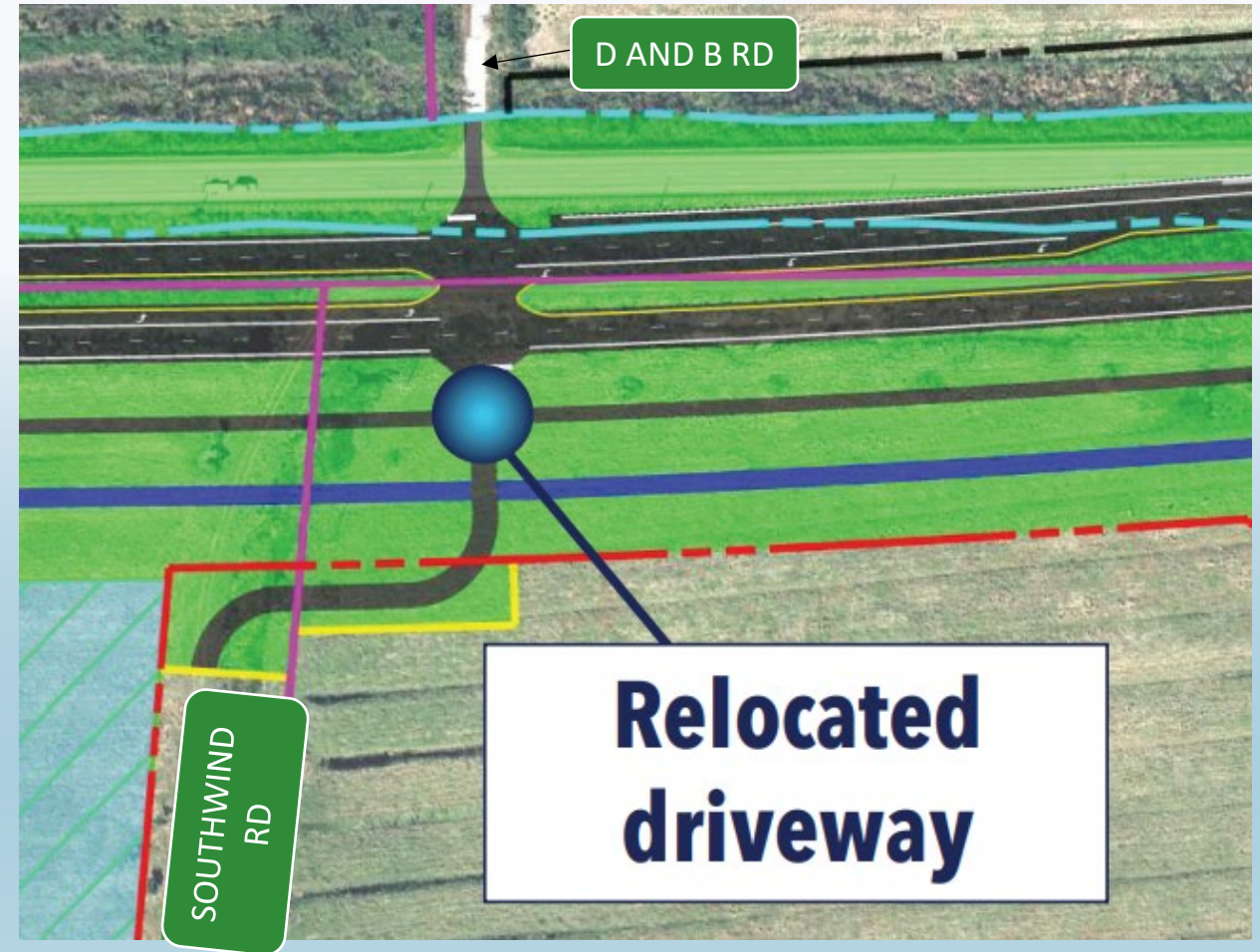
Proposed Design Changes: Access Management

- Median openings were modified:
 - **SR 70** – 0.36 miles west of Lonesome Island Rd. was adjusted from an offset directional to a full median opening to give access to a driveway north of SR 70



Proposed Design Changes: Access Management

- Roadway access from SR 70 to Southwind Rd. will shift west accessing the full median directly south of D and B Rd.



Proposed Design Changes: Stormwater Ponds

- Linear stormwater ponds changed to offsite wet detention ponds
 - Linear stormwater ponds are:
 - Ponds that temporarily hold water during periods of heavy rainfall
 - Typically located adjacent to the roadway
 - Off-site wet detention ponds are:
 - Ponds that permanently hold water
 - Typically located on another property
- Floodplain compensation is planned to be achieved through acquisition of flood rights
- Southern canal will be relocated



Statutes

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

Title VI

The proposed project is being developed in accordance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.

To express concern(s) relative to the Department's compliance with Title VI, please contact the following:

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Share Your Comments

You can submit comments in three different ways:

1. Fill out a comment card and place it in one of the comment boxes provided at the in-person meeting.
2. Mail comments to the Design Project Manager, Joseph M. Lauk, PE
801 N. Broadway Ave., MS 1-41, Bartow, FL 33830.
3. Scan and submit a digital comment form.



*Comments must be received or postmarked by **September 5, 2025**, to be included in the formal meeting record.*

Thank You for attending this Design Public Meeting!

FDOT encourages public participation in the SR 70 from CR 29 to Lonesome Island Rd. Design Public Meeting. All meeting material will be available online through the virtual meeting room format from August 21 to September 5, 2025. If you have questions regarding the project, please contact the Design Project Manager by phone, email, or mail.

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