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FDOT to Host County Line Road PD&E Study Public Meeting Thursday, April 24

LAKELAND, Fla. – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, invites you to a public meeting for the County Line Road Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study from Amberjack Boulevard to Frontage Road South in Polk and Hillsborough Counties on Thursday, April 24, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of this project is to evaluate the separation of CSX A-Line railroad and County Line Road. This study includes traffic and pedestrian improvements along both County Line Road and US 92. The study limits extend from Amberjack Boulevard north to Frontage Road South.

Proposed improvements are intended to enhance safety along County Line Road by separating the vehicle and pedestrian movements from the railroad crossing. Preliminary alternatives will be presented at this public meeting along with providing the community with an opportunity to meet the project team and provide comment.

FDOT provides three ways to participate:

- In-person event: April 24, Thursday, from 5 7 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn Lakeland – Lodwick Room, 3839 Don Emerson Dr, Lakeland, FL 33811
- Virtual webinar presentation: April 29, Tuesday, from 5 6 p.m. <u>https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3910402554922240352</u>
- Online through the project website: <u>https://www.swflroads.com/project/446404-1</u>

All meeting materials will be available online Thursday, April 24, 2025.

FDOT is sending notices to all property owners and tenants within at least 300 feet of either side of the proposed project and to public officials, regulatory agencies, businesses, organizations, and individuals interested in the project to provide the opportunity for comment.

While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please provide your comments by Thursday, May 8, 2025, to be included in the formal public meeting record.

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The Florida Department of Transportation's mission is to provide a safe statewide transportation system that promotes the efficient movement of people and goods, supports the state's economic competitiveness, prioritizes Florida's environment and natural resources, and preserves the quality of life and connectedness of the state's communities.



A summary of the meeting comments and responses will be available on the website approximately 30 days following the meeting.

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If you are unable to attend the meeting, comments can be provided through the project website at https://www.swflroads.com/project/446404-1 by emailing FDOT Project Manager Adam Rose at Adam.Rose@dot.state.fl.us, or mailing FDOT District One, Attn: Adam Rose, P.O. Box 1249, MS 1-40, Bartow, FL 33831-1249. Any guestions, please contact Adam Rose at (863) 519-2832.

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

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

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