

Newsletter #1 – June 2025 **SR 600 (US 17/92) Downtown Lake Alfred Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study** Polk County, Florida FPID: 442404-1

PD&E Study

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to evaluate the potential social, economic, and environmental impacts of potential improvements to SR 600/US 17/92/Shinn Boulevard (southbound one-way) and SR 600/US 17/92/Lake Shore Way (northbound one-way) from US 17 to Rochelle Avenue in the City of Lake Alfred, Polk County, FL. This PD&E Study will explore strategies to create a safer, more walkable environment that supports redevelopment in downtown Lake Alfred.

During the PD&E study process, FDOT will develop "build" alternatives and provide opportunities for your input. Potential short-term alternatives include removing the continuous turn lanes on Lake Shore Way between E. Echo Street and W. Cummings Street. Potential long-term alternatives focus on creating a pedestrian-friendly downtown by converting Lake Shore Way and Shinn Boulevard from one-way to two-way roadways. Intersection improvements will be considered throughout the corridor with signalization, roundabouts, and other intersection forms evaluated.

FDOT will evaluate each alternative to determine community and environmental impacts, additional right-of-way needs, safety, mobility for all users, and traffic performance. The purpose of the study is to make an ultimate recommendation to advance through the design phase. Throughout this process, FDOT will also consider the no-build option.

How To Get Involved

You are encouraged to participate in the SR 600 (US 17/92) Downtown Lake Alfred PD&E Study, and we invite your questions and comments. We expect to hold an Alternatives Public Meeting in Spring 2026 to present the alternatives under consideration for your input. We will send a separate invitation to announce the meeting date and time. We are also available to meet with your group or neighborhood association. At any time, you may provide your comments or request a meeting by contacting FDOT Project Manager, Steven A. Andrews. His contact information is provided below.

Study Schedule



Contact

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FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons with concerns about Title VI should contact Cynthia Sykes, District One Title VI Coordinator, at (863) 519-2287, or e-mail at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us.

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 the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.