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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is conducting a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) study to evaluate the widening of I-75 in Charlotte, DeSoto and Sarasota Counties. The limits of the PD&E Study are from north of Kings Highway in Charlotte County to North River Road in Sarasota County. For more information about this study, please visit our website at: www.i75.info.

Public Information Workshop

The FDOT held a public information workshop for the I-75 PD&E Study on Monday, August 15, 2005, at the George Mullen Community Activity Center in North Port. Approximately 20 citizens attended the workshop and were shown a video about the project and the steps involved in conducting a PD&E study. In

addition, they were shown conceptual drawings of the proposed roadway typical sections. The open house format provided the citizens the opportunity to speak with FDOT representatives and ask questions. The comments and feedback received at the workshop were compiled and reviewed by the FDOT for incorporation into the PD&E study. Please visit the Project Information section on our website at www.i75.info to view the video shown at the public information workshop.

The FDOT received four written comments at the workshop. One comment included an inquiry about the project funding and the duration of the project schedule, while two other comments included requests to be added to the mailing list for future newsletters. The last comment stated that the attendee was glad that the study is underway and thanked the FDOT for hosting the public information workshop.

Current Progress

The study team is currently completing the evaluation and documentation of the viable alternatives, including the no build alternative. The study team will then identify and further develop the recommended alternative based on the findings of the engineering and environmental evaluations.



Public Hearing Scheduled for April 2006

The recommended alternative will be presented at a formal public hearing in late April 2006. The specific date, time and location will be announced at a later date. Invitations, newspaper advertisements and news media releases will be used to notify residents, business owners and other interested persons. The public hearing will provide the FDOT the opportunity to present the recommended alternative and solicit comments from the public. Documents and plans will be available for the public to review. Comments received from the public hearing will also be compiled, reviewed and considered by the FDOT. A final alternative will then be recommended to the Federal Highway Administration for Location and Design Concept Acceptance.

Project Schedule

The schedule shown below highlights the key project events and milestones. This schedule will lead to final approval of the project documentation and concept in the summer of 2006.

The design phase of the project is funded for Fiscal Year 2009/2010. The right-of-way acquisition and construction phases are not in the FDOT Five-Year Work Program.



Mailing List

We urge you to participate in this PD&E Study and invite your comments and questions. If you received this newsletter in the mail, then you are already on the PD&E study mailing list. If you would like your name, or someone you know, added to the mailing list, please contact:

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