

US 19 PD&E Study

From Red Level to NW 140th Street in Chiefland

Citrus County and Levy County

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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is beginning a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study to consider improvements to US 19 in Citrus and Levy counties. This project, conducted in accordance with 339.67 of the Florida Statutes, will study ways to achieve and preserve free flow of traffic along US 19 from the terminus of Suncoast Parkway 2 Phase 3 north to Northwest (NW) 140th Street in Chiefland. FDOT is hosting public kick-off meetings to share information about the study and its goals and schedule, and attendees may provide written comments. Details about the public meetings are provided in this flyer.

What is a PD&E Study?

A PD&E study is the formal process that develops and compares potential options - called alternatives - to determine a preferred action that meets project needs, while minimizing impacts to the social, natural, and physical environments. Engaging the public by sharing and receiving information is a key component of this process and required by the FDOT PD&E Manual and by the National Environmental Policy Act.

What can you expect during this PD&E Study?

During the PD&E study, FDOT will:

- 1) Host public kick-off meetings to introduce and explain the project and receive written comments;
- 2) Coordinate with local governments to obtain input on the development of alternatives;
- 3) Develop initial alternatives:

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- 4) Conduct public meetings / workshops about initial alternatives;
- 5) Refine alternatives based on public feedback;
- 6) Submit alternatives for analysis of natural, physical, cultural, and socioeconomic involvement; and
- 7) Hold a public hearing to present the recommended alternative.



Right of Way Construction

Design

TBD >>>

TBD*

*Per 339.67, to the maximum extent feasible, facilities shall be developed no later than December 31, 2035.

Upcoming Kick-off Meetings

February 15, 2022 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. EST

In-Person at the College of Central Florida – Levy Campus 15390 NW Highway 19, Chiefland, Florida

February 17, 2022 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. EST

Virtual Meeting via GoToWebinar

In-Person at the Inglis Community Center 137 Highway 40 West, Inglis, Florida

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for these projects are being, or have been, carried out by the FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING THE PUBLIC MEETINGS

Pre-registration is required for the virtual meeting and encouraged for attendees of the in-person meetings. Interested persons can visit the project website at nflroads.com/US19 and register for the meeting(s) of your choice. The same project information and topics will be discussed at all three meetings. If you have any questions or issues registering, please email Amanda Handley at Amanda.Handley@atkinsglobal.com.

Use this QR code to access the project website and register to attend the Kick-off Meetings.

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To attend the In-person Public Meetings



The In-person Public Meetings will be held at:

February 15, 2022, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. EST

College of Central Florida Levy Campus 15390 NW Highway 19 Chiefland, Florida

February 21, 2022, 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. EST

Inglis Community Center 137 Highway 40 West Inglis, Florida

Pre-registration for the in-person events is not required, but it is encouraged to help facilitate meeting plans and parking.

- The in-person meetings will be an open house format to allow attendees to drop in at their convenience and to review project information and ask questions in an informal setting.
- No formal presentation will be shown, but project displays will be available for review. Team members will be on site to assist with questions and/or concerns and accept written comments.

To attend the Virtual Public Meeting



The Virtual Public Kick-off Meeting will be held through GoToWebinar on:

February 17, 2022 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. EST

Persons registered for the Virtual Public Kick-off Meeting will attend online using GoToWebinar.

- 1. Online attendees should use the sign-in link emailed to them after registering.
- 2. During the Virtual Meeting, project staff will discuss the same topics covered during the in-person meetings. Additionally, Virtual Meeting attendees using their computers or other smart device will be able to ask questions of project staff via the GoToWebinar Question Box feature.

All meetings will be held without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. For questions or concerns regarding Title VI, contact Dorothy Neal, District Two Title VI Coordinator, 1109 South Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida 32025, at (386) 758-3767 or via email at dorothy.neal@dot.state.fl.us. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact FDOT Project Manager Brian Brooker, at (386) 961-7441 or brian.brooker@dot.state.fl.us at least seven days prior to the meeting.