

Community Open House — Southwest-Central Florida Connector

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, August 27, 2020, 5:30 P.M – 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: LaBelle Civic Center, 481 West Hickpochee Ave (SR 80), LaBelle, FL 33935

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will host a Community Open House to share information about the Florida Multi-Use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) Southwest Central Florida Connector extending from Collier County to Polk County.

The purpose of the Community Open House is to provide an opportunity for the public to view information presented at the Task Force meetings for the Southwest Central Connector.

There will be two different ways for the public to participate in this open house: in-person and online.

The in-person Community Open House will take place at the LaBelle Civic Center on Thursday, August 27, from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Attendees will be able to view displays, speak to project staff, and submit handwritten comments.

Those wishing to view the same materials online without visiting the Community Open House can visit www.FloridaMCORES.com anytime beginning Thursday, August 27. Comments can be submitted through the website, by email to FDOT.Listens@dot.state.fl.us, or by mail to 605 Suwannee St, MS 54, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450. All comments will be part of the public record.

Public engagement is a critical element of the M-CORES program. Both in-person and online (virtual) options are now offered for all M-CORES events and meetings. As safety remains FDOT's top priority, enhanced safety measures will continue to be taken at all in-person M-CORES events, including:

- Using CDC-recommended products to sanitize high-touch areas before, during and after the event
- Requiring all FDOT and consultant staff to wear masks
- Requesting that all attendees wear masks
- Providing hand sanitizer and masks for attendees
- Limiting the number of people in a room at one time to 50
- Utilizing signage and other tools to facilitate social distancing
- Implementing the use of single use sign-in materials and speaker cards

The Florida Department of Transportation may adopt the result of this planning effort into the environmental review process, pursuant to Title 23 U.S.C. § 168(4)(d) or the state project development process.

Public participation is solicited 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 Marlon Bizerra at Marlon.Bizerra@dot.state.fl.us or (863)-519-2250 at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800) 955-8770 (Voice).

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Marlon Bizerra at Marlon.Bizerra@dot.state.fl.us or (863)-519-2250.

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