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US 301 PD&E Study  
From County Road 470 East to State Road 44 in Sumter County, Florida  
Financial Project ID (FPID) No.: 430132-1

PUBLIC HEARING

Date: Monday, Dec. 3, 2018  
Time: 5:30 p.m.  
Presentation: 6 p.m.  
Location: Trinity Baptist Church-Fellowship Hall  
3305 E. C.R. 468, Wildwood, FL 34785

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to a public hearing for the proposed improvements to U.S. 301 from County Road (C.R.) 470 East to State Road (S.R.) 44 in Sumter County, a distance of eight miles. The project proposes to widen U.S. 301 from a two-lane to a four-lane roadway, to realign a portion of U.S. 301 south of the City of Coleman, and to reconstruct the Florida’s Turnpike interchange at U.S. 301 as a diverging diamond interchange, while minimizing potential impacts to the natural and human environments.

The hearing will be Monday, Dec. 3, 2018 at Trinity Baptist Church-Fellowship Hall, 3305 E. C.R. 468, Wildwood, FL 34785. The hearing will begin as an informational open house, during which time project displays and other information will be available for review. Staff will be available to discuss the project and answer questions. A presentation will begin at 6 p.m.

This public hearing is being conducted to give interested persons an opportunity to express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. The Preliminary Engineering Report and other pertinent information will be available for public review on the study website and on weekdays from Monday, Nov. 12 through Monday, Dec. 3, 2018, at Sumter County Government Offices, 7375 Powell Road, Wildwood, FL 34785. The material will also be available at the public hearing and on the project website, www.us301sumter.com.

A court reporter will be present to record proceedings, and assist with comments, as part of the project record. Written comments can be submitted at the hearing, sent by mail to Mary McGehee, Florida Department of Transportation, 719 S. Woodland Boulevard, MS 501, DeLand, FL 32720 or emailed to Mary.McGehee@dot.state.fl.us no later than Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018. All written and oral comments will become a part of the public hearing record.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Mary McGehee, FDOT PD&E Project Manager, at 386-943-5063 or via email at Mary.McGehee@dot.state.fl.us at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact us by using the Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (Voice).

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to FDOT compliance with Title VI may do so by contacting Jennifer Smith, FDOT District Five Title VI Coordinator at Jennifer.Smith2@dot.state.fl.us.

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### Map Details

- **Diverging Diamond Interchange at Florida’s Turnpike**
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- **Suburban Typical Section** (C.R. 470 East to C.R. 525 East, Realignment from C.R. 525 East to C.R. 468, and C.R. 468 to Florida’s Turnpike)