# OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC KICKOFF MEETING



I-75 at County Road (C.R.) 514 Interchange from 0.5 Mile West of I-75 to C.R. 525 Extension Sumter County

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WELCOME Welcome to the Public Kickoff Meeting for the Interstate 75 (I-75) at County Road (C.R.) 514 Interchange Project Development & Environment (PD&E) study. This informal, open house public meeting is being conducted to provide an opportunity for you to learn about the project, become familiar with the study process, and provide initial feedback. Informational handouts and display boards are available for review. There will be no formal presentation. FDOT and project team members will be available to discuss the project and answer questions.

The project area is located approximately 4.0 miles south of the I-75 and Florida Turnpike interchange and approximately 3.5 miles north of the I-75 at C.R. 470 interchange.

### **DATE AND TIME**

Thursday November 2, 2017 5:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

### **LOCATION**

City of Coleman Community Center 1204 N. Church Street Coleman, FL 33521

## **PROJECT PURPOSE & NEED**

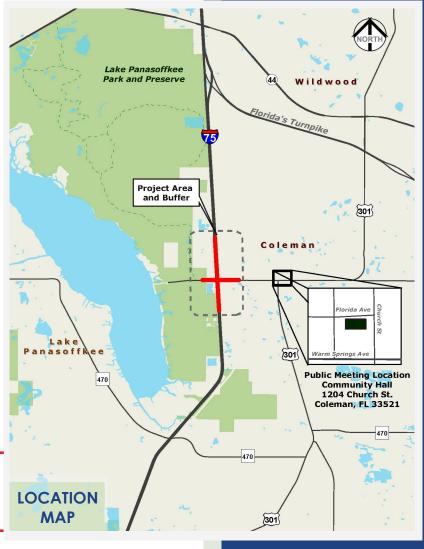
The purpose of this project is to improve the existing transportation network and support regional travel demand by providing additional access to I-75 at C.R. 514. The planned Florida Crossroads Industrial Activity Center (FCIAC) will serve as an intermodal freight logistics center and distribution hub, contributing significantly to future travel demand in the region. In addition, residential development is expanding from the north and east toward the project area, increasing the amount of traffic in the region. The existing transportation network facilities in the project and surrounding area will be unable to support projected future demand.

Additional access to I-75 at C.R. 514 is expected to provide relief to the surrounding transportation network and meet projected substantial growth in travel demand anticipated by 2045.

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### WHAT IS A PD&E STUDY

A PD&E Study is the process conducted by FDOT to determine the social, economic, and environmental impacts associated with proposed transportation improvements. The process, mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), provides the necessary environmental studies, preliminary engineering, and related services to analyze and develop the best project alternative for the community's transportation needs while minimizing potential environmental impacts.

The PD&E Study process begins with data collection followed by engineering analysis and environmental evaluations.

We are currently at the Public Kick-off Meeting stage introducing the project to the public and asking for local input. Public involvement is ongoing throughout the study.

1	Project Initiation: Data Collection Identify Transportation Issues & Develop Solutions	
2	Public Kickoff Meeting: November 2, 2017 Introduce the Study to the Public & Receive Input	CONTIL
3	Environmental & Engineering Analysis	NOU
4	Alternatives Public Workshop Present Alternatives to the Public & Receive Input	S PUBI
5	Draft Environmental & Engineering Documents	LIC INV
6	Public Hearing: Final Opportunity for the Public to Make Verbal Statements About the Study	CONTINUOUS PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT
7	Final Environmental & Engineering Documents	VENT
8	Location and Design Concept Acceptance	

## COMMENTS

Thank you for participating in this public meeting. FDOT remains committed to working with all project stakeholders. There are many ways to provide comments. Comment forms are available at this meeting for your use. Feel free to complete the comment form provided and drop it in one of the comment boxes, or if you prefer, you may mail your comments or written statements, postmarked by Monday, November 17, 2017 to the address on the comment form. You can also submit your comments through the project website (link below) by clicking the Ask a Question button under the Project Manager's contact information.

# **KEY PROJECT MILESTONES**

Project Start	Summer 2017
Public Kick-Off Meeting	November 2, 2017
Alternatives Public Workshop*	Spring 2018
Public Hearing*	Spring 2019
Study Completion*	Summer 2019

<sup>\*</sup>Subject to Change

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 via email at Jennifer.Smith2@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 the Florida Department of Transportation (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.

Please visit the project website at the link below where you can find meeting announcements, project documents, and other important project information.