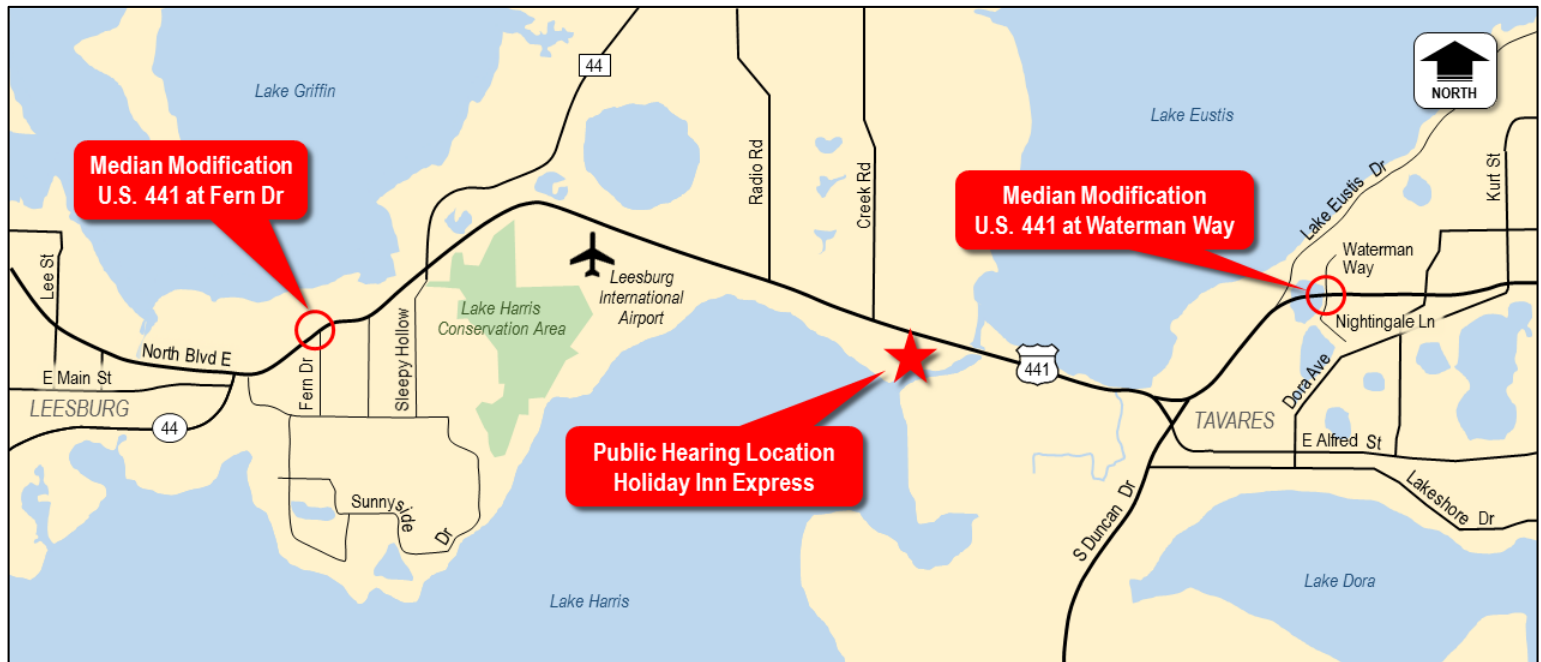




NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

State Road (S.R.) 44/U.S. 441
At Fern Drive and Waterman Way/Nightingale Lane
Safety Improvements - Median Modifications

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Tavares-Leesburg
3601 West Burleigh Boulevard, Tavares, FL 32778
Thursday, June 29, 2017 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



The Florida Department of Transportation will conduct a Public Hearing for the proposed safety improvements on S.R. 44/U.S. 441 at the intersections of Fern Drive in Leesburg, and Waterman Way/Nightingale Lane in Tavares, Lake County. The projects address operational and safety concerns in the areas by converting the full median openings to directional median openings. These modifications reduce traffic conflict points at the intersections, improving safety.

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. Draft project documents will be available for public review from June 8, 2017 to July 10, 2017 at the Leesburg Public Library, 100 East Main Street, Leesburg, FL 34748, Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and at the Tavares Public Library, 314 North New Hampshire Avenue, Tavares, FL 32778, Monday and Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Participants may provide verbal comments directly to a court reporter before and after the formal presentation. Persons wishing to submit statements, in place of or in addition to oral statements, may do so at the hearing or by sending them to:

Dave Mixon, Florida Department of Transportation, District Five Traffic Operations, 719 S. Woodland Boulevard, M.S. No. 562, DeLand, FL 32720 or Dave.Mixon@dot.state.fl.us.

All statements postmarked on or before July 10, 2017 will become part of the Public Hearing record.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Kelly Hiden, Public Involvement Coordinator by phone at 407-508-0839, or via email at kelly@valerin-group.com at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. 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 by phone at 386-943-5367, or via email at Jennifer.Smith2@dot.state.fl.us

For additional project information, please visit www.cflroads.com