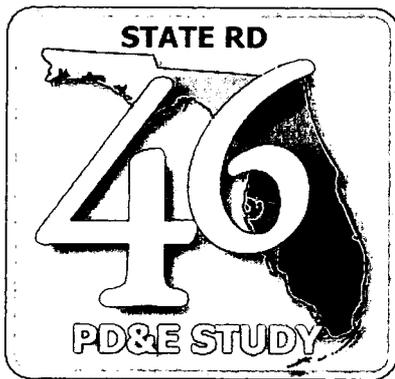


# Public Involvement Program

**SR 46**  
**Project Development & Environment Study**  
(SR 415 to CR 426)  
Seminole County, Florida  
FIN: 204216-4-28-01  
CIP No. 2848-01



Prepared for:

**Seminole County**

In accordance with Part 1, Chapter 11 of the Project Development and Environment Manual, this Public Involvement Program is submitted to Seminole County for review and approval.

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The purpose of this Public Involvement Program (PIP) is to assist in providing information to and obtaining input from concerned citizens, agencies, private groups (residential/business), and governmental entities. The overall goal of this plan is to help ensure that the study reflects the values and needs of the communities it is designed to benefit. A schedule of events and list of documentation exhibiting compliance with these procedures are included.

This program is in compliance with the Florida Department of Transportation's *Project Development and Environment Manual (PD&E) Manual, Part 1, Chapter 11*; Section 339.155, Florida Statutes; Executive Orders 11990 and 11988; Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act; and 23 Code of Federal Regulations 771.

**I. Description of Proposed Improvement**

Financial Project Number:	240216-4-28-01
Project Limits:	SR 46 from SR 415 to CR 426
Proposed Activity:	Widen this facility from two-lanes to four-lanes
Class of Action:	Type II Categorical Exclusion

**Project Location Map**



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**II. Background**

SR 46 is a two-lane rural principal arterial from SR 415/East Lake Mary Boulevard in Sanford to CR 426 in the unincorporated community of Geneva. Land use in the corridor is low density residential, industrial, agricultural, and public lands, with limited commercial at the intersections of SR 415 and CR 426. SR 46 is designated an evacuation route and the only regional east-west facility between SR 50 (eight miles south) and SR 44 (24 miles north). SR 46 provides a connection to the Orlando Sanford International Airport via East Lake Mary Boulevard.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) recently constructed a replacement bridge over the St. Johns River at Lake Jesup. The bridge is intended to accommodate one-direction of the ultimate lanes of a four-lane SR 46 while the PD&E Study will include analysis of a structure for the other direction of SR 46.

No major controversy is anticipated as a result of the project.

**III. Project Goals**

The purpose of the SR46 PD&E Study is to develop alternatives for widening the existing corridor. The PD&E process will be used to obtain Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Location and Design Concept Acceptance (LDCA) of proposed improvements to this transportation facility. Public input will be solicited throughout the project and project information will be communicated to all interested persons, groups and government organizations. Project documents will be made available prior to the Public Hearing and Seminole County staff will be available to meet with concerned individuals or groups at any time.

**IV. Identification of Affected Public**

The following local, regional, state or federal agencies having a concern in this project due to jurisdictional review or expressed interest will be contacted as part of the PD&E Study. In addition, agencies noted by an asterisk (\*) were identified and contacted directly by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) through the Advance Notification (AN) process as part of the ETDM Programming Screen (#4972) in accordance with Part 1, Chapter 3, Advance Notification of FDOT’s PD&E Manual. As other concerned public agencies are identified throughout the study, they will also be listed and contacted.

**State:**

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services\*  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection\*  
Florida Department of State\*  
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission\*  
Florida Department of Community Affairs\*  
Florida Inland Navigation District\*  
Florida Department of Transportation\*

**Federal:**

Federal Highway Administration\*  
Federal Aviation Administration, Airports District Office\*  
Federal Transit Administration\*  
National Marine Fisheries Service\*  
National Park Service\*  
Natural Resources Conservation Service\*  
US Army Corps of Engineers\*  
US Coast Guard \*  
US Department of Health and Human Services\*  
US Department of Housing and Urban Development\*  
US Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office\*  
US Department of Interior\*  
US Environmental Protection Agency\*  
US Fish and Wildlife Service\*  
US Forest Service\*  
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Trust Responsibilities, Env. Services Staff\*

**Regional:**

East Central Florida Regional Planning Council\*  
METROPLAN Orlando\*  
St. Johns River Water Management District\*  
Seminole County\*

**Native American Tribes**

Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida\*  
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians\*  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation\*  
Poarch Band of Creek Indians\*  
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma\*  
Seminole Tribe of Florida\*

**Local Elected and Appointed Officials**

US Senate	Bill Nelson
US Senate	Marco Rubio
US House of Representatives, District 24	Suzanne Kosmos*/Sandy Adams
US House of Representatives, District 7	John Mica*
Florida House of Representatives, District 33	Jason Brodeur
Florida Senate, District 22	David Simmons
Florida Senate, District 24	Thad Altman
Seminole County Commission, District 1	Robert Dallari
Seminole County Commission, District 2	John Horan
Seminole County Commission, District 3	Dick Van Der Weide
Seminole County Commission, District 4	Carlton Henley
Seminole County Commission, District 5	Brenda Carey

The following local, state and national public interest groups or organizations having a direct or expressed interest in the project study have been identified and will be contacted by Seminole County. As other groups are identified during the course of the PD&E study, they will be listed and contacted.

Friends of Lake Jesup  
St. Johns Riverkeeper  
Geneva Citizens Association

**V. Outreach Activities**

The following techniques will be employed to notify the public of the proposed transportation improvement and to solicit input into the project development process.

**News/Press Releases:** News/press releases will be submitted by Seminole County seven days prior to each public meeting and the public hearing to the following media outlets.

**Newspapers:**

**The Orlando Sentinel**  
[www.orlandosentinel.com](http://www.orlandosentinel.com)  
633 N. Orange Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32801  
(407) 420-5000

**The Orlando Times**  
<http://www.orlando-times.com/>  
4403 Vineland Road Suite B-5  
Orlando, FL 32811  
(407) 841-3052

**The Orlando Weekly**  
<http://orlandoweekly.com>  
1505 E. Colonial Drive, Suite 200  
Orlando, FL 32803  
(407) 377-0400

**The Sanford Herald**  
<http://mysanfordherald.com>  
217 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Sanford, FL 32771  
(407) 322-2611

**Television:**

**Seminole Government Television (SGTV)  
Channel 199 on Brighthouse Networks in  
Seminole County, Florida**  
County Manager's Office  
1101 East First Street  
Sanford, FL 32771  
(407) 665 – 7958

**WKMG (CBS) Channel 6**  
4466 John Young Parkway  
Orlando, FL 32804  
(407) 291-6000  
<http://www.clickorlando.com>

**Central Florida News 13**  
20 N. Orange Avenue  
Suite 13  
Orlando, FL 32801  
(407) 513-1300  
<http://www.cfnews13.com/>

**WMFE (PBS) Channel 24**  
**11510 East Colonial Drive**  
Orlando, FL 32817  
(407) 273-2300  
<http://www.wmfe.org/>

**WOFL (FOX/Ind) Channel 35**  
35 Skyline Drive  
Lake Mary, FL 32746  
(407) 644-3535  
<http://www.myfoxorlando.com/>

**WRBW (MyNetworkTV) Channel 65**  
35 Skyline Drive  
Lake Mary, FL 32746  
(407) 644-3535  
<http://www.my65orlando.com/>

**WESH (NBC) Channel 2**  
1021 N. Wymore Road  
Winter Park, FL 32789  
(407) 645-2222  
<http://www.wesh.com>

**WFTV (ABC) Channel 9**  
**WRDQ (IND) Channel 27**  
490 E. South Street  
Orlando, FL 32801  
(407) 841-9000  
<http://www.wftv.com/>

**WKCF (CW/Ind) Channel 18**  
1021 N. Wymore Road  
Winter Park, FL 32789  
<http://www.wesh.com/cw18/>

**WVEN (Univision) Channel 26**  
**WOTF (TeleFutura) Channel 43**  
605 Third Avenue  
12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10158  
(212) 455-5200  
<http://www.univision.com/>

**WOPX (ION) Channel 56**  
7091 Grand National Drive  
Suite 100  
Orlando, FL 32819  
(407) 370-5600  
<http://www.iontelevision.com/>

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**Radio:**

**WPOZ 88.3 FM**

<http://zradio.org>  
1065 Rainer Drive  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714  
(407) 692-8888

**WPRK 91.5 FM**

<http://tars.rollins.edu/wprk/>  
1000 Holt Avenue #2745  
Winter Park, FL 32789  
(407) 646-2241

**WHTQ 96.5 FM**

[www.96rockorlando.com](http://www.96rockorlando.com)  
4192 John Young Parkway  
Orlando, FL 32804  
(321) 281-2000

**WMMO 98.9 FM**

[www.wmmo.com](http://www.wmmo.com)  
4192 N. John Young Parkway  
Orlando, FL 32804  
(407) 422-9890

**WTKS 104.1 FM**

[www.realradio.fm](http://www.realradio.fm)  
2500 Maitland Center Parkway, Suite 401  
Maitland, FL 32751  
(407) 916-7800

**WOCL 105.9 FM**

<http://1059sunnyfm.com>  
1800 Pembroke Drive, Suite 400  
Orlando, FL 32810  
(407) 919-1000

**WMGF 107.7 FM**

[www.magic107.com](http://www.magic107.com)  
2500 Maitland Center Parkway, Suite 401  
Maitland, FL 32751  
(407) 916-7800

**WDBO 580 AM**

[www.wdbo.com](http://www.wdbo.com)  
4192 N. John Young Parkway  
Orlando, FL 32804  
(321) 281-2000

**WMFE 90.7 FM**

[www.wmfe.org](http://www.wmfe.org)  
11510 East Colonial Drive  
Orlando, FL 32817  
(407) 273-2300

**WWKA 92.3 FM**

<http://www.k92fm.com/>  
4192 John Young Parkway  
Orlando, FL 32804  
(407)298-9292

**WNUE 98.1 FM**

[www.jose981.com](http://www.jose981.com)  
523 Douglas Avenue  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714  
(407) 774-2626

**WRUM 100.3 FM**

[www.rumba100.com](http://www.rumba100.com)  
2500 Maitland Center Parkway, Suite 401  
Maitland, FL 32751  
(407) 916-1003

**WOMX 105.1 FM**

<http://mix1051.radio.com>  
1800 Pembroke Drive, Suite 400  
Orlando, FL 32801  
(407) 919-1000

**WXXL 106.7 FM**

[www.xl1067.com](http://www.xl1067.com)  
2500 Maitland Center Parkway  
Maitland, FL 32751  
(407) 919-1067

**WFLF 540 AM**

[www.540wfla.com](http://www.540wfla.com)  
2500 Maitland Center Parkway  
Maitland, FL 32751  
(407) 916-7800

**WYGM 740 AM**

[www.740thegame.com](http://www.740thegame.com)  
2500 Maitland Center Parkway  
Maitland, FL 32751  
(407) 916-8255

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In addition to working with the media, a number of different notification techniques will be used throughout the project development process. A brief description of these techniques is listed below:

**Letters/Newsletters:** Invitational and informational letters and newsletters will be distributed to elected and appointed officials, property owners/tenants, business owners/operators, and interested parties as feasible. It is anticipated that three newsletters will be distributed for this study:

- Following the Development of the Typical Sections (11/2011)
- Announcing the upcoming Public Meeting (3/2012)
- Following the Public Hearing (10/2012)

Notices will be hand-delivered to residences, businesses and churches located directly along the project corridor. Additional notices will be provided at local community gathering spots and may include the following locations:

- Geneva Grocery & Feed, 210 Avenue C, Geneva FL 32732-8994
- First Baptist Church of Geneva, 325 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Geneva, FL 32732
- Geneva United Methodist Church, 270 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Geneva, FL 32732
- New Bethel AME Church, 600 Cochran Road, Geneva, FL 32732
- Geneva Church of Christ, 196 Avenue C, Geneva, FL 32732
- Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 931 Lake Harney Road, Geneva, FL 32732-1220
- Community Church of God, 695 Cochran Road, Geneva, FL 32732
- Geneva Church of the Nazarene, 205 SR 46, Geneva, FL 32732
- Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal MI, 321 First Street, Geneva, FL 32732
- United States Post Office, 199 Pine Street, Geneva, FL 32732
- Geneva Community Center, 151 First Street, Geneva, FL 32732

There are bulletin boards at Geneva Grocery & Feed, the US Post Office and the Geneva Community Center for posting notifications of public meetings and newsletters.

**Website:** The study team will develop and host a project website for public and agency use. This website will provide notification of upcoming events, access to study related materials and other information including presentation materials, project updates, and contact information. The website will serve as a “central hub” for those involved in the study process. The website will provide a response vehicle so that visitors may leave a comment regarding the project directly via the website. Additionally, the website will provide links to agency sites including Seminole County, FDOT, the City of Sanford, Metroplan Orlando, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council and CFGIS.org. The website address for the project study is [www.sr46geneva.com](http://www.sr46geneva.com).

**Public Notices/  
Legal Display Ads:** Public advertisement will consist of a legal display advertisement published in the area newspaper with the largest circulation once prior to the public meeting & twice prior to the public hearing, and once to announce Federal Location and Design Concept Acceptance (LDCA) at the end of the study.

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**Public  
Announcements:**

In order to distribute PD&E Study information, fliers will be made available to organizations such as neighborhood/civic groups to publish in existing newsletters and web sites. Any such correspondence will be coordinated through Seminole County. Potential organizations may include Geneva area churches as listed above in the Letters/Newsletters section for publication in the church bulletin or newsletter and the Geneva Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc., (Geneva Email News), <http://www.usgennet.org/usa/fl/county/seminole/Geneva/index.htm>, P.O. Box 91, Geneva, FL 32732.

**Direct Mail List  
For Public Hearings:**

The following will be contacted by direct mail in order to obtain input throughout the project development process and/or in order to provide project information:

- Those whose property lies, in whole or part, within at least 300 feet on either side of the centerline of each project alternative (Section 339.155 FS), as well as other local citizens who may be impacted by the construction of this project. This portion of the mailing list will be based on Seminole County's GIS parcel information as found on the Seminole County website and as provided to Seminole County for generation of the mailing list from the County's full database.
- Local elected and appointed public officials or individuals who request to be placed on the mailing list for this project.
- Public and private groups, organizations, agencies or businesses that request to be placed on the mailing list for this project.

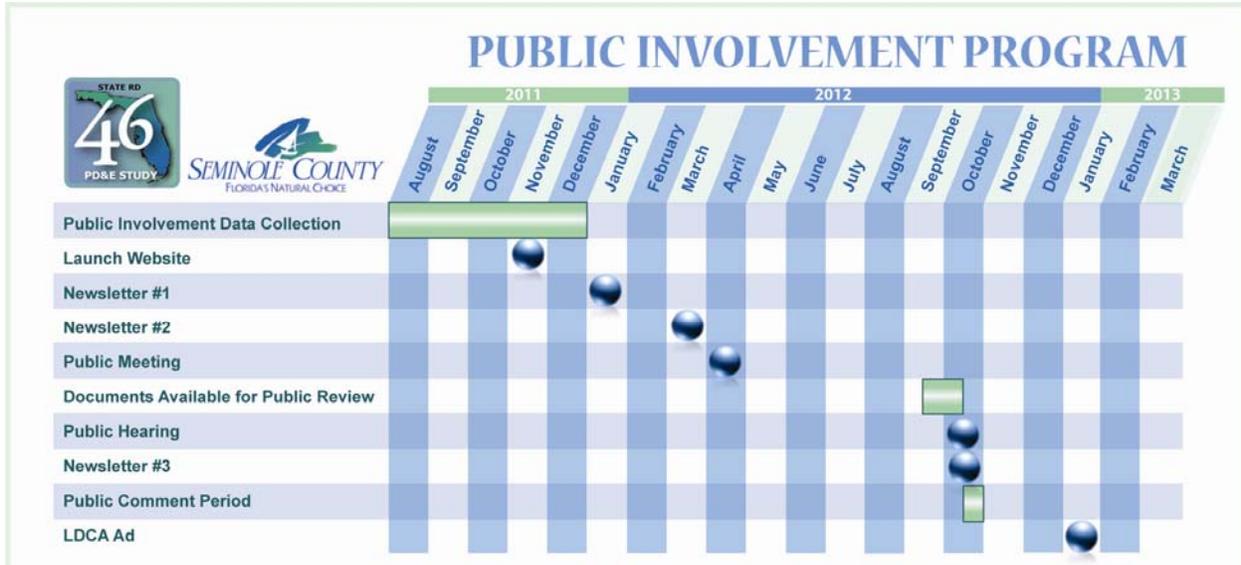
**Presentations to Local Officials:** Presentations to Metroplan Orlando and the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) are planned prior to the Alternatives Public Meeting to apprise local officials of the project status, specific location and design concepts, and receive their comments.

**Public Information Meetings:** One public meeting will be conducted to present the project and the conceptual project alternatives being considered, and to obtain comments from the general public. These meetings will be informal.

**Public Hearing:** A formal public hearing, as required by Federal Regulations and State Law, will be held.

**Informal Meetings:** In addition to the scheduled public meetings, there will be additional meetings, on an as needed basis, with the public, elected and appointed officials, public agencies, or civic groups. The purpose of these meetings will be to apprise the attendees of the project status, specific location and design concepts, and to receive input.

**Public Outreach Activity Schedule**



**VI. Analysis and Summary of Public Comments**

A Comments and Coordination Report will be developed to summarize the public meeting/workshop results and recommendations and will be updated through the life of the project. The report also will contain the overall input provided through the other public involvement techniques utilized in the project development process.

**VII. Public Hearing**

In compliance with the "Project Development and Environmental Manual", 23 CFR 771 and Section 339.155, F.S., a public hearing will be held.

**Public Hearing Site:** The public hearing will be held at an appropriate facility convenient to the study area.

**Public Advertisement:** A legal display advertisement will appear in the Orlando Sentinel twice (at least 21 days and no more than 30 days) prior to the public hearing.

**The Orlando Sentinel**  
[www.orlandosentinel.com](http://www.orlandosentinel.com)  
633 N. Orange Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32801  
(407) 420-5000

All advertisements to local newspapers will be sent via e-mail or by registered mail, return receipt requested.

In addition, an announcement of the public hearing will be published in the *Florida Administrative Weekly* at least 21 days prior to the public hearing. See Section 11-2.9.3.1 for instructions regarding FAW Ad Submittal.

**Letters of Invitation:** Letters will be mailed to all property owners as required by Section 339.155, F.S., to any person or organization that requests to be added to the mailing list, and to local elected and appointed government officials notifying them of the upcoming public hearing. Notices also will be hand-delivered to residences and businesses located directly along the project corridor. Potential organizations may include Geneva area churches as listed above in the Letters/Newsletters section for publication in the church bulletin or newsletter and the Geneva Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc., (Geneva Email News), <http://www.usgennet.org/usa/fl/county/seminole/Geneva/index.htm>, P.O. Box 91, Geneva, FL 32732.

**Hearing Preparation:** Tape recordings, slide presentations and/or video presentations, project corridor aerial maps, graphics, and handouts will be prepared to supplement the oral public hearing presentation.

**Transcript:** A verbatim transcript of the public hearing will be compiled, to include written comments received at the hearing and written comments received within the established comment period after the hearing. All public hearing documentation (handouts, presentation, graphics, etc.) will be included with the transcript.

**Documents for Public Review:** Environmental and engineering reports to support the study evaluations will be available for public review at least 21 calendar days prior to the public hearing date.

**Locations of Documents for Public Review:** Public notice will be provided in the public hearing advertisement and mailed invitational letters as to where the study documents are located for public review. Documents to be provided include the Project Development Summary Report and any documents that provide documentation for the alternatives analysis.

Suggested public review sites are:

Seminole County Public Library  
North Branch  
150 N. Palmetto Ave.  
Sanford, FL 32771

Seminole County Engineering  
520 W. Lake Mary Blvd.  
Sanford, FL 32773  
(407) 665-5674

**Title VI and Related Statues:** Notification during the public hearing will be provided in the presentation, by handout, signage, and through availability of personnel on the Title VI Program and the Relocation Assistance Program which complies with Title VIII.

**Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance:** Notification of the County's intent to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act will be provided in the public advertisements for the public hearing, in invitational letters to property owners/tenants and local officials, in handout, and by selection of a public hearing site that meets all ADA requirements.

### **VIII. Public Hearing Follow-Up**

The following procedures will occur after the public hearing.

**Responses:** Responses to all letters received as a result of the hearing and questions and comments not answered at the public hearing will be made in writing.

**Recommendation Notice:** A legal notice announcing the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA's) approval of the final document and recommendations will be published in the *Orlando Sentinel* newspaper. In addition, news items detailing the County's recommendations to FHWA will be provided to local media.

**Public Hearing  
Transcript Package:**

A Transcript Package will be produced and submitted following the Public Hearing. The Transcript Package will include a verbatim hearing transcript prepared by an approved court reporter, an errata sheet detailing any transcript discrepancies, a copy of all correspondence received by the county as part of the public hearing record, and affidavits of publication for newspaper ads advertising the hearing.

**Comments and  
Coordination Report:**

A *Comments and Coordination Report* will be produced and submitted at the conclusion of the study, in a bound booklet with a cover, containing, at a minimum, all documentation regarding public participation performed throughout the study period. This report shall include all comments and responses received from the public as well as Advance Notification, coordination with local officials and agencies, and public meetings, etc., the verbatim transcript from the Public Hearing, proof of publication of legal ads, sign-in sheets, public hearing certification, and all public correspondence. A summary of the Public Involvement Report shall be included with the final engineering documents.

**IX. Evaluation of the Public Involvement Program**

A public involvement evaluation process will be developed to assess the effectiveness of the public involvement efforts utilized through the PD&E Study. This process will include identification of the public involvement tools, establishment of the performance measures, performance evaluations, and identification of improvement strategies.

**X. Public Involvement During Design**

It is anticipated that the Design Project Manager will maintain the appropriate level of public involvement activities throughout the final design process. These public involvement activities may include additional coordination meetings with local government and environmental permitting agencies, work sessions, and small group meetings, as directed by Seminole County.