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SUBJECT: Public Hearing
U.S. 441 Access Management Improvements Design Project
Griffin Road to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
Leesburg, Lake County
Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number: 443546-1

Dear Property Owner or Interested Stakeholder:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to a public hearing on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. regarding U.S. 441 access management safety and operational improvements, from Griffin Road to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Leesburg. The attached location map shows these project limits.

The purpose of this project is to improve safety and operations through access management changes on U.S. 441 in the City of Leesburg. The public hearing is being held to present information and to receive public input regarding the design of the proposed access management changes. Access management is the careful planning of the location, design, and operation of driveways, median openings, and street connections.

The proposed design calls for replacing the existing center two-way left turn lane with a 13-foot-wide raised median that will have directional and full median openings. Additional improvements include resurfacing, sidewalk construction, and updates to traffic signals, drainage, and lighting.

The Department is offering two ways for the community to participate in the hearing. Interested persons may join the Virtual Public Hearing (VPH) from a computer, tablet, or cell phone. Or, they may participate in person by going to the Venetian Center – Harris Room located at 1 Dozier Court, Leesburg, Florida 34748. All participants, regardless of the platform they choose, will participate in the same live hearing.

A VPH is a free live presentation or webinar over the internet. If you wish to participate in the VPH online, registration is required in advance by going to <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/3264660439149858573>. Once registered, participants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the VPH online. Participants who are unable to join on a computer may listen to the meeting on their telephones by calling 1-866-952-8437 and entering the passcode 629-294-626 when prompted.

For those who choose to participate in person, the Department requests advance registration to ensure all attendees are accommodated safely and according to current social distancing guidelines. Per local ordinance, attendees will be required to wear masks and follow any other local guidelines. Attendees who are not feeling well should not attend the in-person meeting. To register for the in-person option, please contact Sam Jumber, P.E., FDOT Project Manager, at 386-943-5244, or by email, Samuel.Jumber@dot.state.fl.us.

The VPH and in-person meeting location will open at 5:30 p.m. A presentation will begin at 5:45 p.m., followed by a formal public comment period. If joining online, please provide adequate log-in time to view the presentation in its entirety.

All meeting materials, including the presentation, will be available on the project website at www.cflroads.com/project/443546-1.

FDOT is sending notices to all property owners, business owners, interested persons and organizations to provide the opportunity to give comments to FDOT regarding the U.S. 441 access management improvement design project. The hearing gives everyone an opportunity to express their views about the proposed modifications. While comments about the project are accepted at any time, all comments received through October 28, 2020, will be included in the records for this public hearing.

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 email at Jennifer.Smith2@dot.state.fl.us.

Persons who require accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Sam Jumber, P.E., FDOT Project Manager, by telephone at 386-943-5244, by email at Samuel.Jumber@dot.state.fl.us, or by mail at Florida Department of Transportation, 719 S. Woodland Boulevard, MS 2-542, DeLand, Florida 32720-6834 at least seven days prior to the public 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).

We encourage you to participate in the U.S. 441 access management improvement design public hearing. If you have any questions or comments about the project, please contact me by telephone at 386-943-5244 or by email at Samuel.Jumber@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,



Samuel Jumber, P.E.
FDOT Project Manager

Attachment

Project Location Map
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