



**HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?**

There is no need to wait until a public meeting to provide your input. Public comments and questions are welcomed at any time throughout the study. Please see our contact information in the column to the right. We are also available for small group meetings with your community or special interest group.

**A PUBLIC KICK-OFF MEETING WILL BE HELD:**

**Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2014**  
**Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**  
**Location: Coleman Community Hall**  
**Address: 1204 North Church Street**  
**Coleman, Florida 33521**

The meeting will begin with an open house at 5:30 p.m. FDOT staff and project representatives will be available to discuss the project with individuals and answer questions. The meeting will end at 7:30 p.m.

**JOIN THE PROJECT ADVISORY GROUP**

We are in the process of recruiting volunteers for our Project Advisory Group (PAG). The PAG will include community leaders and stakeholders who will provide advice and feedback to the project management team on issues vital to the community. The PAG will act as a resource by helping identify common goals and objectives of the study and serve as a mechanism to develop, clarify and exchange ideas and concerns related to the project.

**STUDY WEBSITE**

Check out the study website at [www.us301sumter.com](http://www.us301sumter.com). The website will be updated on a regular basis to provide the latest study information. Through the study website, you can also request to be added to the mailing list and contact us with your questions or comments.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

*Public participation is being solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should Ms. Jazlyn Heywood, FDOT Project Manager by phone 386-943-5388 or by email to [jazlyn.heywood@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:jazlyn.heywood@dot.state.fl.us) at least seven days prior to the public meeting.*

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

For more information about the project or to schedule a group meeting, please contact one of the following:

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**INTRODUCTION**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to evaluate the need to widen US 301 from a two-lane roadway to a four-lane roadway. The study limits extend from CR 470 West to SR 44, a distance of approximately eight miles. We will also evaluate the need to create a truck route around the City of Coleman to lessen the movement of heavy truck traffic through that community, and the need to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety throughout the corridor.



**WHY DO WE NEED THIS PROJECT?**

Traffic volumes are projected to increase due to planned residential, commercial and industrial developments near the study corridor. The objective of the study is to develop design alternatives that will safely and efficiently accommodate the projected increase in traffic. There is also a lack of pedestrian and bicycle facilities throughout the study corridor; so, we will evaluate the need to provide facilities to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety along the roadway.

