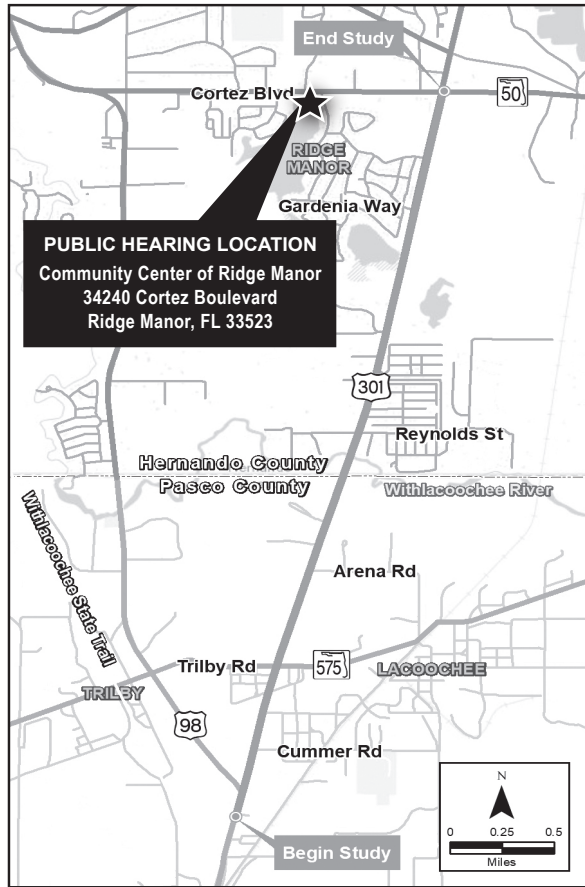




# US 301/State Road (SR) 35 PD&E Study PUBLIC HEARING • June 24, 2021

FDOT District Seven | WPI Segment No.: 447536-1 | Pasco & Hernando Counties, Florida



The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Seven will hold a public hearing on **June 24, 2021**, regarding the Project Development & Environment (PD&E) study for the proposed improvements to US 301/State Road (SR) 35 from south of US 98 to SR 50 in Pasco and Hernando Counties, a distance of approximately 4.0 miles. The public hearing will be offered in-person, with an option to attend online. In accordance with Section 335.188, Florida Statutes, this Public Hearing is also being held to provide the opportunity for public comment on the proposed access management reclassification for US 301 from the Pasco/Hernando County Line to SR 50 (Cortez Boulevard) from Access Class 4 to Access Class 3 due to proposed changes from a non-restrictive to a restrictive median.

The purpose of the project is to address existing safety issues and accommodate future traffic growth. The proposed improvements will include construction of stormwater management facility (SMF) and floodplain compensation (FPC) sites, various intersection improvements, median notifications, access management, and multimodal facilities (pedestrian, bicycle and transit accommodations). This study will also evaluate issues related to traffic operations, safety, freight movements and environmental impacts. The project will improve safe mobility for drivers, freight and non-motorized users along this segment of US 301.

The public hearing is being conducted both in-person and virtually to present information to and receive public input from interested persons regarding the proposed improvements to US 301, which include providing comments regarding the median modifications along the study corridor. This public hearing will be held on the following date:

### Thursday, June 24, 2021

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Formal presentation 6:30 p.m.

### In-person Session Location

Community Center of Ridge Manor  
34240 Cortez Boulevard  
Ridge Manor, FL 33523

### Registration to Virtual Session

[www.fdotd7studies.com/projects/us301-us98-to-sr50/](http://www.fdotd7studies.com/projects/us301-us98-to-sr50/)

Citizens who choose to attend the virtual hearing session must do so through a computer, tablet or smartphone via GoToWebinar. **Virtual attendees must register online** at the project website: [www.fdotd7studies.com/projects/us301-us98-to-sr50/](http://www.fdotd7studies.com/projects/us301-us98-to-sr50/). Another option to attend the formal portion of

the hearing is by phone at (914) 614-3221 using access code 243-778-487, however phone attendees will be in listen-only mode.

The public hearing begins at 5:30 p.m. with an informal open house. The formal portion of the public hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m., which will provide attendees the opportunity to formally make verbal public comments. Following the formal portion, the informal open house will resume until 7:30 p.m.

Maps, drawings and other project information will be available at the in-person hearing session and for review online starting on June 21, 2021, at [www.fdotd7studies.com/projects/us301-us98-to-sr50/](http://www.fdotd7studies.com/projects/us301-us98-to-sr50/). Draft project engineering and environmental reports will be available for public review from June 3, 2021, to July 6, 2021, on the project website and at the following locations:

#### **East Hernando Branch Library**

6457 Windermere Road  
Brooksville, FL 34602  
(352) 754-4043  
Tuesday - Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday & Monday: Closed

#### **Hugh Embry Library**

14215 4th Street  
Dade City, FL 33523  
(352) 567-3576  
Monday & Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Tuesday & Thursday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday: Closed

#### **Florida Department of Transportation - District Seven**

11201 N. McKinley Drive  
Tampa, FL 33612  
(813) 975-6000  
Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday Closed

A court reporter will be available to receive comments in a one-on-one setting at the in-person session. Persons wishing to submit written statements or other exhibits, in place of or in addition to oral statements, may do so at the hearing or by mailing them to Kirk Bogen, P.E., Environmental Management Engineer, Florida Department of Transportation, District Seven, 11201 N. McKinley Drive MS 7-500, Tampa, FL 33612, or electronically to the project website at [www.fdotd7studies.com/projects/us301-us98-to-sr50/](http://www.fdotd7studies.com/projects/us301-us98-to-sr50/). All exhibits or statements must be postmarked or emailed no later than **Tuesday, July 6, 2021**, to become part of the official public hearing record.

Public participation is 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 contact Alex Henry, Public Involvement Coordinator, at (813) 975-6405 or (800) 226-7220 at least seven (7) working days in advance of the hearing session.

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 FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S. C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and FDOT.

**Comuniquese con nosotros:** Si usted tiene preguntas o comentarios o si simplemente desea mas informacion sobre este proyecto, favor de ponerse en contacto con la señor Manuel Flores, al teléfono (813) 975-4248 o correo electrónico Manuel.Flores@dot.state.fl.us.