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Subject: Public Information Meeting
East Silver Springs Boulevard (S.R. 40) Intersection Safety Improvements
Marion County
Financial Project Identification (FPID) No.: 445800-1

Dear Government Partner:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to a public meeting regarding project plans on East Silver Springs Boulevard (State Road (S.R.) 40) at NE 14th Street (S.R. 492) on Tuesday, May 25, at 5:30 p.m.

The purpose of this project is to improve safety at the East Silver Springs Boulevard and NE 14th Street intersection. Proposed improvements include replacing the existing free-flow dual right turn lanes from westbound East Silver Springs Boulevard to westbound NE 14th Street with a signalized, single right turn lane for both driver and pedestrian safety. The project will also enhance safety for bicyclists by adding a 7-foot-wide, buffered bike lane beginning on East Silver Springs Boulevard and connecting to the existing bicycle lane on NE 14th Street. New pedestrian crosswalks will also be added. Other improvements include replacing and upgrading existing traffic signals, reconstructing the concrete median island next to the right turn lanes on westbound East Silver Springs Boulevard, and resurfacing the roadway within the project limits. The public meeting is being held to present information and receive community feedback.

The Department is offering multiple ways for the community to participate in the meeting. All participants, regardless of platform they choose, will receive the same information on the proposed project.

- **Virtual Option:** Interested persons may join the Virtual Public Meeting (VPM) from a computer, tablet or mobile device. A VPM is a free live presentation or webinar over the internet. For this option, advance registration is required by visiting the link below. Once registered, participants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting online. Please note, Internet Explorer cannot be used to register or attend this webinar. <https://bit.ly/3d3IUgf>.

- **Phone Option (Listen Only):** Participants may join the meeting in listen-only mode by dialing 1-877-309-2071 and entering the passcode 128-727-699 when prompted.
- **In-Person Open House Option:** Participants may attend in person by going to Southeastern Livestock Pavilion Auditorium at UF/IFAS Extension Services at 2228 NE Jacksonville Road, Ocala, FL 34470. The in-person meeting will be an open house where participants can stop by anytime between 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to view a looping presentation and project displays, speak with project team members, and submit comments or questions. The Department requests advance registration for this option to ensure all attendees are accommodated safely and according to social distancing guidelines. To register for the in-person open house option, please contact the project manager by using the contact information listed at the end of this letter. Attendees will be asked to follow all safety and sanitation guidelines as well as adhere to any local ordinances. Persons who are not feeling well should not attend the in-person meeting.

The virtual and in-person meeting location will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25. If joining online, please allow 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/445800-1 prior to the meeting.

FDOT is sending notices to all property owners, business owners, interested persons and organizations to provide the opportunity to offer comments and express their views regarding this project and the proposed improvements.

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

Persons who require accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Shari Croteau at 321-795-0984 or Shari.Croteau@qcausa.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).

If you have any questions or comments about the project, please contact me by phone at 386-943-5231, or by email at Taleb.Shams@dot.state.fl.us, or U.S. mail at Florida Department of Transportation, 719 S. Woodland Boulevard, MS 542, DeLand, Florida 32720.

Sincerely,

Taleb Shams, P.E.

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FDOT Project Manager

Attachment: Project Information Handout