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FDOT Public Hearing for State Road (SR) 82 from Gator Slough Lane to SR 29 in Collier County *Design Change and Right-of-Way Authorization Reevaluation*

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, is holding a public hearing regarding the Design Change and Right-of-Way Authorization Reevaluation of State Road (SR) 82 from Gator Slough Lane to SR 29 in Collier County. This hearing will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2016 to allow interested persons the opportunity to view the draft design plans, discuss the project, and provide comments. The formal public hearing begins at 7 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

The project corridor is approximately 3.2 miles long and was included in the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study for the widening of approximately 23 miles of SR 82 from Lee Boulevard (CR 884) to SR 29 in Lee, Hendry and Collier counties. The study was approved by the Federal Highway Administration on October 23, 2009.

The current design has resulted in various changes from what was shown in the approved PD&E study. This project will widen SR 82 from a two-lane undivided roadway to an interim four-lane divided roadway while allowing for a future six-lane roadway and intersection improvements at the SR 82/SR 29 intersection. One intersection improvement under consideration involves the addition of a roundabout with associated turn lanes. Other improvements will include replacing the five-foot sidewalk along the south side of SR 82 with a 10-foot multi-use trail. Storm water runoff will be collected in roadside swales and directed to one regional offsite storm water pond.

Right-of-way acquisition will be required for the proposed roadway and drainage improvements. Right-of-way acquisition for this segment is funded for FDOT's current fiscal year, 2016/2017. Construction is not funded at this time.

The public hearing will be:

Date: Thursday, August 25, 2016
Time: 6 p.m. open house; 7 p.m. formal presentation
Location: University of Florida IFAS Agriculture Research - Southwest Florida Research & Education Center (SWFREC)
2685 SR 29 North
Immokalee, FL 34142

Draft project documents (reports and design plans) will be available for public review from Thursday, August 4, 2016 through Tuesday, September 6, 2016, at the University of Florida IFAS Agriculture Research - Southwest Florida Research & Education Center (SWFREC), located at 2685 SR 29 North, Immokalee, Florida 34142. Facility hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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