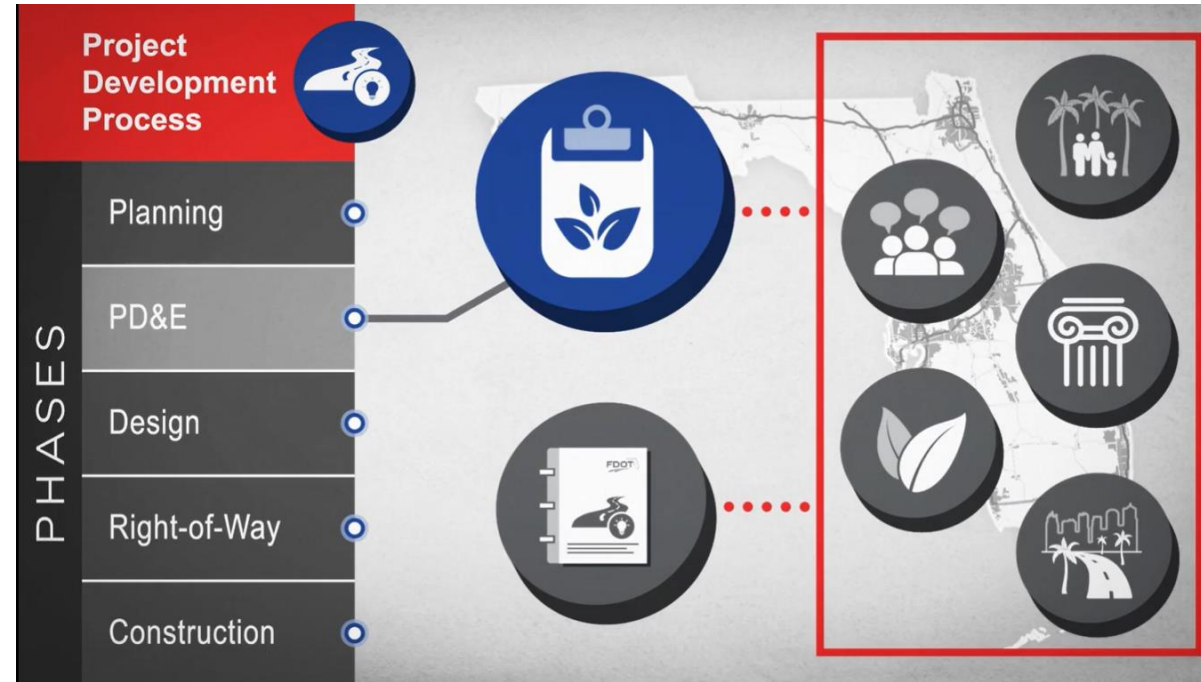


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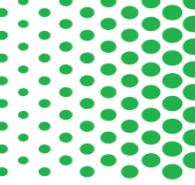
Public Involvement



August 2020

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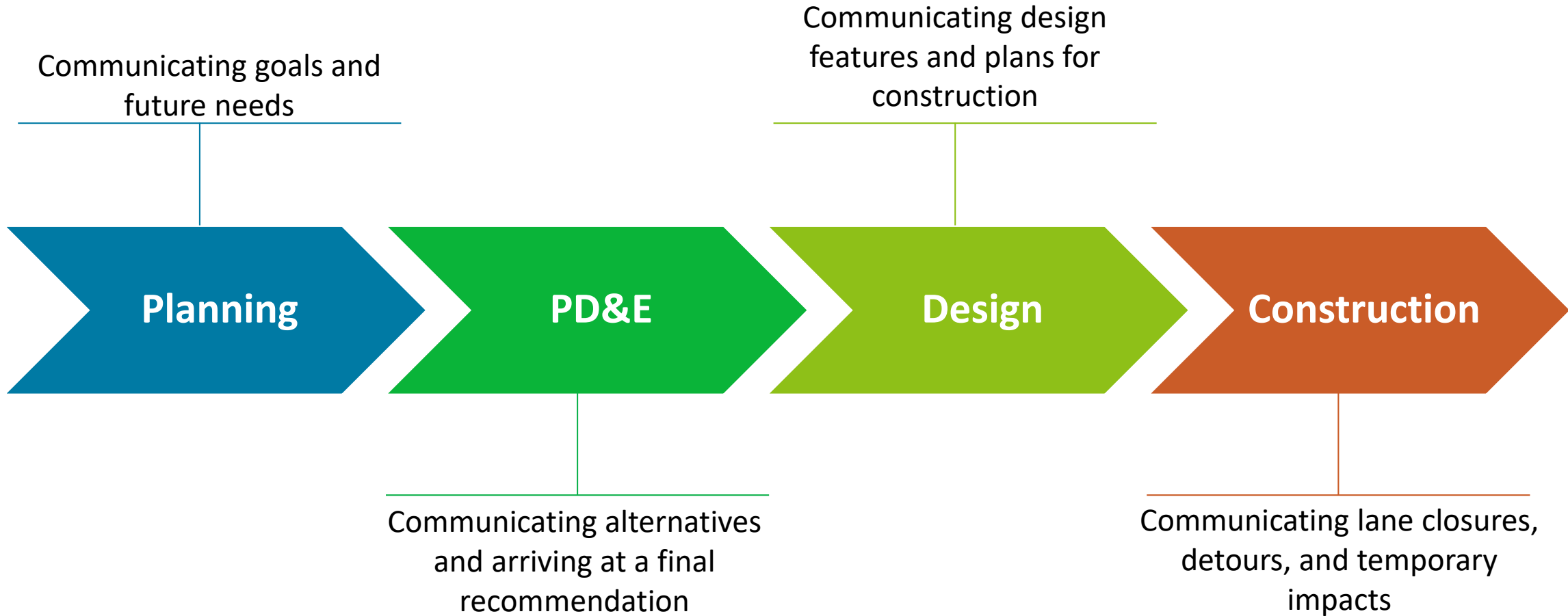
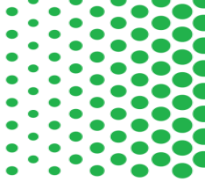
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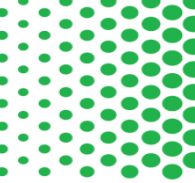
Two-way communication
(Who are you and what do you think?)

One-way communication
(Here's what you need to know)

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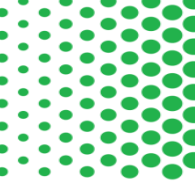


Comparison Between Design and PD&E



Activity	Design	PD&E
Planning ahead	Community Awareness Plan	Public Involvement Plan
Presentation to local governments and/or MPOs	Yes	Yes
One-on-one meetings with individuals or agency representatives	Yes – as needed	Yes – as needed
Public Meetings	One or more public information meetings	One kickoff meeting plus one or more alternatives public meetings
Public Hearing	Yes for Turnpike	Public Hearing required for capacity, new interchange, or new alignment projects

Major PD&E Public Involvement Milestones

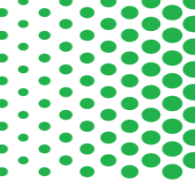


Public Kickoff Meeting
“PD&E Study has started”

Alternatives Public Meeting(s)
“These are the alternatives that we are considering”

Public Hearing
“This is the alternative that we are recommending for construction”

Public Meetings vs. Public Hearings

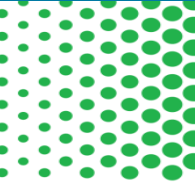


- Public Meeting: Provides an opportunity to engage the public and inform them about the status of a project
- Public Hearing: Allows the public the chance to voice opinions and concerns over a decision or action about to be made
- Public Hearings may be required by law (depending on project type). Public meetings are not required by law – but FDOT policy and guidance promotes public meetings

Public Hearings Required by State Law

- Florida Statutes – Section 339.155
- Public Hearing required for these type of projects:
 - Capacity improvement
 - New interchange
 - New roadway or limited access facility

Public Hearings – Types of Formats



- Start time determined by what would best meet needs for specific community and project
- No pre-determined end time – public hearing ends after everyone has had an opportunity to speak
- Typically begins with an open house format followed a formal presentation and comment period
- Public hearings have a “script” with standard statements that must be used!

See Part 1, Chapter 11 of the PD&E for a sample public hearing script

Public Hearings: Documents for Public Review

- Draft PD&E documents must be made available to the public
- Available at least 21 days prior to Public Hearing in a location close to the project area
- Location must be easily accessible and ADA compliant
- Examples of good locations: public libraries, MPO office, local government offices, or FDOT District offices
- Should also be posted on the project website

Public Hearing: Documentation

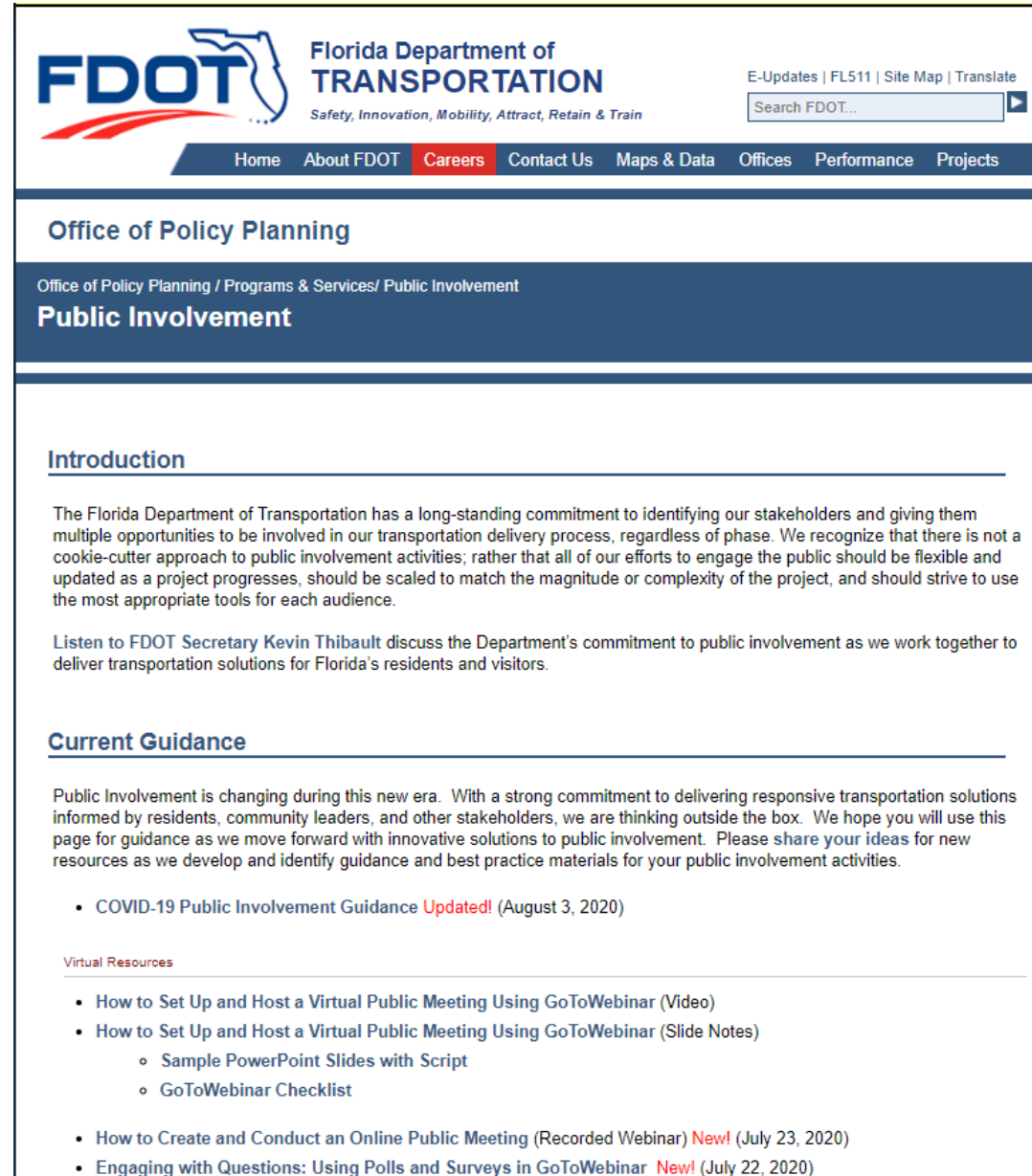
- Proceedings recorded by Court Reporter and transcript prepared
- Documentation should include:
 - All oral and written comments
 - Presentation script
 - Handouts, brochures, maps, etc.
- Public record stays open for additional comment for at least 10 calendar days following the Public Hearing
- After this period, Public Hearing is officially closed
- Copies of transcript and presentation script included in project file and referenced in the final environmental document

Public Involvement Resources

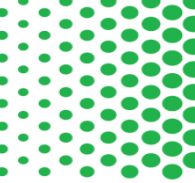
FDOT's Public Involvement page:

- Public Involvement Handbook
- PD&E Public Involvement Chapter
- COVID-19 Guidance
- Resources for Virtual Meetings
- Other materials

<https://www.fdot.gov/planning/policy/publicinvolvement/index>

A screenshot of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) website's Public Involvement page. The page header includes the FDOT logo, the text "Florida Department of TRANSPORTATION", and the tagline "Safety, Innovation, Mobility, Attract, Retain & Train". There are links for "E-Updates | FL511 | Site Map | Translate" and a search bar. A navigation menu contains "Home", "About FDOT", "Careers", "Contact Us", "Maps & Data", "Offices", "Performance", and "Projects". The main content area is titled "Office of Policy Planning" and "Public Involvement". It features an "Introduction" section with a paragraph about FDOT's commitment to public involvement, a link to a video of Secretary Kevin Thibault, and a "Current Guidance" section with a paragraph and a list of resources including "COVID-19 Public Involvement Guidance Updated! (August 3, 2020)", "Virtual Resources" (with sub-links for "How to Set Up and Host a Virtual Public Meeting Using GoToWebinar (Video)", "How to Set Up and Host a Virtual Public Meeting Using GoToWebinar (Slide Notes)", "Sample PowerPoint Slides with Script", and "GoToWebinar Checklist") and "How to Create and Conduct an Online Public Meeting (Recorded Webinar) New! (July 23, 2020)", and "Engaging with Questions: Using Polls and Surveys in GoToWebinar New! (July 22, 2020)".

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