

FDOT Public Engagement Hybrid Meeting/Hearing Process

The Florida Department of Transportation has updated its process for conducting public engagement activities. To provide multiple opportunities for the public to receive information and provide input, the Department will use a hybrid model for all public hearings, meetings, and workshops. This approach uses both a face-to-face and a virtual interactive component. Public engagement activities should use appropriate approaches evaluated on a project-by-project basis, making sure that strategies are inclusive of all affected stakeholders.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, MEETINGS, AND WORKSHOPS

All public meetings, hearings, and workshops will use the hybrid approach and must be approved by the District Secretary or designee.

All meetings must include a virtual and interactive component using GoToWebinar or other approved platform and a method for participation by those who do not have or use a computer. In-person public meeting facilities are selected based on the anticipated size of attendance, proximity to the project, easy accessibility, safety, and public transportation availability. Justification for the facility selected must be included in the project file. When choosing between multiple locations, publicly owned facilities should take precedence over privately-owned facilities. However, privately-owned facilities can be considered if there are no other reasonable options.

The Office of Policy Planning provides technical assistance on how to conduct hybrid public meetings and hearings. Further guidance is available in “A Guide to Hybrid Public Meetings and Hearings” on the Department’s [Public Involvement](#) webpage. For PD&E meetings or hearings, please contact Jennifer.Marshall@dot.state.fl.us

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