

109 Outreach During Construction



During construction, community engagement takes on more of a public information role, informing people about lane closures, median changes, business access impacts, work hours and work zones, detours, and grand openings.

The public's ability to influence the overall construction phase is limited but the Department is responsible for engaging with the public to provide up-to-date information and solicit concerns in order to minimize the disruption to businesses and residents during the construction phase.

Some districts may hold pre-construction open houses, which can either be formal meetings held in enclosed spaces or informal activities conducted within the project corridor. All meetings, open houses, or hearings held during the construction phase must be noticed in the Florida Administrative Register (FAR) and on the Department's website, pursuant to Section 120.525, F.S.

In addition to traditional public information meetings, some projects may benefit from other methods such as one-on-one meetings, updates on a project website, and social media. Variable message signs (VMS) are routinely used to communicate lane closures and changes in access.

Requirements for public involvement during the construction phase are found in the FDOT Design Manual, Chapter 104.

