

COMMUNITY AWARENESS PLAN



I-75 (SR 93) From Broward County Line to Toll Booth



Collier County, Florida
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& 444008-1-52-02

The plan is prepared in compliance with the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Design Manual, Part 1, Chapter 104.

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Project Limits: From the Broward County Line (MP 0.00) to the Toll Booth (MP 49.102) in Collier County, Florida. The length of the project is approximately 49 miles.

A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

I-75 (SR 93) from the Broward County line to the toll booth is a 4-lane divided interstate. The posted speed limit is 70 mph. I-75 (SR 93) is classified as a Limited Access Rural Principal Arterial Interstate within the project limits and the daily truck traffic is over 18%.

This RRR project may also widen the median paved shoulders. Emergency vehicle crossovers may be adjusted and added to provide additional access. The existing bridge at Lucky Lake Strand will be retrofitted with a wildlife crossing shelf. Guardrail will be updated to current standards, where deficient, along with other safety improvements. A new ITS fiber optic line will be installed along the corridor.

B. DESCRIPTION OF THE COMMUNITY

The land use adjacent to the project limits is primarily wilderness with minor residential, recreational and farming. There are two existing interchanges, one at SR 29 and one at the rest area that also contains the Ochopee fire station. There are several additional access points for various public facilities, agencies, and a cellular phone tower.

C. POTENTIAL CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES

Potential areas of controversy for the project are negligible and are summarized below.

- Access Changes: None, although emergency vehicle crossovers may be adjusted
- Driveway Modifications: Minor improvements
- Parking Removal: None
- Right of Way Acquisition: None
- New Signalized Intersections: None
- Landscape Changes or Removal: None
- Loss of Aesthetic Features: None
- Temporary Construction Impacts: Off peak lane closures

D. SPECIAL COMMITMENTS

There are no known special commitments.

E. TRAFFIC CONTROL AND ACCESS IMPACTS

There will be lane closures during off-peak hours for milling, resurfacing, shoulder work, median crossovers, and guardrail placement. The Temporary Traffic Control Plan does not require any detours. Access will be maintained for the rest area/fire station, emergency vehicles, toll booth, and other public facilities.

The Project Letting is scheduled for July 2021 (Fiscal Year 2022) and construction should begin within two to three months after award. A preliminary contract time has not been established.

F. CAP LEVEL

It was determined that a Level 2 CAP Plan is applicable due to general public acceptance, little impact on accessibility or traffic, and a moderate degree of traffic disruption.

G. IDENTIFICATION OF PROJECT STAKEHOLDERS

The local, regional, state or federal agencies, and native tribal officials being involved with this project due to jurisdictional review, or expressed interest, have been identified and will be contacted by the Florida Department of Transportation or the Design Consultant. Coordination with these agencies will continue during the design phase. As other concerned public agencies are identified, they also will be listed and contacted. See Appendix A for the list of project stakeholders.

H. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT NOTIFICATION METHODS AND ACTIVITIES DURING DESIGN

The Level 2 CAP Plan public involvement activities will include:

- Providing the Phase II and IV submittals to Collier County staff to solicit their comments and concurrence.
- Provide phase submittals through the ERC system to the FDOT maintenance, construction and operations offices.
- Hold a Traffic Control/Constructability page turn review meeting after the Phase II submittal with the Engineer of Record, FDOT Project Manager, and the Fort Myers Operations Center Construction Manager.
- Conduct two stakeholder meetings, one before the Phase II plans submittal and one after, to solicit stakeholder input on the planned improvements.

I. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT NOTIFICATION METHODS AND ACTIVITIES DURING CONSTRUCTION

The Level 2 CAP Plan public involvement activities will include:

- Determine the need for a PIO consultant prior to CEI scope of service development.
- Provide construction dates and traffic information for the District PIO Weekly Traffic Report starting one week prior to construction start and maintaining throughout construction.
- Coordinate with the District 4 and 6 PIO's for construction awareness.

Appendix A

Stakeholders List

- FDOT
 - Maintenance- Scott Ellis and Brian Bird (Scott.Ellis@dot.state.fl.us, Brian.Bird@dot.state.fl.us)
 - Drainage – Brent Setchell (brent.setchell@dot.state.fl.us)
 - District Four - Santiago Alvarez (santiago.alvarez@dot.state.fl.us)
- Collier County
 - Sheriff District 2 – LT. Gary Martin (gary.martin@colliersheriff.org)
 - Transportation - Jay Ahmad (jay.ahmad@colliercounty.org)
- SFWMD – L-28 Interceptor Canal
 - Jack Arrieta (jarrieta@sfwmd.gov)
- Florida Highway Patrol Troop F
 - Captain Joseph Gideon (Josephgideon@FLHSMV.gov)
- Ochopee Fire Control District Station No. 63
 - Wayne Martin (wmartin@gnfire.org)
- Road Rangers
 - Lourdes Daniels (call4tow@comcast.net)
- Collier County Rest Area
 - DBI - Tom Curran (Thomas.Curran@dot.state.fl.us)
- Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise
 - William Wood (william.wood@dot.state.fl.us)
- DBI Services
 - Mike Smith (michael.smith@dbiservices.com)
- Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge
 - Kevin Godsea (kevin_godsea@fws.org)
- Big Cypress Wildlife Management Area
 - Deborah Jansen (deborah_jansen@nps.gov)
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- L-28 Interceptor Canal boat ramp
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- Miccosukee Indian Tribe
 - Kevin Donaldson (kevind@miccosukeetribe.com)
- Seminole Indian Tribe
 - Bradley Mueller (THPOCompliance@semtribe.com)
- Florida Forest Service
 - Heather Schmiede (Heather.Schmiede@FreshFromFlorida.com)
- District 4 PIO
 - Guillermo “Billy” Canedo (Guillermo.Canedo@dot.state.fl.us)
- District 6 PIO
 - Tish Burgher (Tish.Burgher@dot.state.fl.us)