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Florida Department of Transportation to hold a Project Kick-off Meeting For the Broward Commuter Rail Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is hosting several Virtual and In-Person Kick-off Meetings for the Broward Commuter Rail PD&E Study from Aug. 30 to Sept. 1, 2021. A PD&E Study is FDOT's process to evaluate the social, economic, and environmental impacts associated with a planned transportation improvement project. The objective of the Broward Commuter Rail (BCR) PD&E Study is to develop and analyze alternatives that integrate passenger and freight service along the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway. The purpose of the study is to address congestion issues by improving mobility while supporting economic and land development policies in eastern Broward County.

The PD&E Study Kick-Off meetings will be held on the following dates and times:

- Monday, August 30, 2021, beginning at 1:00 p.m. To register and receive the link to join this
 Virtual Kick-off Meeting go to https://bit.ly/3rrAHcJ. To attend by phone call toll free 877-309-2074, access code 910-748-455.
- Monday, August 30, 2021, beginning at 5:30 p.m. To register and receive the link to join this
 Virtual Kick-off Meeting go to the study's website www.browardcommuterrailstudy.com. To attend by phone call toll free 877-309-2074, access code 291-602-555.
- Tuesday, August 31, 2021, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The In-Person Kick-off Meeting will be held at the Broward Center of the Performing Arts, 201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312. The meeting will start as an open house with project information on display boards, followed by a presentation.
 - Registration is recommended as space is limited. To register, go to the study's website: www.browardcommuterrailstudy.com
 - Parking is available at no charge in the public garage located at the corner of SW 5th
 Avenue and SW 2nd Street, across from the Performing Arts Center.
 - The latest social distancing requirements will be followed.
- Wednesday, September 1, 2021, beginning at 5:30 p.m. To register and receive the link to join this Virtual Kick-off Meeting go to the study's website www.browardcommuterrailstudy.com. To

attend by phone call toll free 866-901-6455, access code 420-390-165.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Mr. Phil Schwab, P.E., FDOT Project Manager at Phil.Schwab@dot.state.fl.us or 954-777-4524 or toll free at 866-336-8435 ext. 4524 at least seven days prior to the Public Kick-off Meeting.

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