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**SR 40 PD&E Study
Silver Springs to US 17
Marion, Lake and Volusia Counties**

Public Workshop No. 1 Summary – July 25, 2006

Mtg. Date: July 25, 2006

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Astor Community Center
24148 Ann Street
Astor, Florida 32102

Attendees: 93 citizens (signed-in)
Brian Stanger – FDOT
Steve Tonjes – FDOT
Alex Hull – Inwood Consulting Engineers
David Dangel – Inwood Consulting Engineers
David Graeber – Inwood Consulting Engineers
Andy DeWitt – Inwood Consulting Engineers
David Coleman – Inwood Consulting Engineers
Heather Johnstone – Inwood Consulting Engineers

Mandy Rankin – Inwood Consulting Engineers
Amy Faulkenberry – Inwood Consulting Engineers
Rich Williamson – Inwood Consulting Engineers
Tom Roberts – EMS
Ray Emmett – EMS
Paul Heeg – RS&H
Robert Woodruff – RS&H
Paul Schmidt – RS&H
Jenn Garrett - SEARCH

Public Officials: None

The first Public Kickoff/Scoping Workshop for the SR 40 Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study was held on Tuesday, July 25, 2006 at the Astor Community Center in Astor. This open house workshop began at 6:00 pm and included a brief presentation at 7:00 pm. Following the presentation an opportunity was given for attendees to publicly ask questions and make comments at the microphone. The workshop ended at approximately 8:00 pm.

As attendees entered the workshop, they were asked to sign in and were given a copy of the most recent SR 40 PD&E Study newsletter. The workshop was held in an open-house format and members of the study team were available to answer questions and discuss the project “one-on-one” with attendees. The following project related information was on display:

SR 40 Task Force Concept Map
Project Segment Location Map
Alternative Roadway Typical Sections (Segments 1, 2 and 3)

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Alternative Roadway Alignments on aerial background (Segment 1, Segment 2 North and South Widening , Segment 3 North and South Widening)

Comment forms and comment boxes were available at the comment table and attendees were encouraged to fill out the comment forms so that the Study Team would have their comments and concerns documented.

A brief project overview presentation was given which included information on the PD&E Study process, an overview of the project corridor, an overview of the need for the project, traffic information, crash history information, an overview of the no build and build alternatives and the PD&E Study project schedule. Following the presentation and a brief intermission, an opportunity was given for the public to make oral statements, but no statements/comments were made.

Several attendees filled out comment forms at the workshop. Additional comment forms were received following the workshop. Below is a summary of the written comments received along with the number of times the same comment was made. Twenty written comment forms were received.

- (1) – Add turn lanes at intersections so that cars won't have to slow down for turning cars.
- (1) – Put a caution/stop light at the post office area.
- (1) – Don't spend money on sidewalks. Build a bike path instead.
- (1) – I would recommend just adding passing lanes. It will be cheaper than widening the road and won't require building new bridges.
- (3) – Build the four-lanes now before prices rise more. If money is an issue, move it up the priority list.
- (1) – Do not consider construction that does not sustain a 65 mph speed limit. No one will drive 50 mph.
- (1) – We need this done soon. Traffic is terrific and is growing every day. Project completion should be the end of 2007, not 2009.
- (1) – Specific Astor needs: traffic signals at Alco Road and River Road intersections with SR 40, westbound left turn lane at Butler, a second access road from the campsites onto SR 40, roads resurfaced and others paved and street lights on main roads like River Road.
- (3) – I don't think SR 40 needs to be widened. There needs to be more warning signs and caution lights.
- (1) – I own property on both sides of US 17 and would like to donate property for use as a wayside rest area for a historical monument
- (1) – When will US 17 from DeLeon Springs to Seville be widened?
- (1) – You need to understand the potential impact on traffic of the Wal Mart distribution center.
- (1) – I would like to make SR 40, between Astor and US 17, a no-passing zone until the widening is completed. Human lives are the key to this project.
- (1) – The Astor Bridge gets stuck and traffic backs up for hours. They are constantly working on it.
- (1) – We need a traffic light in Astor.
- (1) – If you impact a portion of my 10 acres, which is the minimum required for a home site, will the land taken be considered mine for zoning purposes?

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- (1) – A big part of the traffic problem on SR 40 is due to trucks who don't want to pay Turnpike tolls. Consider reducing or removing tolls for trucks on the Turnpike and the truck traffic on SR 40 will decrease.
- (1) – The striping/signing for the existing passing lanes is inconsistent and it is hard to tell where the passing lane is really going to end.