



State Road 40

PD&E Study

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From Silver Springs to US 17

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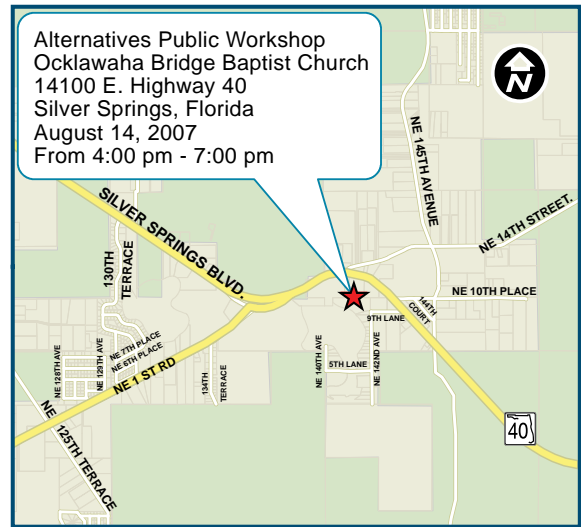
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Project Description

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 5 is conducting a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study to consider improvements to SR 40 from approximately one mile west of SR 326 (at the end of the existing four-lane roadway near Silver Springs) in Marion County to US 17 in Volusia County. The objective of the study is to determine the best alternative to provide mobility and safety improvements for SR 40 through the project limits. SR 40 is proposed to be widened from two lanes to four lanes from Silver Springs to SE 183rd Avenue (Levy Hammock Road).

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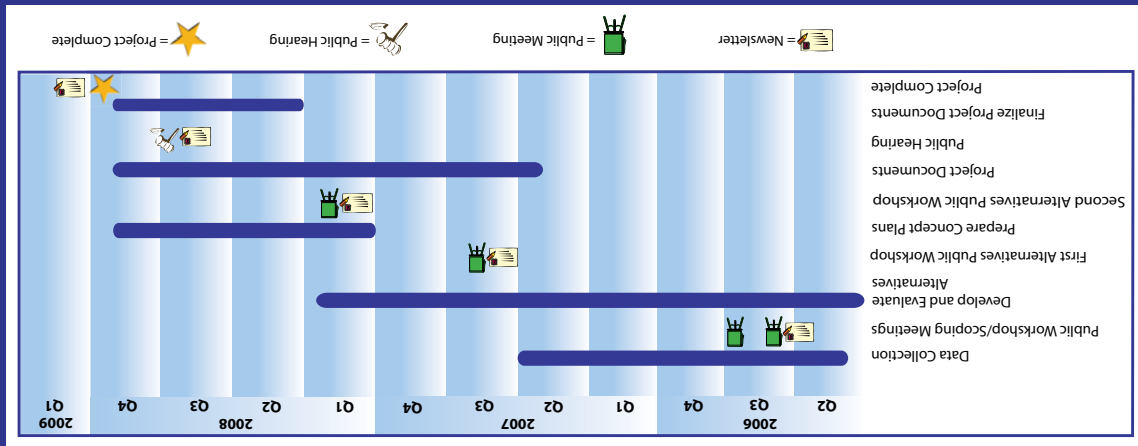
The public is invited to attend the Alternatives Public Workshop to be held on Tuesday, August 14, 2007 beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Ocklawaha Bridge Baptist Church located on 14100 East Highway 40 in Silver Springs, Florida. The workshop will provide you with an overview of the study to date, the current status of the roadway widening alternatives analysis and environmental studies, information related to potential wildlife crossings and an opportunity for you to ask questions and provide your input into the study process. The workshop will have an open house format from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A video presentation will run continuously during the open house. The location of the workshop is shown on the maps.



Improvements Under Consideration

SR 40 is proposed to be widened from two to four lanes from where the existing four lanes end near Silver Springs to SE 183rd Avenue (Levy Hammock Road). Various four-lane widening alternatives and safety improvements have been evaluated to determine the economic, environmental and social benefits and impacts associated with each alternative. This comparative analysis, together with input received from the public, will serve as the basis for selection of the recommended improvement. Your input is a very important part of this process.





Project Schedule

Introductory Public Workshops were held on July 25, 2006 at the Astor Community Center and on July 27, 2006 at the Appleton Museum of Art. The first Alternatives Public Workshop is being held to present the viable improvement alternatives on August 14, 2007. A second Alternatives Public Workshop will be held in the first quarter of 2008. The final Public Hearing is anticipated to be held in the third quarter of 2008 to present the final recommendation. After the Public Hearing, the project documents will be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration for Location and Design Concept Approval.

Project Contacts

Public notifications for project meetings are posted on the project website, www.sr40pde.com. Anyone requesting special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 should contact David Dangel at (407) 971-8850 or by e-mail at ddangel@inwoodinc.com. Special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act should be made at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. Written comments and questions can be faxed to (407) 971-8955 or mailed to Inwood Consulting Engineers, 870 Clark Street, Oviedo, Florida 32765.



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