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Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Reevaluation

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Comments & Coordination Report

SR 52 PD&E STUDY
REEVALUATION
From Moon Lake Road to US 41 (SR 45)
Pasco County, Florida

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The proposed action includes widening SR 52 from the existing two-lane rural roadway to a six-lane divided urban highway. The study limits extend approximately 5.5 miles, from Moon Lake Road to US 41 (SR 45) in Pasco County, Florida.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has conducted a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Reevaluation for the proposed improvements to SR 52 from Moon Lake Road to US 41 (SR 45) in Pasco County, Florida. The project length is approximately 5.5 miles. The Reevaluation evaluated engineering and environmental effects associated with a six-lane urban arterial alternative and compared it to the four-lane rural concept addressed in the original PD&E Study approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in 1988. The proposed improvements consisted of widening the existing two-lane rural roadway to a six-lane divided urban highway with sidewalks and bike lanes between Moon Lake Road and US 41. The project location is shown in Figure 1.

Public involvement for this study was conducted in accordance with the FDOT PD&E Manual. To facilitate communication and ensure input from agencies and the public, a Public Hearing was held on December 11, 2001. The Public Hearing presented results from the Reevaluation and provided individuals the opportunity to express their views concerning the conceptual design and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements.

As part of the Public Involvement activities for this project, a newsletter will be mailed to property owners, public officials, and agencies on the mailing list as notification of the FHWA approval on the Reevaluation.

The following sections of this report detail the FDOT’s program to fully address and resolve all project-related issues identified through the public involvement program.

2.0 PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY

A formal Public Hearing was held on December 11, 2001 at New Beginnings Rock Church (formerly the Mission Outreach Church and Meadow Oaks Community Church), 12306 State Road 52, in Hudson, Florida from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Hearing was held to present the results of the Reevaluation and to give the public the opportunity to express their views concerning the conceptual design and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. Approximately 75 persons signed the attendance sheets at the Hearing.

Notification letters were mailed to elected officials and agency representatives at least 25 to 30 days prior to the Hearing. Property owners whose property lies in whole or in part within 300 feet from the centerline of the proposed project were notified of the Hearing 21 days in advance, in accordance with Florida Statutes and the PD&E Manual. Interested citizens were also notified by letter of the Public Hearing.

The support documents for the Reevaluation were made available for public review prior to and after the Public Hearing beginning November 21, 2001 through December 21, 2001 at the Hudson Regional Library, 8012 Library Road in Hudson, Florida. Project documents displayed at the Hearing included the Reevaluation document, Noise Study Report, Pond Siting Report, and Cultural Resources Report.
The Public Hearing was advertised in the Florida Administrative Weekly on November 21, 2001. Legal display advertisements for the Hearing were published on November 21, 2001 and December 6, 2001 in the Pasco County Edition of the St. Petersburg Times.

The Hearing consisted of an informal session and a formal session. The informal session began at 4:30 p.m. and lasted until 6:00 p.m. During that time, the public could view a continuously-running video, view the conceptual plans and project documents on display, speak to the court reporter in a one-on-one setting, or ask questions of Department representatives. Project brochures were available to all attendees. The formal portion of the Hearing began at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Kirk Bogen, Project Development Engineer for FDOT District 7, presided at the Hearing. A formal public comment session followed the formal presentation. The court reporter transcribed the entire formal portion. Following the formal portion of the Public Hearing, the informal portion resumed until 7:30 p.m.

Persons were able to offer statements as part of the Official Public Hearing Record in one of four ways: (1) make an oral statement during the formal portion of the Hearing; (2) make an oral statement to the court reporter during the informal portion of the Hearing; (3) complete the Comment Form and submit it to the court reporter or drop it in the ‘Comment Form’ box; or (4) complete and mail the Comment Form to the FDOT - District 7.

Copies of the legal display advertisements, notification letters, comment forms received, and response letters are included in Appendix A. A copy of the Public Hearing Transcript is included in Appendix B. Copies of the Public Hearing brochure, attendance rosters, recommended build alternative, and display graphics are included in the Public Hearing Project Scrapbook, December 2001.

Specific questions and comments raised at the Public Hearing were answered at the formal portion of the Hearing, during informal discussions with concerned individuals or by follow up letters. Three people gave oral statements to the court reporter during the informal portion and ten people gave oral statements during the formal portion of the Hearing. Twenty written statements (some providing more than one comment), were received either at the Hearing or in the mail. Three people requested copies of the concept plans. The comments are summarized in Section 3.0.

3.0 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

This section summarizes the substantive comments received. Responses are also provided for those comments requiring a response. The major issues raised include noise, access management and traffic signals.

Comment: Median openings at Alric Pottberg Road and Murcott Way

Several comments addressed the need for median openings at Alric Pottberg Road and at Murcott Way. The FDOT has reevaluated these intersections. The revised plans include a median opening at Alric Pottberg Road. The median opening at Murcott Way was shifted to the east to provide for an entrance into a proposed development. Murcott Way would tie into this entrance road.
Comment: Median opening at Pierce Lake Road

Several people requested a median opening at Pierce Lake Road. The FDOT has revised the plans to include a median opening to accommodate the westbound to southbound movement from SR 52 to Pierce Lake Road.

Comment: Noise level at Pine Ridge at Sugar Creek

Several comments were received regarding noise levels at the Pine Ridge development. Based on this input, the FDOT has reevaluated noise levels in this area. The Pine Ridge "neighborhood was analyzed and the report concluded that none of the homes met the abatement criteria. The Department evaluated a barrier for the one home that was predicted to be within 0.1 dBA of the approach criteria (66 dBA). The results indicate that a barrier would not be effective due to its length being limited due to the need to maintain access to Ridgedale Drive."

Comment: Pond sites

One person expressed concern about two proposed pond sites on his property. The FDOT has selected the proposed pond sites as a result of engineering analysis, environmental concerns and economics. Other alternative sites were considered and will be reevaluated during the design phase. The project is not currently funded within FDOT's Five-Year Tentative Work Program for design, right-of-way acquisition or construction.

Comment: Expedite the project

Three persons were concerned that it is taking a long time to get the project started and want it started as soon as possible. The priority of projects in Pasco County is coordinated with the MPO.

Comment: Safety at Pine Ridge

Seven persons are concerned about safety at Pine Ridge; six desire a traffic light. A traffic signal is not currently warranted at this location.

Comment: Traffic at Kent Grove

One person was concerned about traffic exiting Kent Grove Drive onto SR 52. The road geometry would be improved (maybe not totally flattened out) with the road widening. A study could be conducted in the future to see if the intersection warrants a signal.

Comment: Widen SR 52 from US 41 to I-75

This comment has been forwarded to Pasco County Representatives.

Comment: Scheduling of the proposed improvements to SR 52

Widening SR 52 from Moon Lake Road to US 41 is consistent with Pasco County's Long Range Transportation Plan. Moon Lake Road to Suncoast Parkway: design is ongoing, right-of-way acquisition is scheduled for 2002/2003, construction is scheduled for
2005/2006. The two segments from Suncoast Parkway to I-75 are not funded in the FDOT Five-Year Work Program.

**Comment: Right-of-Way acquisition by the power company**

One person was concerned with the reason behind the power company purchasing 5 feet of her property to put up a 115,000 volt pole in front of her house. She questioned why they did not buy the property across the street and put the transmission and service line on the same pole.

**Comment: Drainage**

One person was concerned with flooding on the two properties she owns on SR 52.

**Comment: Right-of-Way acquisition**

One speaker was concerned that once the Department makes “Their initial offer to acquire the property, that they will negotiate in good faith with the owner.”

**Comment: Parking at the Suncoast Expressway bike trail**

One person expressed concern for the Suncoast Expressway bike trail and that there is no parking.

**Comment: Safety near Davis Lane**

One person feels the curve in the road at Davis Lane is a hazard. The project will be designed to meet current standards.

**Comment: Signage**

Signs should be “arranged with less clutter.”

**Comment: Wildlife crossings, overpasses and mitigation**

One person was concerned that “wildlife crossings are needed for endangered species.” Also, “we need to have bridge intersections to expedite the flow of traffic...Please buy lands that have future development potential and set them aside as mitigation.”
APPENDIX A
PUBLIC HEARING MATERIALS
STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF PASCO: 

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared Debra Hoover who on oath says that she is Legal Clerk of the Pasco Times a daily newspaper published at Port Richey, in Pasco County, Florida; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal Notice, in the matter of 
RE: Public Hearing 

was published in said newspaper in the issues of 
November 21, 2001 

Affiant further says the said Pasco Times is a newspaper published at Port Richey, in said Pasco County, Florida, and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said Pasco County, Florida, each day and has been entered as second class mail matter at the post office in Port Richey in said Pasco County, Florida, for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement; and affiant further says that she has neither paid nor promised any person, firm, or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper. 

Debra Hoover 

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of November, 2001 

Paul F. Benton  
Commissioner of DD 003187  

Signature of Notary Public 

Personally known X or produced identification  

Type of Identification produced  

PUBLIC HEARING: 

SR 52 PD&E REEVALUATION  
from Moon Lake Road to US 41, Pasco County  

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has scheduled a public hearing for the Suncoast Project Development and Environment Study (PD&E) Study Reevaluation now underway in Pasco County. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2001 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Mission Outreach Church, 15050 State Road 52, Hudson, Florida. Please see the project location map. The Suncoast PD&E Study Reevaluation is intended for the Moon Lake Road to US 41 section and will consider an alternative to the existing SR 52 and US 41 interchange. The project may involve a highway widening, a bridge, and possibly a grade separation which would require a considerable amount of Executive Office (1900 A-1906) and other State funds. 

The public hearing is being held pursuant to Executive Order 00-85, dated July 28, 2000, of the Governor of Florida, and pursuant to 85.512, Florida Statutes.
Notification Letters
November 16, 2001

Mr. Mike Wells  
Pasco County Property Appraiser  
West Pasco Government Center  
7530 Little Road, Suite 130  
New Port Richey, FL 34654

RE: WPI Segment No. 2562431 / FAP No. 1851-108  
SR 52 PD&E Study Reevaluation from Moon Lake Road to US 41 / Pasco County

Dear Mr. Wells:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will conduct a Public Hearing for the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Reevaluation of State Road (SR) 52 from Moon Lake Road to US 41 in Pasco County, a distance of about 5.5 miles. The Hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2001, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Mission Outreach Church, 12306 State Road 52, Hudson, Florida. Please see the enclosed Project Location Map.

The Hearing will present information about the PD&E Study Reevaluation for SR 52 within the above referenced limits. The Recommended “Build” Alternative includes widening the existing two-lane rural roadway to a six-lane divided urban roadway. This project may involve encroachments within wetlands and floodplains which require special consideration under Executive Orders 11990 & 11988, respectively.

The Public Hearing will allow interested persons the opportunity to express their views concerning the conceptual design and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. The Reevaluation document and other supporting reports or materials will be available for public review prior to and after the Public Hearing beginning November 21, 2001 through December 21, 2001 at the following location:

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Hudson, FL 34667  
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These materials will also be available for viewing at the Hearing between 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Representatives from the FDOT will be available to answer questions and receive comments at the Hearing. There will be a project video that will be shown continuously throughout the informal portion of the Hearing. Design plans for the portion of the Reevaluation limits, from Moon Lake Road to the Suncoast Parkway, will be on display. The formal portion of the Hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will consist of a presentation by the FDOT on the proposed roadway improvements followed by a public comment period. All persons will be afforded an opportunity to express their views and furnish specific data on matters pertinent to the project.

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This Public Hearing is being held in accordance with 23 CFR 771 and Titles VI and VIII of the Civil Rights Act. Access for the disabled is available and is in compliance with 49 CFR Part 27 and 49 CFR Parts 37 and 38. Persons with disabilities who may require special accommodations at the Hearing, under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, should contact Ginger Regalado, Community Involvement Specialist by calling (800) 226-7220 / (813) 975-6460, or by email at ginger.regalado@dot.state.fl.us. Requests should be made at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the Hearing.

We invite and encourage you to attend and participate in the Public Hearing. If you have any questions concerning this project, please contact Mike Seifert, PSM, EI, Project Manager at (800) 226-7220 / (813) 975-6922 or by email at michael.seifert@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

Jeraldo Comellas, Jr., P.E.
District EMO Engineer

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Enclosure
November 16, 2001

The Honorable Robert Graham
United States Senator
101 East Kennedy Boulevard
Suite 3270
Tampa, FL 33602

RE: WPI Segment No. 256243 1 / FAP No. 1851-108
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Dear Senator Graham:

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Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Hartmann, P.E.  
District Seven Secretary  

KAH/JC/kro  
Enclosure
November 19, 2001

RE: WPI Segment No. 256243 1 / FAP No. 1851-108
SR 52 PD&E Study Reevaluation from Moon Lake Road to US 41 / Pasco County

Dear Property Owner:

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In compliance with Chapter 339.155, Florida Statutes, property owners whose property lies, in whole or in part, within 300 feet of either side of the centerline of any alternative under study (EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY NOT BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED) are being notified of this Hearing. Current county property tax records indicate that you are the recorded owner of a property located within 300 feet of at least one of the project alternatives or are near the project vicinity.

The Hearing will present information about the PD&E Study Reevaluation for SR 52 within the above referenced limits. The Recommended “Build” Alternative includes widening the existing two-lane rural roadway to a six-lane divided urban roadway. This project may involve encroachments within wetlands and floodplains which require special consideration under Executive Orders 11990 & 11988, respectively.

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District EMO Engineer

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District EMO Engineer

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Enclosure
Comment Forms Received
Comments

We encourage you to write down your opinions and comments in reference to the project to ensure that they are considered by the Environmental Management Office (EMO). Please provide your comments below:

1. The current left-turn lane for the Florida State Trooper Barracks is a safety hazard to other motorists using the westbound lanes of SR 52. Despite their desire to prevent other motorists from using the opening to their median, they force civilians like myself to risk slamming on the brakes and rear ending them. I'd like to avoid this, and believe they would too.

2. A full opening in the divider should exist for Atlee Pottier Road (aka Pasco County's "Safety Town") since it's a Pasco County facility.

3. A west-to-north turning ramp should be added to Shady Hills Road.

4. The proposed manner of left-turns at Davis Lane is a hazard due to the curve of the road.

5. Signs should be arranged with less clutter.

6. I see no need to shift the entire portion of US 41 out of its existing right-of-way. State Road 52 being shifted out of it's ROW near US 41, I accept the reasons for.

Name: DANIEL TIMOTHY DEY
Address: 16328 KILLEARN LANE
City, State, Zip: SHADY HILLS, FLORIDA, 34610-1327

If you did not receive a notice for this Hearing but desire to be included on the project mailing list, please check this box and complete the above name and address section.

Note: Please complete and place in the "Comments" box or mail to Kenneth A. Hartmann, PE. at the address on the back of this Comment Form, by December 21, 2001. All comments are part of the project record and are available for viewing by the public and the media.
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Please get on with the project. It is needed badly from a safety issue, commerce and common sense. The future is here.

Nice Plan

I own property on the south side of SR 52 - 1/4 mi. east of Moon Lake Rd. Vacant Property.

Name: Allen S. Crumbley
Address: 10311 Panorama Cft.
City, State, Zip: New Port Richey, FL 34655

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Legal Display Advertisements
Comments
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I would like to see the section of SR 52 east of the Parkway widened sooner.

Name: 
Address: P.O. Box 432
City, State, Zip: LAGO O LAKES FL 34639

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Please send one a copy of
the SR 52 Recommended Build
Alternative Plans for Moon Lake Rd
to Suncoast Parkway

Name: B. Helie
Address: P.O. Box 5762
City, State, Zip: Hudson, FL 34674

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Please send me a copy of the reduced Concept Plan SR 52 PD&E Study Reevaluation (all 12 pages)

WPI Segment No. 256243-1
FAP No. 1851-108

Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip:

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To whom it may concern,

I would appreciate it very much if you could send me a copy in color of the first phase of the Pine Ridge at Sugar Creek Condominium. Also, a copy in black & white which I am including with this request.

Sincerely,

Angelo J. Guglielmoni

Name: Angelo J. Guglielmoni
Address: 12119 Sunny Glen Cir, Unit E2
City, State, Zip: Hudson, FL 34669

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Since I live in the Pine Ridge Development on the west side of 52 - just before the tennis court - the noise is unbelievable at night. I understand that we are 2 points off the noise level which is not going to allow a barrier to be placed. The traffic will only increase and so will the noise. Also, the access into our development from west to entrance will be very dangerous - How can we get across three lanes??

Name: Maryann Piscitelli
Address: 13050 Cypress Hill Dr.
City, State, Zip: Fort Lauderdale, FL 33326

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The Devil's Isle Ridge need a movie wall and a light to get in and out of Ridge.

Name: Mary J. Molloy
Address: 1303 Cypress Hill Dr
City, State, Zip: Palm Beach, FL 33466

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I believe that a sound barrier should be put in place by the Pine Ridge Hut Division.

2.0 Decibels is not low enough for us not to love one. The noise level will increase with more traffic over the years.

A red-light and turn light should also be put in place.

We are talking about a senior community.

Name
Address
City, State, Zip

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My main concern is the noise level of the traffic. I know there was a noise level study done. I spoke to the person who conducted the study. Doing the math, they say the noise level doesn't justify a sound barrier. I write you to come to some of these dwellings and overhear yourself. A computer study is not a field study. It's a different problem now. It will be more of a problem with the increase of vehicles. A sound barrier is not on the budget. At least burn the property of The Ridge at Plant. Evergreens. Also a traffic light is in order for The Ridge. It looks at the amount of accidents that have been there already. Do we need some one to die first?

Name: Gregory Miller
Address: 12507 Ferndale St
City, State, Zip: Hudson, FL 34669

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I would like to be assured that the entrance and exit from my development will be as safe as possible — Development Fire Ridge at Sugar Creek —

Thank you

Name: Mary K. Connell
Address: 121 St. Hyacinth Dr., B-1
City, State, Zip: Hudson, FL, 34669

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Please reconsider placing a wall @ Pine Ridge @ Sugar Creek. Currently I can not have my bedroom windows open at night as the road is expanded. The noise level will increase. I know it was stated that the noise level does not meet some minimum standard. The new standard that should be used is can people sleep with their windows open?

Name: M. A. Clark
Address: 13108 Cypress Hill Dr
City, State, Zip: Hudson, FL 34667

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Dear Jerald Comellas, Jr. P.E.,

There are advantages and disadvantages to building a wider road on rt. 52, but the big advantage is to have already widened. Rt. 52 is supposed to be an evacuation road. If we have a hurricane here it will be disastrous. We could have one come up the coast and the people from St. Pete, Clearwater etc. will come up here and the roads will be clogged before we can get out. There are a lot of people here especially older ones who need to get away. They will be using Massachusetts Ave. onto De Cubellis Rd. and Ridge Rd. which both connect to Moonlake Rd., and go to Rt. 52. Also Little Rd. that goes onto route 52. If you can imagine the mess that will occur at Little Rd. and Moonlake Rd. and then on to narrow Rt. 52. There are people here with large pickup trucks with big tires who are not very courteous. I don't know why Rt. 52 wasn't widened in the first place. Rt. 50 and 54 were widened why not us?

We may not have a hurricane but if we do the road planning people won't look so good. I hope my comments will help your future planning.

Sincerely,

Ralph Dunlavey

Name: Ralph Dunlavey
Address: 12423 Woodside Ave. Rd.
City, State, Zip: Hudson Fl. 34667

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Very concerned about traffic safety along Kent Grove Dr. on I-5 and Hwy 52. Am using someone for project to begin to make this area safer. There are a lot of families that use Kent Grove to get to their houses. Also concerned about area around Pivuck Lake Rd. This area is historically known as Future Junction. At least 5 old families have grown in this area. Most of the children have remained in this area. In the 70's Mr. Harold Kent subdivided this area. This has created a community that is Hwy 52 & Kent Grove Dr. The historic Greenfield school cemetery is on Kent Grove Dr. The original families have lived in this area since the early 1900's. They deserve some consideration for their safety.

Due Segreloc Parkway has opened the traffic on Hwy 52 has increased making left turns more hazardous. Any consideration would be appreciated.

Also concerned about Hwy 52 from Hwy 41 to Interstate 25. Paving to narrow and in very bad repair. Many more accidents now due to Hwy 52 instead of 54 to get across the county.

Name: Sharon McBride
Address: P.O. Box 432
City, State, Zip: Land O Lakes FL 34639

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As a Pasco commuter, I find the Need To Widen SR52 Important. This Widening is long overdue. To Relieve Congestion and for Safety as an Evacuation Route. However as a member of over 20+ environmental groups including Sierra Club, I am Troubled by the following things:

1. Wildlife Crossings, are needed for endangered Species. They need to be at least 6' (feet) Tall by 6' (Feet) wide. They need to Connect Wildlife Preserves, like the Serenova Preserve To the Concourse Council properties Just East of Hays road. The wildlife Crossings needs to be immune To Flooding that would render it useles.

2. Overpass Bridges, we need To have Bridged Intersections To Expedite the flow of Traffic, especially at Hays road + SR52. Also SR52 + US41.

Name: Tom Lincoln
Address: 8951 Ridge Road
City, State, Zip: New Port Richey, FL 34654

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I hope that we could have bridged intersections along SR52 at all existing traffic signals and planned future traffic signals (I want bridges to replace traffic lights).

I ask that you please remove any plans to use property that will never be developed from being your mitigation. Please buy lands that have future development potential and set them aside as mitigation.

Name: Tom Lincoln  [Phone number redacted]
Address: 8951 Ridge Rd.
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REQUESTING LEFT DIRECTIONAL
MEDIAN OPS FOR 30 HOUSEHOLDS
SOUTH OF SR 52 AT PIERCE LAKE RD
(EST PK OR R.R. CROSSING) THE MEDIAN FOR
WEST BOUND TO SOUTH AT PRESENT LOCATION
SERVES NO ONE JUST A LAKE.

Name: [Signature]
Address: 1234 Fifth St
City, State, Zip: Tampa, FL

Note: Please complete and place in the Comment Form, by December 21, 2001. A copy will be made public.
December 7, 2001

To: Kenneth A. Hartman, P.E., District Seven Secretary
Attention: Jeraldo Comellas, Jr. P.E.
District Environmental Management Engineer
Florida Department Of Transportation, District Seven
Ms 7-500
11201 N. McKinley Drive
Tampa, FL 33612-5456
Fax: (813) 975-6451

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From Moon Lake Road to US 41

WPI Segment No. 2562431

Comments

1. With the expansion of the roadway and the construction of the Suncoast Parkway, obviously there is an anticipation of additional traffic in our area just east of Moon Lake Road. Because our community at Pine Ridge At Sugar Creek Condominium Association is within 100' to 150 feet from SR 52, we would strongly request that the state consider erecting a barrier wall between the roadway and our community to reduce the excessive noise caused by this anticipated level of traffic.

2. For various reasons including that we are a 55 years of age or older community and our location being on a blind curve, we request that a traffic light be placed at the intersection of Ridgedale Drive and State Road 52. A study should prove this need.

3. Our final request is to ensure that there will continue to be a center turning lane for vehicles turning left into our community while traveling east on State Road 52.

Note: There have been two traffic accidents in the last month at the intersection of Ridgedale and SR 52. Neither have resulted in a traffic citation to either of our residents. One of the accidents involved two County Deputies. This is already a dangerous section of road.

Name: Jim Davis, LCAM
13212 Slash Pine Drive
Hudson, FL 34669

Property Manager
Andrew Nappi
Right of Way Agent

To: Kirk R Bogen/D7/FDOT@FDOT, Michael J Seifert/D7/FDOT@FDOT
cc: Ginger Regalado/D7/FDOT@FDOT

Subject: SR 52 Meeting

Andrew Nappi

Dear Folks;

Last night was my first "formal" type public meeting. I was really impressed by how you all handled the set-up (given the venue owner changes), the resident statements, and the well intentioned but three minute plus interest group statements.

Being a Hudson resident myself, although a few miles west of the project, I am glad that something is being done to better process the traffic flow. This was also my first meeting as a resident too, even though I was working.

As a resident, I feel that every opportunity to provide input and express my concerns was afforded me last night as well as the names of appropriate contacts if I feel the need to write a letter today or tomorrow.

Obviously not all concerns can be addressed to everyone's 100% satisfaction, but we do have the ability to sound off 100%.

I have not worked here long enough to be biased so I mean it when I say that last night’s meeting was a job well done. It is too bad that teachers and parents do not take more kids to these meetings. They are really fine civics lessons in action.

Sincerely,

Andrew Nappi
Response Letters
January 16, 2001

Beverly Helie
P.O. Box 5062
Hudson, FL 34674

RE: WPI Segment No. 256243-1 SR 52 PD&E Study Reevaluation in Pasco County

Dear Ms. Helie:

This is in response to your request for a copy of the concept plans. We get numerous requests for copies of plans and reports etc. In order to be able to process the tremendous amount of requests, we must charge a nominal fee for copies and labor. Therefore, I ask that you contact the project manager, Michael Seifert, at the numbers listed below so that he can assist you better in this matter. Mr. Seifert may be able to reduce your fees by better understanding your needs. For example: color copies are much more expensive than black and white.

If you have any further questions please contact the Project Manager, Michael Seifert at (813) 975-6922 / (800) 226-7220.

Sincerely,

Jeraldo Comellas, Jr., P.E.
District EMO Engineer

JC/MS
January 23, 2002

Billy A. Heasley
17035 State Road 52
Land O’ Lakes, Fl. 34639

RE: WPI Segment No. 256243-1 SR 52 Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study Reevaluation in Pasco County

Dear Mr. Heasley,

This is in response to your letter dated December 18, 2001. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) appreciates your attendance at the Public Hearing held on December 11, 2001. You expressed concern about two proposed pond sites on your property. We do extensive analysis on the social and environmental effects as well as engineering analysis in order to decide how to accommodate the needs of the transportation facilities in which we study. An integral part of our study is community involvement. We encourage the community to become involved in the development of our transportation systems early in the project development process. In response to your concerns, FDOT offers the following:

1. The proposed pond and flood plain compensation (FPC) sites on your property were chosen as a result of engineering analysis, environmental concerns and economics. Other alternative sites were considered and will be reevaluated during the design phase.

2. FDOT is willing to meet with you now or in the design phase in order to make adjustments to try to meet your needs. This project is still early in the planning stage and changes can be made. Pond sites are proposed during this phase in order to estimated land needs and satisfy environmental requirements. Please contact Mike Seifert, the Project Manager if you wish to set up a meeting. His number is listed below.

3. Please be aware that this project is not currently funded within FDOT's 5-year tentative work program for design, right of way acquisition, or construction. This means that these project phases are not expected to occur within the next 5 years. Also enclosed is a brochure called "The Real Estate Acquisition Process ". We highly recommend you to review it, particularly the "Eminent Domain" section.
Again, remember that this project is in the early planning stages and your input is not only welcomed, but it is encouraged. This is the most ideal time to incorporate suggestions and make changes in a project if warranted.

If you have any further questions, please contact Michael Seifert, the Project Manager at (813) 975-6922 / (800) 226-7220.

Sincerely,

Jeraldo Comellas, Jr., P.E.
District EMO Engineer

Cc: File
    JC
    Bricklemyer Smolker & Bovles, P.A.
    500 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, Fl. 33602
Mike, I know you and I discussed this issue already, but I wanted to send it in a written form for the files.

Mr. Gary Moore (929-0245)
12680 McBride Road
Spring Hill, FL 34610-4512

Called Mr. Hartmann's office to get info and to give information on the above project. The call was then given to me to handle.

Mr. Moore's concern is as follows: he believes the traffic at Kent Grove and SR 52 is very bad and he is concerned about his ability to get off of Kent Grove on to SR 52 heading towards US 41 due to the curve and high amount of traffic. He feels that area has a sight distance and speeding problem. He also believes that it will become more difficult to access SR 52 once the road is widened and asked about a light being put in.

I told Mr. Moore in our conversation that the road geometry would be improved (maybe not totally flattened out) with the road widening. I explained that a study could be done further down the line to see if the intersection warrants a light in the future. I also told Mr. Moore that I would send him a brochure from the meeting with a comment form so that he could write us any concerns he has. (I have already mailed this).

He seemed to better understand what was happening with the road and said he was happy to here the sight distance would be addressed to some degree.

If you have any questions let me know.

Ginger
Thank you for your concern with SR 52. Your concerns have been forwarded to Pasco County representatives and other Florida Department of Transportation staff. Please note that we are very thorough in studying the engineering, environmental and social effects associated with a project such as SR 52 widening. In addition, we always take into consideration any comments from the public such as yours below. Thanks again for your support.

Michael J Seifert, PSM, E.I.  
Environmental Management Office  
813-975-6922  
God Bless America!  
"dzimmer" <david.zimmer@ablepeo.com>

It would behoove the DOT to widen 52 from Moon Lake Road to 52. But the real problem is still from US 41 to I-75. If you look at the travel paths we use for commerce, then doing only the section from Moon Lake to US 41 is a waste, if there are no plans to go and do the real bottleneck.

Widening 52 with just 4 lanes sounds better than 6, and would save tax payer money. Currently I know of no businesses or residences that would benefit from 6 lanes in that rural route.

David Zimmer
Mr. and Mrs. Harmon,

Thank you for your support of SR 52. We are in the process of reevaluating SR 52 from Moon Lake to I-75; however, we are only considering widening from Moon Lake Road to US 41 to be consistent with Pasco County's Long Range Transportation Plans. The project schedule is split into segments. 1. Moon Lake Road to The Suncoast Parkway. 2. The Suncoast Parkway to US 41. The schedule is as follows:

From Moon Lake to The Suncoast Parkway:  
Design of this segment is currently on-going. Right of Way acquiring is scheduled for Fiscal Years 2002 to 2003. Construction is scheduled for Fiscal Years 2005 to 2006.

The Suncoast Parkway to US 41: This segment is not currently funded in our 5 year work program.

From US 41 to I-75: This segment is also not funded in our 5 year work program. If you would like to find out more information about when this might be funded, I suggest you contact your Metropolitan Planning Organization in Pasco County. You can contact Doug Uden at 727-847-8140.

If you have any further questions, feel free to call me.

Michael J Seifert, PSM, E.I.  
Environmental Management Office  
813-975-6922  
God Bless America!  
TSEWIN98@aol.com

Good morning Mr. Seifert,

I'm a resident of Pasco Trails Subdivision on S.R.52. Can you give me information regarding the widening of S.R.52 from U.S.41 to the Interstate?
For the past 7 years the increase in usage of this area of highway has increased greatly and a need for widening is becoming more apparent.....any news on when this might occur?

Happy Holidays!  
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Harmon  
E-Mail Address: TSEWIN98@AOL.COM
APPENDIX B
PUBLIC HEARING TRANSCRIPT
SR 52 PD&E STUDY REEVALUATION PUBLIC HEARING
(PASCO COUNTY)

WORK PROGRAM ITEM SEGMENT NO: 256243 1
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO: 1851-108

DATE: Tuesday, December 11, 2001
TIME: 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: New Beginnings Rock Church
12306 State Road 52
Hudson, Florida

REPORTED BY: MS. RACHELLE I. SCOLARO
NOTARY PUBLIC

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Ellis E. Barrett, 18110 State Road 52, Land O' Lakes, Florida, 34639.

My complaint is with the power company. They came out here a while back and wanted to buy five foot of our property and put a 115,000 volt line right in front of the house.

And we want to know why come they couldn't go and put it on the north side of the road instead of in front of our house. And that is really the situation.

In other words, they have got to have property somewhere; and while they are at it, why don't they go ahead and get property on the north side and put the transmission and service line on the same pole. That's it.

ELLIS E. BARRETT
18110 STATE ROAD 52
LAND O' LAKES, FL 34639
813-996-6607
My name is Joy Cain. I live at 18050 State Road 52, Land O' Lakes, Florida 34639. My phone number is 813-996-1932. I have had a major problem with flooding to two pieces of property that I own on Highway 52 from Station 295 through Station 300.

Several years ago the Department of Transportation came out and resurfaced the roads in front of my house and they made a pitch to the road that has caused us flooding, because the -- the angle of the pitch leads onto my property.

There is at least -- in the small property at 18050 State Road 52, there is at least 6 to 7 inches of water that comes down my driveway whenever it rains.

On the second piece of property at 18040 State Road 52, when they came through several years ago, they removed the sand barrier that the previous lady had put up to help keep the overage of water from going into her yard.
At that time she also had to put at least a foot of sand in her complete property because of flooding. When you people came through before, they, at my insistence, put it back but they didn't put it back as high.

Now it still floods -- not still, but it floods into my house. I had closed in the carport and the front porch. It is closed into that area plus into the house itself.

And when you step from the outside the house, which is on the ground into the porch area, you have to step down because of the previous owner raising the sand level on the outside, and then you step up to the house. The water had gone into the house itself.

When the engineers were out some time ago, they looked over both of these problems and stated that the water should go down the right of way for my two houses past the trailer park which is next door, and turning on Pierce Road and go down the ditch into
the Pierce Lake. Well, it doesn't, and
ty they did not do anything about it, and
it still floods. That's it. Okay.

I do own both pieces of property.
The one at address 18040 is under the
name of Louis Cain, C-a-i-n. The one
under 18050 is under the name of Joy
Auler, A-u-l-e-r.

Whenever the water comes down this
road, right of way, past the trailer
park, it floods the trailer park also
before -- it's supposed to go down the
ditch along Pierce Road, but it doesn't
go down the road or down the ditch.
That was pretty bad. But that's it.

JOY CAI
18050 'STATE ROAD 52
LAND O' LA E S, FL 34639
813-996-1932
James Wilcox, 6210 Keller Drive,
Port Richey, Florida, 34668.
727-841-9904.

My title is president of the
Concourse, which is a 217-acre piece of
property, about a quarter of a mile
west of the Suncoast Parkway on State
Road 52.

Over the last 6 months the property
owners on our east, Mable Bridge
Corporation; and Suncoast Center on our
south; and Murcott Way, which is a
group of about 40 homeowners, have all
been negotiating to have a median cut
that would make everyone happy.

We have come up with an agreement
that all four would be involved -- all
four corners of the property would be
involved and all groups would be happy
with the median cut.

And we just found out last Friday
that the architects for Suncoast Center
called and said that he wants to change
and he no longer wants to be a part of
that amicable agreement.
We are very concerned about this because we found that Suncoast Center has been dishonest for most of the last 6 months on their dealings with the other three property owners.

And what they proposed would only be advantageous for them. It would be unsafe for the property owners of Murcott Way getting in and out of their property.

It would cut our property in half as far as us having a road into our property, and Mable Bridge would no longer even have access to their property.

So I'm very concerned about Suncoast Center dictating to DOT how this is going to happen. Apparently, that's what they have done at this point. So I would like to see some relief and I would like to see all the parties get back together again and agree, put it on paper, and be done with it so we could all be happy with where the median cut is going to be, because it
does affect a lot of different groups, not just Suncoast Center.

The Concourse is a piece of property that has Safety Town on it which has approximately a hundred students coming every day for field trips to learn about safety issues. And if we don't have a median cut where we can easily get into the property with school buses, it's going to be a very unsafe condition for students in the future.

We also plan on having other activities out there. We have boy scouts camping out there. We have had some small concerts and some different club meetings out there; and quite a few different groups meet in our building out there on a regular basis, and they need to be able to get in and out of the property in an easy way.

And this, again, was all agreed upon; but not on paper, a couple of months ago with the four parties involved. But now, for some reason, one party has called in and tried to
change at the last minute. That needs
to not happen.

So please feel free to call me, and
I'm in touch with Judy Smith and Adam
Perez on a regular basis on this. We
just found out today that this new
change developed. Thank you very much.

JAMES WILCOX
6210 KELLER DRIVE
PORT RICHEY, FL 34668
(727) 841-9904
MR. BOGEN: Good evening. Welcome to the public hearing concerning the proposed improvements to State Road 52. This project development and environment or PD&E study reevaluation is being conducted by the Florida Department of Transportation or FDOT in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration or FHWA.

My name is Kirk Bogen, and I am the project development engineer for District Seven which includes -- which covers five counties, including Pasco County.

Today is Tuesday, December the 11th, 2001, and it is approximately 6:03 p.m. I will first describe the laws under which we are conducting this public hearing. I will then introduce the Department staff who can answer questions during the informal portion of this hearing.

I will then describe the proposed improvements to the project and the ways in which you can make public
comments on those improvements.

This public hearing is being conducted by the Department in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements including Title VI and Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act.

This hearing is being held at the New Beginnings Rock Church, 12306 State Road 52, Hudson, Florida, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and concerns the following project:

Work Program Item Segment Number: 256243 1, Federal Aid Project Number: 1851-108.

The project is State Road 52 from Moon Lake Road to U.S. 41 in Pasco County, a distance of approximately 5.5 miles.

In keeping with the Florida statutory requirements and Department policies, this public hearing was advertised in the November 21st edition of the Florida Administrative Weekly and the November 21st and December 5th, 2001, Pasco Edition of
The St. Petersburg Times.

Under Title VI and Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act, any person or beneficiary who believes they have been subjected to discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability or family status may file a written complaint to either one of the addresses listed in your brochure.

This hearing will fulfill requirements for the implementation of executive orders 11990 and 11988 relating to the "Protection of Wetlands" and "Floodplain Management," respectively.

The purpose of this public hearing is to share information with interested citizens about the proposed project; its conceptual design, and potential social, economic, and environmental impacts.

We are here tonight to present to you and explain the engineering and environmental work accomplished to date.
for this project and give you an
opportunity to publicly and
officially comment on the conceptual
plans and documents.

We also have on display tonight the
segment from Moon Lake to the Suncoast
Parkway that is currently in the design
phase. Please understand that the
plans from the Suncoast Parkway to U.S.
41 are conceptual and that the plans
displayed here this evening are not
final construction plans.

We bring plans to public hearings
while they are still in the conceptual
stage to seek public opinion and to
solicit local knowledge of values and
concerns as they relate to the
transportation plans. We also bring
design plans like the ones shown here
this evening for the public's awareness
and comment. This gives interested
persons like you an opportunity to
become fully aware of the proposed
highway improvements and to state your
-- your -- and to state your comments

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so that they may be considered in the selection process.

This presentation provides a summary of the Department's engineering and environmental studies associated with proposed improvements to State Road 52.

When you arrived this evening you were offered a project brochure, like this. This brochure contains information about the federal and state partnerships and the use of federal highway trust funds. Also, the right-of-way process is described.

Now, I will introduce the staff. The following Department representatives can assist you with your review of materials on display.

Mike Seifert, our project manager; Adam Perez, our design project manager; Ginger Regalado, our community involvement specialist; John Romero, our consultant project manager, in the back there. We have Robin Rhinesmith, who is our environmental scientist; and
Roberto Gonzalez, who is our hazardous materials; and we have Dwayne Kile, our district design engineer; and Ron Chin, our roadway design engineer.

From our right-of-way department we have Andrew Nappi and Jim Futch. From access management we have Judy Smith; and from public information we have Kris Carson; and from our traffic safety team we have Jeanette Rouse; and we also have John Kilkenny from our maintenance office.

Now I will describe the proposed improvements. The proposed improvements to the project are as follows: The Department initiated the State Road 52 PD&E study reevaluation in the winter of 1999. The Department received approval of the State Road 52 environmental document an environmental assessment/finding of no significant impact, (EA/FONSI), from the Federal Highway Administration in July 1988. That study proposed a four-lane rural typical section for the
segment of roadway from Moon Lake Road to U.S. 41.

This reevaluation evaluates engineering and environmental effects associated with the six-lane urban arterial alternative and compares it to the four-lane rural concept, which was previously approved in 1988 PD&E study.

Due to an increase in project traffic and projected traffic and changes in future land use, a six-lane typical section is now required.

The "build" alternative recommends a 22-foot median separating three 12-foot travel lanes in each direction. Four-foot bike lanes and five-foot sidewalks would also be provided on each side of the facility. The total right-of-way width for this typical section is 156 feet, which is 56 feet less than that required by the 1988 study.

The alignment for the new proposed typical section will be generally consistent with the alignment proposed.
in the 1988 PD&E study. However, a
deviation from that alignment is
necessary in the segment from the
Suncoast Parkway to Kent Grove Drive to
avoid a new major gas line located on
the south side of the roadway.

Many of your questions may be very
specific in nature, and we may not be
able to answer them tonight. However,
we will give you the best answer we can
based on the information that we have
to date.

Now I will describe the ways that
you can comment. Your comments
regarding the proposed improvements
tonight made be made in one of four
different ways.

First, you can make an oral
statement during the formal portion of
the hearing, which is the portion that
we are in now.

Second, you can make an oral
statement to the court reporter during
the informal portion of the hearing.

Third, you can complete the comment
form which can be submitted to the
court reporter or dropped in a comment
box -- comment form box.

Or fourth, you can complete and mail
the comment form to the address
preprinted on the back of the comment
form.

At this time I would like to
recognize any elected officials or
their representatives who are here
tonight. If there are any such
representatives, I would ask them to
please stand and introduce themselves
for the record.

We will now call upon those who have
turned in speaker cards. If you have
not turned in a -- in a card and wish
to speak, please raise your hand and
someone will give you a card to
complete.

Before the first speaker begins, I
would like to remind everybody that
this portion of the hearing is not a
question-and-answer period.

The purpose of this portion of the
hearing is to allow you to make public statements regarding your views and opinions on the project.

If you have any specific questions, please see one of the representatives during the informal period following this portion. The informal portion will extend until 7:30 tonight.

To allow everybody who would like to speak the opportunity to do so, please limit your comments to 3 minutes.

Before making your statement, please state your name and address for the court reporter.

At this time those persons who have filled out a speaker card and wish to speak for the record will be called to the microphone.

Our first speaker is Angelo J. Guglielmoni.

MR. GUGLIELMONI: I have no comment.

MR. BOGEN: Our next speaker is MaryAnn Prseitelli.

MS. PRSEITELLI: I live at 13022 Cypress Hill Drive, and that's at
Shadow Ridge -- excuse me, Pine Ridge at Shadow Creek. I have the last unit of the development. The noise is unbearable. At night it's terrible. And that's only on a 2-lane highway; one going and one coming.

When it becomes a 6-lane highway, the noise will be three times, four times, five times, six times worse. There has to be some kind of a barrier put up. Not only for the noise, but for all our safety. Because if there's an accident, which there have been many, it's going to happen and they could come right into my bedroom.

I really would like to have a sound barrier and some kind of safety device put up there. Thank you.

MR. BOGEN: I think you have spoken with Robin --

MS. PRSEITELLI: Yes, I did.

MR. BOGEN: Our next speaker is Theresa Memmel.

MS. MEMMEL: Yes. I'm also talking about this sound barrier. And the way
that they judge -- the Department of Transportation judges the level of the sound, we are only 2 meters -- 2 decibel points below that, and I believe that a sound barrier should be put up.

Two decibel points, if you add on a couple of more lanes, it's going to be much louder. I don't believe that's the way to be judging it.

Also, that they are going to need a light there for the senior citizens to get in and out, or anybody.

MR. BOGEN: Thank you for your comment. Our next speaker is Daniel Timothy Dey.

MR. DEY: Hi. I'm Daniel Dey at 16328 Killearn Lane, Shady Hills. And I want to say, first of all, I'm grateful that you are finally getting through with building this road. But I have problems with the some of the -- some of the parts of the design.

The median, for example, I think deserves -- I think they deserve a turn
lane over at the -- (unintelligible) --
Road for safety because isn't that a
county park? That's a county park,
isn't it? Yeah, right.
The one thing -- the U-turn to the
Florida Highway Patrol there, that
needs a left turn lane, too, even
though it's not for us, because I don't
want to be driving down the road west
on 52 and have to have a state trooper
stop short in front of me and I have to
slam into him.
Shady Hills Road, I'm glad you are
putting a right-turn ramp going
south -- south to west. I think you
should put one west and north. Because
the (undecipherable).
I would like to observe the river on
the -- I think that's Withlacoochee --
what's the name of that path,
Withlacoochee Lane. That river --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
Withlacoochee?
MR. DEY: Thanks, yeah. There is --
also the shifting of right of way for
52. I understand you are doing that, but 54 when I found out there is -- someone else is working on that. I don't know why that has to be.

I guess the rest of my comments were already in the box there. Oh, science, I'm not going to science. I really should have been -- should have more prepared speeches here. I hope it works out.

MR. BOGEN: Thank you for your comment. I will refer you to Judy Smith on your access -- your median issue in the informal portion. You can talk with her.

MR. DEY: All right. I will call her.

MR. BOGEN: Our next speaker is Tom Lincoln.

MR. LINCOLN: Hi. My name is Tom Lincoln, 8951 Ridge Road, New Port Richey, Florida 34654.

I'm here tonight to I guess really support the road. I want to see the road built. However, I do have some
concerns about the road as to the
environment. We need this road. It
will be helpful in evacuation, maybe
not only for just hurricanes but any
other necessary evacuation.

Also, you know, the traffic is bad.
And there is road rage out there, and I
would like to see this road built in
such a way so that it flows efficiently
like I-75.

Get rid of some of those lights and
intersections that tie up traffic and
make people sit and wait. If we can
have more overpass bridges. Especially
at U.S. 41 and State Road 52. Hayes
Road would be another really good
intersection to relieve traffic.

By having an overpass bridge, this
will expedite any type of necessary
evacuation, plus it helps with fuel
economy.

I'm in over 20 environmental
groups; one of them being the Sierra
Club, and we are concerned about oil
consumption. And if you obviously hit
your brakes, then have to reaccelerate
your car, you are contributing to
pollution, global warming, and the
problem of using Middle Eastern oil,
which I think, God Bless America, we
are all against using foreign oil at
this point.

Wildlife crossings. We beg that you
can find the dollars somehow because
this county and -- I mean, granted,
endangered species are a problem for
the whole country.

You know, we don't have the moral
right to single out a species or an
animal and say, "We don't care that we
are totally eliminating you," but in
Pasco County there are a few endangered
species left.

And by having wildlife crossings
that are at least 6-feet tall, maybe
6-feet wide, so that it will enable
larger black bear and Florida panther,
hopefully, to make the cross.

And then have the wildlife crossing
up high enough so that when it rains or
floods that the babies and the smaller
species are still able to cross. And
my strongest suggestion or plea to you
is that you connect the Seranova
Preserve or the Seranova tract to
the -- what's the name of it here,
Concourse Council.

They have some land there that is
being, I guess, preserved. It's -- I
don't understand the politics on that,
but --

MR. BOGEN: Thank you for your
comment.

MR. LINCOLN: Am I out of time? May
I make one more -- one last statement
here?

MR. BOGEN: Sure.

MR. LINCOLN: The one little thing
that bothers me is if you could
maybe, since the Concourse Council has
their land as preservation, try and
find another developmental site to use
as the wetland mitigation or any other
mitigation, try and find -- because you
see the Council's land -- the Concourse

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Council's land is already being preserved.

So for you to take that as -- and make a wetland there or retention pond and call that mitigation, you are already trying to mitigate what is -- nature has already mitigated. So move it -- make the mitigation somewhere else so that we really get full credit for that. Thank you.

MR. BOGEN: Thank you. Thank you for your comment. I will refer your comment about the overpass at the different roads to Mike Seifert our project manager, and you can talk to me about the wildlife crossings.

MR. LINCOLN: Thank you, sir.

MR. BOGEN: Next we have Jim Wilcox.

MR. WILCOX: Jim Wilcox, 6210 Keller Drive, Port Richey, Florida, President of the Concourse Council.

We have a real concern with a couple of things that have been going on. Hopefully, they will be resolved soon.

Our main entrance brings in
approximately 100 school children a day
to Safety Town, and we also have a
couple of other smaller events out
there.

And right now with the road, even
though it's pretty busy, you can
imagine how busy it's going to be in a
couple of years. A couple of years ago
we were told we were going to have a
full median cut at our property; and
obviously, a full median cut, hopefully
in the future we would have a light
there which would be a safety issue
that we would have for the school
children and any other events we might
have on that property.

It's not a county park though. It
is for county use, but it is privately
owned and, you know, we want to let
people in the county use this
property.

We have been in discussions with
three other property owners; one next
to us and two across from us at
Suncoast Center, the residents of
Murcott Way, and also Mable Bridge
Corporation about trying to find a
place where all four parties could be
happy so we would only have one median
cut, and all four properties could get
to their properties from that property.

And we have all been in negotiations
and everything. It looked good, and
hopefully it will continue that way.
But we just want to make sure that
that's the main concern of DOT and also
Pasco County, is to make it
advantageous to all four property
owners right there. So, that's it.

MR. BOGEN: Thank you for your
comment. Next we have Fred Weridine.

MR. WERIDINE: My name is Fred
Weridine. My address is 601 North
Ashley Drive in Tampa. I'm here
tonight on behalf of the Mitchell
family, specifically, Dewey Mitchell
who owns property between Moon Lake and
the Suncoast.

And we just want to go on the record
saying that the Mitchells have no
problem with the widening. They are in favor of the widening. They recognize that 52 needs to be widened if you look at what has happened with the Suncoast, that's four-laned at Moon Lake Drive.

So the road is going to be widened. What we are concerned about is that the Department, once they are past the design phase and are into the right-of-way acquisition phase, that once they make their initial offer to acquire the property, that they will negotiate in good faith with the owner.

We have had some experiences in the past where the Department hasn't done that. Specifically, under Chapter 734 statutes, DOT is required to negotiate in good faith prior to filing any type of a lawsuit to take the property.

So we just want to go on the record saying that we are not in any way trying to hold up this project, but we do expect that the Department will play by the rules and will negotiate in good
faith once they have made their initial
offer. Thanks.

MR. BOGEN: Thank you for your
comment. I will refer you to Jim
Putch. You can talk with him during
the informal portion. He will give you
more information on that.

Our next speaker is Gregory Muller.

MR. MULLER: Yep. Gregory Muller. I
live at 12504 Ferndale Court in Hudson,
Florida.

And my main concern with -- I think
it's a great project. It needs to be
done. But my mother-in-law lives at
Pine Ridge. When we go to visit her --
my wife had gotten into a serious car
accident not that long ago trying to
get into Pine Ridge.

And the problem there is that where
52 kind of turns gradually there, it's
hard to negotiate the speed of traffic
that's heading west. And a light is
definitely in order.

It just -- the sight distance comes
into play. It's hard to judge as
people come around that turn. You really can't gauge the speed that they are -- it's hard to negotiate that turn.

My wife was hit. That was -- that was -- an officer had hit her. A cruiser was passing north -- a cruiser, but that's neither here nor there.

And also the sound is an issue there. You know, I know it -- I spoke to the young lady who did the sound test and it doesn't meet the criteria that the federal government sets up to -- you know, for the decibel level.

But if not -- I don't know when they do those tests if it's done with a computer. But if you could sit in one of those dwellings and hear for yourself, you can really get a feel for the sound.

It really -- you would have to really be in the field to -- I don't know, they don't do the field test. I was told they do computer tests.

If you sit in one of those dwellings
you can hear it. If not a sound
barrier made out of masonry, at least a
berm with evergreens, something would
be sightly pleasing, and noise does not
seem as loud if you can't see it. You
know, but that's it.

MR. BOGEN: Thank you for your
comment. Your comment about the sight
distance, I will refer you to Adam
Perez, our design project manager. And
I do believe on the noise that we do
take sample sites, but I will refer you
back to Robin, and she can further tell
you about that process.

Our next speaker is Paul Cadovius.

MR. CADOVIUS: I'm Paul Cadovius,
11435 Murcott Way, Grovewood Estates.

We have a concern as far as the
design with a turn lane going east
because there is -- now there is a
proposed development going on between
Murcott Way and the Suncoast Center,
that's 600 homes now.

I might be putting the cart before
the horse, but that road is to tie into
existing Murcott Way. We will have an excess amount of traffic coming in.

So we would need to request a turn lane to turn into Murcott Way, plus the possibility of a traffic light.

There is also a concern for the Suncoast Expressway, the bike trail. There is no parking for anybody to park their vehicles to park on the -- we would like to see a parking area so that they can park their cars and get on bicycles and proceed to the parkway. That's all I have. Thank you.

MR. BOGEN: Thank you for your comment. I will refer you to Mike Seifert, and he should be able to shed some light on that.

Our next speaker is James Adams.

MR. ADAMS: James Adams, Adams Engineering Associates, Brooksville, Florida. I am an agent for and represent the Mable Bridge property, which is located adjacent to the immediate east side of the Concourse.
I want to support the comments of James Wilcox of the Concourse. We would support the roadway, but the location of the full median cut, instead of being at Murcott should be moved east to about Station 156, right on the property line.

This alignment or alignment of this location is -- has been worked out in cooperation of all the property owners in that immediate vicinity, is my understanding, that they all support this relocation.

Mable Bridge is a large parcel designated as mixed use by Pasco County, which is a high-intense use, which is appropriate for this location which demands as traffic generation -- traffic demand at that location is going to demand a full median cut at that location to accommodate this use as far as the -- and as well as the other property owners in the vicinity including the development on the south Concourse, in the subdivision.
I encourage the DOT to move this full-cut median to the property line east of Murcott.

MR. BOGEN: Thank you for your comment. If you will see Judy Smith, she can probably give you more information on that.

Our next speaker is George Nicholas.

MR. NICHOLAS: I represent the owners of the GBY tract, which is a tract of land which is south of 52 and west of Suncoast Expressway. That's a 488-acre tract, and we were trying to work out that intersection at Murcott as well. Along with what Mr. Adams said. We met with everyone and we thought we had worked out an agreement that we are going to shift the entrance over and the median cut as well.

And so I just want to let everyone else know that we were in agreement with that and that we would like to support that movement of that median cut.

MR. BOGEN: Thank you. Is there
anyone who has not spoken who would
like to speak at this time? If so,
please raise your hand.

The transcript of the oral
proceedings of this hearing and copies
of or in reference to written
statements or exhibits, together with
copies or references to materials made
available for the hearing will be
available for public inspection at the
District Seven office at 11201 North
McKinley Drive, Tampa, Florida, within
three weeks.

It is approximately 6:35 p.m. There
being no one else wishing to speak,
I hereby officially close this formal
portion of the public hearing of the
State Road 52 PD&E study reevaluation.

The Florida Department of
Transportation thanks you for your
participation in tonight's public
hearing.
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I, RACHELLE SCOLARO, Court Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at large, hereby certify that the Public Hearing was recorded in Stenotypy by me and that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct transcription of the recordings thereof.

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