



## **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Martin County Administrative Center  
Board of County Commission Chambers  
2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL 34996  
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**Wednesday, February 5, 2025 @ 9:00 AM**

### **AGENDA**

<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION</u></b>
1. CALL TO ORDER	
2. ROLL CALL	
3. APPROVE AGENDA	APPROVE
4. APPROVE MINUTES <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>CAC Meeting – September 4, 2024</li></ul>	APPROVE
5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES; COMPLETE CARD TO COMMENT)	
6. AGENDA ITEMS	
A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS	APPROVE
B. SAFETY TARGETS	APPROVE
C. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) PROJECT APPLICATION	APPROVE
D. TITLE VI REPORT UPDATE	APPROVE
E. DRAFT FY27-FY31 LIST OF PROJECT PRIORITIES (LOPP)	APPROVE
F. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ANNUAL REPORT UPDATE	APPROVE

**G. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT)  
SR-710 AND SW ALLAPATTAH ROAD WIDENING  
AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL PRESENTATION**

**DISCUSSION**

**H. FDOT'S MONTEREY RD AT FEC RAILROAD CROSSING  
GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT**

**DISCUSSION**

**7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**8. NOTES**

- 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Outreach and Survey

**9. NEXT MEETING**

- Joint TAC/CAC/BPAC Meeting – April 7, 2025 @ 1:30pm

**10. ADJOURN**

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**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

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Wednesday, September 4, 2024 @ 9:00 AM

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM by Larry Sofield, Vice Chair

**2. ROLL CALL**

Brittany Truong, Administrative Assistant, called roll.

**CAC Members in Attendance:**

Larry Sofield, Vice Chair

Ann Kagdis

Hilary Young

Blake Capps

Cindy Greenspan

Helen McBride

Howard Lyndon Brown

**CAC Members Excused:**

Saadia Tsaftarides, Chair

John F. Patteson

**CAC Members Not in Attendance:**

Trent Steele

**Staff in Attendance:**

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator

Margie Tamblyn, Senior Planner

Lucine Martens, Planner

Brittany Truong, Administrative Assistant

**Others in Attendance:**

James Brown, FDOT – Florida Turnpike Enterprise

Thomas Miller, FDOT

Katie Kehres, FDOT

Shelby Coke, Coke Consulting, LLC

**A quorum was present**

### **3. APPROVE AGENDA**

**A motion to approve the agenda was made by Helen McBride and seconded by Hilary Young. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **4. APPROVE MINUTES**

- CAC Meeting – June 5, 2024

**Motion to approve the minutes was by Helen McBride and seconded by Blake Capps. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None**

### **6. AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **A. FY25 – FY29 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) – ROLL FORWARD AMENDMENT #1**

Beth Beltran introduced Margie Tamblyn to the committee and explained what she will be focusing on with the MPO. Margie Tamblyn, Senior Planner, presented the FY 25 – FY29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Roll Forward Amendment #1. Ms. Tamblyn explained that the money that was not used last year is being rolled forward to the current TIP. There is about ten to eleven million dollars going towards transit. About nine hundred twenty thousand dollars going toward highways and about one hundred sixty thousand going toward the Turnpike.

Larry Sofield asked if some of the money is going to Port St. Lucie. Beth Beltran explained that Port St. Lucie and Martin are both part of the Port St. Lucie urbanized area. The money for transit is split between the two counties based on several factors, including population.

**A motion to approve the FY25 – FY29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Roll Forward Amendment #1 was made by Hilary Young and was seconded by Howard Lyndon Brown. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **B. FY25 – FY29 TIP – MODIFICATION #1**

Margie Tamblyn presented the FY25 – FY29 TIP – Modification #1. The change is to the project limits of one of the SR-710 widening projects. It is extending from CR-609/Allapattah Road to SW Van Buren Avenue. Beth Beltran added that at SW Van Buren Avenue, it is the most logical project limit because that is where the change from four lanes to two lanes occurs. These project limits would mirror what FDOT has in their Work Program.

Larry Sofield asked if this was a combination of another project merged into this one or just an extension of the project. Beth Beltran explained that there have been several



projects along SR-710, including passing lanes and a feasibility study. The widening project was recently divided into two segments.

Howard Lyndon Brown asked if the project was already paid for and in the budget. Beth Beltran stated the project had funding for design and some right of way. They are still waiting on the construction funding and that amount is close to three hundred million dollars. This is why the project was broken up into two segments. Once they have the funding for one segment, they can start the construction while working on getting the funds for the second segment.

**A motion to approve the FY25 – FY29 TIP Modification #1 was made by Helen McBride and seconded by Ann Kagdis. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **C. FY26 – FY30 LIST OF PROJECT PRIORITIES (LOPP) MODIFICATION**

Margie Tamblyn presented the FY26 – FY30 List of Project Priorities (LOPP) Modification. This is to make sure the LOPP matches the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Beth Beltran stated this is to make sure all our documents have the same project limits in them.

**A motion to approve the FY26 – FY30 List of Project Priorities (LOPP) Modification was made by Blake Capps and was seconded by Helen McBride. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **D. Functional Classification Update**

Beth Beltran presented the Functional Classification Update. Functional Classification, also known as Fun Class, is looking at the roadways in our planning area and classifying them based off specific criteria. Roadways that have certain Federal Classifications are eligible to receive funding through the MPO process. Currently, we are in the process of getting the proposed Functional Classification map approved by FDOT. Once that happens, the MPO Board will approve it and it will go to FDOT Central Office where it will be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for final approval. This process happens once every ten years and a copy of the map can be found on the MPO's website.

Larry Sofield asked about the rural roads and if the MPO has anything to do with the planning. Beth Beltran explained that yes, the MPO is still involved with the planning of those roads. In Indiantown, SR-710 and Allapattah Road have a Federal Functional Classification, which makes them eligible for funding through the MPO. If the rural road is a minor collector, it is not eligible for funding through the MPO. However, there are other grants and funding that the road is eligible for. Federal Function Classification determines what kind of funding the roads can get through the MPO process.

Blake Capps sought clarification on if local roads do or do not have a Federal Classification. Beth Beltran explained that some local streets do have a Federal

Classification. An example of a local road that does is Summerfield Way. However, most local streets do not have a Federal Classification because they do not meet the criteria. This means they are not eligible for funding through the MPO.

**A motion to approve the Functional Classification Update was made by Blake Capps and seconded by Ann Kagdis. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **E. SR-A1A/SE Ocean Blvd Road Safety Audit (RSA)**

Katie Kehres with FDOT explained that they are trying to be more proactive with safety instead of always being reactive. The SR-A1A/SE Ocean Blvd road safety audit was the very first one to be done in Martin County to be proactive. Ms. Kehres introduced Thomas Miller, FDOT, and Shelby Coke, Coke Consulting, LLC. Shelby Coke presented the SR-A1A/SE Ocean Blvd Road Safety Audit (RSA). Mr. Coke explained that a road safety audit is different than a regular safety audit. An RSA is conducted by an independent multidisciplinary team who also works with stakeholders. There is a formal examination of the corridor and intersection conditions. This differs from a safety study because a safety study is conducted only by a team of experts. It is also data driven and focused on crash analysis and field review.

During the field review, it was noted that there needed to be updated maintenance of pedestrian facilities. This included damaged sidewalks and foliage blocking pedestrian's paths. There was also excessive speeding from the bridge. It was also noted that there is a corridor wide issue with faded crosswalk markings and missing raised pavement markings (RPMs). At the end of the road safety audit there were two different kinds of recommendations. Corridor-wide recommendations and spot recommendations.

Helen McBride commented that the when the walk was conducted for the RSA, it was during a time where it was not congested and safe to be out. Shelby Coke stated that he and some of his team showed up at 7:50 am and walked the corridor for two hours. Then from 10:00 am to noon they walked the corridor with the stakeholders. Ms. McBride stated that the intersection of Monterey and Ocean Boulevard is very dangerous. One of the main reasons is because of the right turn from Monterey to Ocean Boulevard people do not stop. Ms. McBride asked if this was in the study that was conducted. Shelby Coke stated that for this RSA, they were not looking at the congestion or the travel times. Mr. Coke did agree that the intersection had several issues. He also stated that there were several county traffic engineers in attendance. Mr. Coke suggested a flashing yellow at the intersection and the county traffic engineers liked that idea.

Ann Kagdis stated that the most dangerous part of this road is the bridge area. This is because the speed on the bridge is 40 mph and then it quickly drops to 35 mph at the foot of the bridge. Ms. Kagdis also stated that the speed limit should be the same throughout the whole corridor. Shelby Coke explained that they drove the corridor they saw how easy it was for a person to speed. Mr. Coke also stated that we identified a

potential issue, and it can inspire a speed study in the area. Larry Sofield agreed with Ms. Kagdis that the speed on the bridge should be the same as the rest of the roads.

Blake Capps sought clarification on the borders of District Four, how many RSAs were conducted in District Four and more specifically how many in Martin County. Katie Kehres explained that FDOT District Four is Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River counties. She also stated that FDOT has only conducted RSAs reactively or when a request is made. FDOT has committed to one RSA per county per fiscal year. Thomas Miller added that a lot of the items that FDOT would be responsible for from this study will automatically get implemented from this study. An example is the stripping on the roads. If there is something that the County needs to address, FDOT will coordinate with Martin County to implement it. Mr. Miller also stated that they are looking to do two road safety audits in the next fiscal year in Martin County.

Beth Beltran explained that the reason she made this special request to have FDOT make this presentation was because this area has been on the MPO priority list for about eight to ten years. The reason it was on the list was because a previous study conducted by FDOT stated the improvements were not warranted. This resulted in the Board making this a priority because they can see the issues and concerns. This presentation is providing some updates of what FDOT is doing in this area.

Cindy Greenspan asked who determines and oversees putting up a sign that says no left turn. Thomas Miller explained that there would be a safety study and the data would be analyzed over the past five years to determine if it is warranted or not. Mr. Miller further explained that this is different from the RSA that was conducted.

Larry Sofield praised the presenters for the work they did on this audit. Mr. Sofield also asked if FDOT spoke to the surrounding neighborhoods and businesses during this process to get a better understanding of what the average person experiences in that corridor. Thomas Miller stated that for this road safety audit they did not reach out to those individuals because of how fast the process is. Katie Kehres followed up and stated that she will bring that request back and possibly talk about posting on social media. Mr. Sofield mentioned that sometimes people are not able to go to a public meeting because life gets busy. Another option would be for polls that individuals can turn in, turn in online or on social media. Mr. Sofield also wanted to know if the four hours they were out in the field for showed an accurate account of the corridor. Mr. Sofield explained that in February the population is almost doubled than what it is in June. Mr. Miller explained that in a safety study, that would be all considered. For a road safety audit, it is a quick process that identifies safety issues that can be addressed quickly and recommend possible future studies. Shelby Coke followed up and stated that Mr. Sofield is correct, and that February had the highest amount of traffic.

**Motion to approve SR-A1A/SE Ocean Blvd Road Safety Audit (RSA) with the comments from the committee made by Cindy Greenspan and seconded by Helen McBride. The motion passed unanimously.**

**7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS** - Ann Kagdis wanted to give thanks to the people who did the striping on Jensen Beach Boulevard after the last meeting.

Larry Sofield explained that they will be losing Blake Capps as a member on their committee effective in November because he was elected a County Commissioner. Mr. Sofield also stated it was a pleasure in working with Mr. Capps on the CAC and looks forward to what Mr. Capps will do as Commissioner.

Blake Capps expressed how he enjoyed speaking with Larry Sofield about different things while being on this committee. Mr. Capps also stated that he is pleased with the construction that is being done at the intersection of Tommy Clements Street and SR-710.

**8. NOTES – None**

**9. NEXT MEETING**

- Joint TAC/CAC/BPAC Meeting – October 7, 2024, at 1:30 P.M.

**10. ADJOURNMENT: 10:20 A.M.**

**Prepared by:**

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Brittany Truong, Administrative Assistant

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Date

**Approved by:**

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Saadia Tsafarides, CAC Chair

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Date

**Minutes Approved on February 5, 2025**

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**CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEETING  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

<b>MEETING DATE:</b> February 5, 2025	<b>DUE DATE:</b> January 29, 2025	<b>UPWP#:</b> 1
<b>WORDING:</b> ELECTION OF OFFICERS		
<b>REQUESTED BY:</b> MPO	<b>PREPARED BY:</b> Margie Tamblyn / Beth Beltran	<b>DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION:</b> CAC Chair; CAC Vice-Chair

**BACKGROUND**

In accordance with Section 1.03 B. (2) of the MPO Bylaws, Standing Committee Officers "shall be elected at the first meeting of the Calendar year. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall serve for a period of one year or until a successor is elected and shall be voting members." According to Section 1.03 B. (3), "The Chairman shall call and preside at all meetings. The Vice-Chairman shall serve as Chairman in the absence of the Chairman." As stated in Section 1.02 C. (1), all MPO meetings will need to be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

**ISSUES**

At the February 2025 advisory committee meetings, committee members shall nominate and elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Move appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ as CAC Chair and \_\_\_\_\_, as CAC Vice-Chair.

**APPROVAL**

MPO

**ATTACHMENTS**

MPO Bylaws Excerpt

(3) Meetings of the TCTC shall be hosted by the Martin MPO, Indian River MPO, and the St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) on a rotation basis.

(4) The **Treasure Coast Technical Advisory Committee (TCTAC)** – The function of the Treasure Coast Technical Advisory Committee is to provide technical and citizen input on regional transportation planning activities related to regional plan amendment activities and regional project prioritization and funding activities.

The TCTAC consists of representatives from the Martin MPO, the Indian River MPO, and the St. Lucie TPO. The TCTAC is comprised of seven total members; two representatives from each T/MPO, and an FDOT representative.

The TCTAC would be scheduled to meet prior to any Treasure Coast Transportation Council Meetings. These meetings shall be hosted by the three MPOs on a rotation basis.

### 1.03 COMMITTEES

#### A. *Standing Committees*

(1) There are hereby created three standing committees, which shall be advisory committees to the governing board of the MPO. These advisory committees are the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC).

#### B. *Operation*

(1) Committee Members having three consecutive unexcused absences in succession or four unexcused absences in the previous 12 months, will require a replacement or reappointment by the MPO, except as noted below. The active roster shall be comprised of committee members who have not had three consecutive unexcused absences in succession or four unexcused absences in the previous 12 months.

(a) For the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, seasonal residents may serve any resident appointment. Seasonal residents, if so declared upon their appointment, shall be required to attend at least three meetings per year between September and May.

(2) **Officers – A Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be elected at the first meeting of the Calendar year. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall serve for a period of one year or until a successor is elected and shall be voting members.**

(3) **Chairman – The Chairman shall call and preside at all meetings. The Vice Chairman shall serve as Chairman in the absence of the Chairman.**



**CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEETING  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

<b>MEETING DATE:</b> February 5, 2025	<b>DUE DATE:</b> January 29, 2025	<b>UPWP#:</b> 3
<b>WORDING:</b> TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS - 2025		
<b>REQUESTED BY:</b> MPO	<b>PREPARED BY:</b> Margie Tamblyn / Beth Beltran	<b>DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION:</b> N/A

**BACKGROUND**

State Departments of Transportation and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are required to continue to adopt Safety Performance Targets to meet Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements. There are five Federal Safety Performance Measures: Number of Fatalities; Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT); Number of Serious Injuries; Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT; Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries. Last year's Statewide and MPO Safety Targets are included in the Martin MPO's adopted FY25-FY29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has again identified "Vision Zero" Targets (goal of no fatalities and injuries) for all five of the Safety Performance Measures, supporting the philosophy that the death or injury of any person is unacceptable. Although data for fatalities and injuries could increase or decrease in 2025, FDOT expects that the projects chosen for funding will mitigate the data forecast and ultimately reduce the number of traffic fatalities and injuries.

**ISSUES**

MPOs have until February 28, 2025, to adopt the FDOT "Vision Zero" Targets for all five Safety Performance Measures. Given FDOT's resources and expertise in data collection and analysis, Martin MPO is requesting the adoption of FDOT's Targets of "Vision Zero".

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

- a. Recommend for approval.
- b. Recommend for approval with comments.

**APPROVAL**

MPO

**ATTACHMENTS**

2025 Safety Performance Measures and Forecasting Summary Sheet

## Martin MPO DRAFT

### FHWA Safety Performance Measure Targets

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) establishes five measures to assess the safety condition of Florida's public roadways:

1. Number of Fatalities: The total number of persons suffering fatal injuries in a motor vehicle crash during a calendar year.
2. Rate of Fatalities: The total number of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT) in a calendar year.
3. Number of Serious Injuries: The total number of persons suffering at least one serious injury in a motor vehicle crash during a calendar year.
4. Rate of Serious Injuries: The total number of serious injuries per 100 million VMT in a calendar year.
5. Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries: The combined total number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries involving a motor vehicle during a calendar year.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Florida's traffic safety partners are committed to eliminating fatalities and serious injuries, with the understanding that the death or serious injury of any person is unacceptable. Therefore, FDOT has established zero as the only acceptable target for all five of the federal safety performance measures. FDOT reaffirms this commitment each year in setting annual safety targets. Some MPOs have established their own targets for the safety measures.

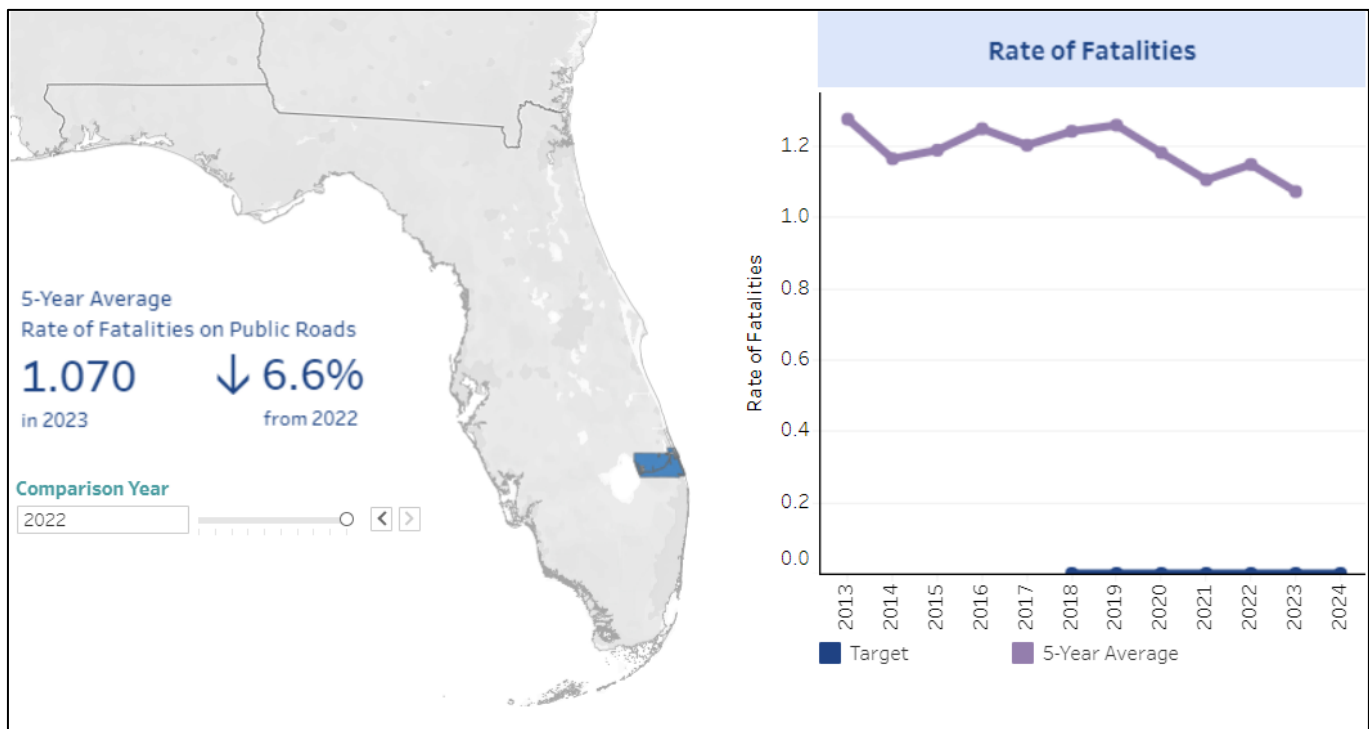
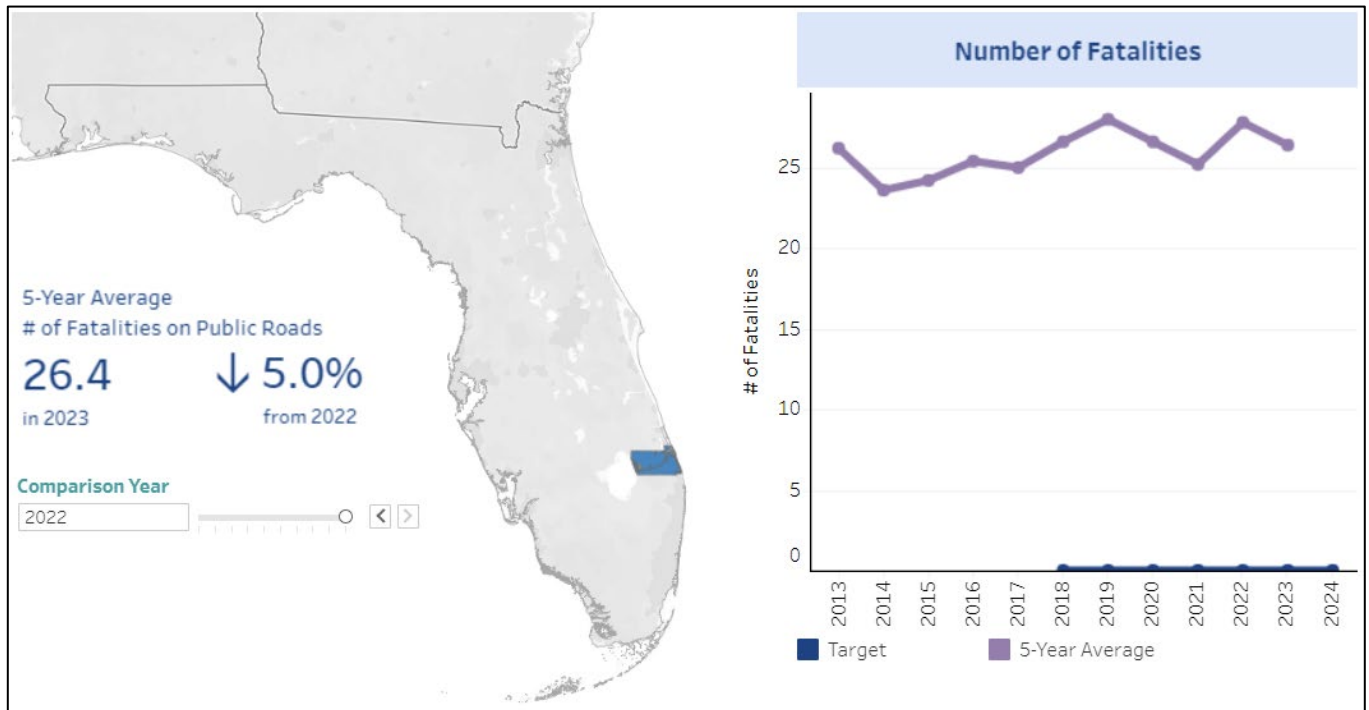
### Proposed PM 1 – Safety Targets

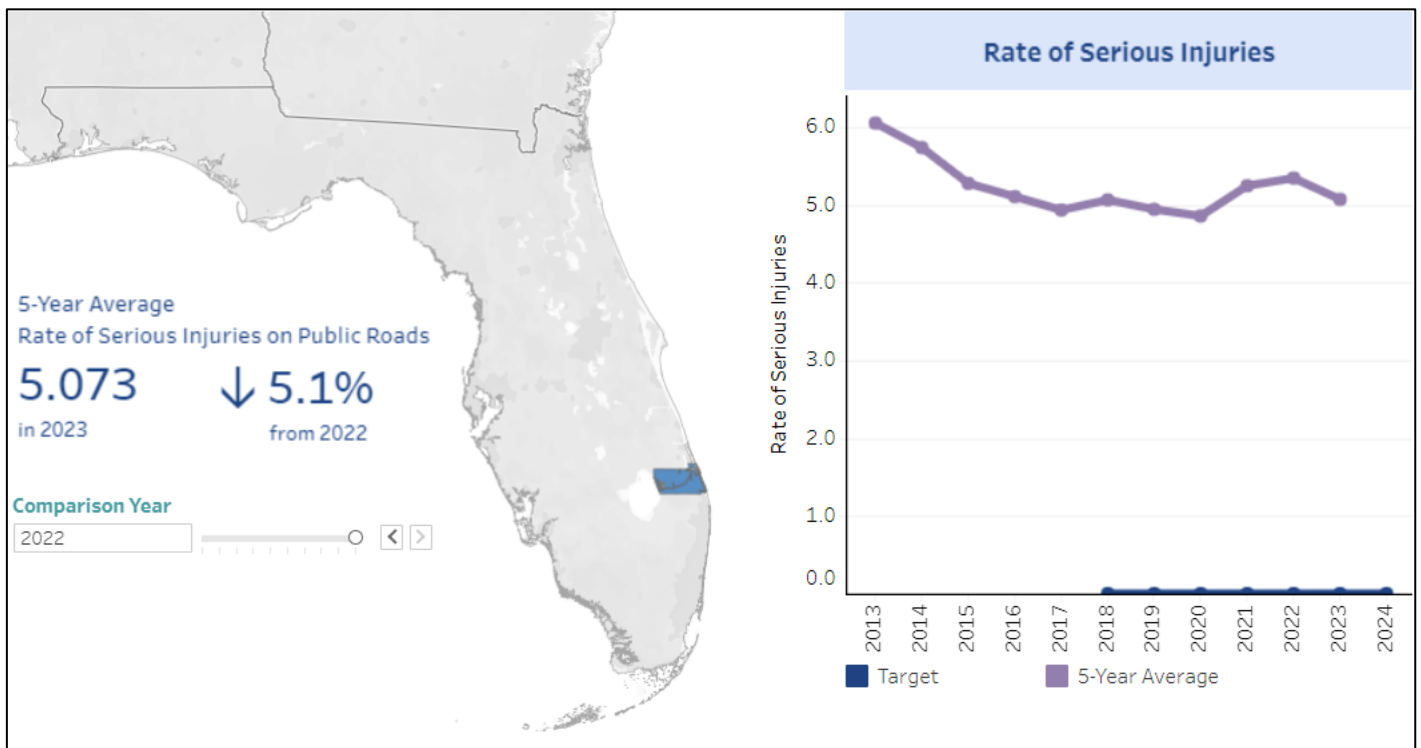
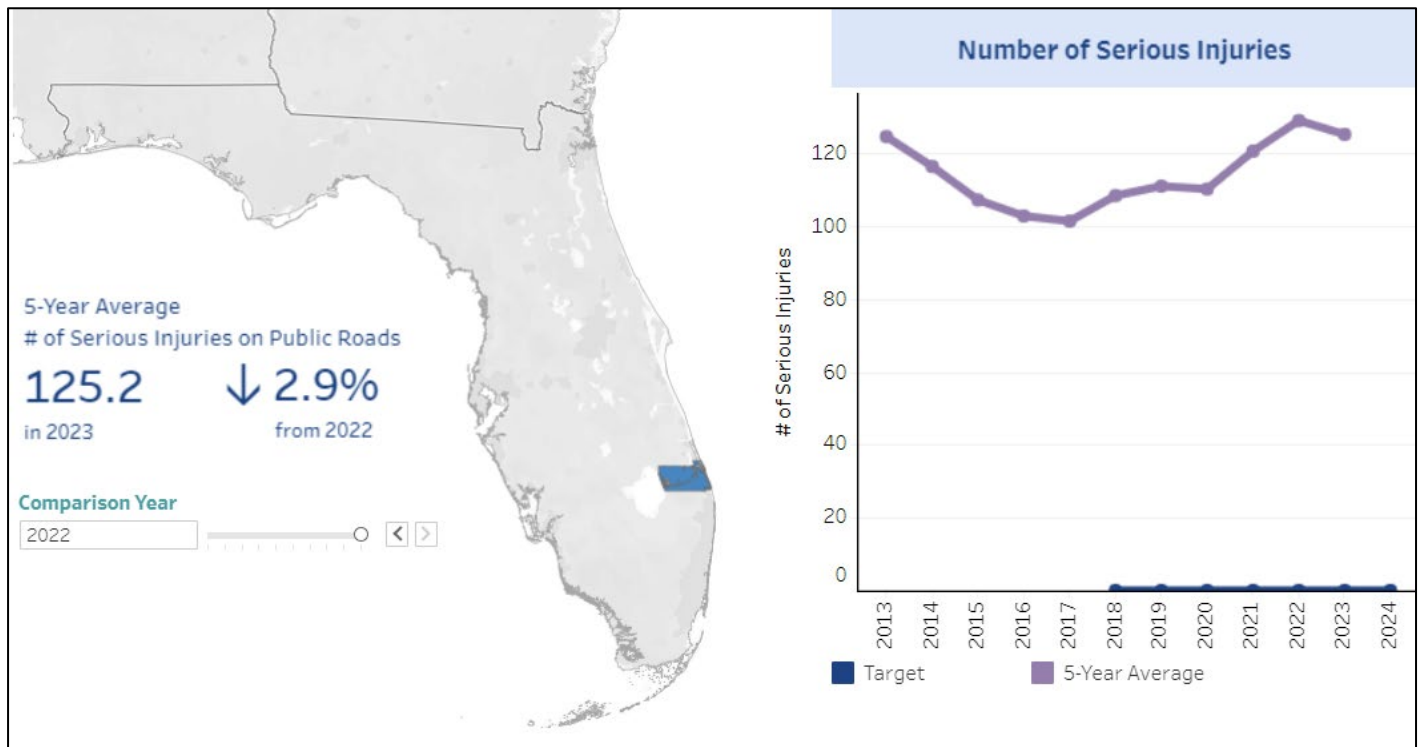
Performance Measure	Calendar Year 2025 Statewide Target
Number of fatalities	0
Rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT)	0
Number of serious injuries	0
Rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT	0
Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries	0

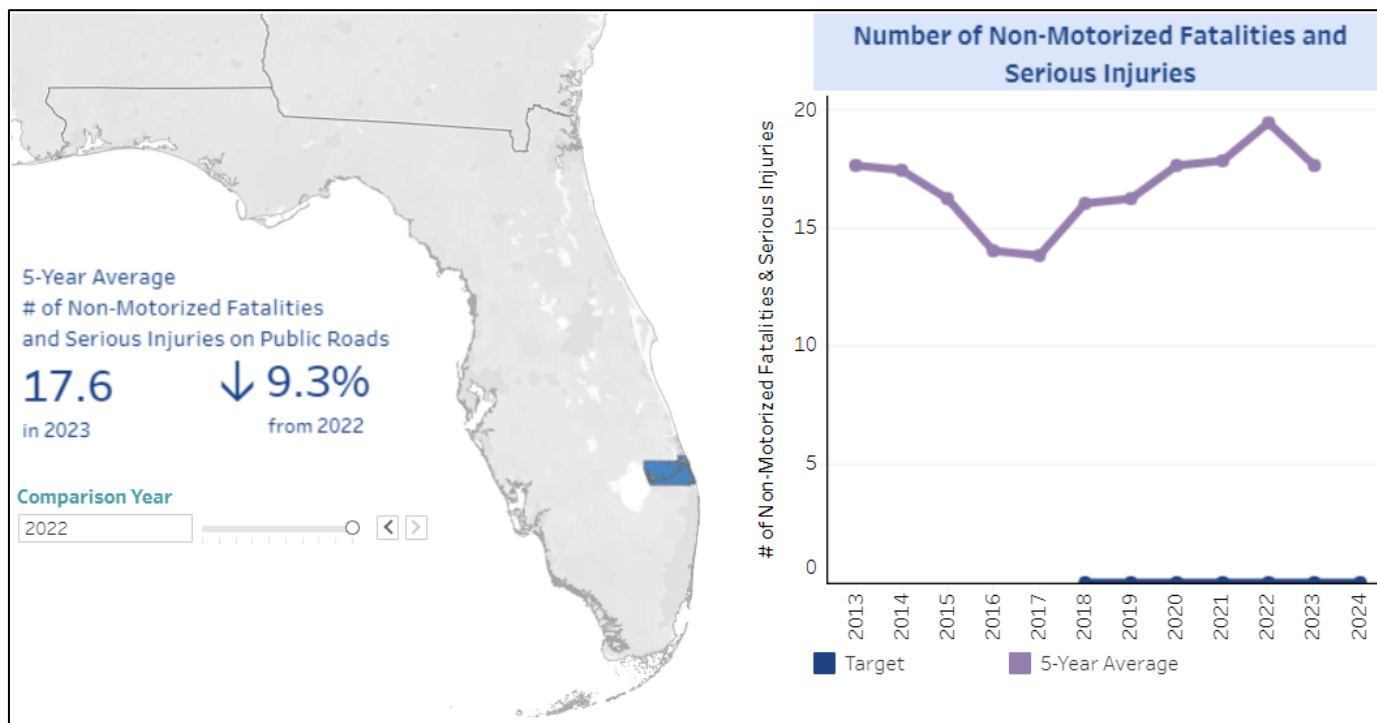


# FDOT's Federal Performance Measures SourceBook Page

## PM 1- Safety







Date of last refresh for all graphs: 8/30/2024

## SOURCES

Fatality and serious injury counts from Signal Four Analytics (S4) database as of March 1, 2024: any figures that include the 2023 data are preliminary at this time and may change with future updates;  
Traffic volumes as published by the FDOT office of Transportation Data and Analytics



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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

<b>MEETING DATE:</b> February 5, 2025	<b>DUE DATE:</b> January 29, 2025	<b>UPWP#:</b> 6
<b>WORDING:</b> TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) PROJECT APPLICATION		
<b>REQUESTED BY:</b> MPO	<b>PREPARED BY:</b> Margie Tamblyn / Beth Beltran	<b>DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION:</b> TAC Chair; TAC Vice-Chair

**BACKGROUND**

The Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) provides funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and infrastructure projects for enhanced mobility. However, TAP funding does not cover design costs, permitting, environmental or archaeological reports/documentation, and certain construction items, such as utility relocations, utility adjustments, and as-built surveys.

**ISSUES**

The MPO received the following application for the 2025 Application Cycle.

**Fisherman's Cove Sidewalks:**

A new six-foot sidewalk will connect the Fisherman's Cove neighborhood linking SE Geneva Drive and side streets to the existing sidewalk on S Kanner Highway. Those side streets include SE Cayuga Terrace, SE Norfolk Blvd, SE Huron Way, SE Ontario Drive, and SE Tahoe Terrace. There will be a combination of piped and swale drainage improvements. New pavement markings and updated signs will be included. ADA compliant curb ramps will also be added.

At the February 2025 advisory committee meetings, Martin County staff will present the County's TAP project.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

- a. Approve 2025 Martin County TAP Application.
- b. Approve 2025 Martin County TAP Application with comments.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

\$1,307,261 (\$1,272,261 TAP, \$35,000 local funds)

## AGENDA ITEM 6C

### **APPROVAL**

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### **ATTACHMENTS**

PowerPoint presentation on Martin County's TAP application for Fisherman's Cove Sidewalk Project.

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FISHERMAN'S COVE  
SIDEWALK PROJECT

2025 FDOT  
TRANSPORTATION  
ALTERNATIVES APPLICATION  
CYCLE  
(FY 29 FUNDING)



# TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM (TA)

The Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TA) is a reimbursable federal aid program administered by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The program supports :

- Smaller-scale, non-traditional transportation projects.
- Activities that expand and integrate accessible non-motorized travel choices.
- Safe routes for non-drivers.
- Accessibility improvements to help achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA).

Non-traditional projects linked to the transportation system may include:

- On- and off-road bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Accessibility improvements compliant with ADA
- Recreational trails



## Existing Conditions – Fisherman's Cove

- The Fisherman's Cove neighborhood is located just east of S Kanner Hwy, south of SE Indian Street.
- The neighborhood has three (3) entrances adjacent to S Kanner Hwy – a major arterial roadway.
- There are no sidewalks within the Fisherman's Cove neighborhood and no connection points to the existing sidewalk on S Kanner Highway.
- Fisherman's Cove residents have identified critical safety concerns for pedestrians and children walking with no sidewalk or buffer from vehicular traffic.
- The proposed sidewalk project will provide safe, ADA compliant connection points to S Kanner Highway for pedestrians, bicyclists and other non-drivers.





# Safe Routes for Non-Drivers – Fisherman's Cove

Provide connectivity for residents to neighboring areas:

- Middle and High School Bus Stops
- 1 mile to Elementary School
- .38 miles to major medical facility
- 700 LF from Kipling Nature Preserve
- 1 mile from MARTY Transit Stop
- 1.7 miles to major shopping plaza with grocery store



SE Cayuga Street and S Kanner Highway – photo taken 11/24



# PROJECT LOCATION



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# PROJECT SCOPE

- **New 6' wide sidewalk linking SE Geneva Drive and side streets to the existing sidewalk on S Kanner Highway.**
- **Approximately 4726 linear feet of sidewalk.**
- **A combination of piped and swale drainage improvements due to additional sidewalk.**
- **New crosswalks and connection points.**
- **Updated signing and pavement markings.**
- **ADA compliant curb ramps.**



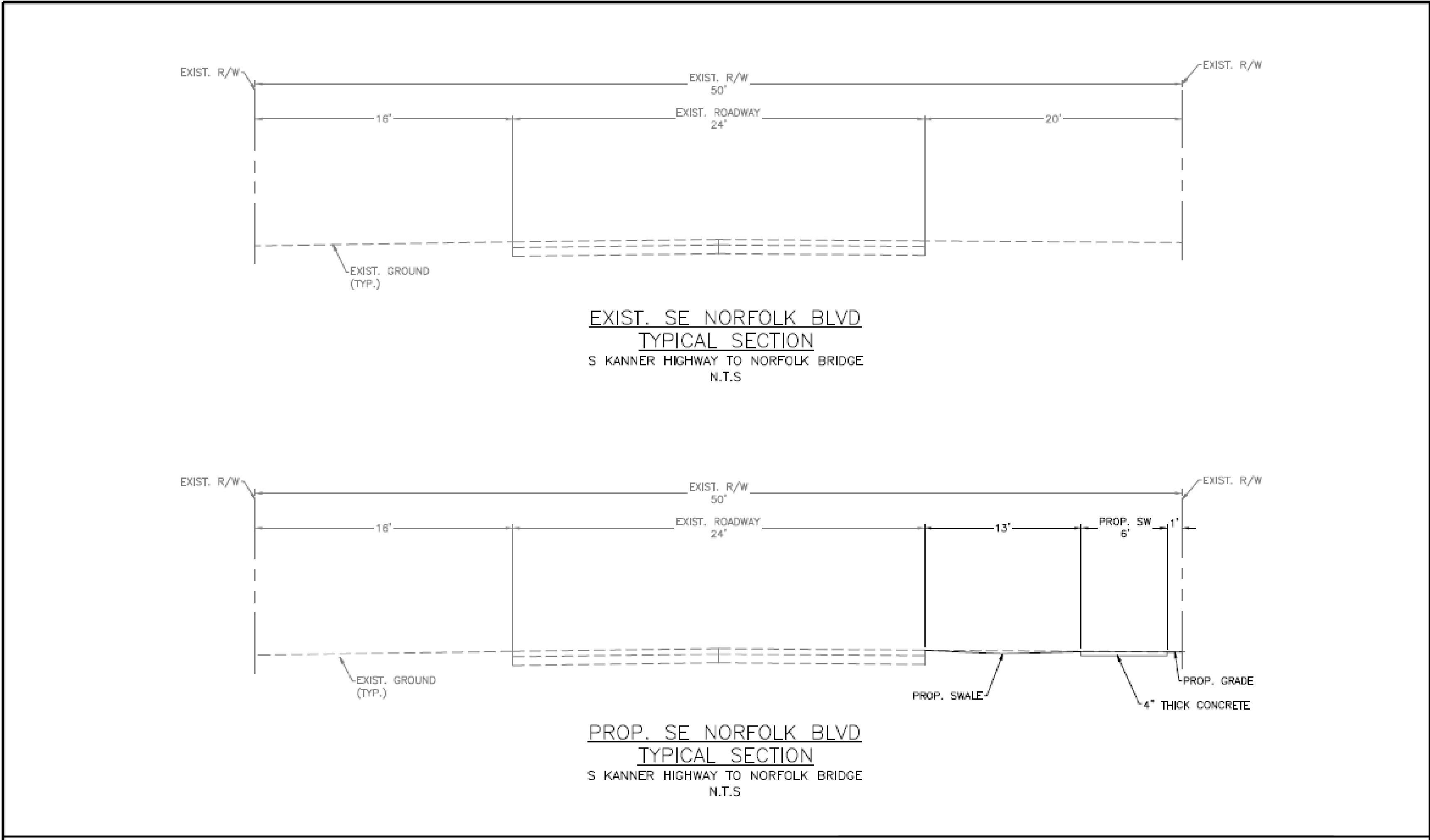


Existing Conditions - Intersection of SE Norfolk Blvd. and SE Geneva Dr.



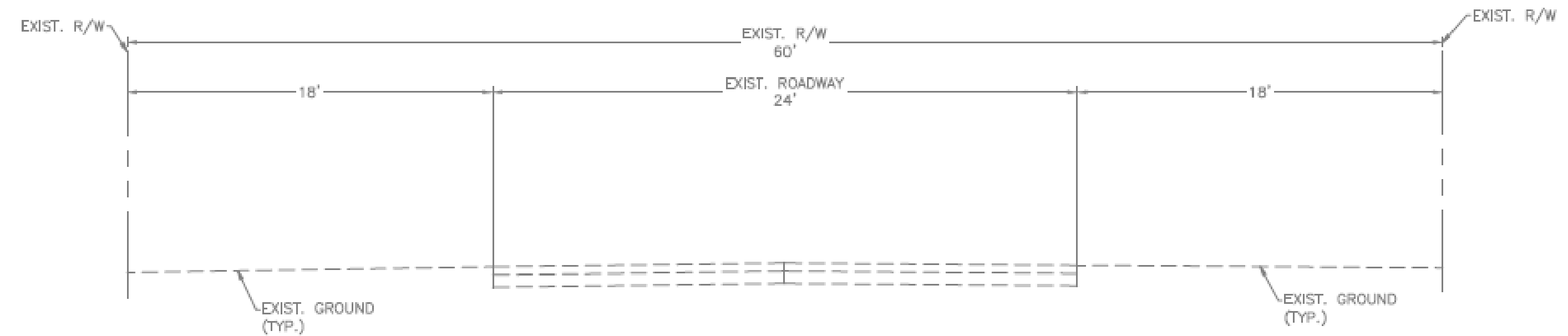
Existing Conditions – No sidewalks or crosswalks SE Geneva Dr.

# EXISTING & PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION - SWALE

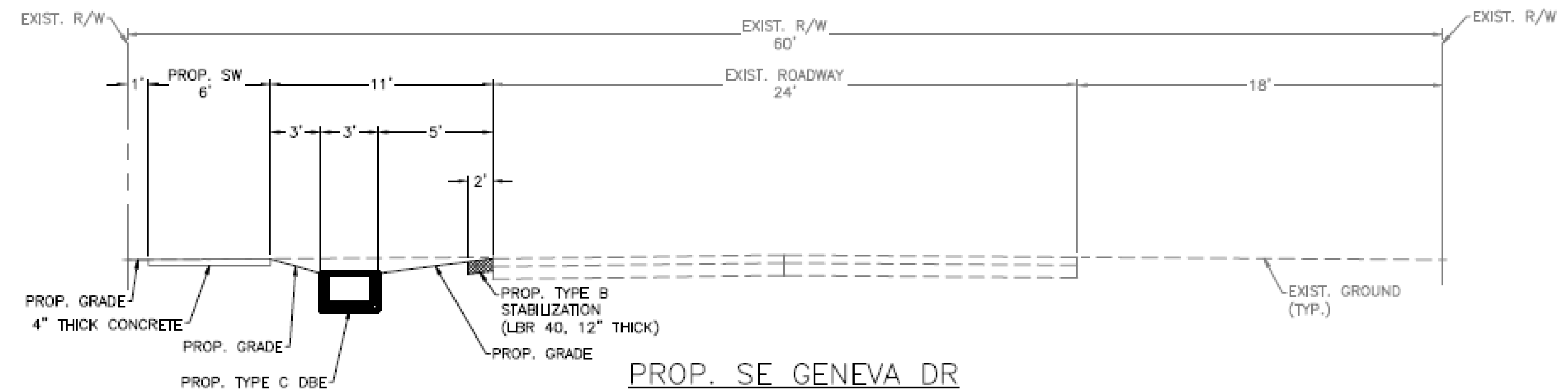




# EXISTING & PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION - PIPED



EXIST. SE GENEVA DR  
TYPICAL SECTION  
SE NORFOLK BLVD TO SE CAYUGA TER  
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PROP. SE GENEVA DR  
TYPICAL SECTION  
SE NORFOLK BLVD TO SE CAYUGA TER  
N.T.S



# FUNDING ALLOCATION

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST  
ESTIMATE:

\$1,307,261.

GRANT REQUESTED FUNDS:  
\$ 1,272,261.

LOCAL FUNDS:  
\$ 35,000.





# LOCAL SUPPORT

The project will be presented at the following meetings for public input:

- **Fisherman's Cove Neighborhood Meeting 1/14/2025.**  
**Residents support the sidewalk project.**
- **MPO TAC meeting 2/3/2025**
- **MPO CAC meeting 2/5/2025**
- **MPO BPAC meeting 2/10/2025**
- **MPO Policy Board meeting 2/24/2025**
- **A Resolution of Support was heard by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners at the December 10, 2024 meeting. Resolution 24-12.12**



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# QUESTION & ANSWER





**CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEETING  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

<b>MEETING DATE:</b> February 5, 2025	<b>DUE DATE:</b> January 29, 2025	<b>UPWP#:</b> 1
<b>WORDING:</b> TITLE VI REPORT UPDATE		
<b>REQUESTED BY:</b> MPO	<b>PREPARED BY:</b> Ricardo Vazquez / Beth Beltran	<b>DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION:</b> Title VI and Other Nondiscrimination Policy and Plan

**BACKGROUND**

Martin MPO must comply with both Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations about Title VI and other nondiscrimination policies. FHWA requires the MPO to review the Title VI language regularly to ensure it is current.

The following updates were made to the Title VI and Other Nondiscrimination Policy and Plan:

- Updated Table 1 – “Top Languages Spoken at Home in Martin County” with American Community Survey (ACS) 2023 5-year estimates
- Added events to the Title VI activity log

**ISSUES**

At the February 2025 advisory committee meetings, MPO Staff will present the Title VI and Other Nondiscrimination Policy and Plan Update.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Recommend approval of Title VI and Other Nondiscrimination Policy and Plan Update

**APPROVAL**

MPO

**ATTACHMENTS**

Title VI and Other Nondiscrimination Policy and Plan

# **Martin MPO**

## **Martin County, FL Board of County Commissioners Title VI and Other Nondiscrimination Policy and Plan**

### **I. Title VI/Nondiscrimination Protection:**

#### **Policy Statement:**

Martin County values diversity and welcomes input from all interested parties, regardless of cultural identity, background, or income level. Moreover, Martin County believes that the best transportation systems and community services result from careful consideration of the needs of all of its communities and when those communities are involved in the decision-making process. Thus, Martin County does not tolerate discrimination in any of its programs, services, or activities. Pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related laws and regulations, Martin County will not exclude from participation in, deny the benefits of, or subject to discrimination anyone on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, income or family status.

#### **Complaint Procedures:**

Martin County has established a discrimination complaint procedure and will take prompt and reasonable action to investigate and eliminate discrimination when found. Any person who believes that he or she has been subjected to discrimination based upon race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, family or income status in any of Martin County's programs, services or activities may file a complaint with the Martin County Title VI Coordinator:

A complaint must be filed within one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of the alleged discrimination, unless the time for filing is extended by the FTA, FHWA or other federal or state authorities.

If possible, complaints should be in writing, signed by the complainant or his/her representative(s), and must include the complainant(s) name, address and telephone number, along with a description of the alleged discrimination and the date of the occurrence. Allegations of discrimination received via e-mail will be acknowledged and processed. Allegations received by telephone will be documented in writing and provided to the complainant(s) for review before processing. If complainant is hearing or speech impaired, call the Florida Relay Service (FRS) by dialing 711 or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) or email the Title VI Coordinator for assistance.

Complaints should be submitted to:

**Board of County Commissioners**

**Tanyi Grimm**

Title VI Coordinator/ADA Officer/  
Human Resources Administrator

2401 SE Monterey Road  
Stuart, FL 34996  
Email: tgrimm@martin.fl.us  
Phone: 772-419-6968

and/or

**Martin MPO**

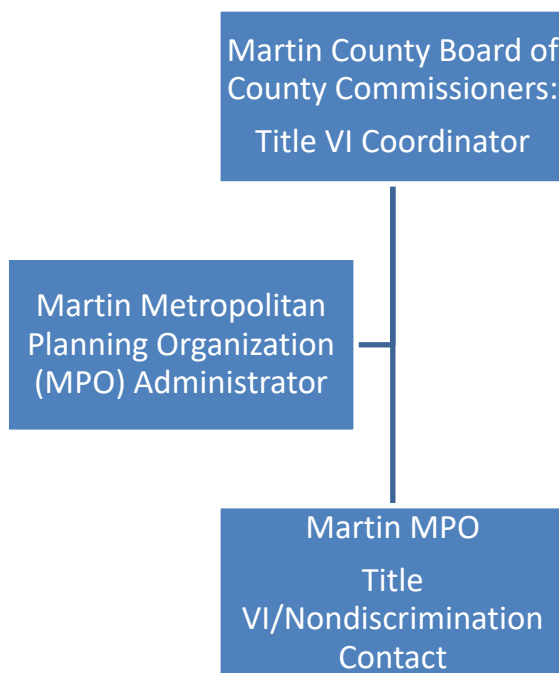
**Ricardo Vazquez**

Title VI/Nondiscrimination Contact

2401 SE Monterey Road  
Stuart, FL 34996  
Email: rvazquez@martin.fl.us  
Phone: 772-223-7983

**Organization Structure**

The following chart displays Martin County's organizational structure for the Title VI/Nondiscrimination Program:



**Complaint Investigation**

Upon receipt of a signed complaint, the Title VI Coordinator will, within five (5) working days, provide the complainant or his/her representative with a written acknowledgement of the complaint.

The Title VI Coordinator will take reasonable steps to resolve the matter and respond to the complaint within thirty (30) days. The Title VI Coordinator has 'easy access' to the Martin County Administrator and is not required to obtain management or other approval to discuss discrimination with the County Administrator.

Regardless of whether Martin County is able to satisfactorily resolve the complaint, the Title VI Coordinator will provide a copy of the complaint, along with a record of its disposition, to the applicable federal or state agency, or oversight board, for further processing, if required.

## **Retaliation**

Retaliation is prohibited under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related federal and state nondiscrimination authorities. It is the policy of Martin County that persons filing a complaint of discrimination should have the right to do so without interference, intimidation, coercion or fear of reprisal. Anyone who feels he/she has been subjected to retaliation should report such incident to the Title VI Coordinator.

## **II. ADA/504 Statement**

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and related federal and state laws and regulations forbid discrimination against those who have disabilities. Furthermore, these laws require federal aid recipients and other government entities to take affirmative steps to reasonably accommodate the disabled and ensure that their needs are equitably represented in transportation programs, services, and activities.

Martin County will make every effort to ensure that its facilities, programs, services, and activities are accessible to those with disabilities. Martin County will make every effort to ensure that its advisory committees, public involvement activities and all other programs, services and activities include representation by the disabled community and disability service groups.

Martin encourages the public to report any facility, program, service, or activity that appears inaccessible to the disabled. Furthermore, Martin County will provide reasonable accommodation to disabled individuals who wish to participate in public involvement events or who require special assistance to access facilities, programs, services or activities. Because providing reasonable accommodation may require outside assistance, organization or resources, Martin County asks that requests be made at least five (5) calendar days prior to the need for accommodation.

Questions, concerns, comments, or requests for accommodation should be made to the Martin County's ADA Officer:

Tanyi Grimm  
Title VI Coordinator/ADA Officer  
Human Resources Administrator  
2401 SE Monterey Road  
Stuart, FL 34990  
Email: [tgrimm@martin.fl.us](mailto:tgrimm@martin.fl.us)  
Phone: 772-419-6968  
Hearing or speech impaired: 711 or 1-800-955-8771

Martin County has an informative ADA webpage ([www.martin.fl.us/ADA](http://www.martin.fl.us/ADA)) that describes the County's accessibility program as well as provides certain resources to the community that is disabled. All website information is available in alternative formats. For more information, contact the ADA Officer.

In addition, Martin County has a Transit ADA plan specific to transit services. That plan can be viewed by visiting [www.martin.fl.us/resources/ada-transit-plan](http://www.martin.fl.us/resources/ada-transit-plan).

### **III. Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan**

#### **Introduction**

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from discriminating against or otherwise excluding individuals on the basis of race, color, or national origin in any of their activities. It has been recognized that one form of discrimination occurs through an inability to communicate due to a limited proficiency in the English language. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 13166, and various directives from the US Department of Justice (DOJ) and US Department of Transportation (DOT) require federal aid recipients to take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to programs, services and activities by those who do not speak English proficiently.

To determine the extent to which LEP services are required and in which languages, the law requires the analysis of four factors:

1. The number or proportion of LEP persons eligible to be served or likely to be encountered by the County's programs, services, or activities.
2. The frequency with which LEP individuals come in contact with these programs, services, or activities.
3. The nature and importance of the program, service, or activity to people's lives.
4. The resources available and the overall cost to the County.

The goal of the *Martin County Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Access Plan* is to ensure that the County recognizes the needs of limited English proficient (LEP) members of the community and implements a plan to communicate effectively and ensure reasonable access to our processes, information and decision-making.

## Martin County Four Factor Analysis

To determine the extent to which LEP services are required and in which languages, the law requires the analysis of four factors. The following sections address each of these with respect to the Martin County planning area.

### Factor 1: Review of LEP Populations

Understanding the needs of the community begins with identifying the number of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) persons eligible to be served, likely to be served or likely to be encountered by the County through its programs, services, or activities. In an effort to determine potential LEP needs in the County planning area, staff reviewed data available through the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2023 5-Year Estimates.

Data collected for Martin County indicated that 5.6% of the total population 5 years and older speak English less than “very well”. Further analysis shows that 11.2% of the population speaks Spanish; 3% speaks a Indo-European language; 0.8% speaks an Asian or Pacific Islander language; and 0.2% speaks another language (see Table 1). This information led staff to review the Spanish-speaking LEP group to identify whether this population was concentrated into specific communities.

**Table 1: The Top Languages Spoken at Home in Martin County**

Population 5 years and older	No. of LEP Persons	% of LEP Persons	% of Persons who speak Spanish	% of Persons who speak Indo-Euro Languages	% of Persons who speak Asian or Pacific Islander Languages	% of Persons who speak Other Languages
154,073	8,555	5.6%	11.2%	3%	0.8%	0.2%

Source: US Census Bureau’s 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Spanish (11.2%) was reported to be the second most prevalent language spoken by the population of Martin County. After reviewing the data in GIS, it appears that a high concentration of LEP persons live in the Indiantown and Port Salerno areas.



## **Factor 2: Assessing Frequency of Contact with LEP Persons**

The results of the census data indicate that Spanish is the most prevalent language spoken by the LEP population in Martin County. To date, the MPO has not received any requests for translation or interpretation of its projects, services, or activities into Spanish or any other language.

## **Factor 3: Assessing the Importance of County Programs**

All of the County programs are important; however, those related to safety, public transit, right-of-way, the environment, nondiscrimination and public involvement are among the most important. The County must ensure that all segments of the population, including LEP persons, have been involved or have had the opportunity to be involved in the planning processes to be consistent with its nondiscrimination goals.

## **Factor 4: Determining Available Resources**

When planning any activity, it is imperative that an organization assess the resources available to conduct the activity in a way that is meaningful and balances those efforts with the overall cost to the organization. To that end, Martin MPO contracted with Language Line in October 2013 to assure speakers of other languages may effectively participate in the transportation planning process. Language Line offers over the phone and face to face translation, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This professional translation service also provides translation of written documents to ensure the most accurate translation of all written materials provided to the public. For meetings located in areas with a large percentage of LEP citizens, the Martin MPO has an on-site translator available. The Martin MPO will review and update this plan as needed.

## **Language access implementation plan and procedures**

Martin County will:

- Maintain a list of employees who competently speak Spanish and other languages and who are willing to provide translation and/or interpretation services and distribute this list to staff that regularly have contact with the public.
- Provide meeting, program and services availability notifications in English and Spanish, where appropriate, particularly where programs or activities are located in Indiantown, Port Salerno or any other area identified as having higher LEP populations.
- Develop agreements with agencies to provide oral and written LEP services with reasonable notification.
- Identify events and activities that may require a translator to ensure meaningful access by LEP persons.
- State in outreach documents that language services are available free of charge in a language LEP persons can understand.
- Provide Spanish language outreach materials from other organizations including federal, state and local transportation agencies when possible.
- Provide Spanish language format in informational materials that assist in the accessibility of Martin County services.

For questions or concerns regarding Martin County's commitment to nondiscrimination or to request LEP services, contact the Title VI Coordinator.

## **IV. Public Involvement:**

In order to plan for efficient, effective, safe, equitable and reliable transportation systems, and other county services, Martin County must have the input of its public. Martin County spends substantial staff and financial resources in furtherance of this goal and strongly encourages the participation of the entire community. The Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged (LCB-TD) is composed of disabled representatives, persons over the age of 65, Veterans Service Office and the Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation or Division of Blind Services. The LCB-TD provides information, advice, direction and support to the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) of Martin County for the delivery of transportation disadvantaged services. Representatives of underserved populations will also serve on other MPO advisory committees. Further, Martin County holds a number of meetings, workshops and other events designed to gather public input on project planning and construction. Martin County officials and employees attend and participate in other community events to promote its services to the public.

Martin County is constantly seeking ways of measuring the effectiveness of its public involvement. Persons wishing to request special presentations by Martin County; volunteer in any of its activities or offer suggestions for improvement of Martin County's public involvement should contact the Title VI Coordinator or any other County department or official. For additional information about Martin MPO Public Involvement, please visit our website:

<https://martinmpo.com/core-products/public-participation-plan/>

#### **Nondiscrimination Program Achievements & Goals:**

Identified during the completion of the Public Involvement Plan – Annual Report 2022, the following were accomplished in the Nondiscrimination program: Public involvement activities were geographically dispersed throughout the county, all meeting notices and information were sent at least 7 days prior to the meeting, all meetings were held in ADA accessible locations, and various age groups were targeted. Various programs and planning products such as the TDP, TIP and UPWP went through the advisory committees prior to being adopted to ensure nondiscrimination. The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for instance, is made up of Citizen-At-Large – Racial Minority Person and Citizen-At-Large – Disabled Person or over 65. Two achievable goals for the Nondiscrimination Program are to conduct a survey to evaluate the effectiveness of public outreach techniques and efforts, and to use the updated Community Characteristics Report specified below (V. Data Collection) to assist in future project selection and assist in equity analysis.

#### **V. Data Collection:**

FHWA regulations require federal-aid recipients to collect and analyze racial, ethnic and other similar demographic data on beneficiaries of or those affected by transportation programs, services and activities. Martin County accomplishes this through the use of census data, American Community Survey reports, Environmental Screening Tools (EST), driver and ridership surveys, its Community Development Department and other methods. From time to time, Martin County may find it necessary to request voluntary identification of certain racial, ethnic or other data from those who participate in its public involvement events. This information assists Martin County with improving its targeted outreach and measures of effectiveness. Self-identification of personal data to Martin County will always be voluntary and anonymous. Moreover, Martin County will not release or otherwise use this data in any manner inconsistent with federal regulations. The Martin MPO updated the Community Characteristics Report using the 2020 decennial census. The report included minority, age, poverty, mobility, and Limited English Proficiency data, as well as additional demographic information that is vital in identifying diverse groups and incorporating their needs into the transportation decision-making process.

## **VI. ASSURANCES:**

Every three (3) years, or commensurate with a change in Martin County executive leadership, Martin County must certify to US DOT and other applicable federal and state agencies that its programs, services, and activities are being conducted in a nondiscriminatory manner. These certifications are termed 'assurances' and serve two important purposes. First, they document Martin County's commitment to nondiscrimination and equitable service to its community. Second, they serve as a legally enforceable agreement by which Martin County may be held liable for breach. The public may view assurances on Martin County's website or by visiting Martin County offices.

## **NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

**Martin County Board of County Commissioners complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other civil rights authorities.**

**NO PERSON OR GROUP OF PERSONS SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATION IN, DENIED THE BENEFITS OF OR SUBJECTED TO DISCRIMINATION IN ANY COUNTY PROGRAM, SERVICE, OR ACTIVITY BASED ON RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, AGE, DISABILITY, RELIGION OR FAMILY STATUS.**

**For more information on Martin County's commitment to nondiscrimination or to file a discrimination complaint, visit the Martin County Title VI website (<https://www.martin.fl.us/TitleVI>) or call the Title VI Coordinator, Tanyi Grimm @ 772-419-6968 (711 Florida Relay).**

## **NOTICIA PARA EL PUBLICO**

**El tablero Del condado Martin County cumple y cooperan con Titulo VI regulación y otros actos de derechos civiles autoridades.**

**NINGUNA PERSONA O GRUPO DE PERSONAS SERÁ EXCLUIDA DE LA PARTICIPACIÓN EN, NEGADA LOS BENEFICIOS O SUJETA A DISCRIMINACIÓN EN CUALQUIER PROGRAMA, SERVICIO O ACTIVIDAD DEL CONDADO BASADO EN RAZA, COLOR, ORIGEN NACIONAL, SEXO, EDAD, DISCAPACIDAD, RELIGIÓN O ESTADO FAMILIAR.**

**Para obtener más información sobre el compromiso del condado de martin con la no discriminación o para presentar una queja por discriminación, visite el sitio del Título VI del condado de Martin (<https://www.martin.fl.us/titlevi>) o llame al coordinador del Título VI, Tanyi Grimm @ 772-419-6968 (711 Florida relay).**

Martin County Board of Commissioners	
Title VI / Nondiscrimination Program	
Complainant(s) Name:	Complainant(s) Address:
Complainant(s) Phone Number:	E-mail Address:
Complainant's Representative's Name, Address, Phone Number and Relationship (e.g. friend, attorney, parent, etc.):	
Name and Address of Agency, Institution, or Department Whom You Allege Discriminated Against You:	
Names of the Individual(s) Whom You Allege Discriminated Against You (If Known):	
Discrimination Because of: <input type="checkbox"/> Race <input type="checkbox"/> Color <input type="checkbox"/> National Origin <input type="checkbox"/> Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Age	Date of Alleged Discrimination:
Please list the name(s) and phone number(s) of any person, if known, that the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization could contact for additional information to support or clarify your allegation(s).	
Please explain as clearly as possible <b>how, why, when</b> and <b>where</b> you believe you were discriminated against. Include as much background information as possible about the alleged acts of discrimination. Additional pages may be attached if needed.	
Complainant(s) or Complainant(s) Representative(s) Signature:	Date of Signature:

<b>Junta de comisionados del Condado de Martin</b> <b>Título VI / Programa Antidiscriminatorio</b> <b>Querella de Discriminación</b>			
Nombre del querellante:		Dirección:	
Número de teléfono:		Dirección de correo electrónico:	
Nombre, dirección, teléfono y relación (ej. amigo, abogado, pariente, etc.) del Representante del querellante:			
Nombre y dirección de la Agencia, Institución, o Departamento que usted alega discrimino en su contra:			
Nombre(s) del Individuo(s) Quien(es) Usted Alega Discrimino Contra Usted Si lo(s) Conoce:			
Razón de la discriminación:	<input type="checkbox"/> Raza <input type="checkbox"/> Incapacidad/Impedimento Físico <input type="checkbox"/> Sexo <input type="checkbox"/> Otro	<input type="checkbox"/> Color <input type="checkbox"/> Edad <input type="checkbox"/> Represalia <input type="checkbox"/> Status de Ingreso	Fecha de la alegada discriminación:
Favor de indicar el nombre (s) y número(s) de teléfono(s) de alguna persona(s) que del Condado de Martin puede comunicarse para información adicional que clarifique o respalde su alegación o alegaciones.			
Favor de explicar tan claro como sea posible, <b>como, porque, cuando y donde</b> usted cree que fue discriminado. Incluya suficiente información acerca de los antecedentes según le sea posible, de los alegados actos de discrimen. Puede añadir paginas adicionales, si es necesario.			
Firma del Querellante(s) o su Representante:		Fecha:	



<b>Martin MPO</b> <b>Title VI/Nondiscrimination Activity</b> <b>Log</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Additional Comment(s)</b>
<b>February 3, 2023</b>	Leveraging Big Data to Plan Safe, Equitable Streets	2023 Safe Streets Summit
<b>September 20, 2023</b>	Equity in Roadway Safety Workshop: Strategies for Meaningful Public Involvement in Roadway Safety Planning	Webinar
<b>September 27, 2023</b>	Equity Indices and Regional Priorities	2023 AMPO Annual Conference
<b>November 29, 2023</b>	Office Hours at FDOT - ADA in Design, construction, and Maintenance	Webinar
<b>February 29, 2024</b>	Cities for Everyone	Safe Streets Summit Presentation
<b>July 30, 2024</b>	Bridge Conditions & Economic Inequity Meet with Infrastructure Opportunity	Webinar
<b>August 8, 2024</b>	Improving Equity in Transportation Operations Toolbox	Webinar
<b>August 13, 2024</b>	Viewing Resilience Planning Through an Equity Lens	Webinar
<b>August 20, 2024</b>	Progress & Pitfalls: A Real Talk on Equity in Roadway Safety	Webinar
<b>September 5, 2024</b>	When Driving Isn't an Option: Designing for Equitable Mobility	Webinar



**CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEETING  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

<b>MEETING DATE:</b> February 5, 2025	<b>DUE DATE:</b> January 29, 2025	<b>UPWP#:</b> 5
<b>WORDING:</b> DRAFT FY27-FY31 LIST OF PROJECT PRIORITIES (LOPP)		
<b>REQUESTED BY:</b> MPO	<b>PREPARED BY:</b> Margie Tamblyn / Beth Beltran	<b>DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION:</b> Draft FY27 – FY31 LOPP

**BACKGROUND**

The MPO is required to submit its List of Project Priorities (LOPP) each year for the consideration of funding for what will become the new fifth year of the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Work Program. Priority projects must be selected from the adopted Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Projects already in the Work Program remain on the list to guide in programming funds until the final phase is fully funded.

FDOT requires that the MPO submit the Draft LOPP by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. LOPP Scoping Forms must be completed for all new projects and must also be submitted with the Draft LOPP by March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Final LOPP will be presented at the June advisory committee meetings and at the MPO Board meeting for adoption.

**ISSUES**

At the February 2025 advisory committee meetings, MPO staff will present the Draft List of Roadway Project Priorities for review and recommendations.

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

- a. Approve the Draft FY27-FY31 List of Project Priorities as presented.
- b. Approve the Draft FY27-FY31 List of Project Priorities with comments.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The List of Project Priorities will guide FDOT with the application of transportation funds in the next year's FY27-FY31 Tentative Work Program.

**APPROVAL**

MPO

**ATTACHMENTS**

Draft FY27-FY31 Federal Attributable UNFUNDED Project Priorities

**MARTIN MPO FY27-FY31 Federal Attributable  
UNFUNDED List of Project Priorities**

FY27 Rank	Facility	Segment Limits		Project Description	2045 L RTP Page	Prev. Rank	FM #	Phase Funded
		From	To					
1	SR-710	Martin/Okeechobee County Line	FPL Access Rd	Widen from 2-lanes to 4-lanes	76	1	453333-2	Design FY25, RW FY26
2	SR-710	FPL Access Rd	SE of CR-609/SW Allapattah Rd.	Widen from 2-lanes to 4-lanes	76	1	453333-1	Design FY25, RW FY26
3	SE Cove Rd.	SR-76 / Kanner Hwy.	US-1 / Federal Hwy.	Widen from 2-lanes to 4-lanes including bike lanes and shared use pathway	69	2	441700-1	PD&E FY25, Design FY25
4	CR-708/SE Bridge Rd.	Bascule Bridge		Bridge Replacement	132	6		
5	SR-710	At CR-609/SW Allapattah Rd		Intersection Improvements (Signal and Turn Lanes)	128,132	7		
6	SE Commerce Ave.	SE Indian St.	SE Salerno Rd	Roadway leveling, resurfacing, shoulder widening, drainage improvements, pedestrian crosswalks	128,132	8		
7	US-1	At SW Palm City Rd.		Intersection reconstruction/Feasibility Study-Alternative 5	128,132	9		
8	SW Palm City Rd.	Monterey Rd.	US-1	Complete Streets improvements	128,132	10		
9	Monterey Rd. & East Ocean Blvd	Kingswood Ter.	St. Lucie Blvd	Mid-block pedestrian crosswalks	Appx. H, pg. 11	11		
10	Willoughby Blvd. Extension	Monterey Rd.	US-1	New 2-lane road with bike lanes and sidewalks/shared use pathways	69	12	419669-3	Design FY26
11	CR-713/High Meadow Ave	I-95	CR-714/Martin Hwy.	Widen from 2 lanes to 4 lanes with shared-use pathway	69	13	441699-1	PD&E FY25, Design FY25, RW FY29
12	SW Citrus Blvd.	SW Hemingway Ter.	SR-710	Resurfacing/shoulder widening and bike lanes/safety improvements	128, 132	15		
13	CR-609 / SW Allapattah Rd.	SR-710	2,800 feet north of Minute Maid Rd.	Resurfacing/shoulder widening/southbound left turn lane & traffic signal/CEI	128, 132	16		

14	CR-609 /SW Allapattah Rd.	Approx. 3 miles N of Minute Maid Rd	St. Lucie County Line	Resurfacing/shoulder widening/safety improvements	128, 132	17		
15	SE Pomeroy St	SR-76 / S Kanner Hwy.	SR-5 / US-1	Resurfacing	132			
16	N Sewall's Point Rd	East Ocean Blvd.	NE Palmer St.	Mitigate for sea level rise impact	87	18		
17	SR-A1A / SE Ocean Blvd	At SR-714 / SE Monterey Rd		Relocate mast arm upright on southeast corner to provide accessible route	128			
18	SR-76 / Kanner Hwy.	At SW South River Dr.		New southbound right turn lane at South River Dr. & traffic signal	80	19		

**DRAFT**  
**FY27-FY31**  
**Unfunded Safety Priority List**

FY27 Rank	Facility	Segment Limits		Project Description
		From	To	
1	SE Dixie Hwy	SE Osprey St	SE Gleason St	Signal improvements
2	SE Commerce Ave	SE Indian St	SE Salerno Rd	Roadway leveling, resurfacing, shoulder widening, drainage improvements, pedestrian crosswalks
3	Railroad Crossings	County Wide		Second train incoming warning system
4	SW Palm City Rd.	Monterey Rd.	US-1	Complete Streets improvements
5	SW Amaryllis Ave	CSX Crossing		Railroad crossing gates
6	Bridge Rd	@ Powerline Drive		Turn lane

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**SE DIXIE HIGHWAY  
SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS**  
(FROM SE GLEASON STREET TO SE OSPREY STREET)

2025 FDOT  
LOCAL ROAD SAFETY PROGRAM  
Tentative Work Program Cycle  
FY026 – FY2030



# LOCAL ROAD SAFETY PROGRAM (LRSP)

The Local Road Safety Program (LRSP) is a reimbursable federal aid program administered by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Roadways maintained by local agencies carry vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists and provide critical connections to freeways and major arterial roadways.

Roadway user safety on local road systems is a critical priority for FDOT and Martin County.

## The Local Road Safety Program supports:

- Reducing the number of transportation-related serious injuries and deaths to ZERO.
- Systematic strategies to enhance safety on the roadway system.
- Infrastructure projects that demonstrate a safety improvement for an existing roadway or intersection.



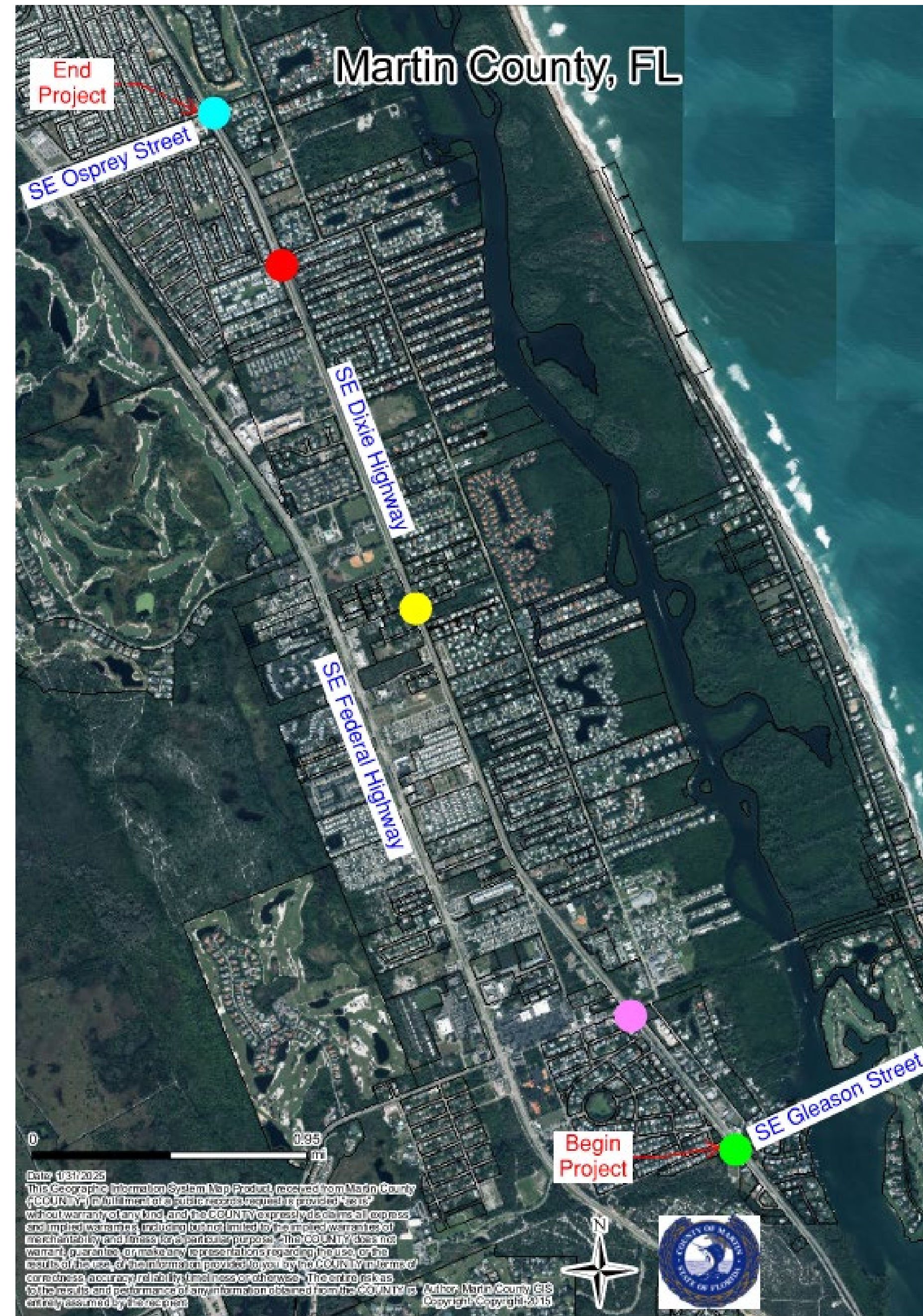
# PROJECT LOCATION

## Legend

- SE Gleason Street
- SE Bridge Road
- SE Pettway Avenue
- SE Crossrip Street
- SE Osprey Street



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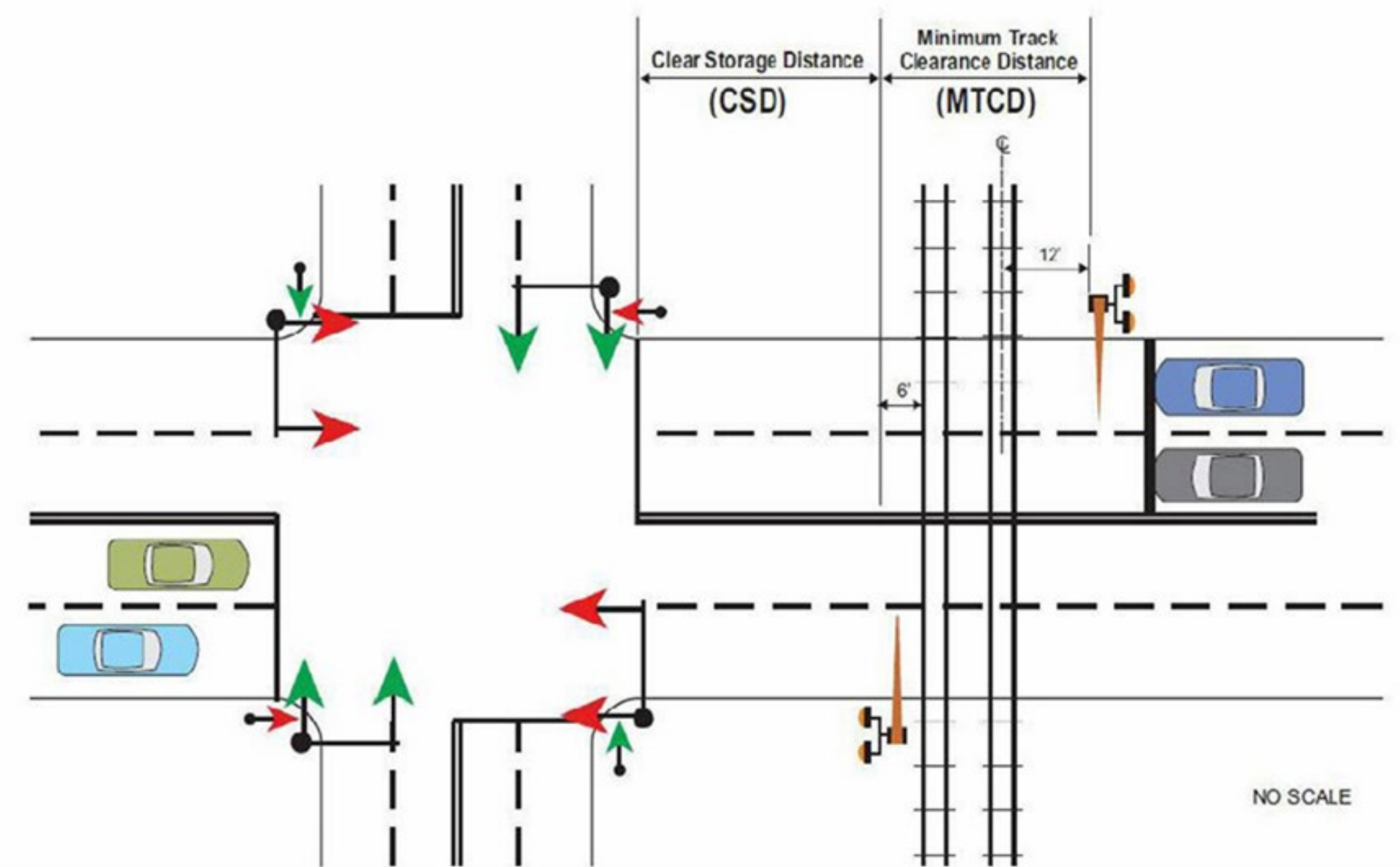




# EXISTING CONDITIONS

## SE Dixie Highway Rail Crossings

- There are five (5) FEC RR grade crossings
- SE Dixie Highway is parallel to FEC RR
- Proposed improvements vary by location
  - < 50' clear storage distance for vehicles between Old Dixie and FEC. Issue for trucks and trailers.
  - Limited or no turn lanes and limited shoulders.
  - Signalized and unsignalized intersections
  - Missing sidewalk crossing
  - Current traffic signals and current crossings do not meet current standards and best practices



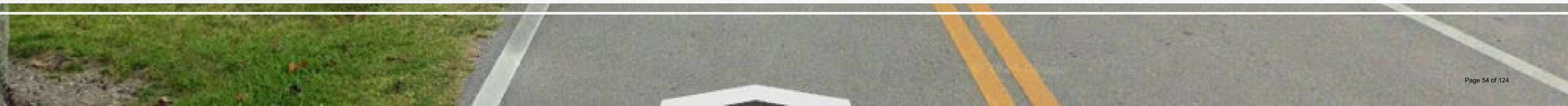
Typical crossing configuration

Source: Highway-Rail Crossing HANDBOOK Third Edition - AECOM, Inc.





Existing Conditions - SE Gleason Street and SE Dixie Highway



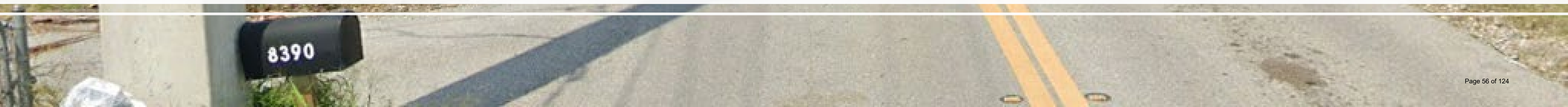


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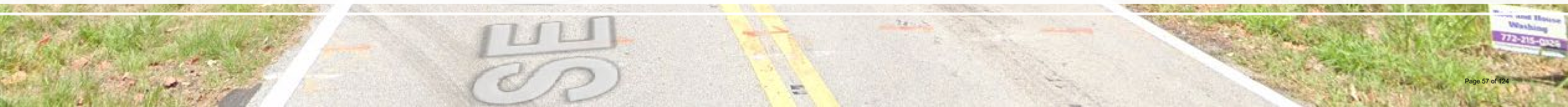


Existing Conditions – SE Pettway Avenue and SE Dixie Highway





Existing Conditions – SE Crossrip Street and SE Dixie Highway







Existing Conditions – SE Osprey Street and SE Dixie Highway



# PROPOSED CONDITIONS

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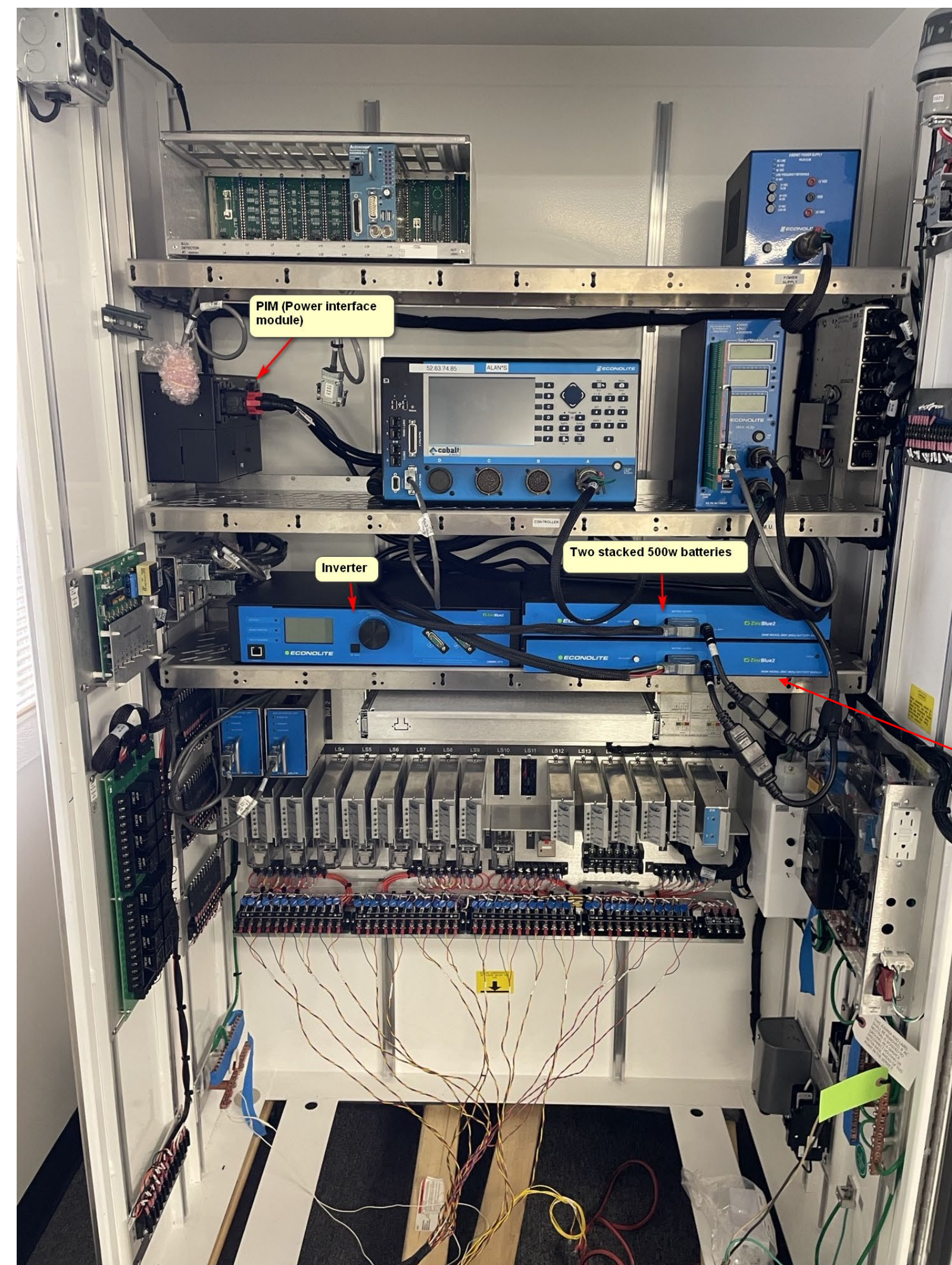






# PROPOSED CONDITIONS

## Uninterruptible Power Supply



Battery Backup



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Traffic Signal Cabinet



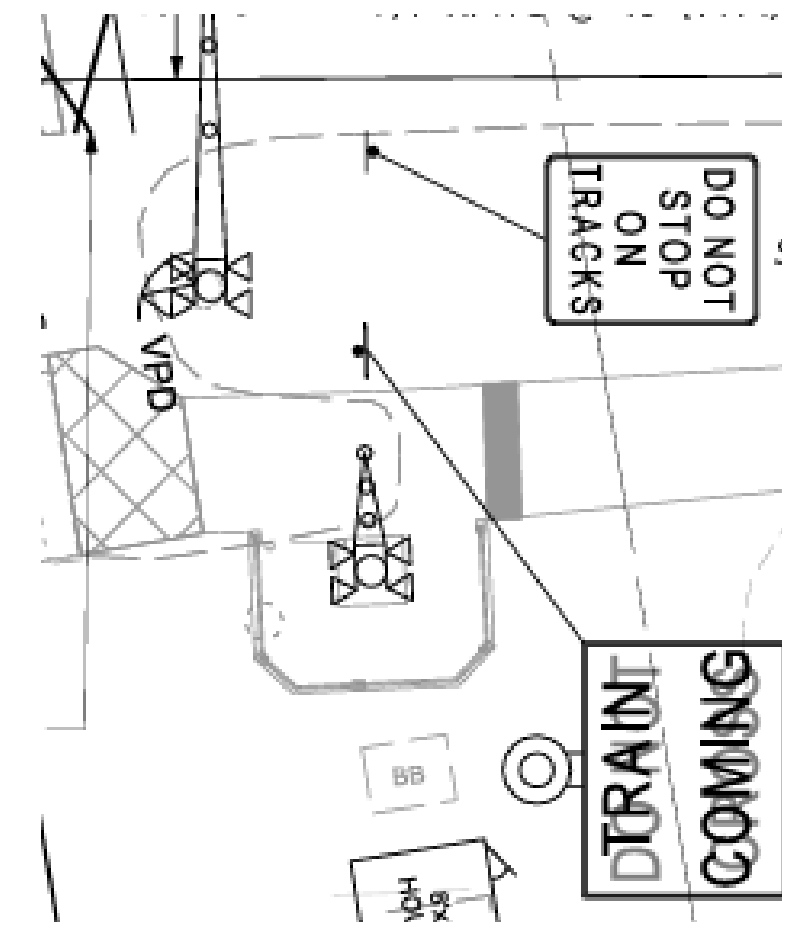
# PROPOSED CONDITIONS

## Pedestrian Exit Gates



16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> Street Crossing Vero Beach, FL

One Way  
Pedestrian Exit  
Gate



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# PROPOSED CONDITIONS

## 2nd Train Warning Signs



2<sup>nd</sup> train warning sign

Pedestrian Exit Gate

Oslo Road Crossing Vero Beach, FL



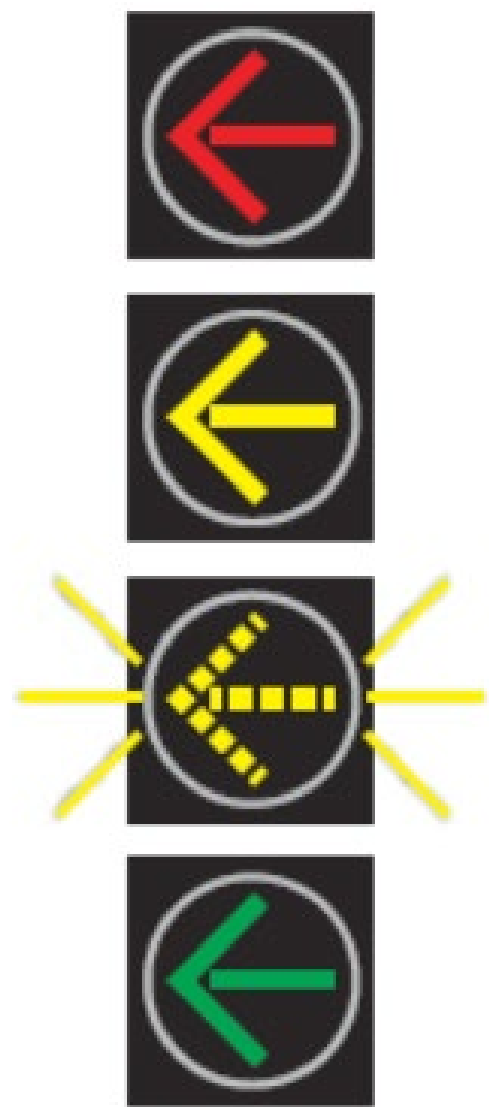
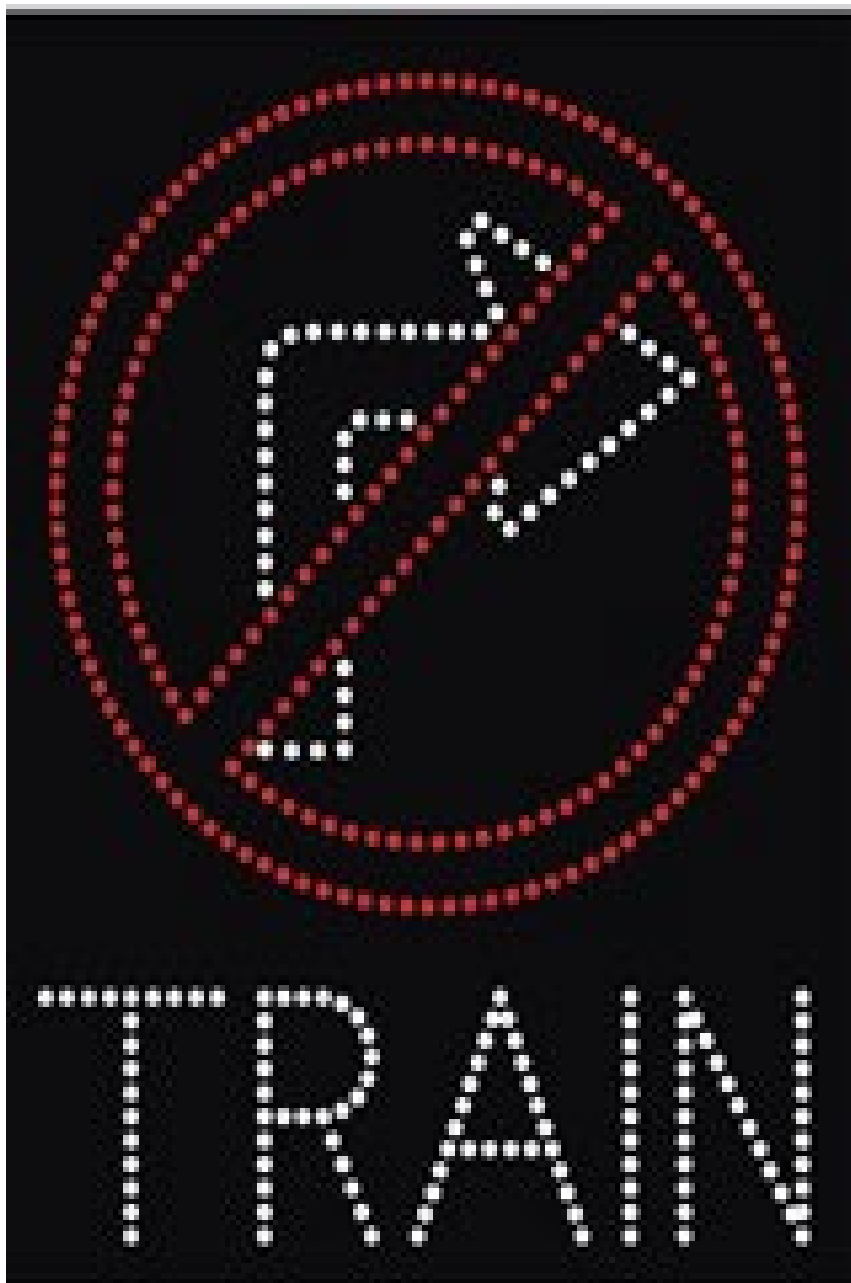
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# PROPOSED CONDITIONS

## Turn Restrictions During Train Passage



Turn restriction blank out sign

Dixie and Monterey – Right Turn Restriction Blank Out Sign





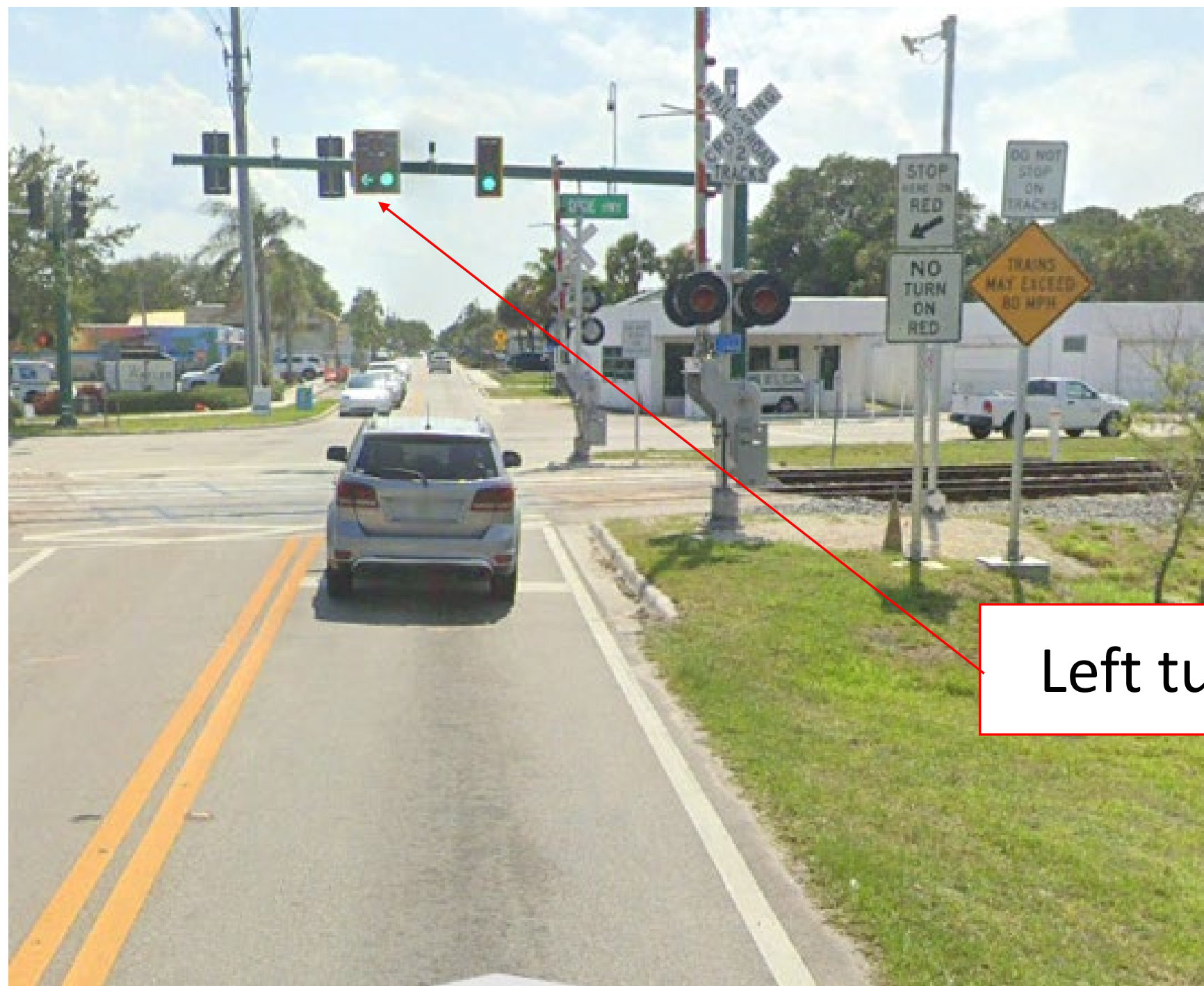
# PROPOSED CONDITIONS

## Left Turn Arrow During Track Clearance



No left turn  
arrow

Left turn arrow required – SE Osprey  
and SE Pettway. SE Pettway shown.



Left turn arrow

SE Bridge Road and SE Dixie Highway -  
Westbound



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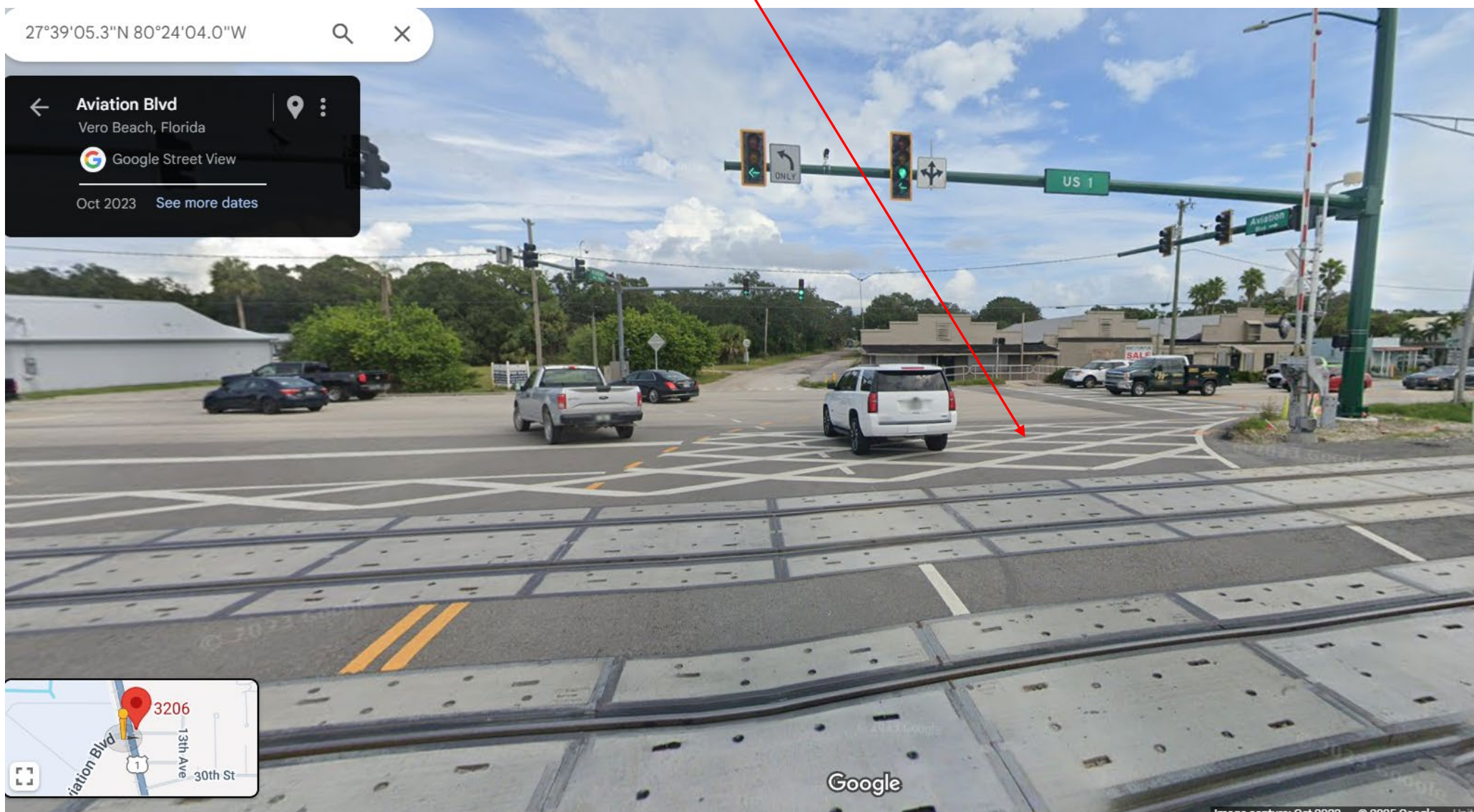


# PROPOSED CONDITIONS

## Pavement Marking Enhancements

Extended hatched markings

WAIT HERE pavement messages



Aviation Blvd. / US-1 Vero Beach



Meats Ave and Orange Olive Ave Grade Crossing, Orange, CA



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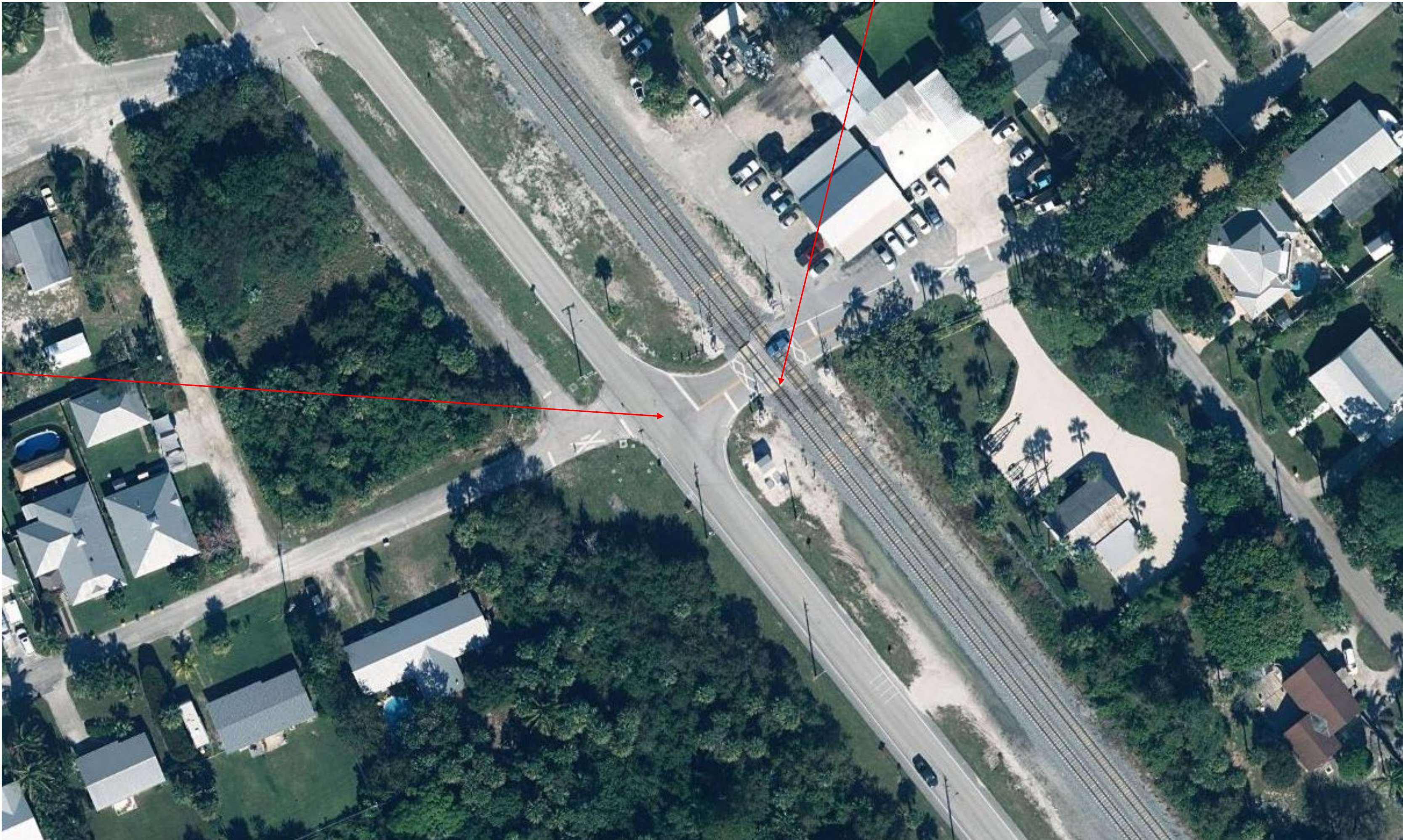


# PROPOSED CONDITIONS

## SE Gleason Street

No traffic signal.  
To be evaluated.

Proposed  
sidewalk



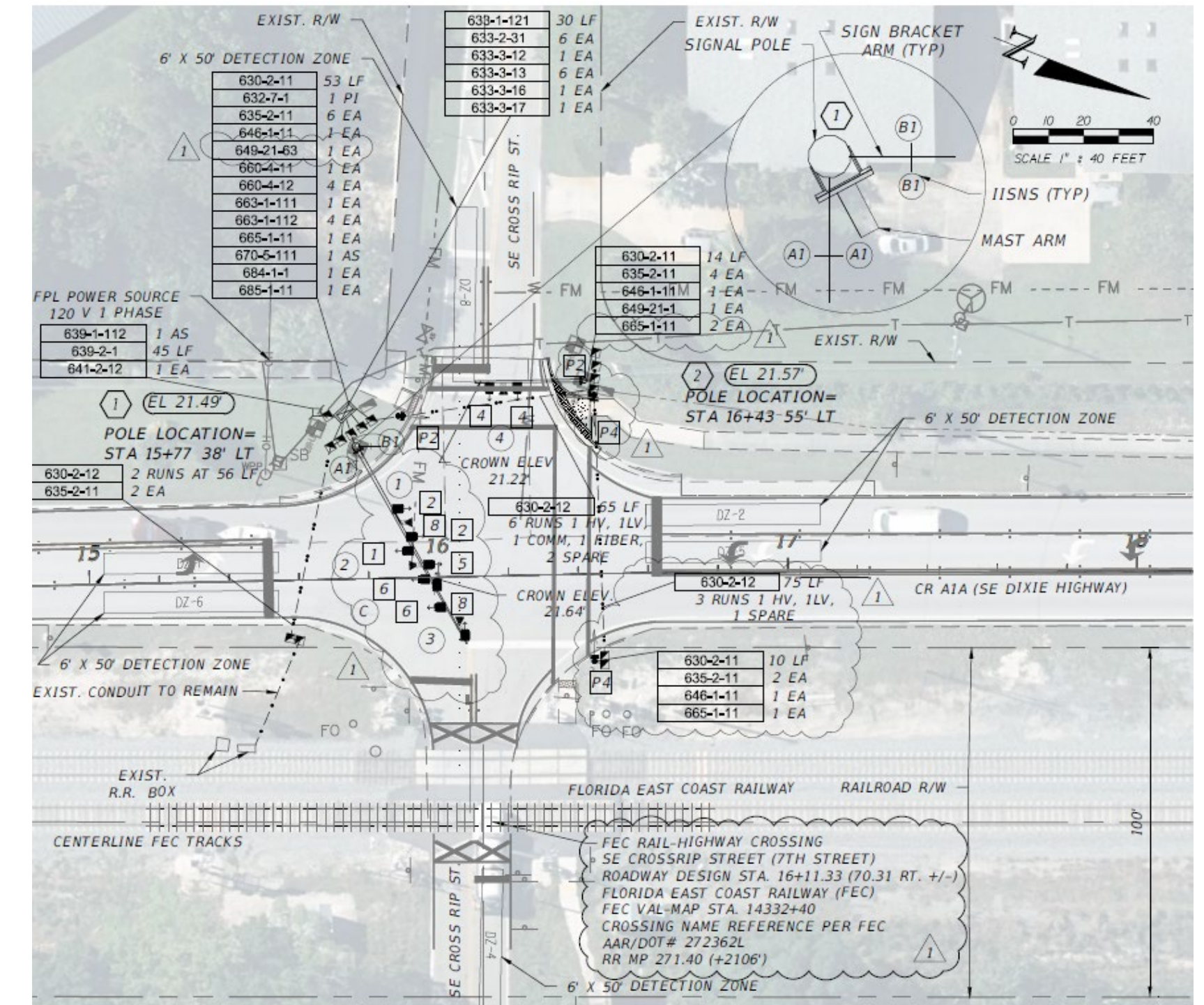


# PROPOSED CONDITIONS

## SE Crossrip Street



Currently Stop controlled from SE Crossrip Street



Proposed new traffic signal



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# PROPOSED CONDITIONS

## SE Osprey Street

Proposed left turn lane

Replace span wire traffic signal with mast arm

Add left turn arrow.



Proposed left turn lane



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# FUNDING ALLOCATION

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST  
ESTIMATE AND GRANT REQUEST:

\$3,200,000.



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# LOCAL SUPPORT

The project will be presented at the following meetings for public input:

- MPO TAC meeting 2/3/2025
  - MPO CAC meeting 2/5/2025
  - MPO BPAC meeting 2/10/2025
  - MPO Policy Board meeting 2/24/2025
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- A Resolution of Support will be heard by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners at the meeting on March 11, 2025.



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# QUESTION & ANSWER





**CITIZEN’S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEETING  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

<b>MEETING DATE:</b> February 5, 2025	<b>DUE DATE:</b> January 29, 2025	<b>UPWP#:</b> 2
<b>WORDING:</b> PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ANNUAL REPORT - 2024		
<b>REQUESTED BY:</b> MPO	<b>PREPARED BY:</b> Margie Tamblyn / Beth Beltran	<b>DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION:</b> Public Participation Plan Annual Report

**BACKGROUND**

The MPO Public Involvement Annual Report is a guiding document to help ensure public input is considered during the transportation planning process. To this end, the Martin MPO Annual Report evaluates the MPO’s success in meeting the objectives and strategies outlined in the PPP.

**ISSUES**

MPO Staff has reviewed the Public Involvement Annual Report and has no recommended changes at this time. At the February 2025 advisory committee meetings, MPO staff will present the 2024 Public Involvement Annual Report for discussion and approval.

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

- a. Approve the Public Involvement Annual Report – 2024 as presented.
- b. Approve the Public Involvement Annual Report – 2024 with comments.

**APPROVAL**

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Public Involvement Annual Report – 2024



# Public Involvement Annual Report 2024

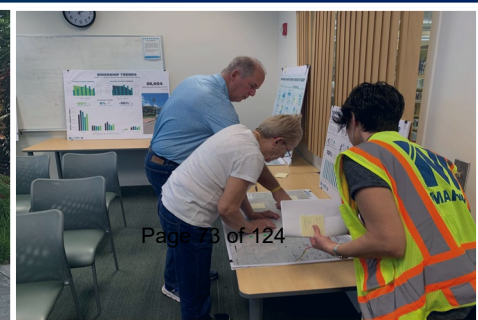


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## **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

### **Introduction**

Each year, the Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) assesses the effectiveness of its public outreach techniques and strategies to ensure that funds and time are invested efficiently and only after consultation with the public on a regular and as-needed basis. The MPO measures its overall performance by conducting a Public Involvement Annual Report. In doing so, the MPO evaluates the Objectives and Strategies detailed in the MPO's Public Participation Plan (PPP), adopted on February 21, 2022.

This Annual Report aims to showcase the MPO's public involvement efforts in 2024 and review the objectives and strategies listed in the PPP to assess if/when they were met during the 2024 calendar year. To access the previously approved 2023 Public Involvement Annual Report, visit [www.martinmpo.com](http://www.martinmpo.com).

## Martin Citizens Academy and Resource Education Series (CARES) – 2/15/24 – 4/11/24 – 5/30/24

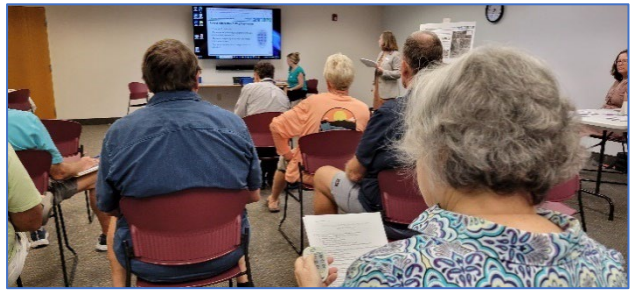


## Transit Development Plan (TDP) Open Houses– 1/8/24 – 1/11/24 – 1/26/24 – 1/31/24





## US-1 Congestion Management Study Open House 6/4/24 – 10/4/24



## Walk to School Day at J.D. Parker Elementary - 10/2/24





## 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Visioning Session – 11/19/24



## LRTP Outreach Event – Stuart Walmart – 12/10/24



## Public Participation Plan Objectives

### OBJECTIVE 1



#### Advisory Committee Meetings

Hold regular public meetings with MPO advisory committees to obtain feedback on all documents, projects, and funding determinations before consideration by the MPO Board.

### OBJECTIVE 2



#### Equitable Access

Provide equitable access to information regarding transportation decision-making.

### OBJECTIVE 3



#### Engage the Public

Engage the public early, often, and with clarity so that opportunities exist for public feedback in the transportation decision-making process.

### OBJECTIVE 4



#### Public Involvement Methods

Use a variety of methods to involve and engage the public.

### OBJECTIVE 5



#### Transit Feedback

Gather public feedback on the Program of Projects for Martin County Public Transit.

### OBJECTIVE 6



#### Strive to Improve

Strive to continuously improve the public participation process.

## OBJECTIVE 1



### Advisory Committee Meetings

Hold regular public meetings with MPO advisory committees to obtain feedback on all documents, projects, and funding determinations before consideration by the MPO Board.

## STRATEGY 1A

### Advisory committee positions are filled

- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC): 100% filled
- Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC): 75% filled
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC): 56% filled
- Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC): 95% filled
- Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged (LCB-TD): 83% filled
- Overall Percentage of Committee Positions filled in 2024: 82%
- ❖ **Evaluation: Strategy Achieved (Satisfaction 90%; Measure:  $\geq 80\%$ )**

## STRATEGY 1B

### Advisory committees receive meeting notices, agenda items, and information at least 5 days before meetings

- 100% of Advisory Committee meeting notices and information were sent at least five days before the meeting.
- ❖ **Evaluation: Strategy Achieved (Satisfaction 100%; Measure:  $\geq 80\%$ )**

## STRATEGY 1C

### Advisory committee recommendations/actions are presented to the MPO Board

- In 2024, committee members had opportunities to provide comments and recommendations to the MPO Board for planning studies and products such as:
  - FY25 - FY29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
  - FY26 – FY30 List of Project Priorities (LOPP)
  - Transit Development Plan (TDP) 2025-2034
  - FDOT's East Ocean Blvd. Road Safety Audit (RSA)
  - US-1 Congestion Management Study
  - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Adjusted Urban Boundary and Functional Classification Map
  - Martin MPO Development Review Map
- ❖ **Evaluation: Strategy Achieved (Satisfaction 100%; Measure: 100%)**



## OBJECTIVE 2



### Equitable Access

Provide equitable access to information regarding transportation decision-making.

#### STRATEGY 2A

#### Meetings and events are held at convenient times and locations

- In 2024, the MPO held over 35 public meetings at various times of the day as well as different locations in Martin County, such as the County Administrative Center, Flagler Place in Stuart, Stuart City Hall, Robert Morgade Library, Peter and Julie Cummings Library, Indiantown Village Hall, and the Hoke Library.
- ❖ **Evaluation: Strategy Achieved (Satisfaction 100%; Measure: 100%)**

#### STRATEGY 2B

#### Persons with disabilities are provided access to information and participation opportunities.

- All meetings are held in ADA-accessible locations and project-related information is made accessible.
- In addition, Persons with Disabilities are represented on the Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged, Citizens Advisory Committee, and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to provide input.
- The public is also notified on how to access accommodations as needed. All meeting notices, agendas, and staff e-mails contain information regarding nondiscrimination or who to contact if special accommodations or language translation services are required.
- ❖ **Evaluation: Strategy Achieved (Satisfaction 100%; Measure: 100%)**

#### STRATEGY 2C

#### Public involvement activities are geographically dispersed throughout the MPO area.

- MPO staff held a Transit Development Plan (TDP) Open House at the Robert Morgade Library in Stuart, the Village Hall in Indiantown, the Peter and Julie Cummings Library in Palm City, the Hoke Library in Jensen Beach, and the Banner Lake Club House in Hobe Sound in 2024.
- A 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Open House was held at the Stuart City Hall on November 19, 2024.
- ❖ **Evaluation: Strategy Achieved (Satisfaction 100%; Measure: 100%)**

## STRATEGY 2D

### Public involvement activities and events target a diverse group of participants.

- MPO staff made a presentation to the Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce and the Jensen Beach Chamber of Commerce to educate them on what the MPO is, and to gain input from the business community regarding the TDP.
- MPO staff conducted safety-related campaigns throughout the year, such as the Walk to School Day at JD Parker Elementary on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and a Public Safety Outreach Campaign at the Walmart in Stuart on December 10, 2024.
- ❖ **Evaluation: Strategy Achieved (Satisfaction 100%; Measure: 100%)**

## STRATEGY 2E

### Public information is available in a format for traditionally underserved populations.

- The MPO continues to contract with LanguageLine Solutions, a nationwide leader in the field of translation and interpretation services. The service provides over-the phone, face-to-face and videoconference interpreting and document translation services. This provides the MPO access to more than 200 languages.
- Flyers for the November 19, 2024, 2050 LRTP Visioning Session were developed in both English and Spanish.
- Flyers, surveys, and other printed materials were developed in Spanish and English for the Transit Development Plan and the 2050 LRTP outreach activities.
- Martin MPO's website is translated into different languages with the use of the Translate function at the bottom of the site.
- ❖ **Evaluation: Strategy Achieved (Satisfaction 100%; Measure: 100%)**

## STRATEGY 2F

### The MPO maintains an up-to-date database of contacts that regularly receive information.

- The MPO maintains an up-to-date database of contacts that regularly receive information.
- **Evaluation: Strategy Achieved (Satisfaction 100%; Measure: 100%)**

## OBJECTIVE 3



### Engage the Public

Engage the public early, often, and with clarity so that opportunities exist for public feedback in the transportation decision-making process.

## STRATEGY 3A

**Public information regarding MPO actions is available in different formats and easily accessible.**

- Documents are available in a searchable format that accommodates the visually impaired.
- MPO meetings are televised live on local Martin County Television (MCTV) Channel 20 and U-verse Channel 99; past meetings can be viewed “on demand” on the Martin County website and the Martin County YouTube page.
- MPO meeting minutes and agendas are easily accessible on the Martin MPO website.
- ❖ **Evaluation: Strategy achieved.**

## STRATEGY 3B

**The MPO responds to public inquiries within seven working days of the date of receipt.**

- Martin MPO utilizes the electronic public inquiry system “Request for Service”. This allows the request to be tracked from the time of inquiry until the time of resolution.
- All public inquiries were addressed within seven working days.
- ❖ **Evaluation: Strategy achieved.**

## STRATEGY 3C

**Meeting notices and information are available at least five days prior to meetings.**

- 100% of meeting notices and information were made available at least five days before meetings.
- ❖ **Evaluation: Strategy achieved (Satisfaction 100%; Measure 80%)**

## STRATEGY 3D

**MPO will provide follow-up information to groups on project process and comments received.**

- During each MPO public meeting, staff shares information related to public comments and recommendations.
- After MPO Meetings, staff shares relevant information with all committee members and Board members.

- MPO staff provides follow-up notices and information to groups in the form of meetings, flyers, or updates to the website.
- ❖ **Evaluation: Strategy achieved.**

## STRATEGY 3E

### Public participation opportunities will be made available at key decision-making milestones.

- The FY25-FY29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) review period was advertised for 45 days prior to adoption. Advisory Committee members and Board members were able to provide comments on the Draft FY25-FY29 TIP in May and the Final FY25-FY29 TIP during the June 2024 cycle of meetings.
- The FY26-FY30 Draft List of Project Priorities was presented at the Advisory Committee meetings and Board meeting in February 2024 and the final LOPP was presented during the June 2024 cycle of meetings.
- A US-1 Congestion Management Study Open House was held on May 23, 2024, at the Flagler Place in Stuart, and a second Open House on October 3, 2024, at the Hoke Library in Jensen Beach. The purpose of the meetings was to gain input from the community regarding their experiences with traffic on US-1, and what improvements they would like to see implemented along the corridor that could help with congestion.
- The 2050 LRTP Open House #1 was held on November 19, 2024. The purpose of the public meeting was to receive input from the public regarding which improvements to the transportation network they would like to see prioritized.
- ❖ **Evaluation: Strategy achieved.**

## STRATEGY 3F

### Public feedback is incorporated into transportation decision making.

- Comments received from the public were shared with the MPO Policy Board members.
- Comments and feedback from the public were incorporated into several of the Martin MPO's plans, studies, and products, such as the Transit Development Plan, the Unified Planning Work Program, the Continuity of Operations Plan, the Development Review Map, the Federal Functional Classification and Urban Area Boundaries Map, and the US-1 Congestion Management Study.
- Record of public comments and how they were integrated into the transportation planning process maintained by MPO staff.
- ❖ **Evaluation: Strategy achieved.**

## OBJECTIVE 4



### Public Involvement Methods

Use a variety of methods to involve and engage the public.

#### STRATEGY 4A

##### The MPO utilizes varied public involvement techniques.

- The Martin MPO Facebook page has continued to share safety messages and provides updates on current MPO work products and public events.
  - The Martin MPO Website shares announcements on upcoming meetings and special events and hosts all MPO documents.
  - MPO Staff members participated in Walk to School Day with staff from J.D. Parker Elementary on October 2, 2024, to promote safe walking.
  - MPO staff used surveys during the development of the Transit Development Plan (TDP) to learn how the public views transit and what enhancements they would like to see within the next 10 years.
  - MPO staff hosted a Safety Outreach Event at the Walmart in Stuart on December 10, 2024, to promote safe driving, walking, and bicycling.
  - MPO staff presented at the Martin Citizens Academy and Resource Education Series (CARES) in February, April, and May 2024 to educate the public on what the MPO does and how their input helps with transportation planning.
- ❖ **Evaluation: Strategy achieved.**

#### STRATEGY 4B

##### The MPO conducts surveys on the effectiveness of public outreach techniques.

- During MPO public meetings, members of committees and the public during sign-in are asked if meetings are scheduled at convenient days and times.
- ❖ **Evaluation: Strategy achieved.**

#### STRATEGY 4C

##### Public information is available in languages other than English, as appropriate, or in other means to address disabilities.

- The MPO partners with Google to offer a unique option on its website that translates the site into 10 languages.
- The MPO maintains a contract with LanguageLine, a translating service available for written, on-site, and telephone translations to accommodate more than 200 languages.
- Currently, two Spanish-speaking professionals are on staff.
- During the development of the Transit Development Plan, surveys and public outreach materials were produced in both English and Spanish.



- The survey for the 2050 LRTP, and event flyers for the 2050 LRTP Open House #1 were developed in English and Spanish.

❖ **Evaluation: Strategy achieved.**

## STRATEGY 4D

### The MPO uses varied website tools to provide information.

- MPO staff continued to use its traditional website as a means of providing information to the public ([www.martinmpo.com](http://www.martinmpo.com)). All pages of the MPO website are available in multiple languages.
- The MPO has an interactive web-based TIP that will allow users to see each project on a map, research financial information for specific projects, and generate customized reports.
- MPO staff utilizes social media to share meeting event information and safety messages.
- Martin MPO staff developed a Development Review Interactive Map to assist the MPO Board in prioritizing projects in relation to planned developments.

❖ **Evaluation: Strategy achieved.**

## STRATEGY 4E

### The MPO uses the website to track public interest in activities.

- Martin MPO uses Google Analytics to track activity on the website.
- Activity is tracked on the Development Review Interactive Map.
- The Martin MPO Facebook page and Instagram profile (Meta Business Suite) allows staff to receive notifications when someone comments, likes, or shares an announcement from the MPO.

❖ **Evaluation: Strategy achieved.**

## STRATEGY 4F

### The MPO maintains and uses a social media presence to provide information and receive feedback.

- Martin MPO uses Facebook and Instagram to maintain a social media presence.
- MPO staff continues its Safety Social Media Campaign with key components for Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety, Nighttime Visibility Safety Awareness, and general safety messages.
- MPO posts and shares announcements regarding FDOT workshops and safety events.

❖ **Evaluation: Strategy achieved.**

## OBJECTIVE 5



### Transit Feedback

Gather public feedback on the Program of Projects for Martin County Public Transit.

## STRATEGY 5A

### Request the Martin County Section 5307 Program of Projects (POP).

- The MPO collaborates with Martin County Public Transit to inform the public about transit projects. In doing so, the public can provide input on the Program of Projects and be involved in the prioritizing of the Program of Projects for funding. During the June 2024 Advisory Committee meetings, individuals had the opportunity to comment on the Public Transit POP. The MPO Policy Board also reviewed and approved the POP on June 17, 2024.
- **Evaluation: Strategy achieved.**

## STRATEGY 5B

### POP will be included in the MPO List of Project Priorities (LOPP) and presented at the CAC, TAC, BPAC and MPO Policy Board meetings.

- The POP was included in the LOPP and presented to the CAC, TAC, BPAC and MPO Policy Board.
- ❖ **Evaluation: Strategy achieved.**

## OBJECTIVE 6



### Strive to Improve

Strive to continuously improve the public participation process.

#### STRATEGY 6A

**Review, revise, and re-adopt the PPP at least once every 3–5 years, amending as necessary in between.**

- The PPP was adopted on February 21, 2022. MPO staff has reviewed the PPP and does not have any recommended changes to the document.
- ❖ **Evaluation: Strategy achieved.**

#### STRATEGY 6B

**Continuously evaluate public participation techniques and strategies, changing or adding as necessary.**

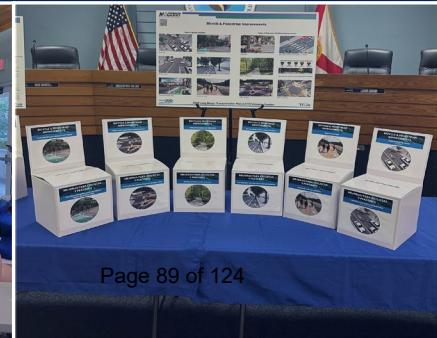
- MPO staff produces an Annual Report to determine the effectiveness of its public outreach.
- ❖ **Evaluation: Strategy achieved.**

#### STRATEGY 6C

**Produce a Public Involvement Annual Report each year using Methods of Effectiveness (MOE) to monitor performance.**

- An Annual Report has been produced. All strategies have been achieved.
- The 2024 Annual Report will be made available on the Martin MPO website, and available upon request.
- ❖ **Evaluation: Strategy achieved.**

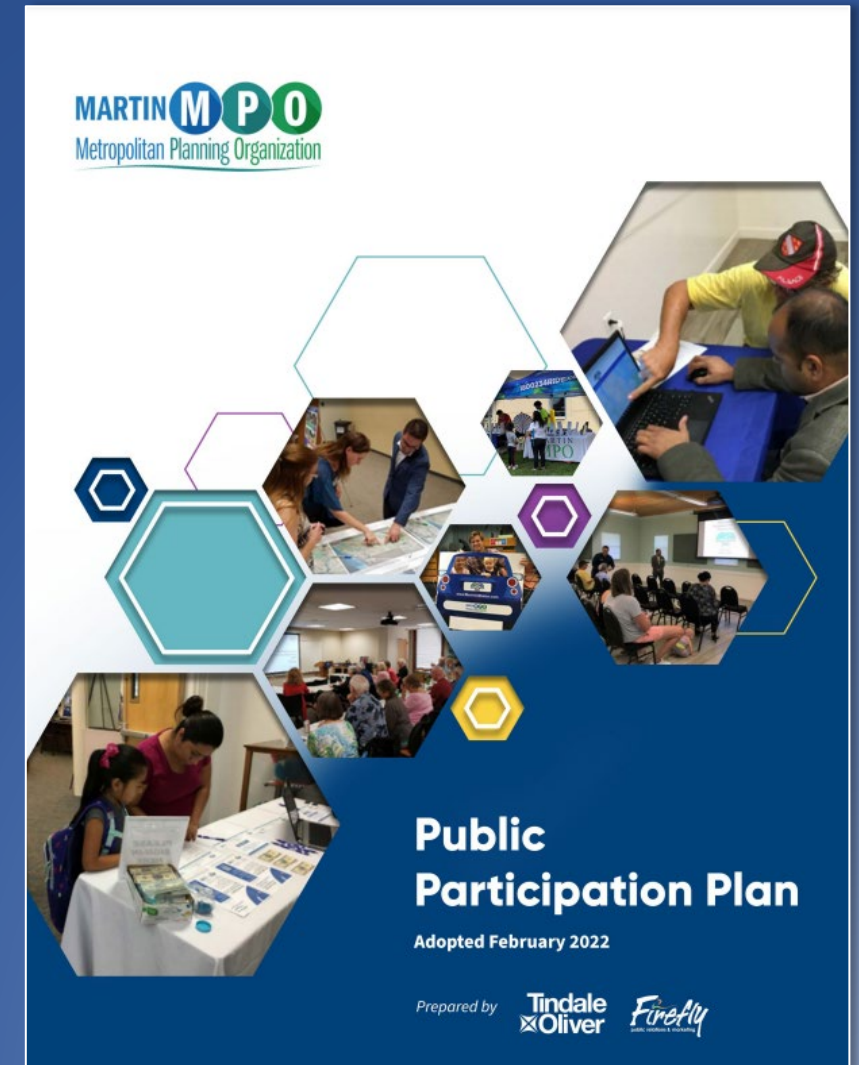
# Public Involvement Annual Report 2024





# Public Participation Plan (PPP)

The goal of the PPP is to establish an ongoing process through which public feedback is regularly identified and considered in the development of MPO plans and documents.



# Objective 1

Hold regular public meetings with MPO advisory committees to obtain feedback on all documents, projects, and funding determinations prior to consideration by the MPO Board.

*Strategies achieved: 3/3*





# Objective 2

Provide equitable access to information regarding transportation decision-making.

*Strategies achieved: 6/6*



2050 LRTP Visioning Session  
Stuart City Hall – 11/19/24



Transit Development Plan (TDP)  
Open House Event – Indiantown 1/11/24



US-1 Congestion Management Study  
Open House – Hoke Library - 10/3/24



TDP Open House  
Banner Lake Clubhouse- 1/31/24



# Objective 3

Engage the public early, often, and with clarity so that opportunities exist for public feedback in the transportation decision-making process.

*Strategies achieved: 6/6*



Safety Outreach Event  
Stuart Walmart- 12/10/2024



TDP Open House – Cummings Library  
1/26/24



Martin CARES - 2/15/24



TDP Open House - Robert Morgade Library  
1/8/24



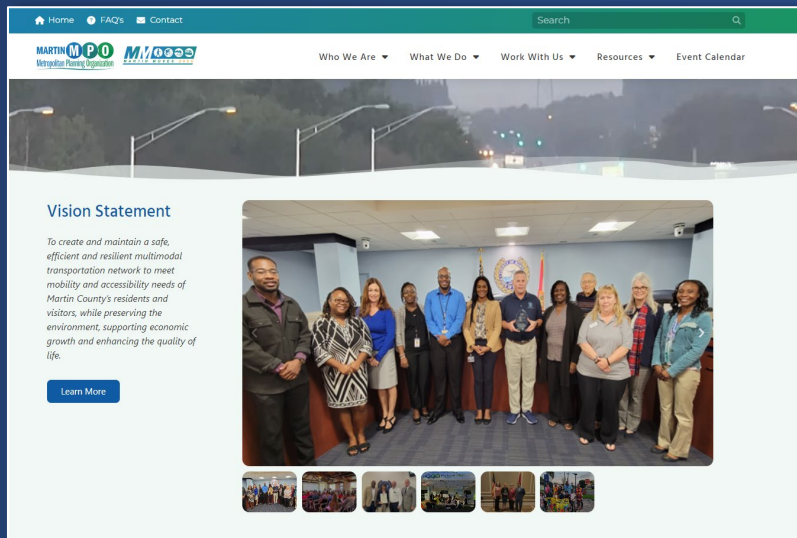
# Objective 4

Use a variety of methods to involve and engage the public.

*Strategies achieved: 6/6*



Walk to School Day  
J.D. Parker Elementary  
October 2, 2024



MPO Website



Martin MPO  
Social Media



Mobility Bucks Activity

# Objective 5

Gather public feedback on the Program of Projects for Martin County Public Transit.

*Strategies achieved: 2/2*



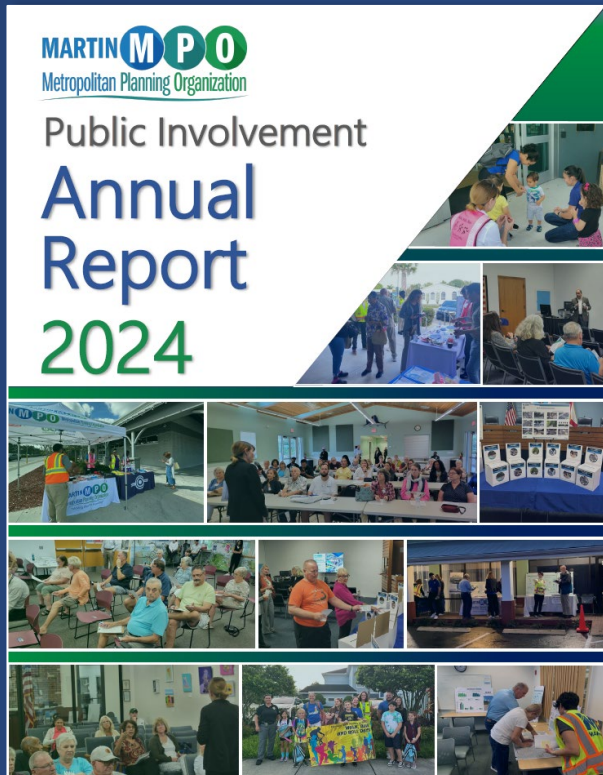
FY25 – FY29 List of Public Transit Priorities					
Facility/ Equipment	Project Location/Description	Estimated Amount	Funding Source	2045 LRTP or TDP Page #	Project Status/Notes
Bus Replacement / Expansion	Rolling Stock	\$146,920	\$5339	LRTP -pg. 74	Amount of funds programmed is based on anticipated procurements and estimated costs and will change year to year.
Operating	Operating Assistance	\$812,370	\$5307	LRTP -pg. 74	
Security	1% Security	\$18,104	\$5307	LRTP -pg. 74	
Safety	.75% Safety	\$13,578	\$5307	LRTP -pg. 74	



# Objective 6

Strive to continuously improve the public participation process.

*Strategies achieved: 3/3*



**Table 6-1: Public Participation Plan Measures of Effectiveness**

Objective 1 – Hold regular public meetings with MPO advisory committees to obtain feedback on all documents, projects, and funding determinations prior to consideration by the MPO Board.		
	Tool/Technique Area	Measure
<b>Strategy 1a</b> Advisory committee positions are filled.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Program management</li><li>• Public notification</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maintain 80% of all advisory committee positions filled during course of the year.</li></ul>
<b>Strategy 1b</b> Advisory committees receive meeting notices, agenda items, and information at least 5 days prior to meetings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Program management</li><li>• Public notification</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 80% of advisory committee meeting notices and information sent at least five (5) days prior to meeting.</li><li>• MPO staff meet at least twice annually with partner MPO staff to discuss regional issues and provide feedback to advisory committees.</li><li>• MPO staff meet at least once per year with Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Council to discuss transportation issues and provide feedback to advisory committees.</li></ul>
<b>Strategy 1c</b> Advisory committee recommendations/actions are presented to MPO Board.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Program management</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 100% of advisory committee recommendations or actions logged and subsequently presented to MPO Board.</li></ul>





**CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEETING  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

<b>MEETING DATE:</b> February 5, 2025	<b>DUE DATE:</b> January 29, 2025	<b>UPWP#:</b> 6
<b>WORDING:</b> SR-710 WIDENING PROJECT AND SW ALLAPATTAH ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNAL PRESENTATION		
<b>REQUESTED BY:</b> MPO	<b>PREPARED BY:</b> Margie Tamblyn / Beth Beltran	<b>DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION:</b> N/A

**BACKGROUND**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) divided the SR-710 Widening Project into four segments.

- Segment A – Martin/Okeechobee County Line to SE 126<sup>th</sup> Blvd.
- Segment B – FPL Power Plant to Martin/Okeechobee County Line
- Segment C – SW Allapattah Rd to FPL Power Plant Road
- Segment D – SW Van Buren Ave. to SE Allapattah Road

FDOT has funded the construction phase of Segment A and Segment D. Segment A includes a traffic signal at the new four-way intersection SR-710 and SE 126<sup>th</sup> Blvd. Segment D does not include a traffic signal and intersection improvements at SR-710 and CR-609/SW Allapattah Road. On the MPO's current adopted FY26 - FY30 List of Project Priorities (LOPP) this is a separate project ranked as Priority #7.

At the MPO Board meeting in December, the Board discussed the importance of a traffic signal at the SR-710 and CR-609/SW Allapattah Road intersection, given the new development of 2,000 homes in that area. The Board asked if integrating the signal project with Segment D would expedite the construction of the signal project.

**ISSUES**

At the February 2025 advisory committee meetings, FDOT staff will present on the SR-710 Widening (Segment D from SW Van Buren Avenue to SW Allapattah Road) and SW Allapattah Road Traffic Signal.

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Provide comments.

## AGENDA ITEM 6G

### **APPROVAL**

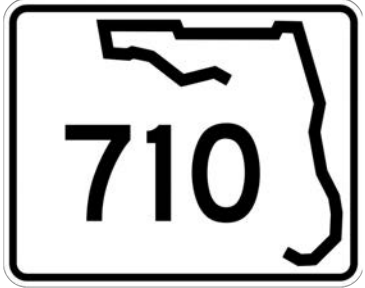
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### **ATTACHMENTS**

No Attachments



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## **SR 710/WARFIELD BOULEVARD WIDENING**

### **From SW Allapattah Road to SW Van Buren Avenue**

**Financial Project ID Number: 453333-4-52-01**

**MARTIN COUNTY MPO BOARD MEETING**

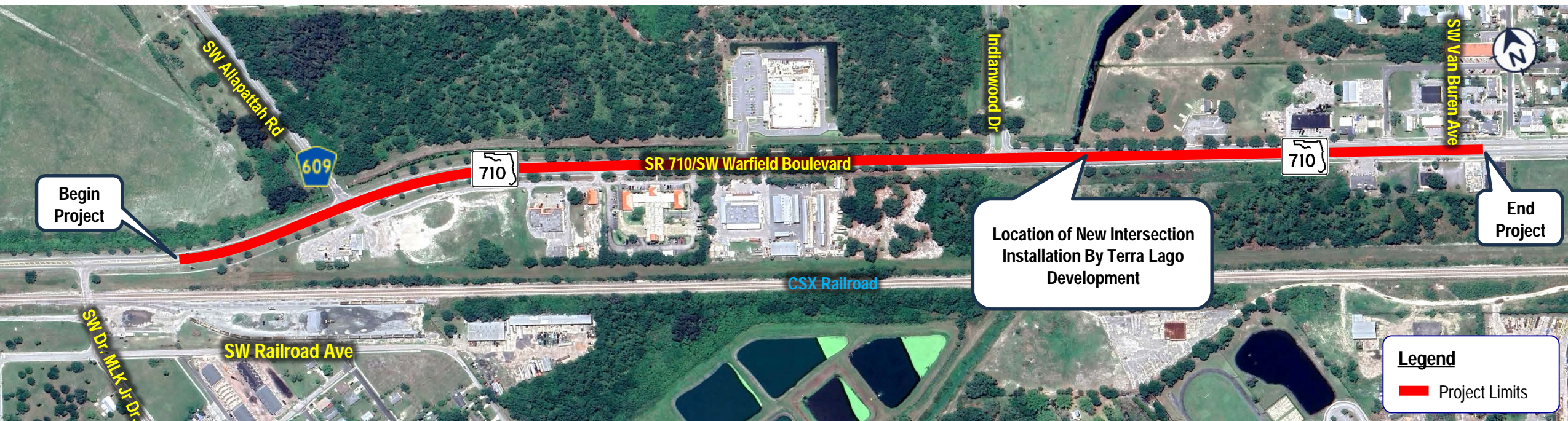
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# Project Location and Overview

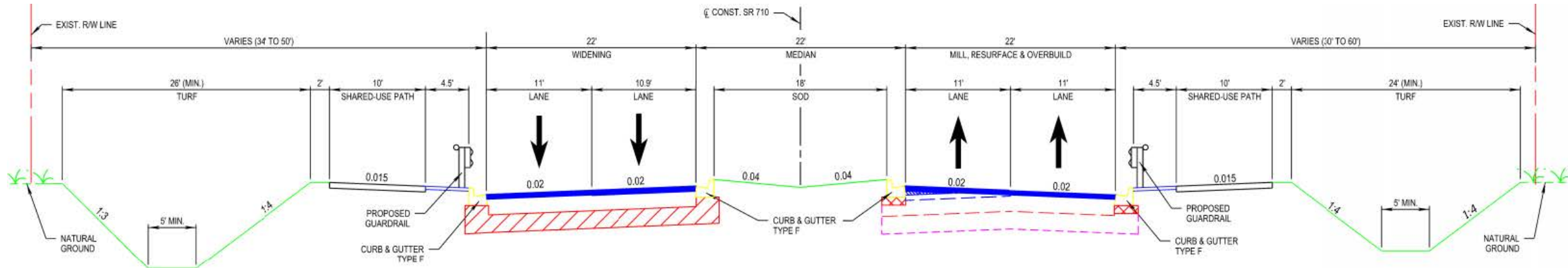
## SR 710/Warfield Blvd Widening Project (453333-4-52-01)

- Located in the Village of Indiantown, Martin County
- Project limits extend 0.84 miles from west of SW Allapattah Road to SW Van Buren Avenue
- 3-lane Undivided Urban Principal Arterial with Center Left Turn Lane
- C3C – Suburban Commercial Context Classification
- 40 mph posted speed limit



# SR 710 Widening Proposed Improvements

- Widening from 2-lane undivided to 4-lane divided roadway
- Urban roadway section with curb and gutter and 10' shared use path on both sides
- Drainage improvements to accommodate additional impervious area
- Intersection Improvement of CR-609/SW Allapattah Rd and Indiantown Dr intersections
- Lighting upgrades along SR 710 at intersections

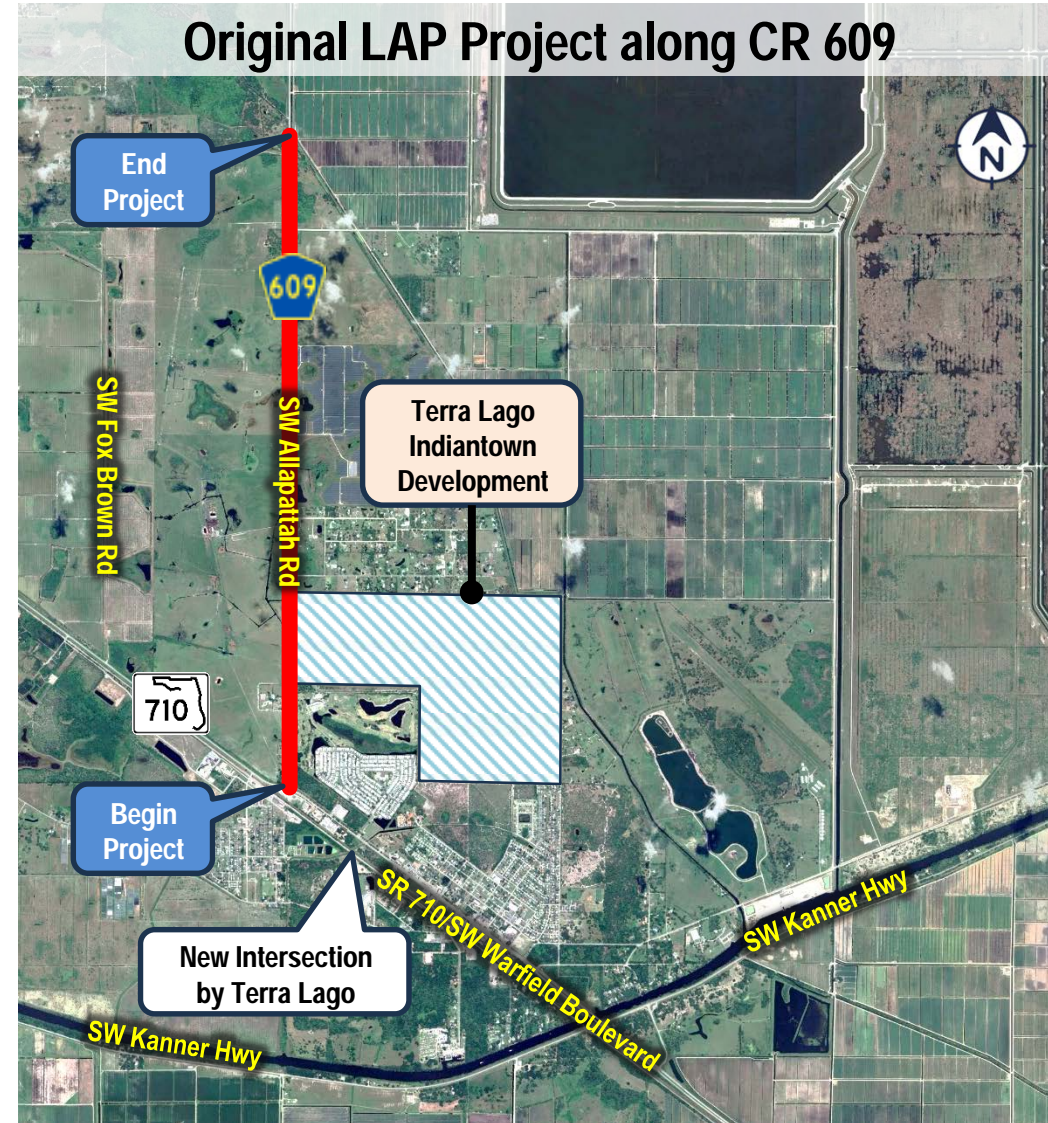


Preliminary Typical Section along SR 710



# Adjacent Projects

- Local Agency Project (LAP) Application completed February 2022 but not programmed
  - Proposed improvements identified included
    - Milling and resurfacing of CR-609/SW Allapattah Road from SR 710 to N of SW Minute maid Road (3.6 miles)
    - Addition of paved shoulders and drainage improvements
    - Addition of southbound left turn lane at SR 710 intersection
    - Possible addition of a traffic signal at SR 710 intersection
    - Traffic Signal Warrant Study for SR 710/Warfield Blvd at SW Allapattah Rd intersection not included as part of LAP application
- Terra Lago Development





# Work Program & Schedule

## Next Steps

- New signalized intersection at SW Allapatah Road requires Traffic Signal Warrant Study and Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) Study
- FDOT to further explore opportunities to fund the LAP Project
- Coordination between potential LAP Project and SR 710 Widening Project
- Coordination with Terra Lago for potential improvements via Permit Project

## Project Schedule | SR 710 Widening (FM# 453333-4)

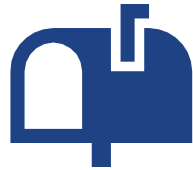
- Traffic Signal Warrant & ICE Study - June 2025
- Initial Engineering Plans (Phase I) - September 2025
- Constructability Plans (Phase II) - June 2026
- Biddability Plans (Phase III) - March 2027
- Production (Phase IV) - September 2027
- Letting - July 2029

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**CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEETING  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

<b>MEETING DATE:</b> February 5, 2025	<b>DUE DATE:</b> January 29, 2025	<b>UPWP#:</b> 5
<b>WORDING:</b> FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) MONTEREY RD AT FEC RAILROAD CROSSING GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT		
<b>REQUESTED BY:</b> MPO	<b>PREPARED BY:</b> Margie Tamblyn / Beth Beltran	<b>DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION:</b> None

**BACKGROUND**

In 2017, the MPO Board adopted the FEC Railroad Grade Separation Feasibility Study that recommended a grade separation on Monterey Road at the FEC Railroad. Monterey Road Grade Separation at the FEC Railroad Crossing project has been on the Martin MPO List of Project Priorities (LOPP).

FDOT is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for the grade separation project. A PD&E is conducted to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. During the study, FDOT will determine the location and conceptual design of feasible build alternatives for roadway improvements and their social, economic, and environmental effects.

**ISSUES**

At the February 2025 advisory committee meetings, FDOT staff will present on the Monterey Road at FEC Railroad Crossing Grade Separation project.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Provide comments.

**APPROVAL**

MPO

**ATTACHMENTS**

No Attachments



# PD&E Study for SR-714/Monterey Road at FEC Railroad Crossing Martin County, Florida

Florida Department Of Transportation District Four

Financial Project ID: 441636-2-22-02

February 2025



# PD&E Study Process

## Why is a PD&E Study performed?

- To determine the best alternative to address the purpose and need
- To evaluate the potential environmental and social effects
- To include public participation to help shape the project
- To comply with federal, state, and local laws

## 1 PLANNING

## 2 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY

## 3 DESIGN

## 4 RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION (IF NEEDED)

## 5 CONSTRUCTION

## 6 MAINTENANCE

### Data Collection/ Initial Stakeholder Coordination

- FEC
- Martin County MPO
- Witham Field
- FWC
- FDEP
- City of Stuart
- Martin County

### Develop 3 Alternatives

- Purpose & Need
- Stakeholder feedback
- Feasibility

### Alternative Engineering Analysis

- Traffic Evaluation
- Safety Analysis
- Roadway Analysis
- Structure Analysis
- Drainage
- Cost/Benefit

### Alternative Environmental Analysis

- Social Economic
- Environmental Studies
  - Cultural
  - Natural
  - Physical

### Final Documents

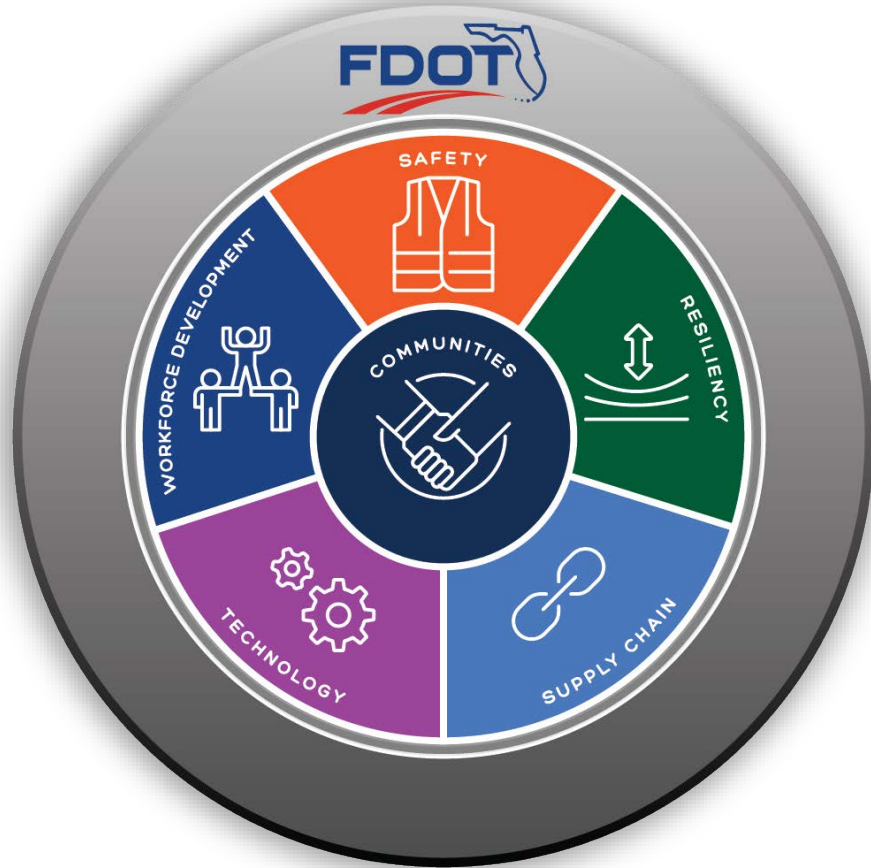
- Categorical Exclusion Type II
- FHWA (LDCA)

Continuous Public Involvement





# Public Engagement – Multi-Faceted

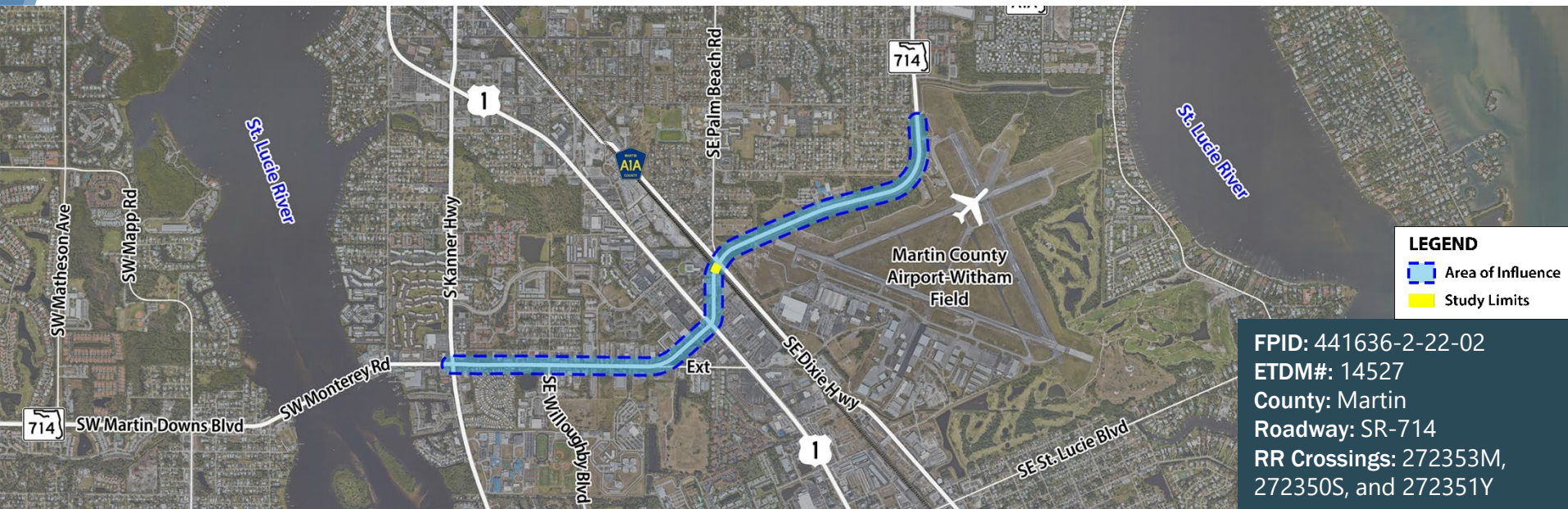


# Kick-off Meeting Summary

## Kick-off Meeting was held on December 4, 2024

- Letters were sent to all property owners and tenants with at least 300 feet of either side of the proposed project and to other public officials, regulatory agencies, organizations and individuals interested in the project.
- Newspaper ad, FAR ad, flyers and letters were also sent to advertise the project and promote the website, so the community can provide their feedback.
- **45** People Registered, **18** attended in person, and **28** attended virtually.
- The virtual kick-off meeting started at 5:30 p.m., followed by the in-person kick-off meeting which began at 6:30 p.m. The same information was presented at both the virtual and in-person meeting.
- Geofencing was used to inform the commuters.
- South Florida Commuter Services:
  - Ran Facebook ads,
  - Optimized for link clicks,
  - Targeting commuters residing in locations likely to be impacted by the project, according to travel data.
  - Ads ran from November 27, 2024, to December 4, 2024.
- Facebook Performance Summary:
  - 63,241 Impressions
  - 26,701 Unique Persons Exposed to the Ad
  - 2,150 Clicked the Link to Project Website
  - 62 Post Shares, Post Saves, Page Follows/Likes
  - 34 Post Comments\*14 additional comments were deleted/removed by the user(s)
  - Who Clicked on the Link?
    - 18-24 Years: 48
    - 25-34 Years: 140
    - 35-44 Years: 195
    - 45-54 Years: 271
    - 55-64 Years: 456
    - 65+ Years: 1,013
    - Unable to Confirm Age: 27

# Project Location



## Project Is Located

- Partially within the City of Stuart boundary and Martin County

## Project Study Area of Influence

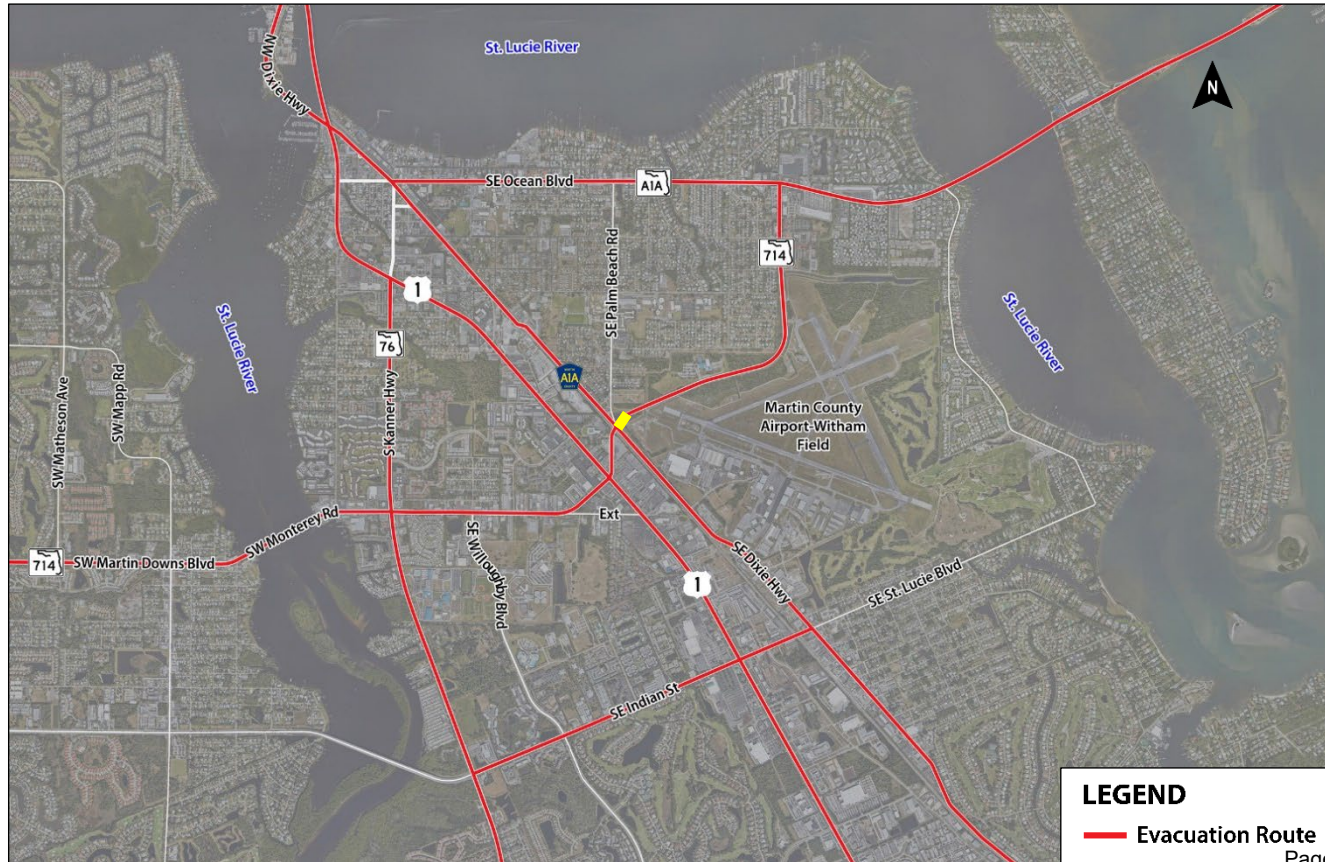
- Along SR 714 from SR 76/S. Kanner Hwy to SE Flying Fortress Lane

## Project Focus

- The project focus will be to address the SR 714 at the FEC Railroad Crossing**



# Evacuation Routes

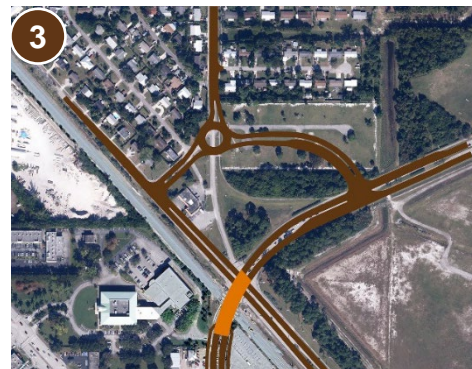


# Hospitals/Medical/Emergency/Fire





# Tier 1 Concepts





# Tier 1 Concept Plus An Additional Tier 1



# Tier 1 Evaluation Matrix

Relative to each other: High Medium Low

Evaluation Criteria/Potential Involvement	Concept 1	Concept 2	Concept 3	Concept 4	Concept 5	Concept 6	Concept 7	Concept 8	Concept 9	Concept 10
<b>Engineering</b>										
Structures (Bridge/Tunnel)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Runway Surfaces	High	High	High	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Airport Property	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Medium	Low	High	Low	Low
<b>Parcel Encroachment</b>										
ROW Acquisition	Low	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Medium	Medium	Low	Low
Potential Residential/Business Impacts	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	High	High	Low	Medium	Low	Low
<b>Environmental</b>										
Archeological/Historical Sites	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	High	Medium	Medium	Low	Low
Section 4(f) Sites	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Noise	Low	Low	Low	Medium	High	High	Low	Low	Low	Low
Wetlands/Other Surface Water (Acres)	Medium	Low	Low	High	High	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
Protected Species Involvement	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Petroleum & Hazardous Materials Sites	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Low	Medium	Medium



# Tier 2

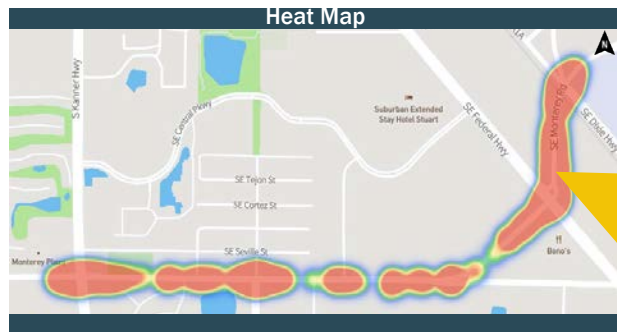


**\*Concept 8 would not utilize the box-jacking method of construction**

**Additionally, the NO-BUILD Alternative will be carried through the PD&E process**



# US 1 to Dixie - Stuart Centre Shopping Mall Driveway

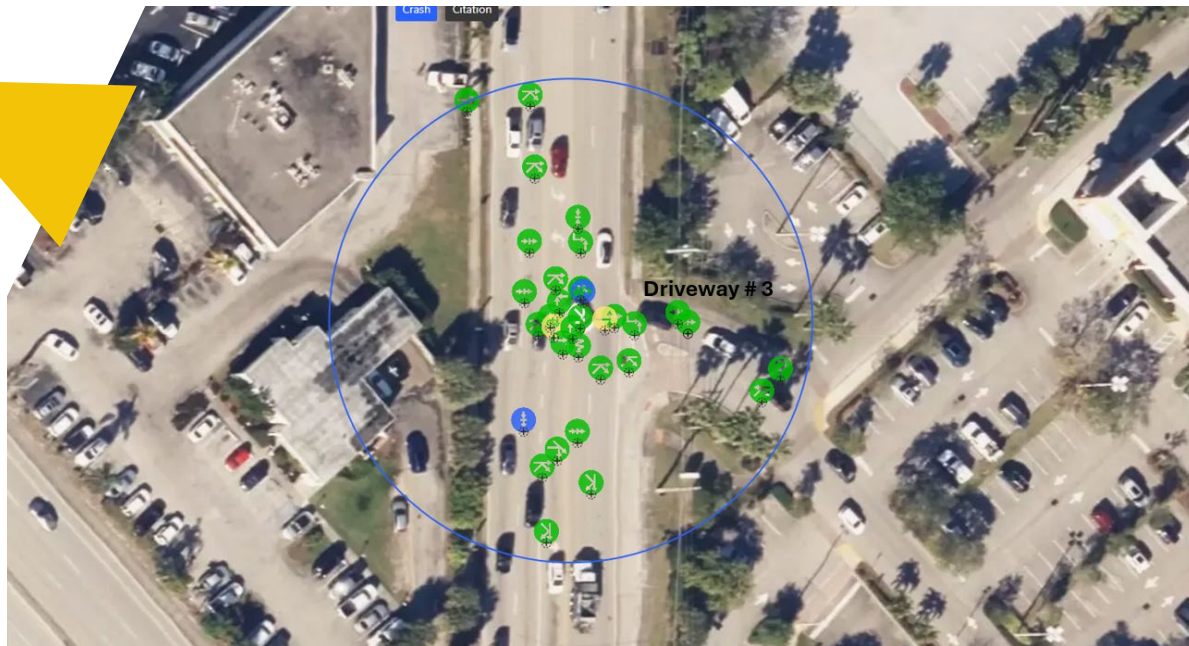


**Heat Map:** High Density of Crashes

**Existing Median:** Two Way Left Turn Lane

**Number of Driveways into Shopping Mall:** 3

Driveway 3 with Noticeable Number of Crashes



# US 1 to Dixie - Stuart Centre Shopping Mall Driveway

**Existing Median:** Two Way Left Turn Lane

## Safety Analysis Is On-Going

affect to US 1/Federal Highway Intersection

SR 714/Monterey @ US 1/Federal Hwy 2050 No-Build  
LOS = F (AM Peak & PM Peak)

Improvement at SR 714/Monterey @ US 1/Federal Hwy  
will affect the operation of the intersection

Potential Solutions Under Investigation

- Traffic separator along SR 714/Monterey Rd.
- Potential access road in conjunction with grade separation
- Right-in, Right-out driveways



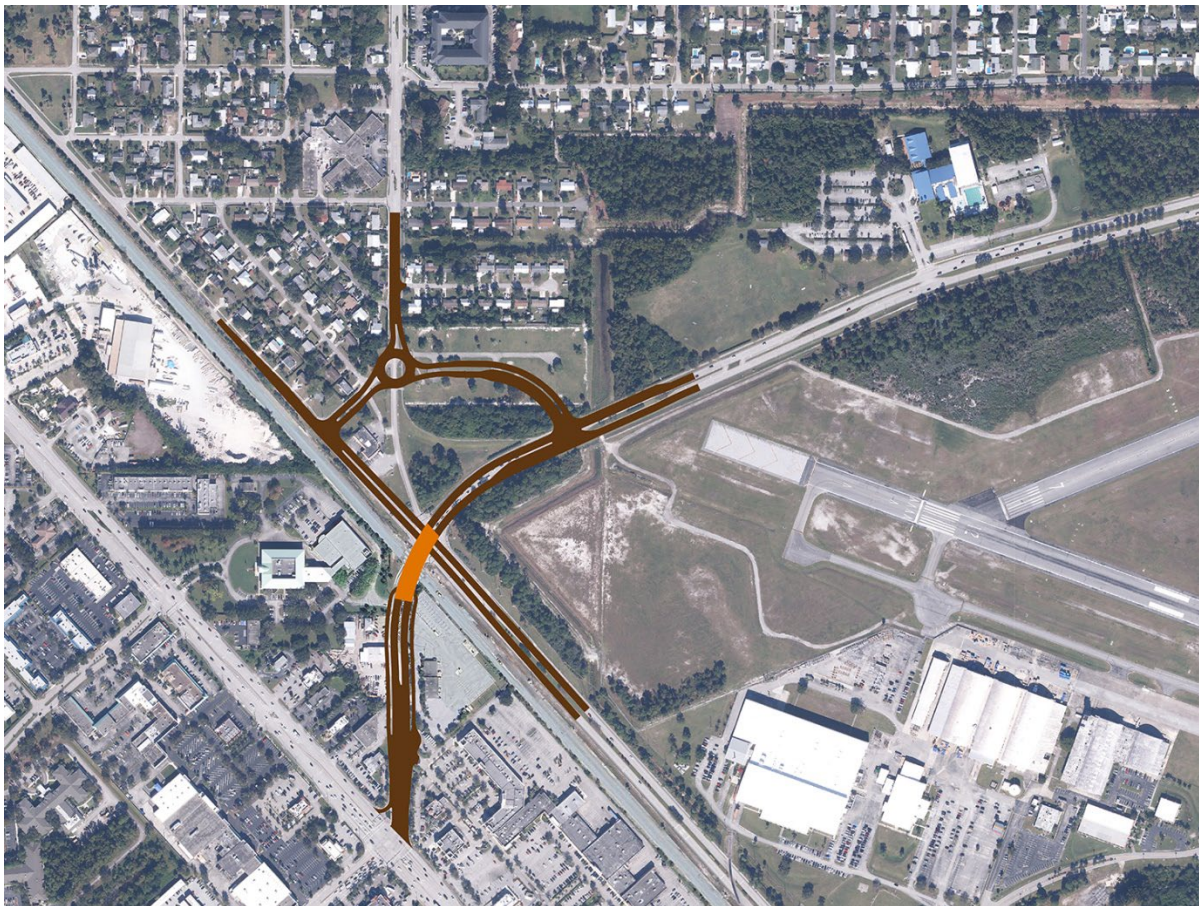
**Existing Aerial**



**Existing Aerial Turn  
Movements**



# Consideration of Witham Airfield Airspace





# Contact and Website Information

## Project Website

<https://www.fdot.gov/projects/montereyrd-fec-study>

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# THANK YOU

## PD&E Study for SR-714/Monterey Road at FEC Railroad Crossing Martin County, Florida



# Notes

- 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Outreach and Survey





The Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) outlines a comprehensive vision for the region's transportation system over the next 25 years. Your input will help shape the future of transportation in Martin County.

**Scan to  
complete  
the survey**

