

ALIGNMENT PUBLIC WORKSHOP

PORT MANATEE CONNECTOR

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY

From Port Manatee to I-75

Financial Project Number: 422724-1-22-01

Manatee and Hillsborough Counties, Florida

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to attend an **Alignment Public Workshop on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Manatee Convention Center, One Haban Boulevard, Palmetto, FL 34221.**

The purpose of the PD&E Study is to develop and evaluate viable alternatives that will improve the movement of goods and traffic flow between Interstate 75 (I-75) and Port Manatee. Alternatives under consideration include taking no action, upgrades to existing roadways, and alternatives on a new east-west alignment. A potential new roadway alignment would provide access to Port Manatee at U.S. 41 and connect to a new or modified interchange with I-75. The study area for the proposed project generally extends from south of I-275 to south of State Road 674 and from the Tampa Bay coast line to east of I-75, in northern Manatee County and southern Hillsborough County. A project Web site (www.portmanateeconnector.com) has been created that contains various project information including public involvement opportunities, project documents, and the current project schedule.

The purpose of this public workshop is to provide the public with an opportunity to review and comment on the preliminary alignments developed for the project. The workshop format will consist of an informal "open house" with the preliminary alignments and other project information on display. FDOT representatives will be available at the meeting to answer questions and discuss the development of the preliminary alignments. Your input will be considered in the selection of the alignment(s) considered for further analysis.

Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact the project manager, in writing, at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the public workshop at the address below. If you have any questions about the project or the scheduled public workshop, please address them to the project manager:

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Robin Parrish, Interim District Title VI Coordinator, Florida Department of Transportation, 801 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33831, (863) 519-2675; or Charlotte Thomas, State Title VI Coordinator, Florida Department of Transportation, Equal Opportunity Office - MS 65, 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450, (850) 414-4753.

