

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Florida Department of Transportation

US Highway 41 (SR 45) Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study from SW 11th Place Lane to approximately SW 61st Street, Marion County

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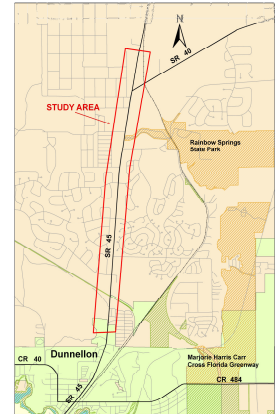
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Date: Monday, December 14, 2009

**Time: Open House 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Presentation 6:00 p.m.
Public Testimony 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Place: St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
7525 S. US Highway 41
Dunnellon, Florida**



The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will conduct a public hearing for the proposed improvements to State Road 45 (US Highway 41) from SW 11th Place Lane to approximately SW 61st Street in Marion County, Florida. The Public Hearing will be held on Monday, December 14, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church located at 7525 S. US Highway 41 Dunnellon, FL. This will be the final public meeting during the PD&E study and final selection of the alternative will be based upon the information collected from this and the previous public meetings. The purpose of the project is to examine the widening and rehabilitation of US Highway 41 (SR 45) from two lanes to four lanes.

This Public Hearing is being conducted to afford interested persons the opportunity to express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements in accordance with the Federal Executive Orders 11990 and 11988 regarding wetlands and floodplains, respectively. Right-of-way acquisition is proposed. This Hearing will be held in accordance with 23 CFR 771 and Section 339.155 Florida Statutes. This project is being developed to comply with Titles VI and VIII of the Civil Rights Act.

During the Public Hearing, there will be a presentation on the proposed improvements and proposed access management classification. Following the presentation, an opportunity for public comment will be provided. Persons desiring to submit written statements in place of, or in addition to, oral statements may do so at the Public Hearing. Written statements may also be submitted by mail if postmarked by December 24, 2009. All statements will become part of the official Public Hearing transcript. Statements that are mailed should be sent to Mr. Dan Kristoff, P.E., at Reynolds, Smith, and Hills Inc., 10748 Deerwood Park Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32256, for this project.

The environmental document and conceptual design plans developed for this project will be available for public review from November 20, 2009 through December 14, 2009, at Dunnellon City Hall at the Community Development Division, 20750 River Dr. Dunnellon, FL 34431; FDOT Deland Office, 719 S. Woodland Blvd., Deland, FL 32720; Transportation Planning Organization Office, 121 SE Watula Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471. These materials will also be available at the Public Hearing.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Ms. Amy Sirmans c/o Florida Department of Transportation, 719 S. Woodland Blvd., DeLand, FL 32720-6834, Mail Station 4-501 at least seven days prior to the meeting.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the FDOT Project Manager, Amy Sirmans, by telephone at 386-943-5404 or by email at amy.sirmans@dot.state.fl.us