

LAKE ~ SUMTER MPO PROJECT UPDATES – November 2018

- **US 301 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study (Sumter County)**

US 301 is being studied from SR 44 in Wildwood south to C-470 (west) in Sumterville. The study will lead to specific operational improvements and design improvements to the interchange of US 301 and Florida's Turnpike and to the intersection of US 301 and SR 44. The study is also examining the concept of a new alignment east and south of Coleman. The planning effort is being coordinated with other Sumter County projects including the I-75/CR 514 proposed interchange and the C-470 study. Public Alternatives Meeting #2 was held in May. A public hearing on the recommended alternatives will be held in summer 2018. The preferred design alternative will be presented for public comments at the Hearing. At the end of the study in spring 2019, a recommended design alternative will be selected, and all engineering and environmental reports will be finalized. The project is funded for the design phase in FY 2019/20.

A **Public Hearing** will be held on Monday, Dec. 3, 2018. The hearing will begin as an open house at 5:30 p.m. with a formal presentation at 6 p.m.

Location: Trinity Baptist Church - Fellowship Hall

Address: 3305 E. CR 468, Wildwood, FL 34785

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Presentation: 6 p.m.

For More information please visit the Project Website: US301_Sumter.com

- **I-75/CR 514 PD&E Study (Sumter County near Coleman)**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District 5 has initiated a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study to evaluate a new interchange near the Interstate 75 (I-75) at County Road (C.R.) 514 (Warm Springs Avenue) overpass. The project area is located approximately 4.0 miles south of the I-75 and Florida Turnpike interchange and approximately 3.5 miles north of the I-75 at C.R. 470 interchange in Sumter County. The project limits extend north and south along I-75 at C.R. 514 and along C.R. 514 from 0.5 mile west of I-75 east 0.75 mile to the C.R. 525 Extension.

C.R. 514 is a two-lane, undivided, local roadway that crosses over I-75 at the project location. The purpose of this project is to improve the existing transportation network and support regional travel demand by providing additional access to I-75 at C.R. 514. The planned Florida Crossroads Industrial Activity Center (FCIAC) will serve as an intermodal freight logistics center and distribution hub, contributing to projected future travel demand in the region. In addition, residential development is expanding from the north and east toward the project area, increasing the amount of traffic in the region. The existing transportation network facilities in the project and surrounding area will be unable to support projected future demand.

Project webpage: http://www.cflroads.com/project/435476-1/I-75_at_C_R_514

- **C-470 PD&E Study**

FDOT is nearing completion of a Project Development and Environment Study for C-470 in Sumter County east into Lake County across Florida's Turnpike. The study is examining future needs for the roadway through 2040. The study is also part of an initiative to have 470 in both counties designated as a state road from I-75 in Sumter County east to US 27 in Lake County. A public hearing was held in April on the recommended alternatives. The study is now in final documentation phase and concludes this month. The project is funded for the design phase in FY 2019/20.

Project webpage: http://www.cflroads.com/project/434912-1/C_-_470_PD_E_Study

- **Wekiva Parkway Project**

The Central Florida Expressway Authority is now constructing all remaining segments in Orange County and new SR 453 from Orange County into Lake County from SR 429 to SR 46. The FDOT has moved into the construction phase for segments of SR 46, SR 429, and CR 46A in Lake County.

Project Website: <http://wekivaparkway.com/fdot-projects.php>

- **Trails: Central Florida C2C Trail and Wekiva Trail**

Because of the Central Florida MPO Alliance prioritization of Regional Trails, almost all phases of the C2C Trail have received advancements of funding from FDOT for each needed phase in both counties. The FDOT recently announced forthcoming programming of the subsequent phases of each segment of the C2C. Only the segment through downtown Groveland is absent from the FDOT Work Program. Meanwhile, the Wekiva Trail has two segments out of four segments committed for construction to be complete by 2019/20. The other two segments are now in the design phase. Project website: <http://www.floridasuntrail.com/>

- **Lake-Orange Parkway & Schofield Road Concepts (US 27 to SR 429)**

The Central Florida Expressway Authority is preparing to start a Feasibility, Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for the Lake / Orange Connector. The study will take a fresh look at previously studied alignment alternatives seeking to promote regional connectivity via a limited access facility.

CFX will be providing more information on this study once it gets underway. Public involvement and intergovernmental coordination will be a crucial part of this study.

Two options are being examined to construct roads between US 27 south of Clermont east to existing interchanges with SR 429. The northern corridor, Wellness Way, would connect to the New Independence Parkway interchange. The corridor to the south would connect to the Schofield Road interchange.

Project website: <https://www.cfxway.com/agency-information/plans-studies/project-studies/lake-orange-connector-study/>

- **SR 50 PD&E Study**

SR 50 is being studied from US 301 in Hernando County east to CR 33 in Mascotte. The Project Development and Environment Study is examining safety and capacity needs and will take into account the environmental issues relative to the Green Swamp and the Withlacoochee State Forest. The study commenced in January and the first public meeting was held in July. The study will conclude at the end of 2018.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will hold two public hearings for the State Road (S.R.) 50 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. The PD&E Study recommends the widening of S.R. 50 to four lanes from U.S. 301 in Hernando County to County Road (C.R.) 33 in Lake County, a distance of 20 miles. The need for these improvements includes roadway capacity and safety. For convenience purposes, the FDOT has scheduled these hearings on the following dates/times:

Public Hearing #1

Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018

Mascotte Civic Center

121 N Sunset Ave.,

Mascotte, FL 34753

From 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

[SR 50 PD&E Newsletter](#)

Public Hearing #2

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Ridge Manor Community Center

34240 Cortez Blvd.

Dade City, FL 33523

From 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Project website: [http://www.cflroads.com/project/435859-](http://www.cflroads.com/project/435859-1/SR_50_PD_E_Study_from_US_301_in_Hernando_County_to_CR_33_in_Lake_County)

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- **Complete Streets Projects**

The MPO is managing two Complete Streets projects, East Ave. in Clermont and US 301 in Wildwood. Both projects are in the initial study phases and will be completed by June 2019.