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Subject: Public Hearing
U.S. 17-92 Improvements
Orange County
Financial Project Identification (FPID) No: 408429-2

Dear Government Official:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to a public hearing regarding project plans on U.S. 17-92 from south of Nottingham Street to south of Monroe Avenue on Thursday, April 29, at 5:30 p.m.

The purpose of this project is to provide pedestrian and traffic improvements along this segment of U.S. 17-92 that enhance mobility and safety. Pedestrian improvements include constructing wider sidewalks along U.S. 17-92 from Orange Avenue to Webster Avenue, along with pedestrian signal and crosswalk upgrades at Fairbanks Avenue, Morse Boulevard, and Webster Avenue. Sidewalk curb ramps at signalized intersections will also be enhanced to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Bicycle traffic between Orange Avenue and Lee Road will be rerouted to the nearby Denning Drive multi-use trail. Lighting upgrades and aesthetic treatments, including landscaping, are planned.

This project will also upgrade existing traffic signals at Orange Avenue, Minnesota Avenue, Fairbanks Avenue, Morse Boulevard, and Webster Avenue. Motorists can expect new eastbound left turn lanes on Fairbanks Avenue and Orange Avenue approaching U.S. 17-92; new raised medians on U.S. 17-92 at Garden Drive, Vivian Avenue, and north of Aragon Avenue; and modifications to existing median openings on U.S. 17-92 at Glendon Parkway, Solana Avenue, Elvin Avenue, and Monroe Avenue. In addition, this segment of U.S. 17-92 will be repaved, and the stormwater drainage system will be upgraded as needed.

At this time, the project is not currently funded for construction. The proposed improvements are included in the City of Winter Park Traffic and Transportation Plan. The public hearing is being held to present information and receive community feedback.

The Department is offering multiple ways for the community to participate in the hearing. All participants, regardless of the platform they choose, will participate in the same live hearing.

- **Virtual Option:** Interested persons may join the Virtual Public Hearing (VPH) from a computer, tablet or mobile device. A VPH is a free live presentation or webinar over the internet. For this option, advance registration is required by visiting the link below. Once registered, participants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the hearing online. Please note, Internet Explorer cannot be used to register or attend this webinar.
tinyurl.com/1792Register
- **Phone Option (Listen Only):** Participants may join the hearing in listen-only mode by dialing 1-877-568-4108 and entering the passcode 227-486-091 when prompted. Callers may submit comments directly to the project manager by using the contact information listed at the end of this letter.



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- **In-Person Option:** Participants may attend in person by going to the Winter Park Community Center; 721 West New England Ave. Winter Park, Florida 32789. The Department requests advance registration for this option to ensure all attendees are accommodated safely and according to social distancing guidelines. To register for the in-person option, please contact the project manager by using the contact information listed at the end of this letter. Attendees will be asked to follow all safety and sanitation guidelines as well as adhere to any local ordinances. Persons who are not feeling well should not attend the in-person hearing.

The VPH and in-person hearing location open at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 29. A presentation will begin promptly at 6 p.m., followed by a formal public comment period. If joining online, please provide adequate log-in time to view the presentation in its entirety.

All hearing materials, including the presentation, will be available on the project website at www.cflroads.com/408429-2 prior to the hearing. A recording of the hearing will be available on the website within a week following the hearing.

FDOT is sending notices to all property owners, business owners, interested persons and organizations to provide the opportunity to give comments to FDOT regarding the U.S. 17-92 Improvements Project. The hearing gives everyone an opportunity to express their views about the proposed modifications. While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please send your comments by May 13 to be included in the records for this public hearing.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to FDOT compliance with Title VI may do so by contacting Jennifer Smith, FDOT District Five Title VI Coordinator at Jennifer.Smith2@dot.state.fl.us.

Persons who require accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Eliode Joseph, P.E., at 386-943-5388 or Eliode.Joseph@dot.state.fl.us at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact us by using the Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (Voice).

If you have any questions or comments about the project, please contact me by phone at 386-943-5388, email at Eliode.Joseph@dot.state.fl.us, or U.S. mail at Florida Department of Transportation, 719 S. Woodland Boulevard, MS 542, DeLand, Florida 32720.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eliode Joseph", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Eliode Joseph, P.E.
FDOT Project Manager

Attachment: U.S. 17-92 Improvements Project Information Handout