THE VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING (VPH)

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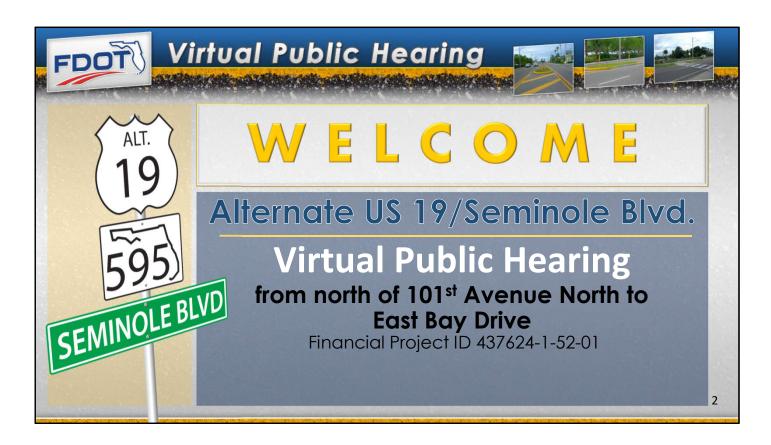
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Alternate US 19/Seminole Blvd.

from north of 101st Avenue North to East Bay Drive Financial Project ID 437624-1-52-01

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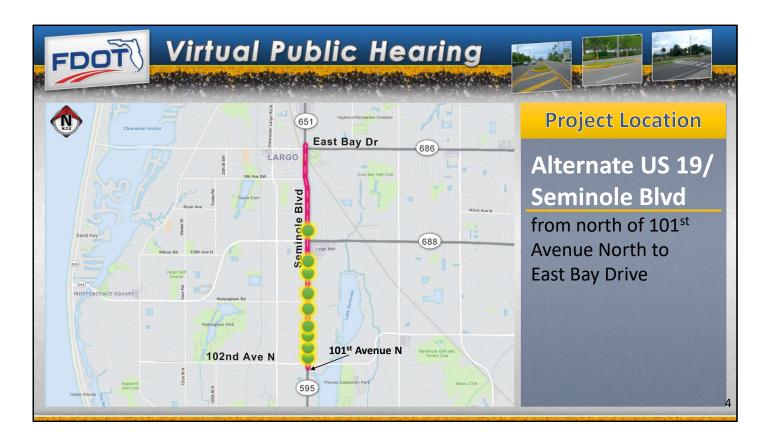
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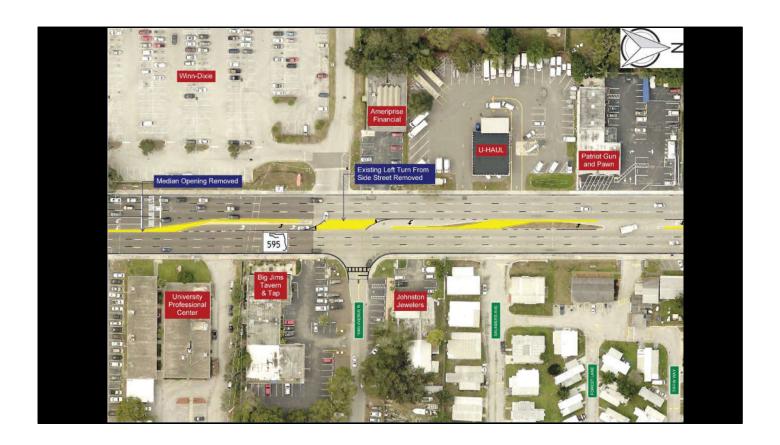
The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Seven, welcomes you to the Virtual Public Hearing (VPH) for the proposed median changes to Alternate US 19, locally known as Seminole Boulevard from north of 101st Avenue North to East Bay Drive, Pinellas County, Florida, Financial Project ID: 437624-1-52-01. This hearing is being conducted as a virtual public hearing which is a free live presentation, or webinar, over the internet that is also held concurrently at one or more viewing locations.



This hearing is being held pursuant to Chapters 120, 338.18, and 335.199, Florida Statutes, and other applicable federal and state legal requirements. As required by Chapter 335.199, the FDOT shall hold a public hearing for affected property and business owners, interested persons, organizations, and local governments whenever currently available turning movements are proposed to be changed at a particular location. As such, this virtual public hearing is being conducted to allow affected parties and local governments the opportunity to provide comments to the Department regarding potential effects of the proposed median changes to Seminole Boulevard in Pinellas County.



The location of the proposed median changes to Seminole Boulevard from north of 101st Avenue North to East Bay Drive are shown on the map by the green dots. The proposed median modifications and associated access and turning movement changes are explained in the following slides.



This graphic depicts the proposed modifications to the median immediately south of 104th Avenue, and the medians at 104th Avenue North and Saunders Avenue. The existing median openings will be closed and concrete separators constructed. Westbound traffic on 104th Avenue North and Saunders Avenue will no longer be able to make a left hand turn to travel south on Seminole Boulevard. They will now have to turn right and make a U-turn at the next median opening in front of Patriot Gun and Pawn. Southbound Seminole Boulevard traffic will no longer be able to make a left turn at Saunders Avenue and the median opening immediately south of 104th Avenue North, but they will continue to be able to turn left onto 104th Avenue North.



The proposed median modification at 106th Avenue North is shown in this graphic. The existing full median opening in front of 106th Avenue North on the east side of Seminole Boulevard will be closed and a concrete separator constructed. Westbound traffic on 106th Avenue North will no longer be able to turn left to travel south on Seminole Boulevard. They will have to turn right and make a U-turn at the full median opening just to the north. Southbound Seminole Boulevard traffic will no longer be able to make a left turn onto 106th Avenue North. To reach 106th Avenue North, they will need to make a U-turn at the median opening in front of Patriot Gun and Pawn.

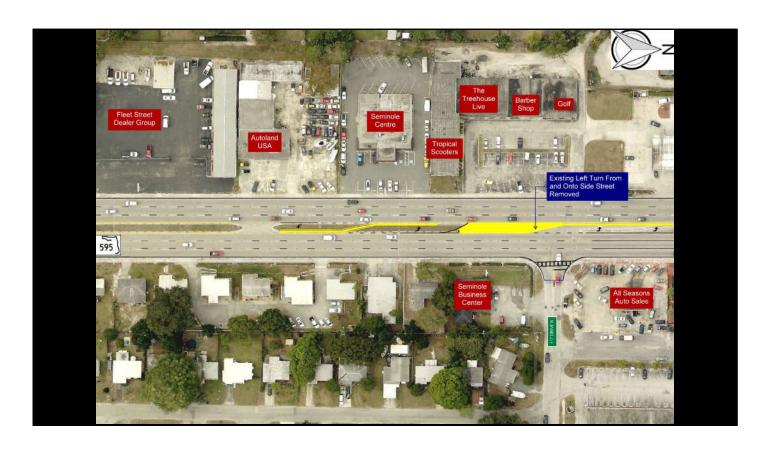


This graphic depicts the proposed median modification immediately south of 110th Avenue North. The existing full median opening will be closed and a concrete separator constructed. Northbound Seminole Boulevard traffic will no longer be able to make a left turn to access the side street at this location. They will have to make a U-turn at 110th Avenue North to travel south. Eastbound traffic on the side street at this median location will no longer be able to turn left and travel north on Seminole Boulevard. They will have to turn right and make a U-turn at the median opening in front of the Midway Animal Hospital to the south.



The proposed median modifications at 111th Place and 114th Avenue North are shown in this graphic. The existing full median openings will be closed and concrete separators constructed. Southbound Seminole Boulevard traffic will not be able to make a left turn at 114th Avenue North. They will now need to make a U-turn at the median opening in front of Largo Professional Center to reach 114th Avenue North. Westbound 114th Avenue North traffic will no longer be able to make a left turn and travel south on Seminole Boulevard. They will have to turn right and make a U-turn at 114th Place immediately to the north.

Northbound Seminole Boulevard traffic will no longer be able to turn left at 111th Place. Eastbound 111th Place traffic can no longer turn left and travel north on Seminole Boulevard. Instead, they will have to turn right and make a U-turn at 110th Avenue North.



This graphic depicts the proposed median modification 117th Drive North. The existing full median opening and will be closed and a concrete separator constructed. Westbound 117th Drive North traffic will no longer be able to turn left to travel south on Seminole Boulevard. They will now have to turn right and make a U-turn at Walsingham Road. Southbound Seminole Boulevard traffic will no longer be able to turn left at 117th Drive North. Motorists will now need to make a U-turn at the median opening in front of Autoland USA.



This graphic depicts the proposed median modification 119th Avenue North. The existing full median opening will be modified and a concrete separator constructed. Traffic on 119th Avenue North will no longer be able to turn left and travel south on Seminole Boulevard. They will now have to turn right and make a U-turn at Caribbean Way.



The proposed median modification at 125th Avenue North is shown in this graphic. The existing full median opening will be closed and concrete separator constructed. Traffic on 125th Avenue North will no longer be able to turn left turn to travel south on Seminole Boulevard. They will have to turn right and make a U-turn at 126th Avenue North. Southbound Seminole Boulevard traffic will no longer be able to turn left at 125th Avenue North. They will need to continue south and make a U-turn at 124th Avenue north.



This graphic depicts the proposed median modification at the entrance to the Midway Community. The existing full median opening will be closed and a concrete separator constructed. Northbound Seminole Boulevard traffic will no longer be able to make a left turn at this location. They will have to make a U-turn at 127th Place to access the Midway Community. Traffic exiting the Midway Community will no longer be able to make a left turn to travel north on Seminole Boulevard. They will have to take a right and make a U-turn at 126th Avenue North.



The proposed median modifications to Dieffenwierth Avenue and the entrance to the Town and Country Mobile Home park are shown in this graphic. The existing full median openings will be modified and concrete separators constructed. Dieffenwierth Avenue North traffic can no longer turn left and travel north on Seminole Boulevard. They will have to turn right and make a U-turn at 21st Avenue SE. Northbound Seminole Boulevard traffic will still be able to turn left onto Dieffenwierth Avenue. Traffic exiting the Town and Country Mobile Home Park will no longer b able to turn left to travel south on Seminole Boulevard. They will have to turn right and make a U-turn at Sea Oates Drive immediately to the north. Southbound Seminole Boulevard traffic will still be allowed to make a left turn into the complex.

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Phase	Year	Cost Estimate
Design	2019	\$1.5 M
Right-of-Way	N/A	N/A
Construction	2020	\$5.1 M

Design for this project is underway; right-of-way acquisition is not necessary. Construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2020.



There are several ways to provide comments that will become part of the official virtual public hearing record for the proposed median changes to Seminole Boulevard, from north of 101st Avenue to East Bay Drive, Pinellas County. Please note questions will not be answered live in the webinar regardless of the manner in which they are received.

First, you may submit a written comment at either of the two viewing locations:

- The Florida Department of Transportation District Seven, Flamingo Conference Room or
- The Community Viewing Location at Southwest Recreation Complex in Largo. Or you can mail them to: Tim O'Brien, P.E., Project Manager, Florida Department of Transportation, District 7, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Mail Station 7-600, Tampa, FL 33612

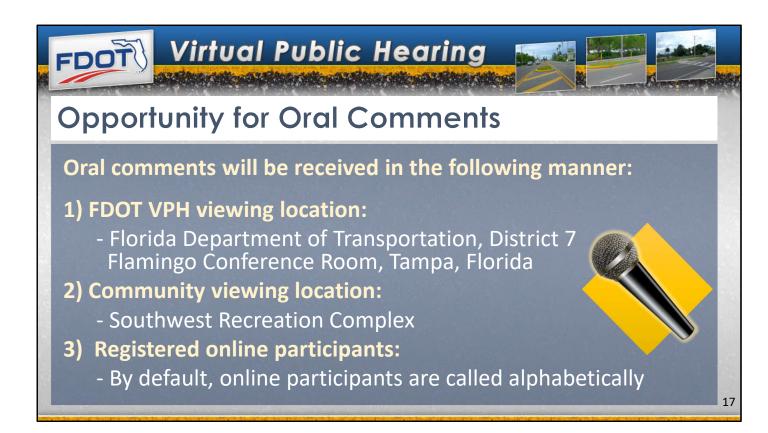
Your comments must be postmarked by December 2, 2019 to become part of the official Virtual Public Hearing record.



You may also provide your comments or questions in either of these two written formats:

First, you may use the webinar question/chat function located in the Control Panel at the right of your screen. By default there is a character limit of approximately five lines in each box. However, you may continue into the next box or boxes and successfully submit your comment.

Second, you may email your comments to: Tim.Obrien@dot.state.fl.us Your comments must be emailed by December 2, 2019 to be included in the official virtual public hearing record.



Finally, you may provide oral comments. The Department will take oral comments during this portion of the VPH in the following order:

- First, viewing location participants at the FDOT, District Seven Flamingo Conference Room in Tampa;
- Second, community viewing location participants at Southwest Recreation Complex, in Largo
- Finally, comments will then be received from registered webinar users. By default, these comments are taken alphabetically by email address.

We will now begin the oral portion of the Virtual Public Hearing.



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The formal presentation and opportunity for verbal comments for this virtual public hearing have concluded. Written comments via the webinar will be accepted until 7:00 p.m. At that time the webinar will conclude. After 7:00 p.m., comments must be submitted by emailing or writing to either of the addresses shown on the screen.

Please remember all comments must be emailed or postmarked by December 2, 2019 to be included in the official public hearing record.