

GATEWAY EXPRESSWAY PUBLIC HEARING NEWSLETTER



Florida Department of Transportation
District Seven

WPI Segment No. 433880-1
Pinellas County, Florida
February 2015

Gateway Expressway Public Hearing Scheduled

Dear Interested Citizen, Business Owner or Property Owner:

You are invited to attend and participate in the Gateway Expressway public hearing held by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) regarding the proposed transportation improvements. The hearing is being held to give the public an opportunity to provide comments concerning the conceptual design of the proposed improvements. The hearing will be held at the following time and location.

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015
Time: Open House from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Formal Presentation at 6:00 p.m.

Place: PSTA Administration Building
3201 Scherer Drive North
St. Petersburg, Florida 33716

Department representatives will be available beginning at 5:00 p.m. to answer questions and discuss the project one-on-one with attendees. Aerial photographs and graphics illustrating the project improvements and estimated costs will be on display. A video presentation will also be shown continuously. The formal portion of the hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. at which time formal public comments may be given. A court reporter will be available to record comments in a one-on-one setting. Following the formal portion of the hearing, Department representatives will be available to answer any further questions or to discuss the project one-on-one with attendees until 7:00 p.m.

Reports, technical memoranda and other pertinent information discussing the project's improvements and impacts will be available for public review from Thursday, February 5 through Monday, March 9, 2015, at the Pinellas Park Public Library, located at 7770 52nd Street, Pinellas Park, FL 33781 during normal hours of operation (Library Main Desk (727) 541-0718) and at the Florida Department of Transportation, District Seven office, located at 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, FL 33612 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This newsletter also serves as notice to property owners (pursuant to Florida Statutes 339.155) that all or a portion of their property is within 300 feet of the centerline of the proposed project. However, this does not mean that all properties would be directly affected.

We look forward to seeing you at the public hearing!

Sincerely,

Ming Gao, P.E.
Intermodal Systems Development Manager

We Want Your Input!

A successful project depends on the public's participation in the project's development.

To provide comments, ask questions, and make suggestions about the project, please contact:

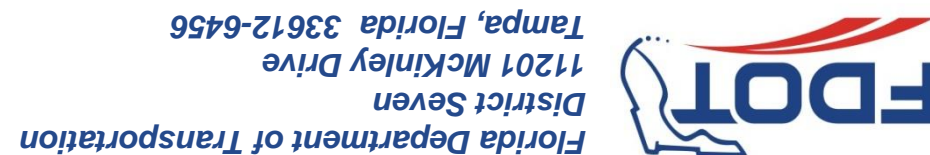
Eyra Cash, Project Manager,
at (813) 975-6164, or email to eyra.cash@dot.state.fl.us, or

Kris Carson, Public Information Officer,
(813) 975-6202, or email to kristen.carson@dot.state.fl.us

Send written comments to:

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Written comments may be provided by completing the enclosed comment form and placing it in the comment box at the hearing. You may also mail your comments to the address preprinted on the back of the form. All comments must be postmarked by Monday, March 9, 2015, to become part of the official public hearing record.



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Project Costs

Phase	Cost Estimate*
Design	Combined with Construction
Right of Way	\$ 93.5 million*
Construction	\$ 337.0 million*
Construction Engineering and Inspection	\$ 23.5 million*

*Please note that cost estimates may change as the project progresses.

Project Schedule

Item	Status
Design	Ongoing
Right of Way	In progress, to be completed in 2015
Construction	Summer 2016
Construction Engineering and Inspection	Summer 2016

Para Preguntas En Español

Si usted tiene preguntas o comentarios o si simplemente desea más información sobre este proyecto en Español, favor de ponerse en contacto con la señora **Eyra Cash**, al telefono (813) 975-6164 o correo electronico eyra.cash@dot.state.fl.us.

Non-Discrimination Laws and Regulations

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 Lori Marable, Public Involvement Coordinator, at (813) 975-6405, (800) 226-7220 or email: lori.marable@dot.state.fl.us at least 7 working days in advance of the Public Hearing.

Right of Way Acquisition Procedure

We understand that when a transportation project proposes the acquisition of private property, you may have questions and concerns. To better educate and inform you about the right of way acquisition process and your rights, the department has created real estate acquisition and relocation brochures. These brochures and other educational materials will be available at the public hearing.

Copies of the brochures may also be found on our website: <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/rightofway/Documents.shtm>

We are interested in hearing your concerns and answering your questions. We also encourage you to speak with the department's Project Manager or a Right of Way Representative at your convenience.

