

THE VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING (VPH) For the following project was held on:

May 20, 2019

Alternate (Alt.) US 19/State Road (SR) 595/Seminole Boulevard

From south of 53rd Avenue North to south of 102rd Avenue North

Financial Project Identification (FPID) Nos: 436485-1-52-01 & 436485-1-52-02 Pinellas County

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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 (Alt.) US 19/State Road (SR) 595/Seminole Boulevard from south of 53rd Avenue North to south of 102nd Avenue North, Seminole, Pinellas County, Florida, Financial Project Identification (FPID) Nos: 436485-152-01 and 436485-1-52-02.

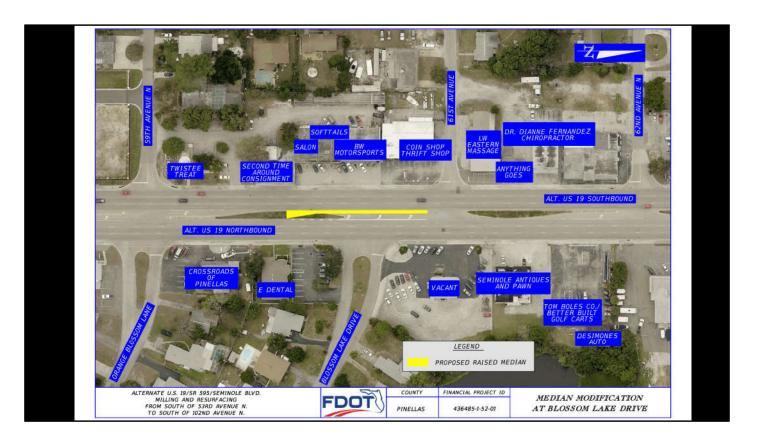
This hearing is being conducted as a virtual public hearing which is a free live presentation, or webinar, over the internet that is also held concurrently at one or more viewing locations.



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 Alt. US 19 from south of 53rd Avenue North to south of 102nd Avenue North, Seminole, Pinellas County.

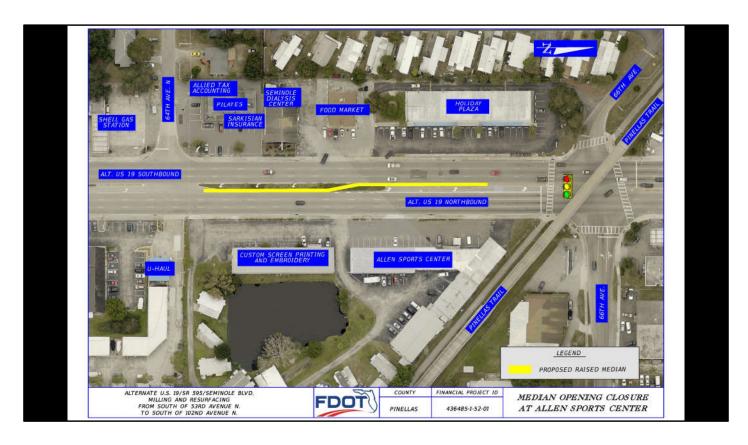


The location of the proposed median changes for Alt. US 19 within the above referenced project limits are shown on the map by the green dots. The proposed median modifications and associated access and turning movement changes are explained in the following slides.

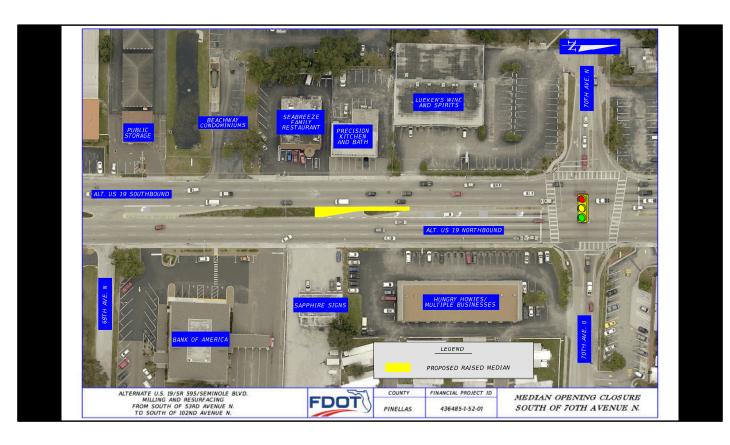


This graphic depicts the proposed median modification on Alt. US 19 at Blossom Lake Drive. The existing median opening will be modified and a concrete separator will be constructed. Northbound Alt. US 19 traffic will now need to make a U-turn at the median opening immediately to the north at 61^{st} Avenue North. Southbound Alt. US 19 traffic will have to make a U-turn at 59^{th} Avenue.

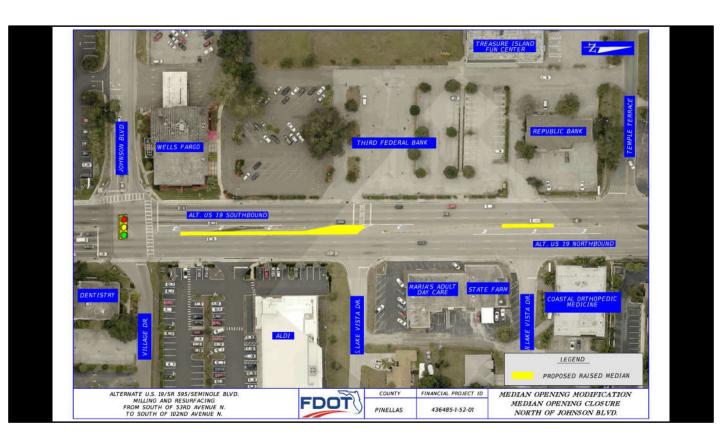
Westbound Blossom Lake traffic will now turn right and make a u-turn at the first median opening in order to travel south.



This graphic depicts the proposed median modification on Alt. US 19 immediately south of 66th Avenue North. The existing full median opening in front of Allen Sport Center on the east side of the road and the Holiday Plaza on west side of the road will be closed, and a concrete separator will be constructed. Northbound Alt. US 19 traffic will now need to make a u-turn at the 66th Avenue north intersection to travel south. Southbound Alt. US 19 traffic will now use the median opening at 64th Avenue North to travel north on Alt. US 19.

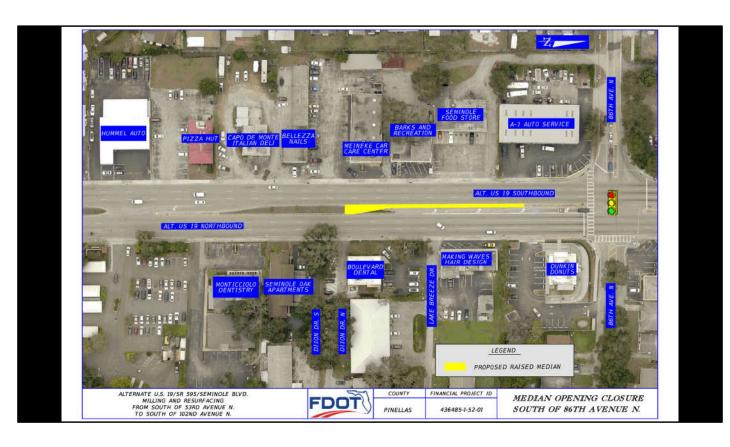


This graphic depicts the proposed median modification on Alt. US 19 south of 70th Avenue North. The existing full median opening will be closed and a concrete separator will be constructed in between 68th Avenue and 70th Avenue North. Northbound Alt. US 19 traffic will now make a u-turn at the 70th Avenue North intersection to travel south. Southbound Alt. US 19 traffic will now make a U-turn at the median opening at 68th Avenue North to travel north.



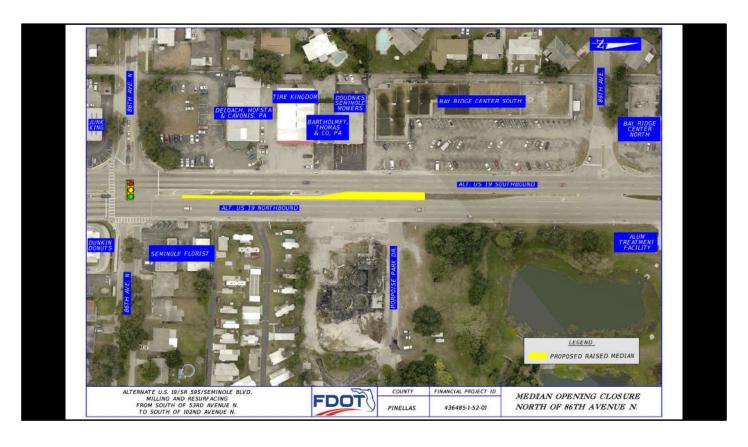
This graphic depicts the proposed median closures and modifications on Alt. US 19 at Lake Vista Drive South and Lake Vista Drive North. The existing full median opening at Lake Vista Drive south will be modified and a concrete separator will be constructed. Northbound Alt. US 19 traffic will now make a U-turn at the median opening at Temple Terrace to travel south. Southbound Alt. US 19 traffic will need to continue to the intersection at Village Drive and Johnson Boulevard and make a u-turn to travel north.

This graphic also shows the that existing full median opening at Lake Vista Drive North will be closed and a concrete separator will be constructed. Northbound Alt. US 19 traffic will now make a u-turn at Temple Terrace Drive to travel south. Southbound Alt. US 19 traffic will now make a U-turn at the median opening at South Lake Vista Drive to travel north. Vehicles traveling west on Lake Vista Drive South or Lake Vista Drive North will now turn right or north on Alt. US 19 and make a u-turn at Temple Terrace to travel south.



The proposed median closure, and construction of a concrete separator, on Alt. US 19 at Lake Breeze Drive is shown in this graphic. Drivers traveling west on Lake Breeze Drive will now turn right to make a u-turn at 86th Avenue North to travel south.

Northbound Alt. US 19 will continue north to make a u-turn at the 86th Avenue North intersection. Southbound Alt. US 19 traffic will no longer be able to make a left turn at this location, and instead will make a u-turn at the median opening immediately to the south to travel northbound.

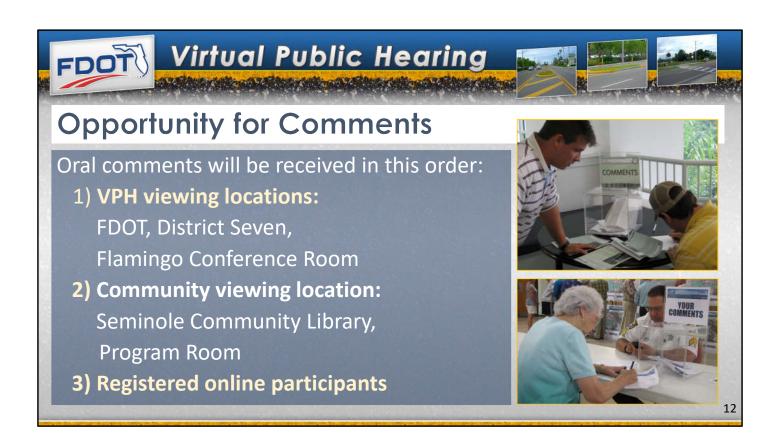


This graphic depicts the proposed median modification on Alt. US 19 immediately north of 86th Avenue North in front of Porpoise Park Drive. The existing full median opening will be closed and a concrete separator will be constructed. To travel south on Alt. US 19, westbound Porpoise Park Drive traffic will need to turn right and make a u-turn at the median opening at 89th Avenue North.

Northbound Alt. US 19 traffic will no longer be able to make a left turn at this location. Instead, they will have to make a U-turn at 89th Avenue North to travel south. Southbound Alt. US 19 traffic will no longer be able to turn left at this location. Instead, they will need to continue south and make a U-turn at the 86th Avenue North intersection.

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Phase	Year	Cost Estimate
Design	Underway	\$.963 M
Right-of-Way	N/A	N/A
Construction	Early 2020	\$7.5 M

Design for this project is underway; no right of way acquisition is necessary. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 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 Alt. US 19 from south of 53rd Avenue North to south of 102nd Avenue North, Pinellas County. Please note questions will not be answered live during the webinar regardless of the manner in which they are submitted.

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 Seminole Community Library, Program Room, in Seminole
- Finally, comments will then be received from registered webinar users. By default, these comments are taken alphabetically by email address.

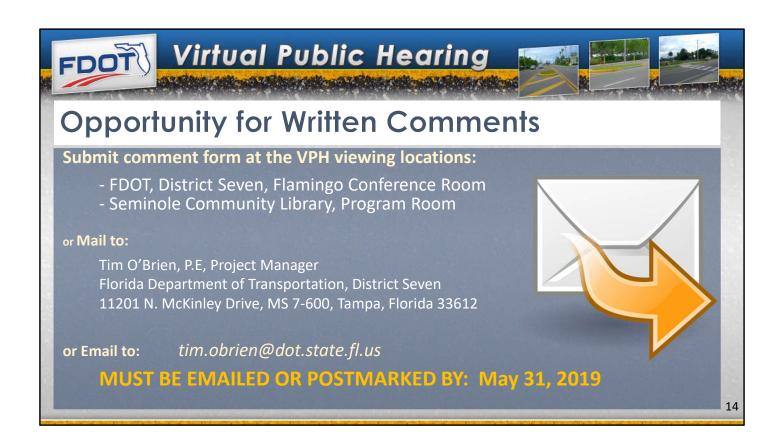


You may also provide your comments or questions in the following written formats:

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 May 31, 2019 to be included in the official virtual public hearing record.



Finally, you may submit a written comment form at each of the virtual public hearing viewing locations: the FDOT, District Seven, Flamingo Conference Room in Tampa, FL, or the Seminole Community Library, Program Room, Seminole, FL. You may also mail comments to: Tim O'Brien, P.E., Project Manager, Florida Department of Transportation, District Seven, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, MS 7-600, Tampa, Florida, 33612. OR you may email them to the address shown on the screen: tim.obrien@dot.state.fl.us.

Again, all comments must be postmarked by May 31, 2019 to become part of the official VPH record.



We will now begin with the formal oral comment portion of this virtual public hearing.



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PUBLIC HEARING OFFICER'S SCRIPT

Good evening. It is approximately 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2019 and the project presentation has concluded for the Virtual Public Hearing (or VPH) on the proposed median modifications to Alternate US 19/SR 595/Seminole Boulevard, in Pinellas County, Financial Project Identification Number (FPID) Nos: 436485-1-52-01 & 436485-1-52-02.

At this time, we will now begin to receive oral comments in the following manner:

First, at the VPH viewing location: Florida Department of Transportation, District Seven.

Second, at the Community VPH viewing location.

Third, oral comments will be received from all registered webinar users. By default, webinar users are called alphabetically.

Please remember we **WILL NOT** be addressing comments/questions live during this VPH. All responses from the FDOT will be emailed or mailed.

Okay, I'm going to start here at the FDOT, District Seven viewing location.

The first person on my list is

Thank you. Next we have_____

Is there anyone else here in the FDOT District Seven viewing location that wishes to speak?

Given none, we will move to the Community Viewing location.

Community Viewing Location, who is your first speaker?

Is there anyone else that wishes to speak from the Community viewing location?

Given none, we will now accept oral comments from our registered webinar participants. I will unmute participants as they are called. If for some reason you have muted yourself, please unmute at this time.

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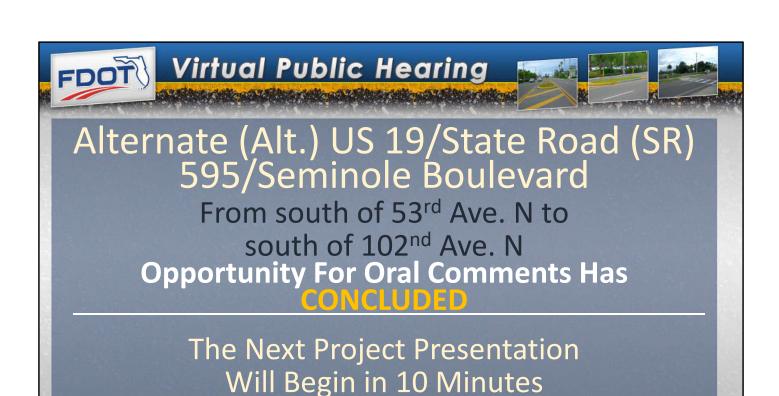
Are there any other webinar participants that would like to give an oral comment?

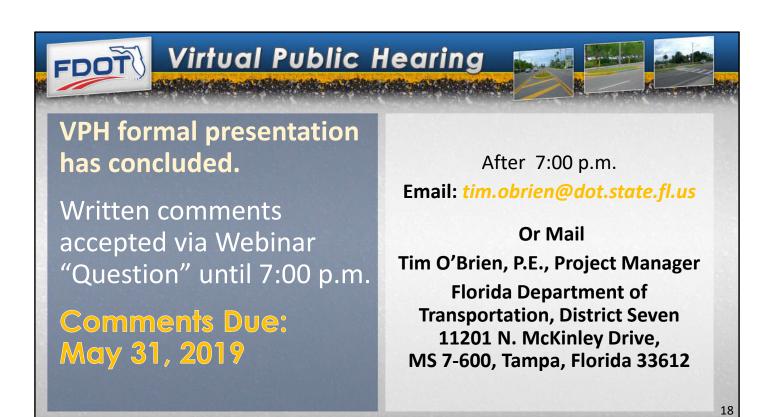
Okay, there are none. Remember you may continue

to provide written comments for the duration of the webinar, until 7 p.m., in the Question/Chat box of your control panel. Once the webinar has ended at 7 o'clock, written comments can be mailed or emailed to the addresses that will be shown at the end of the presentation. All comments must be postmarked or emailed within 10 days to be included in the official virtual public hearing

I now conclude the oral comment portion of this VPH. The project PPT presentation will be shown again in approximately 10 minutes. Once again, the webinar will remain open for the duration of the hour. Thank you for your participation in this Virtual Public Hearing.

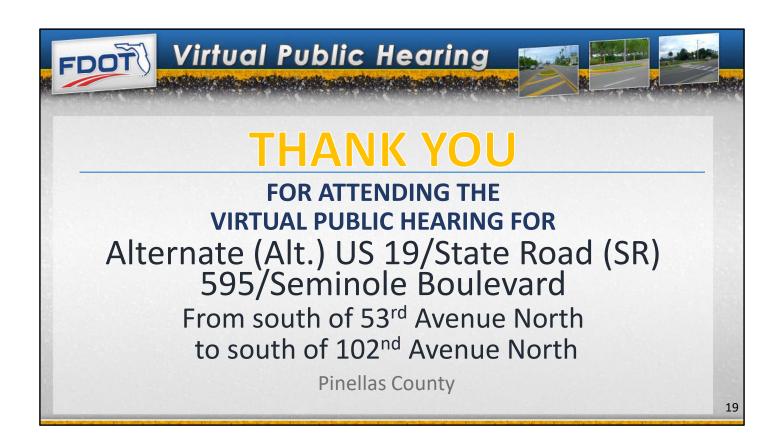
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The formal presentation and opportunity for verbal comments for this virtual public hearing have concluded. Written comments via the webinar will be accepted until 7:00 p.m. At that time the webinar will conclude. After 7:00 p.m., comments must be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

Please remember all comments must be emailed or postmarked by May 31, 2019 to be included in the official public hearing record.



Thank you for attending the virtual public hearing for the proposed median modifications to Alt. US 19 from south of 53rd Avenue North to south of 102nd Avenue North, Seminole, Pinellas County. We appreciate your participation and look forward to your continued interest in this important project.