

Virtual Public Hearing for Proposed Median Modifications
Alt. U.S. 19 (Palm Harbor Boulevard) at Florida Avenue – March 23, 2021

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A graphic slide for a virtual public hearing. The top left features the FDOT logo with a map of Florida. Below it, a blue banner reads "VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING". Underneath, the word "WELCOME" is written in large, white, bold letters. To the left of the text is a shield-shaped icon with the number "19". The main text reads "Alt. U.S. 19 (Palm Harbor Boulevard) at Florida Avenue" and "Pinellas County, Florida". Below this is the Financial Project Number (FPN): 437636-1-52-01. At the bottom, it says "Virtual Public Hearing" and "March 23, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.". The background features a stylized road with white dashed lines curving to the right.

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VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

WELCOME

19 **Alt. U.S. 19 (Palm Harbor Boulevard)**
at Florida Avenue
Pinellas County, Florida
Financial Project Number (FPN): 437636-1-52-01

Virtual Public Hearing
March 23, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Hello and welcome to the Virtual Public Hearing for proposed median modifications along Alt. U.S. 19 (Palm Harbor Boulevard) at Florida Avenue in Pinellas County, FPN: 437636-1-52-01. Today is March 23, 2021 and the time is at 5:30 p.m.

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The graphic is titled "Hybrid Public Hearing Format" and features the FDOT logo. It is divided into three columns representing different participation methods: 1. "GoToMeeting" with a computer monitor icon. 2. "Drive-Thru" with a car icon and the address "White Chapel & Harbor Hall, 1190 Georgia Ave. Palm Harbor, FL 34683". 3. "Phone" with a smartphone icon. A blue banner at the bottom of the graphic contains a play button icon and the text "This public hearing is being recorded." The bottom left corner shows a shield with the number "19" and the text "Alt. U.S. 19 / Palm Harbor Blvd." The bottom right corner displays the phone number "FPN: 437636-1-52-01".

To allow for maximum participation, today's public hearing will be held in three formats including virtually over the internet, by phone, and at an in-person drive-thru location at White Chapel & Harbor Hall, 1190 Georgia Ave, Palm Harbor, FL 34683.

Information presented is identical in all formats. There is no cost to the public to participate, regardless of the format chosen.

All attendees participating by electronic device or phone will be muted during the presentation. The audio and onscreen components of this meeting are being recorded.

The presentation will be available on the project website, www.fdotampabay.com, within a week after today's hearing.

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The slide features a blue header with the FDOT logo on the left and the text "Technical Information" in the center. Below the header, a computer monitor is shown. The monitor displays a "Public Comment" page with a deadline of June 1, 2020, and three columns of instructions. A GoToMeeting control panel is overlaid on the monitor's screen. A red arrow points from the control panel on the monitor to a larger, detailed view of the GoToMeeting control panel on the right. This detailed panel shows the "Audio" section with "Computer audio" selected and "MUTED" status. It also displays "Attendees" (2), "Chat", and "Record this meeting" options. The meeting ID is 437-508-613. At the bottom of the slide, a blue footer contains the route marker for Alt. U.S. 19 / Palm Harbor Blvd. and the phone number FPN: 437636-1-52-01.

Before we begin the project presentation, we would like to share a few items to help online attendees participate in this meeting.

If you are attending using GoToMeeting, on your computer or device screen, you should see a control panel that looks like this.

The default audio setting will play sound from your computer or device speakers. If you prefer to listen by phone, select "Phone call" in the Audio pane of the control panel, then dial-in using the information displayed.


Following the presentation, the formal comment period will begin, and speakers will be unmuted when it is their time to provide comment.

If you're participating by phone only, your phone line will be unmuted during the comment period by the moderator.

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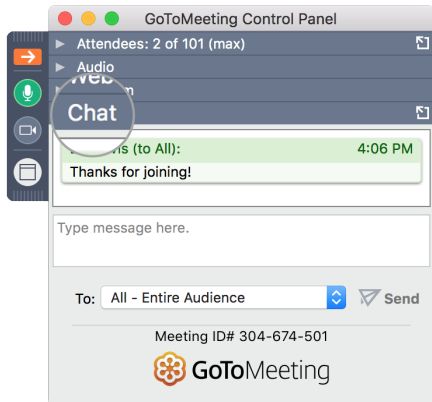
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Providing Comments During the Hearing

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The Department of Transportation encourages the public to participate in this hearing by submitting comments. Comments may be spoken or written.


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Title VI

This hearing is being conducted in accordance with the Civil Right Act of 1964. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.


To express concern(s) relative to the Department's compliance with Title VI, please contact one the following:

<p>Alex Henry District Public Involvement Coordinator 11201 N. McKinley Drive Tampa, Florida 33612 813-975-6405 or 800-226-7220 alex.henry@dot.state.fl.us</p>	<p>Jacqueline Paramore State Title VI Coordinator 605 Suwannee Street, Mail Station 65 Tallahassee, Florida 32399 850-414-4753 jacqueline.paramore@dot.state.fl.us</p>
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Florida Statute (FS) 335.199

Purpose of the Hearing

- Opportunity to provide comments regarding potential impacts of this median modification.
- Public comments received during this process will be taken into consideration of the final design.

Median Modification Project Notification Requirement

Any project on the State Highway System that will divide a state highway or erect median barriers modifying currently available vehicle turning movements or have the effect of closing or modifying an existing access to an abutting property owner, requires a public notification.




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The purpose of this hearing is to allow the public the opportunity to provide comments regarding proposed median modifications to Alt. U.S. 19 (Palm Harbor Boulevard) at Florida Avenue in Pinellas County.


Public comments received during this process will be taken into consideration of the final design.


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Submitting Comments After the Hearing


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 **All comments submitted or postmarked by April 2, 2021 will become part of the summary record of this hearing.**

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You may also submit comments after today's hearing. Comments may be submitted to FDOT Project Manager Dinyar Sharifabad via mail, email, telephone or through the website.

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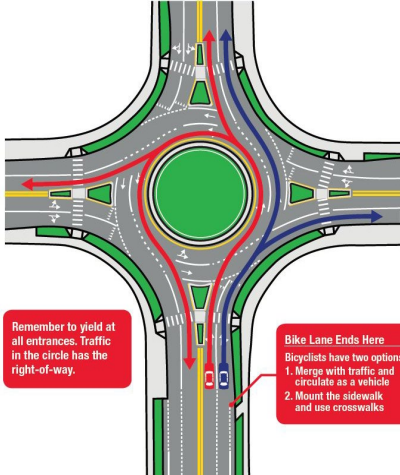
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Alt. U.S. 19 Roundabout

- A roundabout is a circular intersection without traffic signal equipment in which traffic flows around a center island.
- 76% reduction in injury crashes
- Improved traffic flow for intersections.
- Motorists have more time to judge and react to other cars or pedestrians.
- Studies show the roundabouts have a 90% reduction in fatal crashes, and 76% reduction in serious injury crashes.
- 10 to 40% fewer pedestrian/bicycle crashes.



Remember to yield at all entrances. Traffic in the circle has the right-of-way.

Bike Lane Ends Here
Bicyclists have two options:
1. Merge with traffic and circulate as a vehicle
2. Mount the sidewalk and use crosswalks

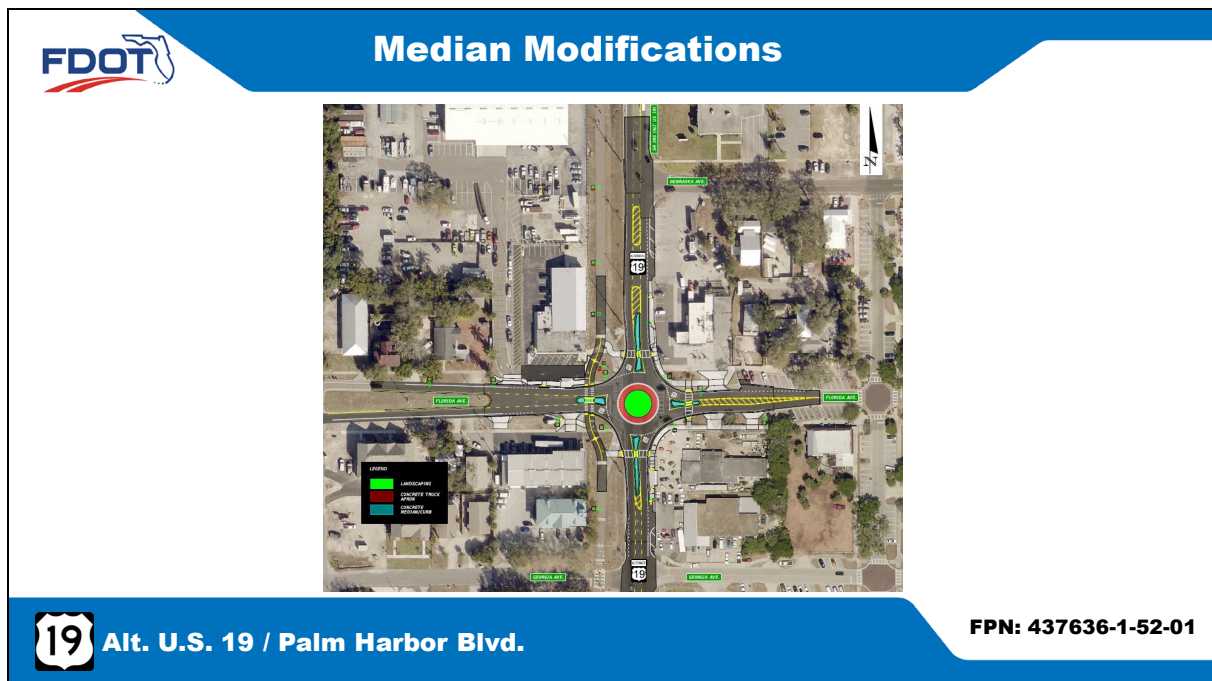
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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Seven is proposing to modify several medians at the proposed roundabout on Alt. 19 (Palm Harbor) at Florida Avenue in Pinellas County. The following slide explains the proposed changes.

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The roundabout will include raised concrete medians/islands on the north and south entrances to the roundabout on Alternate U.S. 19 and on the east and west entrances on Florida Avenue.


Each raised median will have an opening to allow pedestrians to safely cross the street within the crosswalk and serve as a refuge island for pedestrians and cyclists.

Southbound motorists who previously turned left into Natalie Auto or Big Time Carts from Alternate U.S. 19 will be able to access the location from the driveway on east Florida Avenue.

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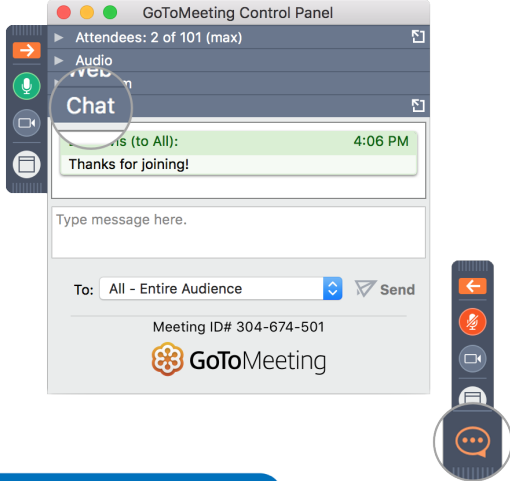
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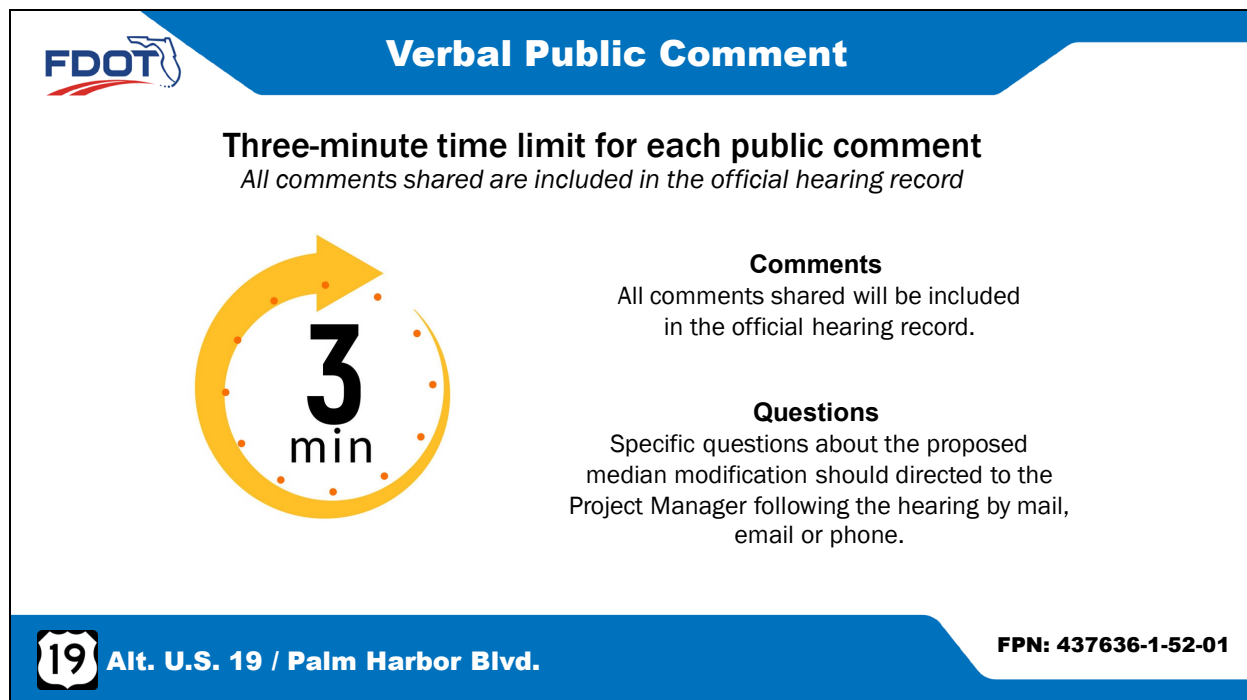
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The slide features a blue header with the FDOT logo on the left and the text "Verbal Public Comment" in white. Below the header, the text "Three-minute time limit for each public comment" is displayed in bold, followed by the subtitle "All comments shared are included in the official hearing record". A central graphic shows a yellow circular arrow with a "3 min" timer inside. To the right, two sections are listed: "Comments" (stating all shared comments are included) and "Questions" (directing specific questions to the Project Manager via mail, email, or phone). The footer contains a shield icon with the number "19", the text "Alt. U.S. 19 / Palm Harbor Blvd.", and the phone number "FPN: 437636-1-52-01".

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We will now enter the public comment portion of the hearing. Spoken comments will be received by on-line attendees first, followed by callers using a phone.


Each individual will have up to three minutes to speak.

As a reminder, all comments shared at this public hearing will be included in the official hearing record.

If you do not wish to provide spoken comment you may also leave a comment in the Chat pane at any time.

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Thank You


The presentation will now replay for anyone who signed in or arrived after the initial presentation began.

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