

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING (VPH) NOTICE**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Seven, has scheduled a Virtual Public Hearing (VPH) for a proposed median modification to SR 54 at Hunt Road, Pasco County, Financial Project Number (FPN): 419182-3. This VPH is held pursuant to Chapters 120, 335.18 and 335.199, Florida Statutes.

**The VPH will be held Thursday, November 30, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

The hearing is conducted as a VPH, or webinar, over the internet and is also held concurrently at one or more viewing locations. To participate in the VPH online, registration is required prior to joining the VPH. Only webinar users need to visit the website below to register:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6870406544701476610>

People who register will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the VPH online from a computer. People without access to a computer or the internet may attend the VPH at the following locations:

- **FDOT, District Seven, Flamingo Conference Room, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, FL**
- **Land O' Lakes Community Center, 5401 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, FL**

**The VPH opens at 6:00 p.m. and a PowerPoint presentation will begin promptly at 6:15 p.m. Please allow adequate log-in time in order to view the presentation in its entirety.** After the project PowerPoint presentation has concluded, there will be an opportunity for participants from both viewing locations, and those online, to provide verbal comments to be included in the official VPH record. After the verbal comment portion of the VPH has concluded, the project PowerPoint will run continuously for the duration of the VPH.

This public hearing is being conducted to afford affected property and business owners, interested persons and organizations, and local governments, the opportunity to provide comments to FDOT regarding a proposed median modification to SR 54 at Hunt Road. The existing full median opening will be closed and a concrete separator constructed. Motorists traveling south on Hunt Road will no longer be able to turn left onto SR 54 and travel east. Motorists traveling east on SR 54 will still be able to turn left onto Hunt Road and travel north.

FDOT, District Seven, will receive verbal and written comments online and at each VPH location. E-mailed or written comments may be sent to: Paul Staes, Project Manager, FDOT, District Seven, 11201 N. McKinley Drive, MS 7-600, Tampa, Florida 33612-6456 or paul.staes@dot.state.fl.us. All comments must be emailed or postmarked by December 11, 2017 to become part of the official record of the public hearing.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons requiring special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act to participate in this VPH, or persons who require translation services (free of charge) are asked to advise the agency by contacting: Paul Staes, Project Manager, at 1(800) 226-7220; (813) 975-4248; or email to: paul.staes@dot.state.fl.us.

If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800) 955-8770 (Voice).

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