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SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT

State Road (SR) 826/Palmetto Expressway Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study from South of NW 36 Street (MP 8.355) to North of NW 154 Street (MP 17.950), Miami-Dade County, Florida
FPID: 447165-1-22-01, 441830-1-22-01, and 441831-1-22-01
Federal Aid Project Number: N/A
ETDM Number: 14455

Dear Property Owner, Current Resident, and Other Interested Persons:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Six, will host a Public Hearing, both in-person and virtually, regarding a PD&E Study for SR 826/Palmetto Expressway from south of NW 36 Street to north of NW 154 Street, including the frontage roads between US 27/SR 25/Okeechobee Road and NW 122 Street, in Miami-Dade County. The hearing will be held **from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Tuesday, January 12, 2021; in-person at the FDOT District Six Auditorium, located at 1000 NW 111 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33172; and simultaneously online using GoTo Webinar.** Enclosed, please find a fact sheet and a Public Hearing location map.

To attend the In-Person Public Hearing:

Visit www.fdotmiamidade.com/sr826north to **RSVP by January 5, 2021** for planning purposes. **Limited space is available.** All current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines and social distancing will rules be observed.

To attend the Virtual Public Hearing online:

From your computer, tablet, or smartphone, please register at www.fdotmiamidade.com/sr826north. Participants can also use their phone by dialing +1 (631) 992-3221 access code: 799-490-739.

This Public Hearing is being given to provide citizens and public officials with an overview presentation of the proposed project, including potential effects on social, economic, natural, physical, and cultural resources, followed by an opportunity for public comments. It will begin as an open house with a formal presentation starting at 6:30 p.m. Graphic displays and information about the study will be available for viewing. In-person audience members onsite will be able to approach the microphone and make comments in compliance with social distancing regulations. Online viewers will be able to make comments via the GoToWebinar chat box. Prior to the hearing, comments may be submitted on the project website at www.fdotmiamidade.com/sr826north.

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The purpose of the project is to increase capacity and relieve congestion in the general purpose lanes; address roadway deficiencies causing large speed differences between general purpose lanes and express lanes; enhance access into the express lane system; and improve geometry of the expressway and the frontage road system. The proposed corridor safety improvements include widening roadways, bridges, and shoulders; modifying bridge supports and walls; adding general purpose lanes; extending ramp lanes; converting express lanes and moving plastic tubes; relocating express lane entrances; adding sidewalks; and repaving and restriping the roadway.

PD&E Study documents and other information will be available for public review from Tuesday, December 22, 2020 until Friday, January 22, 2021. The materials will be located in the lobby of FDOT District Six, located at 1000 NW 111 Avenue, Miami, FL 33172; at the Doral Branch Library, located at 8551 NW 53 Street, Doral, FL 33166; and on the project website at www.fdotmiamidade.com/sr826north. All statements received or postmarked on or before January 22, 2021 will become a part of the Public Hearing record.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016, and executed by Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

FDOT encourages public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who need special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 or who need translation services (free of charge) should contact Nicholas Danu, P.E. at (305) 470-5219; in writing to FDOT, 1000 NW 111 Avenue, Miami, FL 33172; or by email at Nicholas.Danu@dot.state.fl.us at least seven (7) days prior to the Public Hearing.

Your attendance is encouraged and appreciated. If you require further information concerning this PD&E Study or the scheduled Public Hearing, please contact me by telephone at (305) 470-5271 or by email at Raul.Quintela@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

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Raul Quintela, P.E.
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Enclosures: Project fact sheet, Hearing location map