

City of St. Petersburg Public Hearing for 40th Avenue NE Over Placido Bayou PD&E Study

St. Petersburg, FL (August 15, 2019) – The City of St. Petersburg will be holding a public hearing to discuss the 40th Avenue NE Over Placido Bayou Project Development & Environmental (PD&E) Study in Pinellas County.

The hearing is on **Tuesday, September 5, 2019, at the North East Park Baptist Church, 3737 1st Street NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33704.** The City of St. Petersburg will begin the hearing as an open house at 6:00 p.m. with a formal presentation at 7:00 p.m. followed by a public comment period. This hearing will give people the opportunity to review project displays and speak one-on-one with project team members about the proposed project improvements. It is being conducted to give interested persons an opportunity to express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements.

This hearing is being held as part of a current Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study that is being conducted to address structural deficiencies of the existing 40th Avenue NE Bridge. The current bridge structure was constructed in 1961 and widened in 1990. It is considered structurally deficient by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and therefore is scheduled for replacement. This project will replace the existing 40th Avenue NE Bridge in St. Petersburg, Florida. The project limits extend from 12th St. NE to west of 13th Way NE, a distance of 0.15 miles. The new bridge will accommodate two lanes of traffic, bicycle lanes, and sidewalks.

Draft study documents and other information depicting the proposed improvements will be available for public review and, during regular business hours from August 20, 2019 until September 20, 2019 at Shore Acres Recreation Center, 4230 Shore Acres Boulevard NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33703, Monday and Wednesday from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Tuesday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.; Thursday and Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday Closed and at St. Petersburg Main Library, 3745 9th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33713, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Sunday from Noon to 6:00 p.m. Please note that both facilities will be closed on September 2, 2019 in observance of Labor Day. The draft project documents are available on the project website, www.40thavenuebridge.com. All comments postmarked on or before September 20, 2019 will become a part of the public hearing record.

For more information about the project visit at www.40thavenuebridge.com or contact Ziba Mohammadi, P.E., PTOE, by email at Ziba.Mohammadi@stpete.org or by phone: 727-892-5302.

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 FHWA and FDOT.

The study is being conducted 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 Mark Riedmueller, City of St. Petersburg Title VI Coordinator at (727) 893-7857 or by email at Mark.Riedmueller@stpete.org at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing.

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