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## **Open House scheduled for U.S. 17 and Dunns Creek Bridge Widening Project**

**San Mateo** – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is hosting a construction open house for the U.S. 17 and Dunns Creek Bridge widening project that will be starting in early February.

The open house is Thursday, January 25, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Dunns Creek Baptist Church, 686 U.S. 17, San Mateo, Florida 32187.

Those interested can drop by anytime between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. to learn more about the project, including timeframe, construction activities, traffic impacts and other details. Project staff will be available at the meeting to answer questions. This is an informal open house and no presentation is scheduled.

The project includes widening the road from two to four lanes from Horse Landing Road to the north approach of the bridge and installing a grassed median and curb and gutter along the approximate one mile of roadway. The road will also be widened for approximately a half-mile south of the bridge.

The median will have openings at Islander Road/ Butler Drive, Pineway Avenue and a partial opening at Dunns Creek Road/Old San Mateo Road. A northbound bypass “Service Road” at Dunns Creek Road to Islander Drive, adjacent to the south bound travel lanes, will be constructed providing access to U.S. 17 northbound.

In addition, the existing Dunns Creek Bridge will be converted to two northbound traffic lanes and a new bridge with two southbound lanes will be built adjacent to it.

The project also features a 12-foot wide multi-use path on the east side of the road, which will connect to the newly constructed path on U.S. 17 located south of Horse Landing Road and continue across the new bridge being constructed.

GLF Construction is the contractor for the \$36.5 million project. It is scheduled to start the first week of February 2018 and be complete in summer 2021, weather or unforeseen circumstances permitting.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability or family status as FDOT complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should call Bianca Speights at 904-831-FDOT (3368) or e-mail [bianca.speights@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:bianca.speights@dot.state.fl.us) seven days prior to the meeting. (Si prefieren recibir esta noticia en español, por favor contacte Esther Murray a las (904) 360-5348. Referencia: FIN # 435444-1)

