



Florida Department of Transportation

HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING

Lem Turner Road (SR 115) over Trout River Bridge Replacement Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study

Duval County, Florida | Financial Management (FM) No: 437437-2-22-01 | Federal Aid Project ID No: D222-044-B

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2 invites you to the Hybrid Public Hearing to discuss the Lem Turner Road (SR 115) Bridge (No. 720033) over the Trout River, also known as the C. Ray Green Bridge. The Public Hearing will be held:

<p>VIRTUAL or BY PHONE Tuesday, October 3, 2023 Time: Open House 5:30 p.m. Presentation 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>IN-PERSON Thursday, October 5, 2023 Time: Open House 4:30 p.m. Presentation: 6:30 p.m.</p>
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See enclosed insert for information on how to attend the Public Hearing.

The purpose of this public hearing is 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.

Project Description

A Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study is underway to evaluate alternatives for the replacement of the Lem Turner Road Bridge over the Trout River.

The purpose of this project is to address structural issues related to the existing Lem Turner Road bridge over the Trout River and to make improvements to provide safe pedestrian and bicycle access along the corridor.

Public Outreach

In August 2023, the FDOT distributed a detailed project information brochure to solicit comments and questions from area residents and interested stakeholders. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to provide information on the study's findings, discuss the preferred alternative, and once again receive your input.



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Si prefiere recibir esta carta en español, por favor contacte Victor Marrero al (800) 749-2967, extensión 7821. Referencia FM 437437-2.



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Proposed Improvements

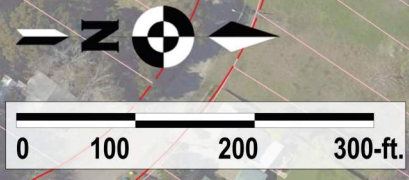
The existing Lem Turner Road Bridge over the Trout River has a narrow walkway and no accommodations for bicyclists. In addition to addressing structural deficiencies of the existing bridge, the proposed build alternative would provide a 7-foot raised median, 8-foot outside shoulders and a shared-use path on each side of the bridge to improve pedestrian safety and mobility along the corridor. The proposed build alternative would maintain the same horizontal and vertical navigational channel opening as exists today.

LEGEND

- PROPOSED BRIDGE
- PROPOSED PAVEMENT
- PROPOSED SIDEWALK
- PROPOSED POND
- PROPOSED EASEMENT
- PROPOSED RIGHT OF WAY
- EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY
- NAVIGATION CHANNEL

NAVIGATION CHANNEL
BRIDGE OPENING
(40-FT WIDE x 17.9-FT HIGH)

Proposed Bridge Typical Section



We Welcome Your Comments

FDOT encourages you to participate, whether you attend the hearing in-person or utilize the virtual option. There are multiple ways to provide comments to FDOT. These include:



Provide comments in person by making a verbal comment after the presentation, talking to the court reporter, or filling out a comment form.



Email or write your comments to the FDOT Project Manager, Michael Brock, P.E., at the contact information below.

All comments received in person, by mail, or electronically will carry the same weight. All comments postmarked on or before October 19 will be included as part of the public hearing record.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact **Michael Brock** at the number provided at least 7 days before the hearing.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the Florida Department of Transportation pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

Project Schedule and Cost

Phase	Year	Build Alternative Cost
PD&E	On-going	-
Design	2024	\$5.92 Million
Right-of-Way	2024	\$1.02 Million
Construction	2026	\$59.34 Million

Next Steps

The next step is to consider your input from the hearing into our decision-making process. After the comment period closes and your input has been considered, a decision will be made and the final PD&E document will be sent to the FDOT Office of Environmental Management, which, based on the Memorandum of Understanding signed with FHWA on May 26, 2022, has approval authority on this project granting location and design concept acceptance.



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For your convenience, there are several options to participate in the public hearing including an in-person option, a virtual/online option, and a dial-in option. All participants, regardless of the platform they choose, will receive the same information on the proposed project and all comments received in-person, virtually or electronically will be given equal weight and included as part of the public record for this hearing.

Options for you to Participate

VIRTUAL/ONLINE OPTION Tuesday, October 3, 2023, Open House from 5:30–6:00 p.m.,
Presentation & Public Comment Period: 6:00 p.m.

Interested persons may join the hearing from a computer, tablet or mobile device. A formal presentation will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by an opportunity for attendees to provide verbal comments. Please register for the Virtual Public Hearing at www.nflroads.com/vph or <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2424258645416408667>. Once registered, participants will receive a confirmation email with instructions on how to join the public hearing online. If joining online, please allow adequate time to log in to view the presentation in its entirety. (Please note, Internet Explorer cannot be used to register or attend this webinar).

PHONE OPTION (LISTEN ONLY) Tuesday, October 3, 2023, Presentation: 6:00 p.m.

Join the hearing in listen-only mode by dialing **+1 (866) 901-6455** and entering the access code **927-978-905** when prompted. A formal presentation will begin at 6:00 p.m. You may send your comments to the FDOT project manager at the contact information provided in this flyer.

IN-PERSON OPTION Thursday, October 5, 2023, Open House: 4:30–6:30 p.m.,
Presentation & Public Comment period: 6:30 p.m.

Attend in person at the FSCJ North Campus Multipurpose Room (Building A – Room A236), located at 4501 Capper Road, Jacksonville 32218. The in-person hearing will begin as an open house format from 4:30-6:30 p.m. A formal presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by an opportunity for attendees to provide verbal comments.

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All hearing materials, including the presentation are available now for your review, download and comments on the project website. As of **September 12, 2023**, draft documents will be available for review during normal business hours at the following locations:

FDOT Jacksonville Urban Office
2198 Edison Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32204

Jacksonville Bradham and Brooks Branch Public Library
1755 Edgewood Avenue West, Jacksonville, FL 32208

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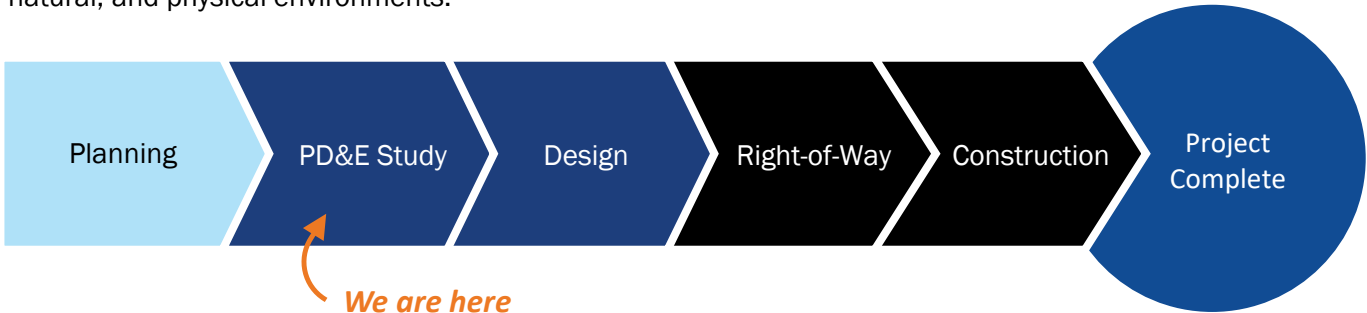


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What is a Project Development & Environment Study?

A Project Development & Environment (PD&E) study is the formal process that develops and compares alternatives to determine a preferred action that meets project needs, while minimizing impacts to the social, natural, and physical environments.



During the PD&E study, a number of activities are involved, including Data Collection, Purpose and Need Identification, Alternatives Analysis, Environmental Considerations, Public Involvement and Alternative Selection. A No-Build or Do Nothing Alternative, which would leave the Lem Turner Blvd. bridge over the Trout River bridge in its present condition, remains a viable alternative throughout the study. Engaging the public by sharing and receiving information is a key component of this process.

Project Alternatives Analysis

The FDOT investigated a range of alternatives during the initial concept development phase of the project. This included evaluating the effects of a No-Build or Do-Nothing Alternative, which would leave the existing bridge over the Trout River in its present condition. Below is the project evaluation matrix that provides a summary comparison of the No-Build to the Build Alternative. A No-Build, or do nothing alternative, which would leave the Lem Turner Road Bridge over the Trout River in its present condition, remains a viable alternative throughout the study. The No-Build Alternative would not implement the replacement of the bridge nor any roadway improvements that are proposed for the build alternative.

Alternative Option	Addresses Bridge Structural Issues	Improves Safety	Improves Bike and Pedestrian Access	Total* Estimated Project Cost
No-Build Alternative (Do Nothing)	✘	✘	✘	\$0
Build Alternative	✔	✔	✔	\$66.28 million

* Includes estimated design, right of way, and construction costs

✘ Does not meet project objectives

✔ Meets project objectives

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