I-75 at Clark Road (SR 72) Interchange Improvements in Sarasota County

Financial Project Identification Number: 201277-3-52-01 | October 2019

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING NOTICE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019

Dear Property Owner and/or Interested Citizen:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One invites you to attend a preliminary design public information meeting about the proposed I-75 at Clark Road (SR 72) interchange improvements in Sarasota County.

The public information meeting is from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursday, November 21, 2019 at St. John's United Methodist Church, 6611 Proctor Road, Sarasota, FL 34241.

DATE:	Thursday, November 21, 2019
TIME:	Open House begins at 4:30 p.m.
LOCATION:	St. John's United Methodist Church 6611 Proctor Road Sarasota, FL 34241

At this meeting, FDOT will display information about the proposed I-75 at Clark Road interchange improvements. Staff from FDOT will be available anytime between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to allow the public an opportunity to speak one-on-one with project team members.

The public is invited to express their views on the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. The meeting will be an open house format with no formal presentation. There will be an opportunity for the public to fill out a written comment form and leave it with staff or return by mail postmarked by Thursday, December 5, 2019.

The purpose of the meeting is to inform the community of the project. The improvements include reconstruction of the interchange to an eight-lane Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) in Sarasota County. The proposed project also includes reconstruction of all on and off ramps in both the northbound and southbound direction. A 12-foot auxiliary lane, both northbound and southbound, will be constructed along the inside of the existing I-75 lanes from Clark Road to Proctor Road. The project will also include new mast arms for the existing signal at Catamaran Drive, a new signal at Queensbury Boulevard, noise barrier walls (see project location map), as well as buffered bike lanes and sidewalks along both sides of Clark Road and resurfacing of existing pavement. The I-75 bridges over Clark Road will remain with three lanes in both directions of travel.

Draft design plans will be available for review at the public meeting.

This public information meeting will be conducted in accordance with all federal, state, and local requirements. This newsletter also serves as notice to property owners (pursuant to Florida Statutes 339.155) that all or a portion of their property is within a minimum of 300 feet of the centerline of the alignment; however, this does not mean that all properties would be directly affected.

FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to FDOT compliance with Title VI may do so by contacting Cynthia Sykes, FDOT District One Title VI Coordinator by phone at (863) 519-2287, or via email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us.

Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 or who require translation services (free of charge) at the meeting should contact Cynthia Sykes, FDOT District One Title VI Coordinator by phone at (863) 519-2287 or by email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact us by using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800) 955-8770 (Voice).

For more information about the project, please contact, Jeff Mednick, MBA, project manager at (863) 519-2304, or by email at Jeffrey.Mednick@dot.state.fl.us or visit the project website at http://www.swflroads.com/i75/clarkrd/.

Si tiene preguntas relacionadas con el proyecto de construcción, los residentes pueden llamar a Marlon Bizerra al (863) 519-2250.

PROJECT HISTORY

The proposed improvements involve roadway, drainage, structures, signalization and lighting for the I-75 at Clark Road (SR 72) Interchange. The proposed interchange configuration is a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI). The interchange improvements do not require the replacement of the existing I-75 bridges over Clark Road. Proposed northbound and southbound 12-foot wide auxiliary lanes will be added from the I-75 ramp termini north of Clark Road to the I-75 ramp termini south of the Bee Ridge Road Interchange. The pavement will be widened toward the median. Proposed noise barrier walls were identified in the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study and will begin along the north side of Clark Road and continue up both sides of I-75 to Proctor Road with an approximate height of 22 feet.

The PD&E phase for this project was included in a PD&E Study for I-75 improvements throughout Sarasota County under FPID 201277-1-22-01. The Type 2 Categorical Exclusion was accepted by the Federal Highway Administration on December 8, 2011.

The design phase started in March 2014 and is scheduled to be completed in Spring 2021. This project is currently funded in the Department's 5-year Work Program and acquisition of right-of-way is underway for these construction improvements. All phases are listed in the 2035 Sarasota-Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization's Long Range Transportation Plan's list of financially feasible projects. The proposed design will consist

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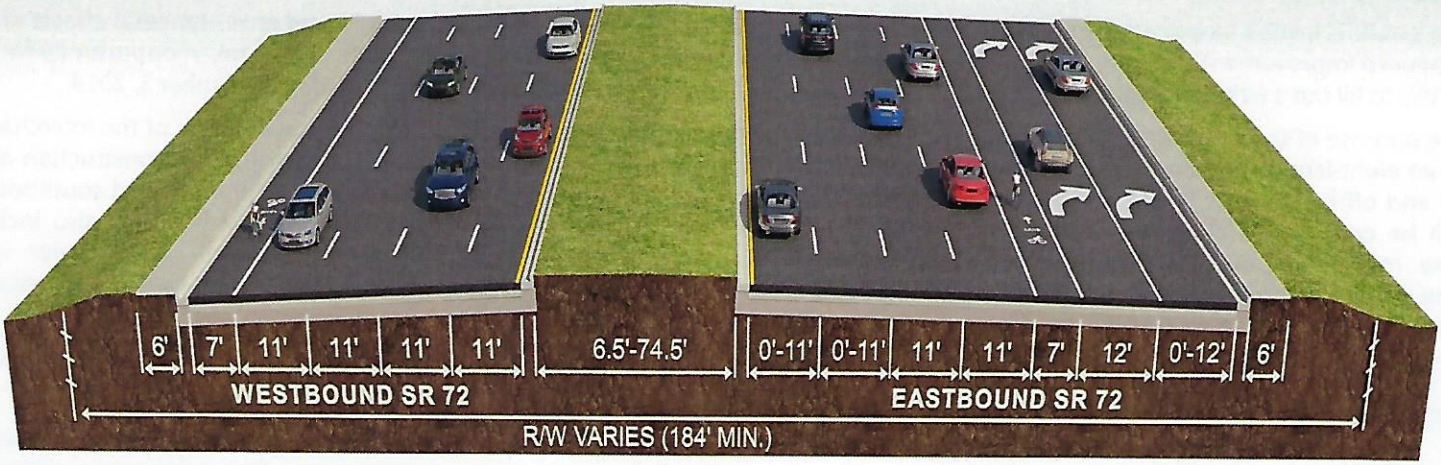
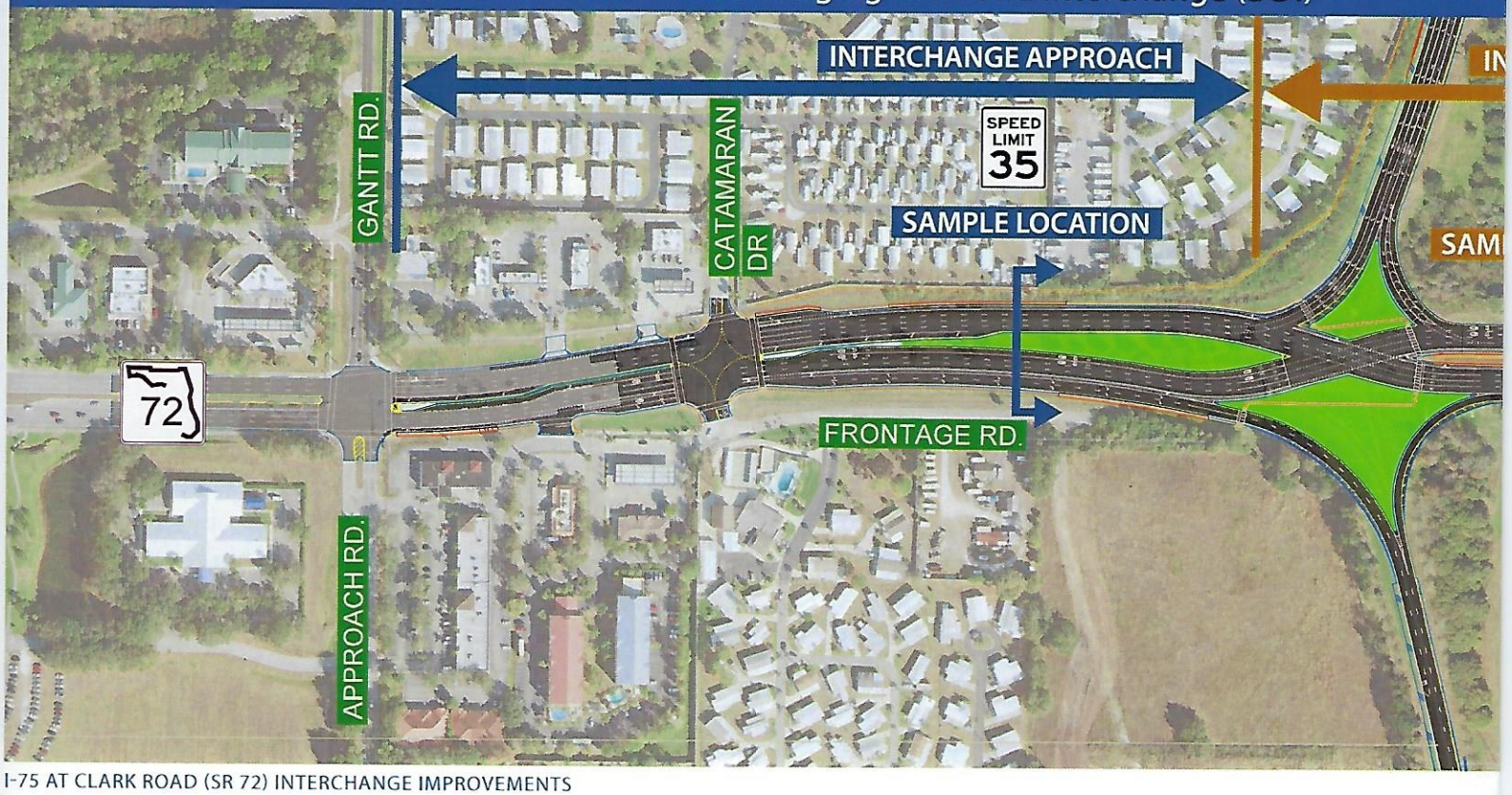


PROPOSED DESIGN: I-75 at Clark Road Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI)



of stormwater management provisions to meet regulatory requirements as well as improvements to the interchange below.

The purpose of the public information meeting is for FDOT to provide the community with information about the I-75 at Clark Road design project and also for the community to provide their comments and to ask questions to FDOT representatives.

PURPOSE OF PROJECT

Clark Road serves as an important connection between the City of Sarasota and I-75. The planned improvements will enhance access to I-75, as well as improve overall safety, increase capacity, and facilitate emergency evacuation within the County. In addition, the recommended improvements will help serve travel demands created by anticipated countywide population and employment growth.

PROJECT SCHEDULE	
Right-of-Way Acquisition	Ongoing
Construction	Spring 2021

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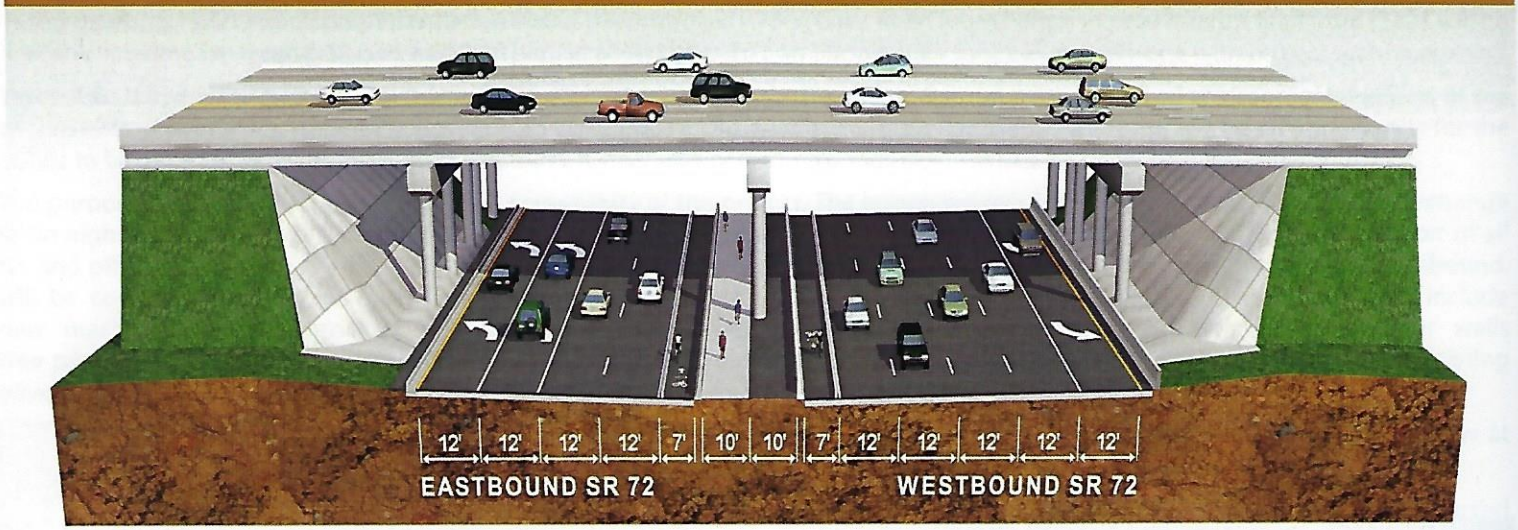

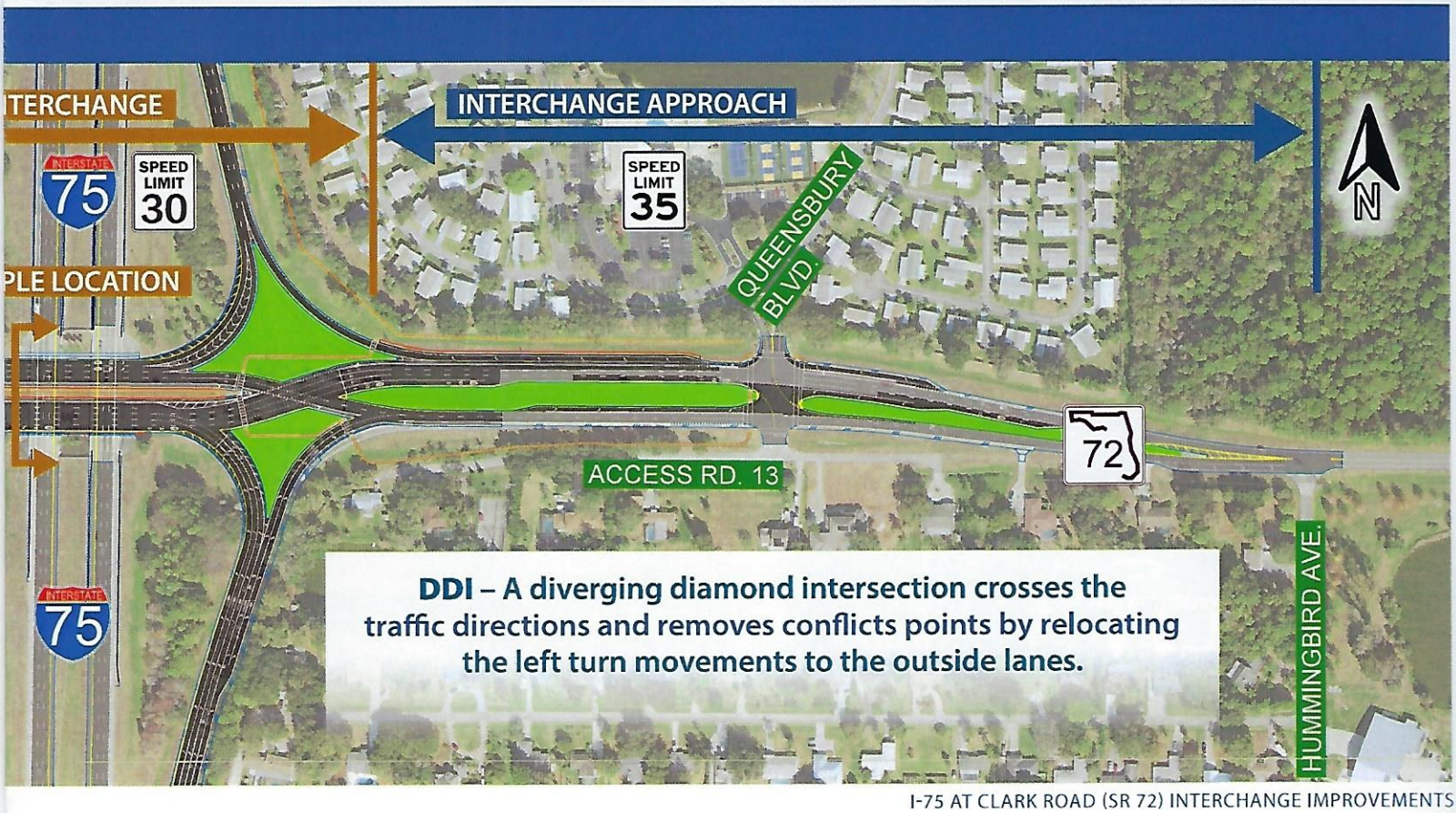

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We encourage you to participate in the public information meeting for the I-75 at Clark Road (SR 72) Interchange Improvements in Sarasota County, and invite your questions and comments. You may provide your comments for the official public information meeting record by either writing to us or by filling out the comment form:

- Fill out the comment form that is included with this invitational newsletter and mail it to the FDOT Project Manager at the address preprinted on the back of the comment form;
- Email Project Manager Jeff Mednick at Jeffrey.Mednick@dot.state.fl.us or call at (863) 519-2304;
- Fill out a comment form at the public information meeting and drop it in the comment box that will be provided.

Written comments must be postmarked by **Thursday, December 5, 2019,** to become part of the official public information meeting record.