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FDOT to Host an Alternatives Public Meeting for State Road (SR) 5/US 1 Long Key Bridge Over Long Key Channel (Bridge # 900094) Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

From Mile Marker (MM) 63 to MM 66 in Monroe County, Florida

Financial Project ID: 448206-1-22-01

Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETD) Number: 14451

MIAMI, Fla. – The Florida Department of Transportation has scheduled an Alternatives Public Meeting regarding the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for SR 5/US 1 Long Key Bridge Over Long Key Channel (Bridge # 900094) from Mile Marker (MM) 63 to MM 66 in Monroe County, Florida. The Alternatives Public Meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm and in-person on Thursday, September 14, 2023, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. These meetings will be conducted in an informal setting.

To participate virtually from your computer, tablet or smartphone please register using the following link <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1850873226781237847> or



scan the QR Code provided. Participants can also call in by telephone (in listen-only mode) by dialing **+1 (562) 247-8422** and entering access code **660-683-896**. The in-person meeting will be held at the Marathon

Government Center – BOCC located at 2798 Overseas Highway, 2nd Floor, Marathon, FL 33050. All participants, regardless of the method they choose to attend will be presented with the same information.

These meetings are an opportunity to provide you with an overview of the proposed study alternatives, including social, environmental, and economic effects, followed by a question-and-answer session. The purpose and need for this study is to evaluate the replacement of the Long Key Bridge to address bridge deficiencies, assess capacity and safety needs, evaluate mobility, improve evacuation and emergency response, and to evaluate bicycle and pedestrian needs.

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 May 26, 2022, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and FDOT.

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 Megan Echols at (305) 470-5308; in writing to FDOT, 1000 NW 111 Avenue, Miami, FL 33172; or by email at Megan.Echols@dot.state.fl.us at least seven (7) days prior to the Hybrid Alternatives Public Meeting.

For additional information, please call FDOT's Public Information Office at (305) 470-5349 or contact the Community Outreach Specialist Veronica Paredes at (305) 215-8673 or by email at veronica.paredes@stantec.com.

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