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US 17 (SR 35) from south of West 9th Street to north of West 3rd Street Construction Public Meeting

HARDEE COUNTY

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, will hold a public information meeting regarding improvements to US 17 from south of West 9th Street to north of West 3rd Street in Hardee County, Florida. The public meeting is from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2017, at the Zolfo Springs Civic Center, 3210 US Highway 17 South in Zolfo Springs.

The public meeting will give interested parties the opportunity to talk one-on-one with staff and ask questions about the project in an open-house format. Improvements include constructing a new four-lane concrete roadway using the old railroad corridor along Oak Street to realign this 1-mile segment. The existing section of US 17 will be turned over to the Town of Zolfo Springs at the conclusion of the project and renamed Main Street. The contractor, AJAX Paving Industries of Florida, is also installing curb and gutter, 7-foot bike lanes, sidewalks, and a 52-foot raised median to separate the northbound and southbound lanes of traffic. The project also includes installing a new underground drainage system and two storm water ponds to manage water running off of the roadway. The \$16.7 million project begins in spring 2017 and should be complete in fall 2018.

FDOT developed this meeting in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes. FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. People requiring special accommodations pursuant to the Americans with Disability Act of 1990 or people that require translation services (free of charge) at the meeting should contact Kristie Vazquez at (863) 225-0422 or by e-mail to Kristie.Vazquez@dot.state.fl.us at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

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