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Lee County to hold public meeting on Cape Coral Bridge

“Alternatives Workshop” for the Cape Coral Bridge part of Project Development and Environment Study

Fort Myers, FL, May 23, 2023 – The Lee County Department of Transportation (LCDOT), in coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District One, is conducting an Alternatives Workshop as part of the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for the Cape Coral Bridge.

The public is welcome to attend the drop-in style workshop about the study from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, at Florida Southwestern State College, Lee Campus, U Building, Room U102, 8099 College Pkwy, Fort Myers, 33919.

The Lee Board of County Commissioners is committed to planning for growth and alleviating congestion. The Cape Coral Bridge Project is a priority and has been the subject of several Board workshops.

The study is focused on the bridge and roadway approaches from Del Prado Boulevard in Cape Coral to McGregor Boulevard in south Fort Myers (unincorporated Lee County). It is a distance of 2.1 miles. To receive federal funding, the study must include all viable building alternatives for the project, including a “no-build” option, which means leaving it as it is now. The PD&E study will conclude with a recommendation as to which alternative will move forward to design. Comments provided at the public meeting will become part of the study.

The workshop materials will be available on the project website, www.capecoralbridgeproject.com, following the public meeting. People will be able to review the alternatives being evaluated for the PD&E study and provide comments to be included in the study until three weeks after the meeting, which will be July 11.

Lee County is distributing a newsletter to property owners and tenants adjacent to the project to increase awareness of the public workshop. The county will also use additional community engagement tools, such as its Lee County Government newsletter and social media.

Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or people who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Lee County ADA Coordinator Joan LaGuardia at 239-839-6038 or JLaGuardia@leecounty.gov at least seven days prior to the meeting.

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 FHWA and FDOT.

This public workshop was advertised consistent with federal and state requirements, Section 335.199, F.S., and developed in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes. Lee

County solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.

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