FDT’s Determination of Proposed Palm Harbor Improvements

**Tampa, FL** - In the fall of 2014, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) began a study of potential improvements for the intersection of Alternate US 19 and Florida Avenue in downtown Palm Harbor. The purpose of the study was to identify if traffic conditions met the need for a traffic signal at Florida Avenue or Nebraska Avenue. The study also looked at the potential to enhance safety and mobility for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists in the downtown Palm Harbor area. The study evaluated three alternatives: 1- a no-build option, 2 - a signalized intersection at US Alternate 19 and Nebraska Avenue or 3 - a roundabout at the intersection of Alternate US 19 and Florida Avenue.

After two very comprehensive public engagement workshops and public opinion surveys, FDOT has determined not to move forward with a roundabout at the intersection of US Alternate 19 and Florida Avenue or traffic signal at US Alternate 19 and Nebraska Avenue.

Results from the public opinion surveys expressed a need to enhance safety of pedestrians and bicyclists traveling across Alternate US 19. Based on this information, FDOT will pursue construction of a mid-block crosswalk with flashing beacons, refuge median island and overhead street lighting to facilitate safe crossing of pedestrians and bicyclists across Alternate US 19. FDOT will continue to coordinate with Pinellas County and the Pinellas Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to evaluate performance of this mid-block crosswalk upon installation. If performance of mid-block crossing is satisfactory, the department will conclude the evaluation.

Please see [www.pinellascounty.org/downtownpalmharbor](http://www.pinellascounty.org/downtownpalmharbor) for the survey results from the September 2015 and December 2015 community meetings.