

# **Interstate 75 Rest Areas Project Development and Environment Study**

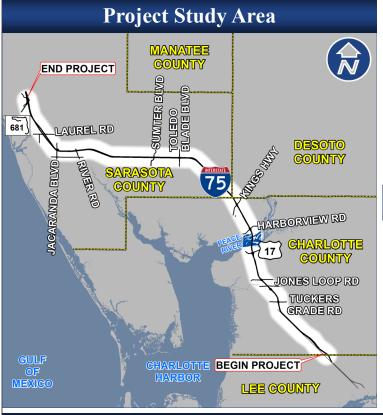
From the Charlotte/Lee County Line to SR 681 in Sarasota County

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## **FDOT Evaluates New I-75 Rest Areas**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District One is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to identify sites for the placement of one northbound and one southbound rest area facility along Interstate 75. The study limits extend from the Charlotte/Lee County line north to the interchange of SR 681 and I-75 in Sarasota County. The new rest areas would replace the recently closed Jones Loop Rest Area located at Exit 161 in Charlotte County. Staff is evaluating five build alternative locations, three in the northbound direction of I-75, and two in the southbound direction of I-75. Each of the build alternatives will require additional right-of-way adjacent to I-75. FDOT does not anticipate residential or business relocations for any of the build alternatives. As part of this study, FDOT will consider a "no-build" alternative, which would not include a new rest area in this segment of I-75. At this time, the FDOT Five-Year Work Program does not include funding for the design, right-of-way acquisition, or construction phases for the rest area project.





## **Public Meeting Scheduled**

FDOT invites you to a public meeting regarding the identification of sites for two new rest areas along Interstate 75 in Southwest Florida. Your participation and feedback about this project are important. FDOT anticipates final plans selection mid-2017. This open house format meeting will not include a formal presentation. The study team will be available throughout the evening to discuss the project and answer questions at the time, date, and location below:

TIME: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

DATE: Tuesday, August 2, 2016

**LOCATION: Charlotte Harbor Event Center** 

**75 Taylor Street** 

Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

### **Questions?**

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#### Americans with Disabilities Act

People with disabilities who may require special accommodations at the meeting under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 or people who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Shelly Smith, District One Title VI Coordinator, at (863) 519-2761 or by email at Shelly.Smith@dot.state.fl.us at least seven (7) days before the meeting.

#### **Title VI Compliance**

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



