

PUBLIC HEARING DECEMBER 4, 2024

Manatee County invites you to a public hearing for the Fort Hamer Road Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study on Wednesday, December 4, 2024.

This hearing is being conducted to present the preferred alternative and all analysis to date, as well as to give interested persons an opportunity to express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements.

In accordance with Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966, Manatee County is seeking comments concerning the effects of the project on the activities, features, and attributes of Fort Hamer Park and Hidden Harbor Park.

You can participate live online or in-person. The information presented during either format will be the same and all attendees will have the opportunity to comment.

If you are unable to attend the hearing, comments may still be provided. While comments about the project are accepted at any time, they must be postmarked or received by December 16, 2024, to be included in the formal hearing record.

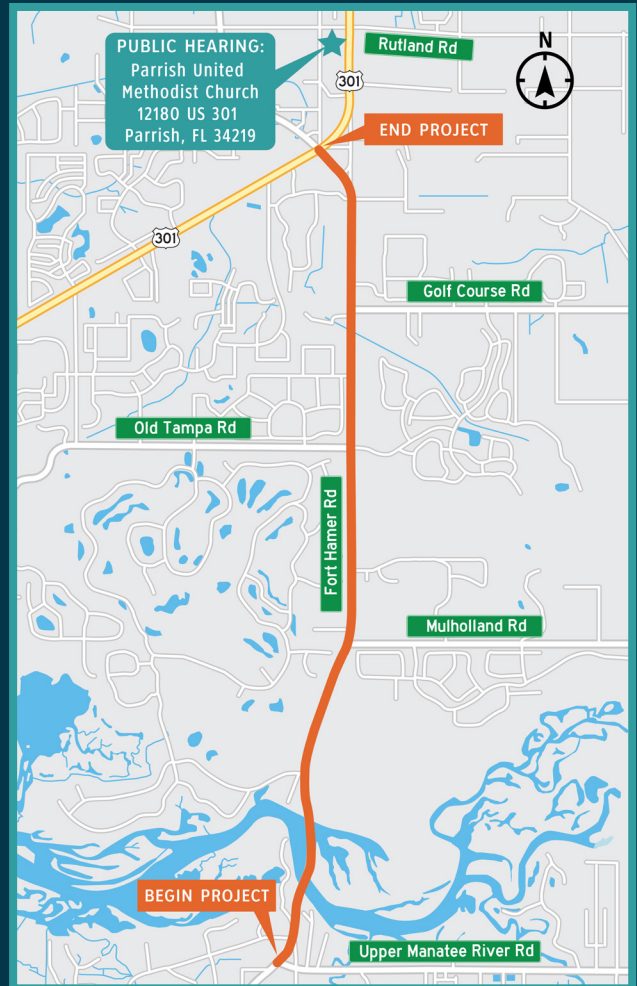
A summary of the hearing will be available on the project webpage approximately 30 days following the close of the comment period.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Manatee County began this PD&E study in June 2023 and is anticipating completion by June 2025. The purpose of the Fort Hamer Road project is to enhance safety, improve traffic operations, provide multimodal access, and meet future transportation demands in Manatee County.

The preferred alternative includes widening to a four-lane divided roadway with bicycle lanes, sidewalk, shared-use path, and roundabout intersections at Rive Isle Run, Mulholland Road, Old Tampa Road, and Golf Course Road. Roundabouts have been shown to have safety and traffic operational benefits for all roadway users.

The no-build alternative, where no improvements are made to Fort Hamer Road, remains an alternative until the end of this study.



IN-PERSON OPTION:

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Parrish United Methodist Church
12180 US 301, Parrish, FL 34219

Anytime between 5 – 6 p.m. Open house

6 p.m. Formal presentation and comment

Displays will be available starting at **5 p.m.** to review at your own pace and the formal presentation will begin at **6 p.m.** The project team will be available for discussion.

LIVE ONLINE OPTION:

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

5:45 p.m. Overview for how to submit comments

6 p.m. Formal presentation and comment

Register in advance: bit.ly/Fort_Hamer_Road_PDE_Study

This event will include a livestream of the in-person presentation and the formal comment portion. Please review the materials on the project webpage before attending the live online event (www.forthamerroad.com).

Materials will be posted by November 27, 2024



Fort Hamer Road PD&E Study
From Upper Manatee River Road to US 301
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 Manatee County Public Works
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 Bradenton, FL 34208

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CONTACT US

Manatee County encourages the public to participate in the Fort Hamer Road PD&E Study public hearing. If you have comments or questions regarding the hearing, please contact the Manatee County Project Manager, Anthony Russo at:

-  Anthony Russo, PE
Manatee County Project Manager
-  Manatee County Public Works
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-  Phone: (941) 708-7450, Ext. 7349
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REGISTER TO ATTEND LIVE ONLINE

Scan the QR Code shown here to register, and you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the public hearing online. Please note, Internet Explorer cannot be used to register or attend this live online event.



VIEW PROJECT DOCUMENTS

Project documents will be available for public viewing from **Wednesday, November 13, 2024**, through **Monday, December 16, 2024**, online at www.forthamerroad.com or in-person at the following locations:

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| Rocky Bluff Branch Library | Palmetto Branch Library |
| 6750 US 301 North | 923 6th Street West |
| Ellenton, FL 34222 | Palmetto, FL 34221 |
| Monday – Thursday: 9 am – 8 pm | Monday – Thursday: 9 am – 8 pm |
| Friday – Saturday: 9 am – 6 pm | Friday – Saturday: 9 am – 6 pm |

Copies will also be displayed at the in-person hearing.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact Carmine DeMilio, Manatee County ADA Coordinator, by phone at (941) 748-4501 Ext. 6016 or by email at carmine.demilio@mymanatee.org at least five (5) days prior to the hearing. Persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Catherine Winter, Community Outreach Specialist, at (813) 431-0919 or email at catherine@valerin-group.com at least five (5) days prior to the hearing.

This PD&E Study is being conducted and completed according to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and other related federal and state laws, rules, and regulations, which will qualify future phases of this project for federal funding, and this hearing was advertised consistent with those requirements. For federal funded projects: The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022 and executed by FHWA and FDOT.

For more information visit our website at: www.forthamerroad.com