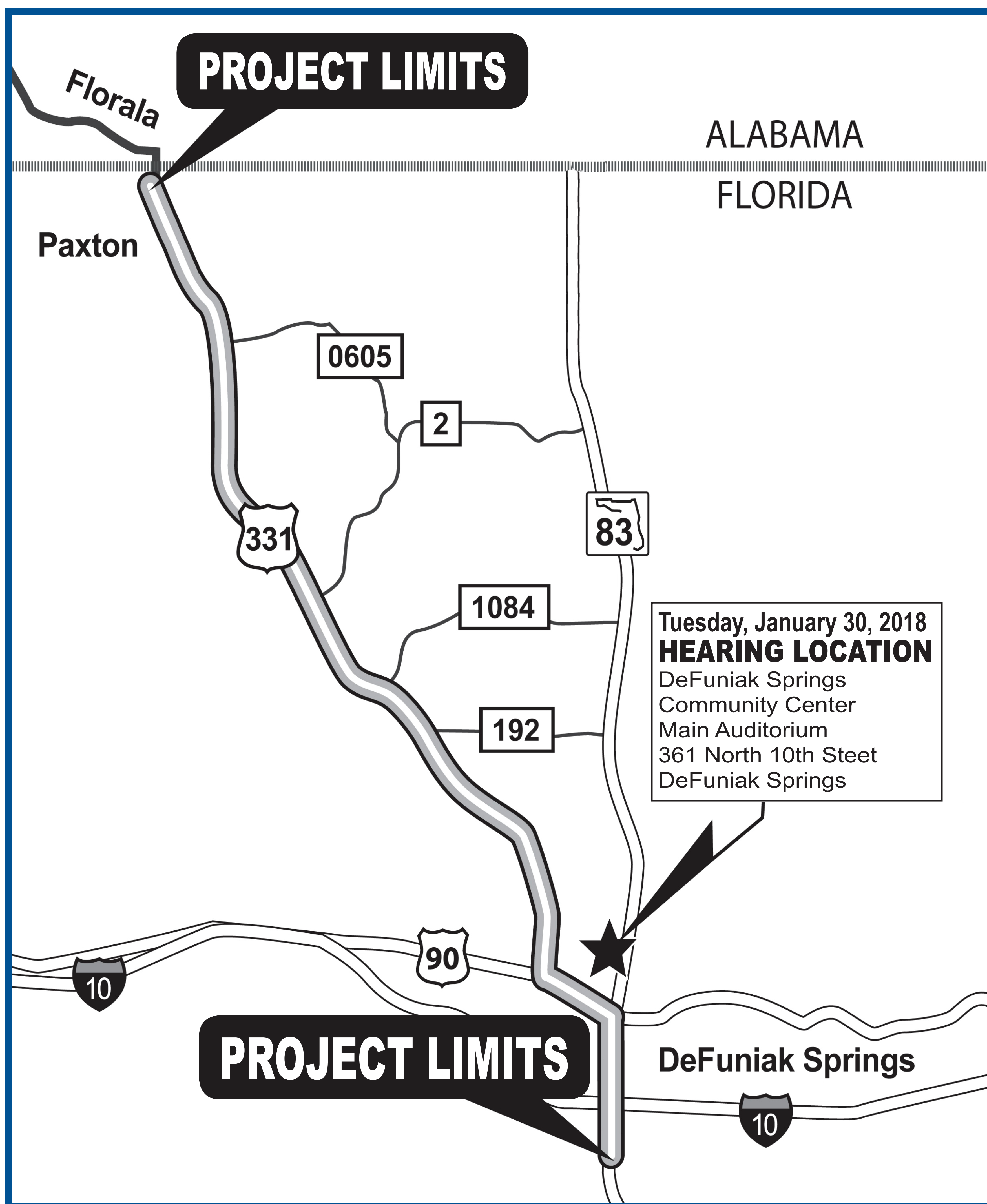




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## Public Hearing



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# From Coy Burgess Loop Road to the Alabama State Line



Project Development and Environment Study

Walton County

Financial Project Identification Numbers: 433743-2 and 433743-3

# Public Hearing

**Tuesday, January 30, 2018**

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. CST: Public Hearing

6 p.m. CST: FORMAL PRESENTATION

FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Defuniak Springs Community Center**

**Main Auditorium**

**361 North 10th Street, Defuniak Springs**

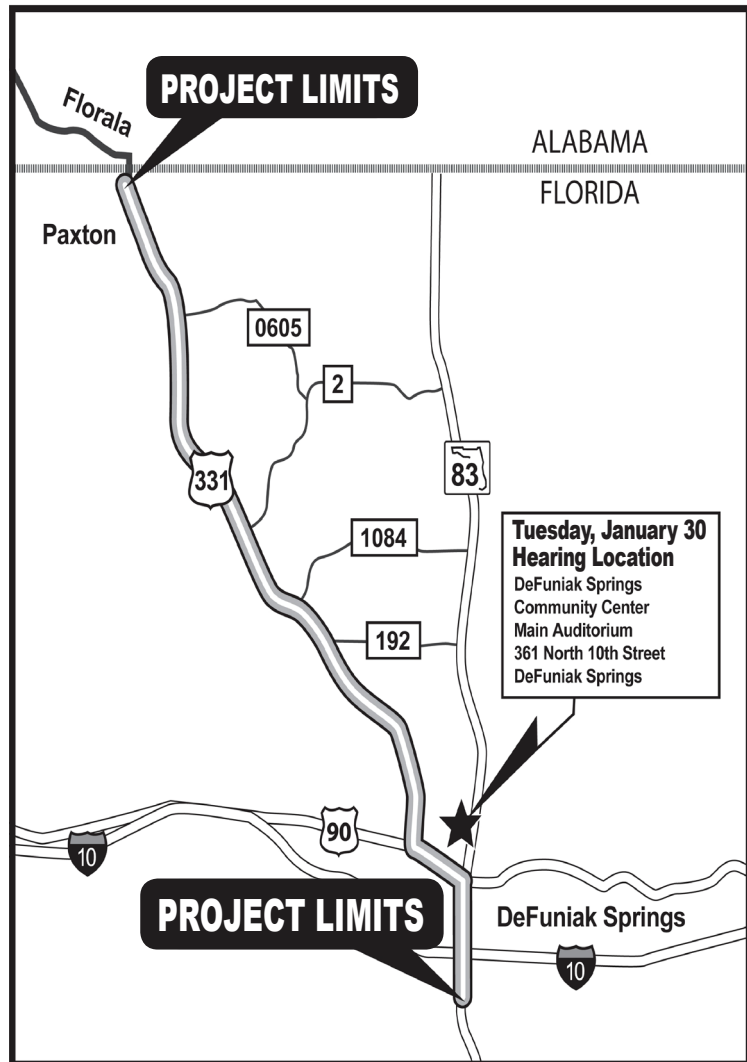
## Project Information

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will host a public hearing concerning the U.S. 331 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study from Coy Burgess Loop Road to the Alabama state line.

Proposed improvements in DeFuniak Springs include adding traffic signals at the intersections of U.S. 331 South and Interstate 10 ramps, installing fiber optics along U.S. 331 South to improve traffic signal timing, upgrading signal heads at the DeFuniak Square Shopping Center, and adding new and extending current turn lanes at the intersection of U.S. 331 South and U.S. 90. In Paxton, the recommendation is to install rectangular rapid flashing beacons and upgrade the school zone signage at the existing crosswalk.

Maps, drawings, and other information will be on display. FDOT representatives will be available to discuss proposed improvements, answer questions, and receive comments.

Additional project information is available at [www.nwflroads.com](http://www.nwflroads.com) (click on Future Projects, select U.S. 331 located under Walton County).



## SHARE YOUR COMMENTS

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- ▶ Complete a comment form (or compose a letter) and drop it in the comment box during the hearing or mail to: Peggy Kelley, FDOT Project Manager, 1074 Highway 90, Chipley, Florida 32428

All comments must be postmarked no later than Friday, February 9, 2018, to become part of the official hearing record.

## REVIEW DRAFT STUDY DOCUMENTS

Draft study documents and other information depicting the proposed improvements will be available for public review at the hearing. Draft project documents are available for public review from January 9, 2018, until February 9, 2018, at:

- ▶ **Defuniak Springs Library, 3 Circle Drive, Defuniak Springs**
  - Monday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
  - Wednesday - Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶ **Paxton Town Hall, 21872 U.S. 331, Paxton**
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# U.S. 331 (State Roads 83 and 187)

From Coy Burgess Loop Road to the Alabama State Line

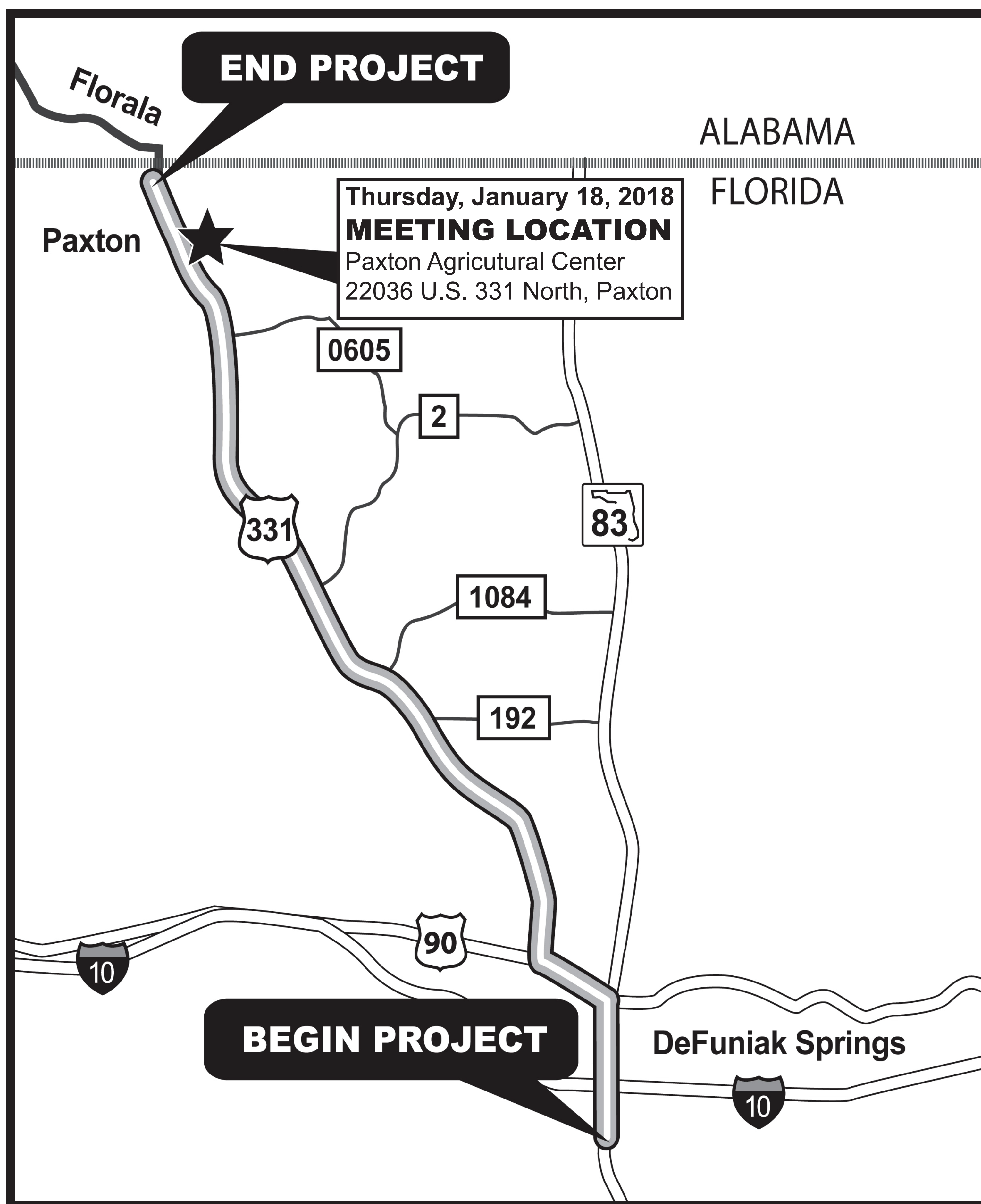
Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

Walton County, Florida

Financial Project Identification Numbers: 433743-2-22-01 and 433743-3-22-01

# WELCOME

## Public Information Meeting



**Paxton Agricultural Center, 22036 U.S. 331, Paxton**  
**5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**  
**January 18, 2018**



# From Coy Burgess Loop Road to the Alabama State Line

Project Development and Environment Study

Financial Project Identification Numbers: 433743-2 and 433743-3

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January 2018

## Process

We are here

PD&E STUDY

2014 - 2018

DESIGN

2020 - 2021

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ACQUISITION  
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CONSTRUCTION

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## What is a PD&E Study?

A Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study is an environmental and engineering process developed by the FDOT to determine social, economic, and natural and physical environmental impacts associated with a proposed transportation improvement project. The process follows procedures set forth in the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and federal and state laws and regulations. It requires the combined efforts of professional engineers, planners and scientists who collect and analyze project-related information to develop the best solution for transportation needs. An important component of the process is public and agency involvement. The process in the development of the project is made up of several components. These include:

- ▶ Data collection
- ▶ Develop and analyze project alternatives including the no-build alternative
- ▶ Select feasible alternative(s)
- ▶ Prepare study reports
- ▶ Select recommended alternative
- ▶ Public and agency involvement

## Make a Comment

You may share your comments about the project in one of several ways:

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## You are invited to the U.S. 331 Public Hearing

**Date:** Tuesday, January 30, 2017

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. CST  
Formal presentation: 6 p.m. CST

**Location:** DeFuniak Springs Community Center Main Auditorium  
361 10th Street, DeFuniak Springs



Recommended Paxton School Crossing Upgrades



I-10 Interchange Ramps at U.S. 331 South

## Review Draft Documents

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## Overview

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for U.S. 331 (State Roads 83 and 187) in north Walton County. The project extends 25 miles from Coy Burgess Loop Road to the Alabama state line, passing through the City of DeFuniak Springs, the community of Liberty, and the Town of Paxton. The project analyzes the existing characteristics, evaluates community needs and impacts, and develops proposed conceptual improvements to meet current and future travel demands on U.S. 331 while avoiding and minimizing environmental impacts. The purpose of the project is to study and identify improvements for U.S. 331 to allow efficient and safe travel for all corridor users. The proposed improvements are needed to accommodate existing and future traffic, as well as address safety concerns.

In July 2014 two separate kick off meetings were held to introduce the study and receive public input. In March 2016, corridor analysis meetings were held in Paxton and DeFuniak Springs. The public meetings were held to describe the alternatives developed based on study findings and provide interested persons an opportunity to review alternatives, ask questions and offer comments. Following the public hearing, project documentation will be finalized for the preferred alternative and submitted to the FDOT Office of Environmental Management for approval of the PD&E Study.

## Project Status

Current and projected traffic forecasts indicate the level of service does not meet FDOT criteria to widen the roadway. Therefore, no capacity improvements are necessary at this time to accommodate the forecasted 2040 peak hour volumes from Coy Burgess Loop Road to the Alabama state line.

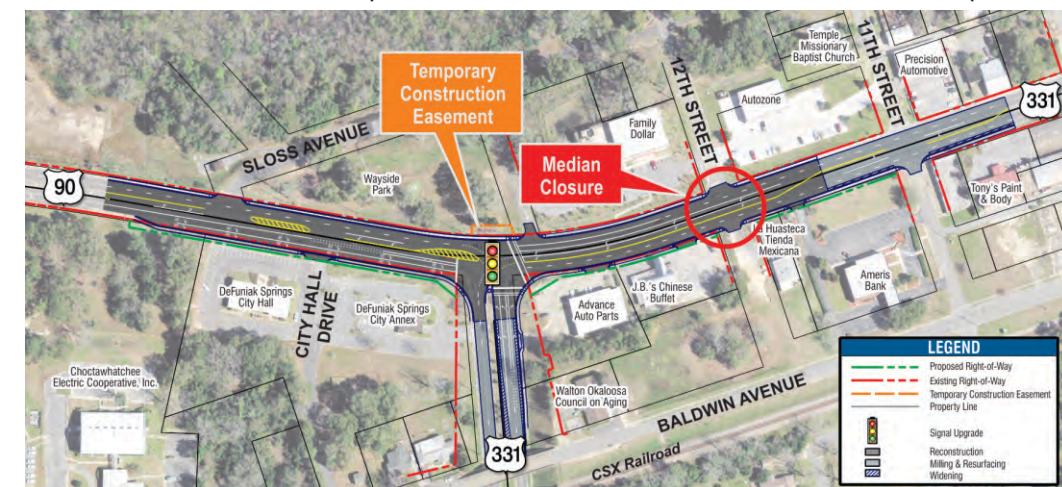
Operational and safety improvements are being evaluated. The improvements in DeFuniak Springs include adding traffic signals at the intersections of U.S. 331 South and the Interstate 10 ramps, installing fiber optics along U.S. 331 South to improve traffic signal timing, upgrading signal heads at the DeFuniak Square Shopping Center, and adding new and extending current turn lanes at the intersection of U.S. 331 South and U.S. 90. The recommendation in Paxton is to install flashing beacons and upgrade school zone signage at the existing crosswalk.

## No-Build Alternative

The No-Build Alternative leaves U.S. 331 in its existing condition. The No-Build Alternative is compared to the recommended alternative and will remain a viable alternative through the public hearing. The No-Build Alternative will not expend funds for design right-of-way, or construction and will not have environmental impacts. However, the No-Build Alternative will not improve traffic operations or enhance safety.

## Recommended Alternative

The Recommended Alternative for U.S. 331 is the Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSM&O) Alternative. The alternative is comprised of various improvements along the corridor to improve traffic flow and enhance safety. The proposed improvements will require minor amounts of right-of-way. These TSM&O improvements are described on the map on the inside page.



U.S. 331 South and U.S. 90 Intersection

## Public Information Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, January 18, 2017

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. CST

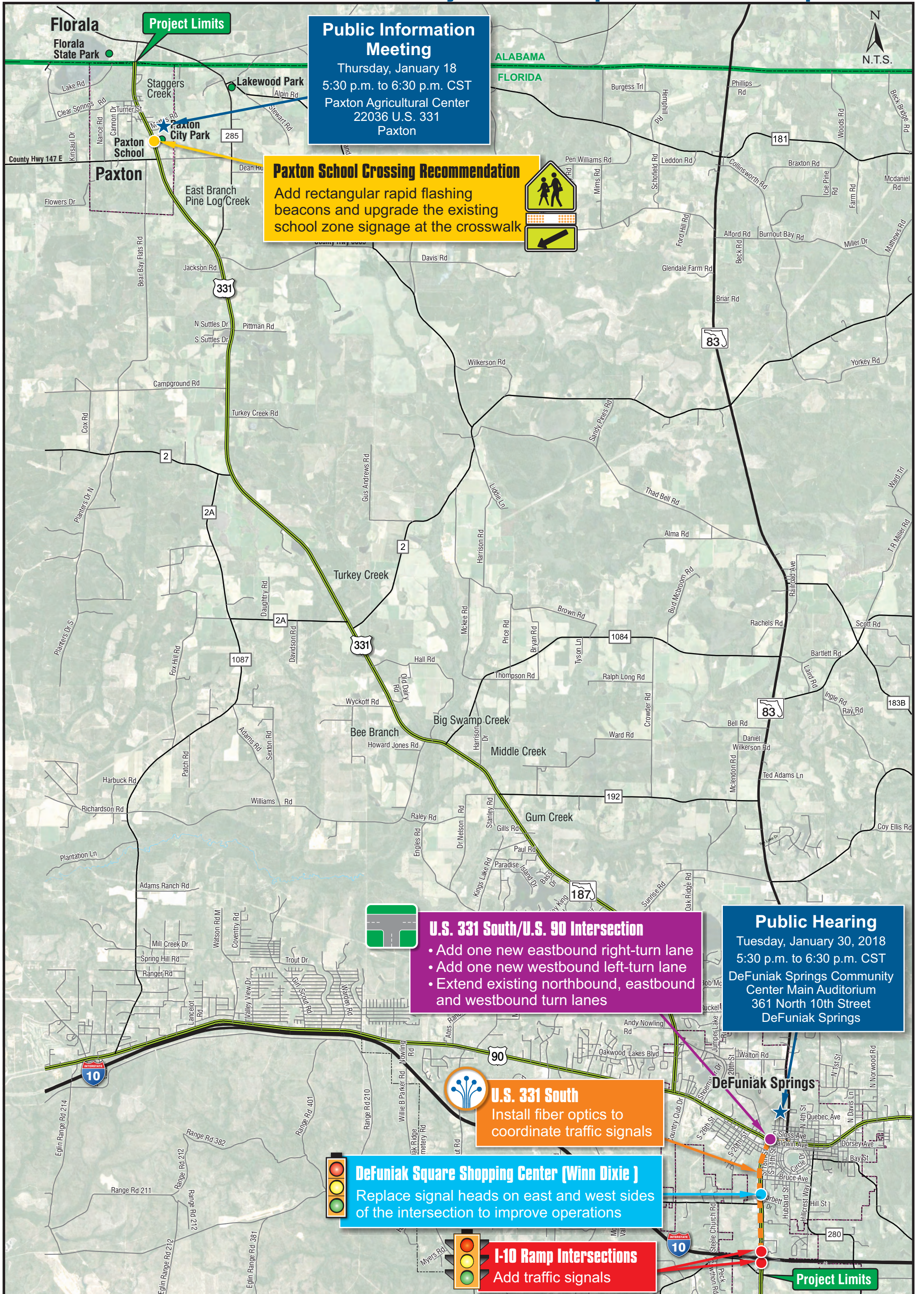
**Location:** Paxton Agricultural Center  
22036 U.S. 331  
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### Project Location Map and Recommended Improvements



**Public Information Meeting**  
 Thursday, January 18  
 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. CST  
 Paxton Agricultural Center  
 22036 U.S. 331  
 Paxton

**Paxton School Crossing Recommendation**  
 Add rectangular rapid flashing beacons and upgrade the existing school zone signage at the crosswalk



**U.S. 331 South/U.S. 90 Intersection**

- Add one new eastbound right-turn lane
- Add one new westbound left-turn lane
- Extend existing northbound, eastbound and westbound turn lanes

**Public Hearing**  
 Tuesday, January 30, 2018  
 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. CST  
 DeFuniak Springs Community Center Main Auditorium  
 361 North 10th Street  
 DeFuniak Springs

**U.S. 331 South**  
 Install fiber optics to coordinate traffic signals

**DeFuniak Square Shopping Center (Winn Dixie)**  
 Replace signal heads on east and west sides of the intersection to improve operations

**I-10 Ramp Intersections**  
 Add traffic signals



# From Coy Burgess Loop Road to the Alabama State Line



Project Development and Environment Study

Walton County

Financial Project Identification Numbers: 433743-2 and 433743-3

## Public Information Meeting

**Thursday, January 18, 2018**

**5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. CST**

**Paxton Agricultural Center**

**22036 U.S. 331, Paxton**

### Project Information

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will host a public information meeting concerning the northern section (for residents from the Liberty area to the Alabama state line) of the U.S. 331 Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study.

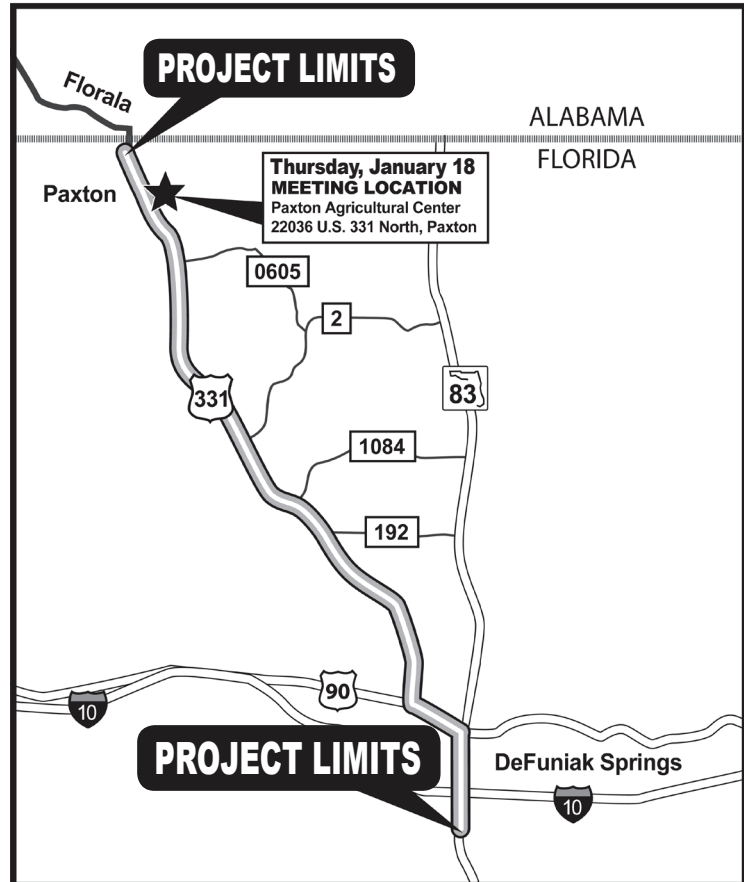
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Additional project information is available at [www.nwflroads.com](http://www.nwflroads.com) (click on Future Projects, select U.S. 331 located under Walton County).

### Meeting Information

The meeting will be held in an open-house format. Maps, drawings, and other information regarding the improvements only in Paxton will be on display. FDOT representatives will be available to discuss the proposed improvements, answer questions, and receive comments.

Those wishing to submit written comments may do so at the meeting, by U.S. Mail to Peggy Kelley, FDOT Project Manager, 1074 Highway 90, Chipley, Florida 32428 or via email to [peggy.kelley@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:peggy.kelley@dot.state.fl.us). All comments must be postmarked no later than Friday, February 9, 2018, to become part of the official meeting document.



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# U.S. 331 [State Roads 83 and 187]

From Coy Burgess Loop Road to the Alabama State Line

Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

Walton County, Florida

Financial Project Identification Numbers: 433743-2 and 433743-3

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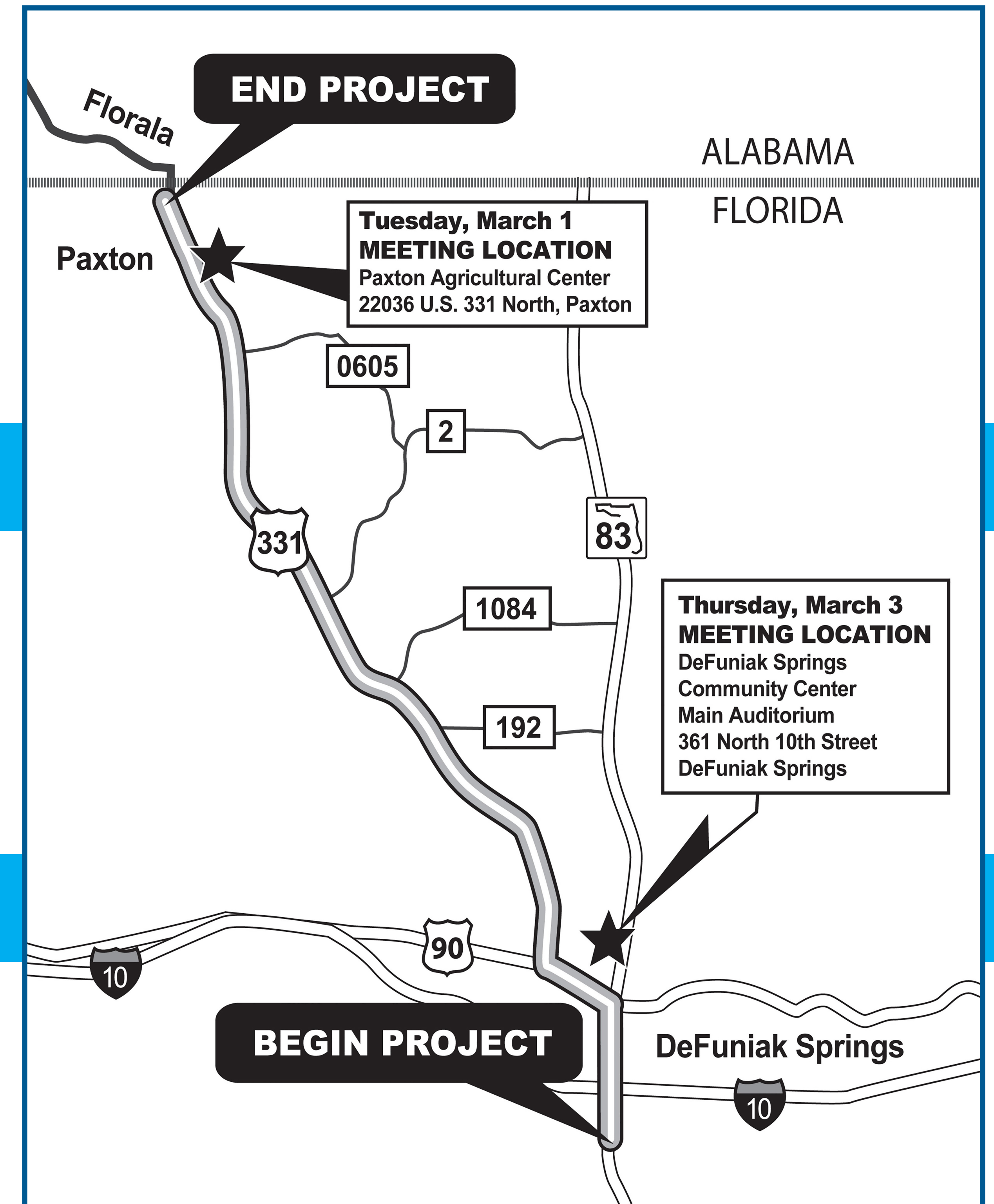
## CORRIDOR ANALYSIS PUBLIC MEETINGS

### MEETING ONE

Tuesday, March 1, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. CST  
Paxton Agricultural Center  
22036 U.S. 331 North, Paxton

### MEETING TWO

Thursday, March 3, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. CST  
DeFuniak Springs Community Center, Main Auditorium  
361 North 10th Street, DeFuniak Springs





**MIDDLE SEGMENT (from North of Walton Road to Wain Huckabee Road)**

The Middle Segment includes improvements along the existing U.S. 331 corridor. A four-lane divided roadway is under consideration. At the south end, the roadway includes curb and gutter for drainage and bike lanes and sidewalks. Near Lake Holley Circle, the roadway transitions to open drainage with no bike lanes or sidewalks but includes paved shoulders. The widening could occur to the west, to the east, or on a best fit alignment to avoid and minimize impacts.

**NORTH SEGMENT (from Wain Huckabee Road to Alabama State Line)**

The North Segment includes improvements along the existing U.S. 331 corridor and a corridor to the east of U.S. 331, as described below.

**Corridor 1 – Existing U.S. 331 Corridor**

Corridor 1 is along the existing U.S. 331 corridor. A four-lane divided urban roadway with bike lanes is under consideration along Corridor 1. The widening could occur to the west, to the east, or on a best fit alignment to avoid and minimize impacts.

**Corridor 2 – Realignment East of U.S. 331**

Corridor 2 is east of U.S. 331. A four-lane rural roadway with an open drainage system is under consideration along Corridor 2. The existing U.S. 331 could be redesignated and will remain as part of the local roadway network.

**Tentative Schedule**

Project Activity	Tentative Date
<b>Alternatives Refinement</b> During this phase, the project team will review public feedback from the Corridor Analysis Public Meetings and other outreach activities, and further evaluate engineering considerations. The project team will refine and modify the proposed alternatives and develop the best solution in each segment.	Summer 2016 through Summer 2017
<b>Public Hearing</b> This is a formal meeting where FDOT will present the recommended alternative. Attendees will have the opportunity to review the recommended alternative and provide comments prior to final documentation.	Fall 2017
<b>Location and Design Concept Acceptance</b> This is the approval from the Federal Highway Administration on the preferred alternative to move into final design.	Summer 2018

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

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At the southern end, through DeFuniak Springs, U.S. 331 is a four-lane divided roadway with a raised median. The U.S. 90 segment is a four-lane divided roadway with a raised median at the western side and a two-way left turn lane on the eastern side. This area of the corridor is urban with a combination of commercial and residential development fronting the roadway. From U.S. 90 (near the airport) to the Alabama state line, U.S. 331 is a two-lane undivided roadway. The surrounding land uses along this segment are mostly rural.

**Purpose and Need**

The purpose of the project is to study and identify improvements for U.S. 331 to allow efficient and safe travel for all corridor users. The proposed improvements are needed to accommodate existing and future traffic, as well as address safety concerns.



**Proposed Improvements**

Proposed improvements under evaluation include widening, potential roadway realignment, safety, traffic operations, intersection improvements, access management, bicycle lanes, and sidewalks. Since the corridor is so long and has a variety of land uses and community needs, the proposed improvements will vary throughout the corridor. The U.S. 331 corridor has been divided into three segments, which are shown on the map on the inside page. Within each segment, improvements are being evaluated on the existing U.S. 331 alignment. Alternative alignments to widen the existing roadway could occur along either side of the existing roadway or a combination of both sides (best fit alignment) to avoid and minimize impacts. In addition to the existing corridor, realignment alternatives are also being considered in the South Segment and the North Segment. The alternatives for each segment are described below. The No-Build Alternative leaves U.S. 331 in the existing condition. The No-Build Alternative is compared to the build alternatives and will remain a viable alternative through the Public Hearing.

**SOUTH SEGMENT (from Coy Burgess Loop Road to North of Walton Road)**

The South Segment includes improvements along the existing U.S. 331 corridor and two additional corridors, as described below.

**Corridor 1 – Existing U.S. 331 and U.S. 90 Corridors**

Corridor 1 is along the existing U.S. 331 corridor. The type of roadway differs along this segment to accommodate projected traffic and meet community needs. Alternatives under consideration along Corridor 1 include:

- Coy Burgess Loop Road to I-10: six-lane urban roadway with bike lanes and sidewalks within the existing right-of-way
- I-10 to U.S. 90: four-lane urban roadway with bike lanes and sidewalks
- Along U.S. 90: four-lane urban roadway with bike lanes and sidewalks, with widening to the north, to the south, or a best fit alignment to avoid and minimize impacts
- U.S. 90 to north of Walton Road: four-lane urban roadway with bike lanes and sidewalks, with widening to the west, to the east, or a best fit alignment to avoid and minimize impacts

**Corridor 2 – Realignment Southwest of U.S. 331**

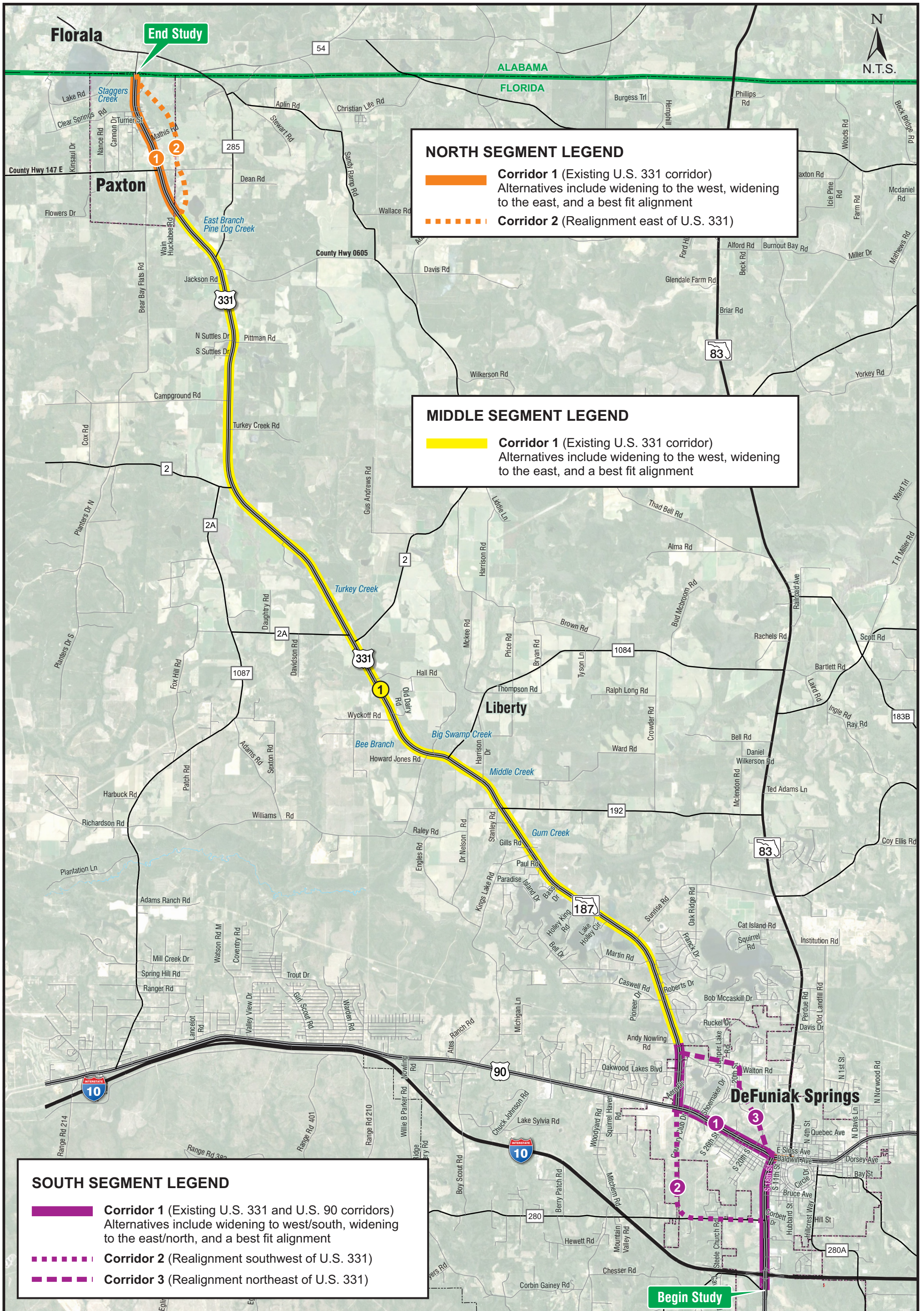
Corridor 2 utilizes Bob Sikes Road, heads north, and goes through the far east end of the DeFuniak Springs Municipal Airport. A four-lane divided urban roadway with bike lanes and sidewalks is under consideration along Corridor 2. The existing U.S. 331 could be redesignated and will remain as part of the local roadway network.

**Corridor 3 – Realignment Northeast of U.S. 331**

Corridor 3 is in the vicinity of Wabash Avenue and Walton Road. A four-lane divided urban roadway with bike lanes and sidewalks is under consideration along Corridor 3. The existing U.S. 331 could be redesignated and will remain as part of the local roadway network.

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# CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVES LOCATION MAP





## Corridor Analysis Public Meetings

### Project Information

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will host two similar corridor analysis public meetings concerning the U.S. 331 Project Development and Environment Study. The study will evaluate the need for proposed improvements along U.S. 331 from Coy Burgess Loop Road to the Alabama state line, a distance of approximately 25 miles.

Proposed improvements under evaluation include widening, potential realignment, safety, traffic operations, intersection improvements, access management, bicycle lanes, and sidewalks.

Additional project information is available at [www.NWFLRoads.com](http://www.NWFLRoads.com) (click on "Future Projects" and select U.S. 331 under Walton County).

### Meeting Information

FDOT invites you to attend one or both corridor analysis public meetings about proposed improvements for U.S. 331.

#### Meeting One

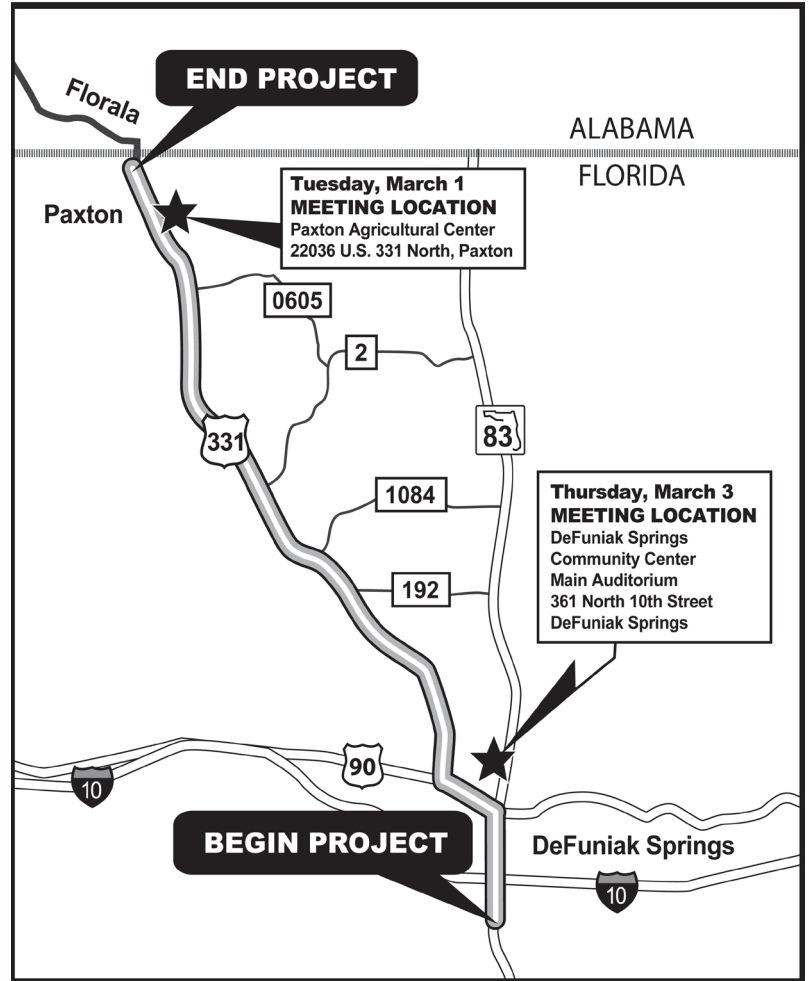
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#### Meeting Two

- Thursday, March 3, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. CST
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### For More Information

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**Public Notice of Location Design Concept Acceptance**  
**State Road (S.R.) 83 and S.R. 187 (U.S. 331) Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study**  
**from Coy Burgess Loop Road to the Alabama State Line**  
**Walton County**

On May 4, 2018, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Three, granted Location and Design Concept Acceptance for the following projects: Financial Project Identification Numbers: 433743-2-22-01 and 433743-3-22-01.

The project extends 25 miles from Coy Burgess Loop Road to the Alabama state line, passing through the City of DeFuniak Springs, the community of Liberty, and the Town of Paxton. Operational and safety improvements were evaluated. Proposed improvements in DeFuniak Springs include adding traffic signals at the intersections of U.S. 331 South and the Interstate 10 ramps, installing fiber optics along U.S. 331 South to improve traffic signal timing, upgrading signal heads at the DeFuniak Square Shopping Center, and adding new and extending current turn lanes at the intersection of U.S. 331 South and U.S. 90. In Paxton, the recommendation is to install pedestrian-activated flashing beacons and upgrade the school zone signage at the existing crosswalk.

A copy of the approved Type 1 Categorical Exclusion environmental document completed for the project is available for viewing at the following address and by contacting: Peggy Kelley, FDOT Project Manager, 1074 Highway 90, Chipley, Florida 32428; toll-free at (888) 638-0250, extension 1517; or via email at [peggy.kelley@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:peggy.kelley@dot.state.fl.us).

Design is funded for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

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 FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.