



AGENDA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WORKSHOP BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Board Chambers
Suite 100
Escambia County Governmental Complex
221 Palafox Place

November 10, 2011
9:00 a.m.

Notice: This meeting is televised live on Cox Cable 98 and recorded for rebroadcast on the same channel.

1. Call to Order

(PLEASE TURN YOUR CELL PHONE TO THE SILENCE OR OFF SETTING.)
2. Was the meeting properly advertised?
3. Update on Status of Environmental Impact Study for Four Lane Section on Perdido Key Drive/State Road 292
(Larry Newsom – 20 min)
 - A. Discussion
 - B. Board direction
4. Tourist Development Funding (NO BACKUP PROVIDED)
(Presentation by Member of the Tourist Development Council – 30 min)
 - A. Discussion
 - B. Board direction
5. Code Enforcement Officer Safety Issues (Guns) (NO BACKUP PROVIDED)
(Comr. Gene Valentino – 10 min)
 - A. Discussion
 - B. Board direction
6. Adjourn

Committee of the Whole

Item #: 3.

Meeting

Date: 11/10/2011

Issue: Environmental Impact Study for Four Lane Section of Perdido Key Drive/State Road 292

From: Larry Newsom

Recommendation:

Update on Status of Environmental Impact Study for Four Lane Section on Perdido Key Drive/State Road 292

(Larry Newsom – 20 min)

A. Discussion

B. Board direction

Attachments

Environmental Impact Study

Update on Status of Environmental Impact Study for Four Lane Section on Perdido Key Drive/State Road 292

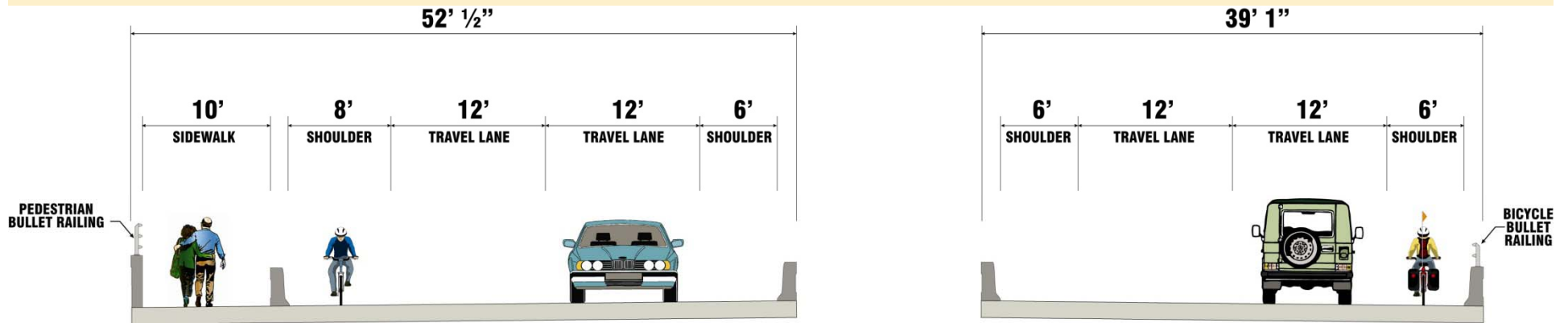


Widen SR 292 (Perdido Key Drive) from the Alabama state line to Innerarity Point Road/Gulf Beach Highway



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Proposed Improvements (Segments 1 & 4)



Section 7 Consultation



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**



- Officially not in the PD&E phase yet
- Perdido Key Beach Mouse and its Designated Critical Habitat
- Coordination with the FDOT, FDEP, FFWCC, and USFWS for development of alternatives and documentation in a Biological Assessment (BA) to obtain approval from the USFWS for the proposed improvements – “Formal Consultation”



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Section 7 Consultation



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- **What's left?**
 - Submittal of BA to FHWA for official submittal to USFWS - (October 2011)
 - USFWS review of the BA and preparation of their Biological Opinion (BO) - (up to 135 days after BA submittal from FHWA to USFWS)
 - Receipt of BO - (Early 2012)



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Potential Outcomes of the Biological Opinion

USFWS could . . .

1. **“No jeopardy and/or no adverse modification finding”**
Accept the project as proposed in the BA. The project would then move into the PD&E phase.

2. **“Jeopardy/adverse modification finding”**
 - Reject the proposed improvements and suggest reasonable and prudent alternatives for consideration.

OR

- Call “jeopardy” and are not able to develop any reasonable and prudent alternatives. – Exemption process is available.



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