

# Comments and Coordination Report

## Catfish Creek Road Bridge Rehabilitation Over Catfish Creek (Bridge No. 094026)

Highlands County, Florida

FDOT FPID No. 446394-1-54-01

HC Project No. 22061

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Highlands County is conducting a bridge rehabilitation project for Catfish Creek Road Bridge in Highlands County, Florida. The project location map, shown in **Figure 1**, illustrates the location and limits of the study.

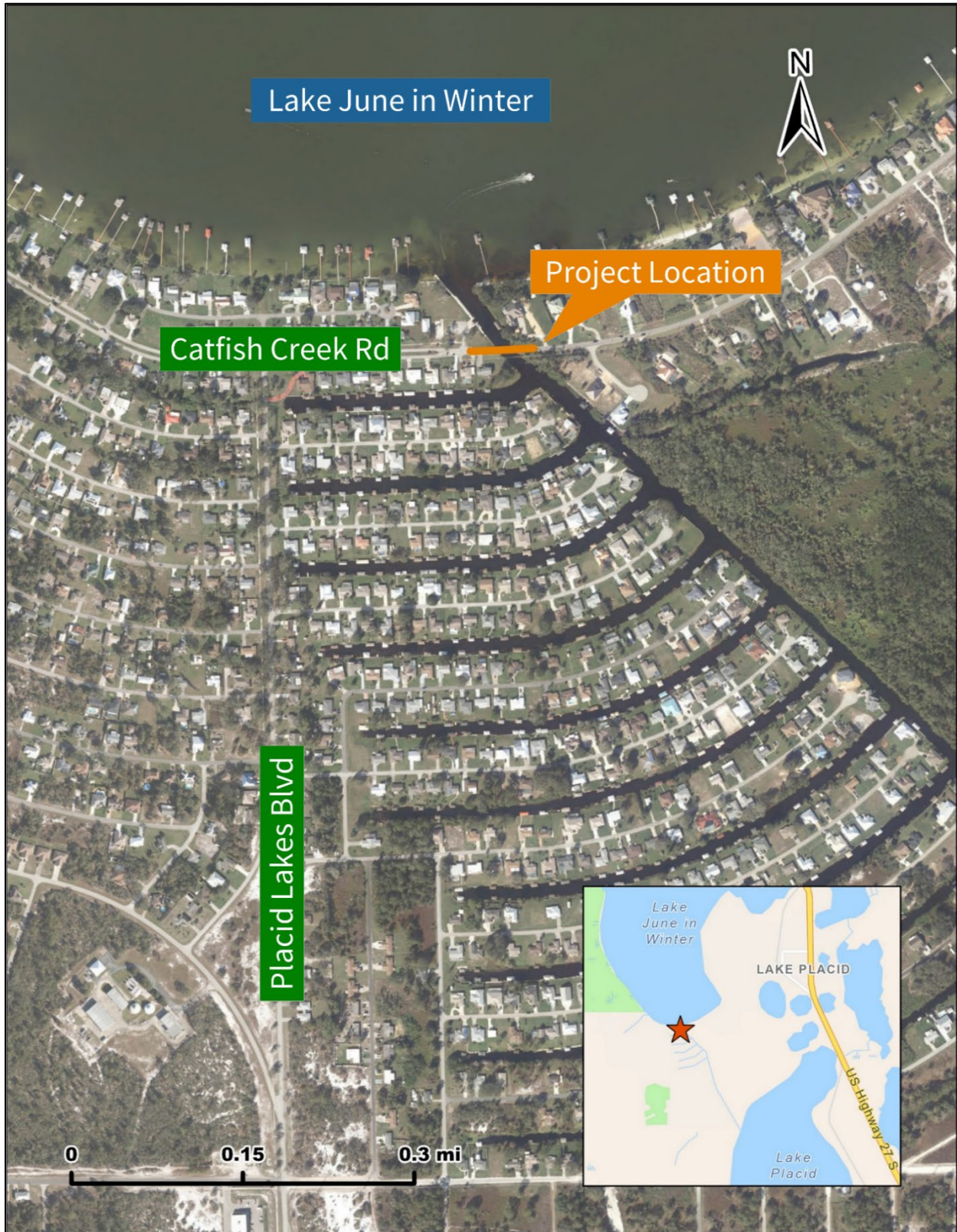
The purpose of the project is to evaluate potential improvements to address existing structural maintenance requirements, as well as identify needs for enhancing safety, accommodating pedestrians and bicyclists, and meeting future transportation demand.

The purpose of this report is to document the public and agency participation accomplished throughout the study process. In compliance with State and Federal rules, a Public Involvement Program was developed and implemented as an integral part of this project. Highlands County recognizes that the success of any transportation improvement is dependent upon a comprehensive public outreach effort. The program focused on soliciting community participation regarding local issues and concerns throughout the project development process. The balance of this report describes the following components of the project: public communications (emails, newsletters, website, media coverage, etc.), public workshop, and agency coordination. The project schedule is shown in Error! Reference source not found..

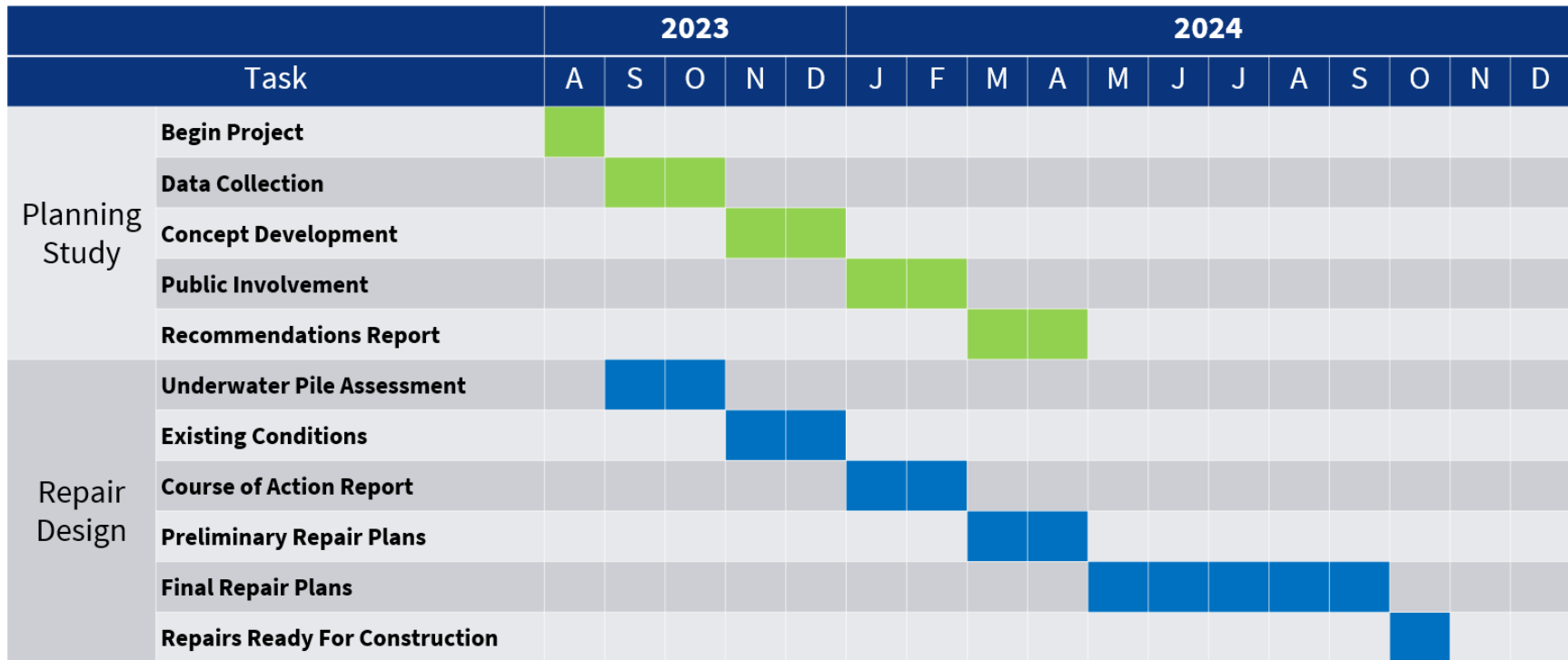
### Project Description

Highlands County is conducting a bridge rehabilitation project to evaluate Catfish Creek Road Bridge in Highlands County, Florida (see **Figure 1**). The existing bridge over Catfish Creek has two narrow travel lanes without shoulders or sidewalks. This project will seek to rehabilitate the existing bridge, as well as identify ways to enhance safety, accommodate pedestrians and cyclists, and meet future travel demand.

Figure 1: Project Location Map



**Figure 2: Project Schedule**



## Project Status

The project is identified in the Heartland Regional TPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Five Year Work Program and is funded for construction in Fiscal Year 2024 (FPID 446394-1).

## Description of Alternatives

The existing bridge has two 9-foot travel lanes in each direction, but no shoulders, bike lanes, or sidewalks (see **Figure 3**). Four bridge typical sections were presented to the public, along with the existing (no-build) alternative:

- **Figure 4: Future Bridge Replacement (Unfunded)**
- **Figure 5: Alternative 1 – Interim Bridge**
- **Figure 6: Alternative 2 – Interim Bridge**
- **Figure 7: Alternative 3 – Interim Bridge**

## II. PROJECT KICKOFF

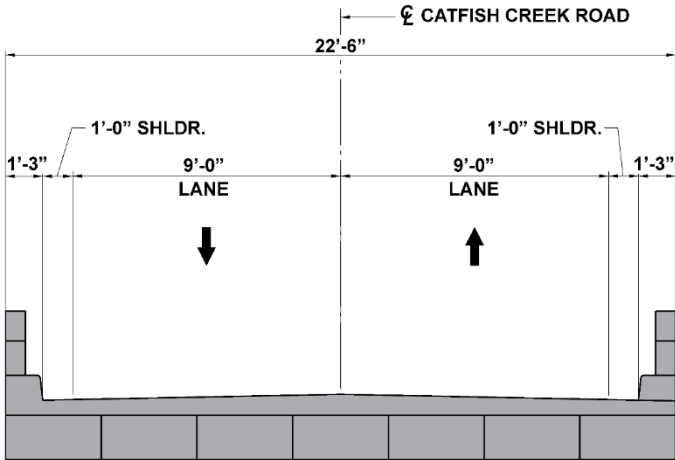
### County Kick-off Meeting: August 23, 2023

Highlands County and Kimley-Horn staff had a kick-off meeting on August 23, 2023 to initiate the project and discuss project schedule.

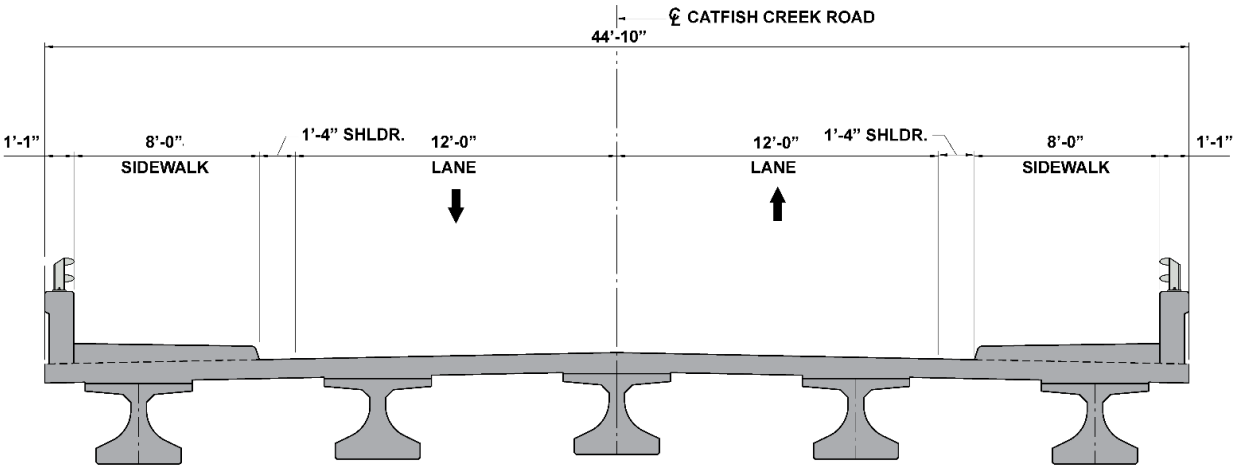
### Public Involvement Plan

A Public Involvement Plan (PIP) prepared under separate cover (November 2023) was created for this project outlining community outreach efforts. It presents the approach used to involve the public, public officials, the media, and government agencies throughout the project. A property owner mailing list was developed for mailing of newsletters and public meeting invitations. A public officials mailing list was also developed to notify representatives in the project area with newsletters and meeting and hearing invitations.

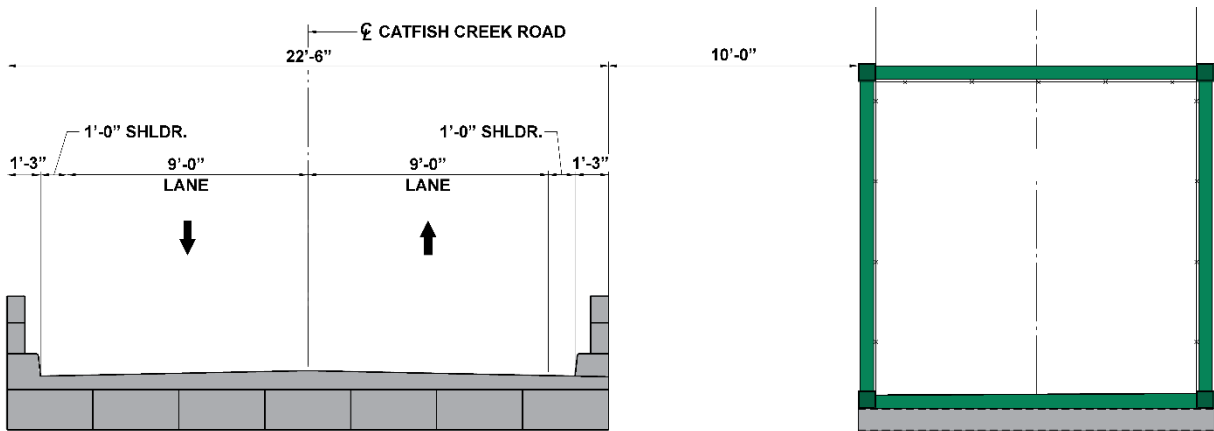
**Figure 3: Existing Conditions**



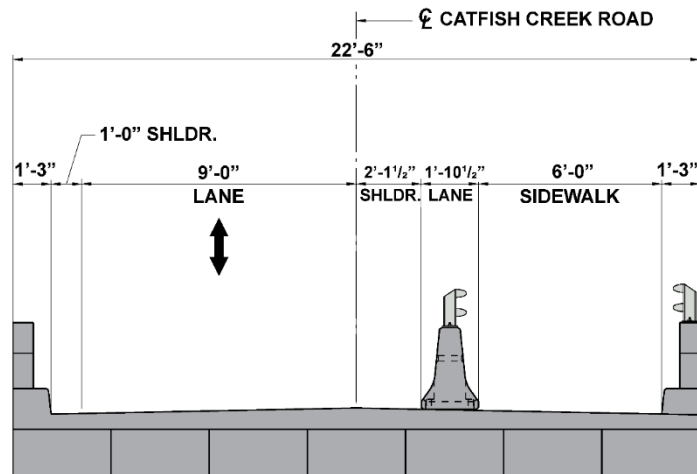
**Figure 4: Future Bridge Replacement (Unfunded)**



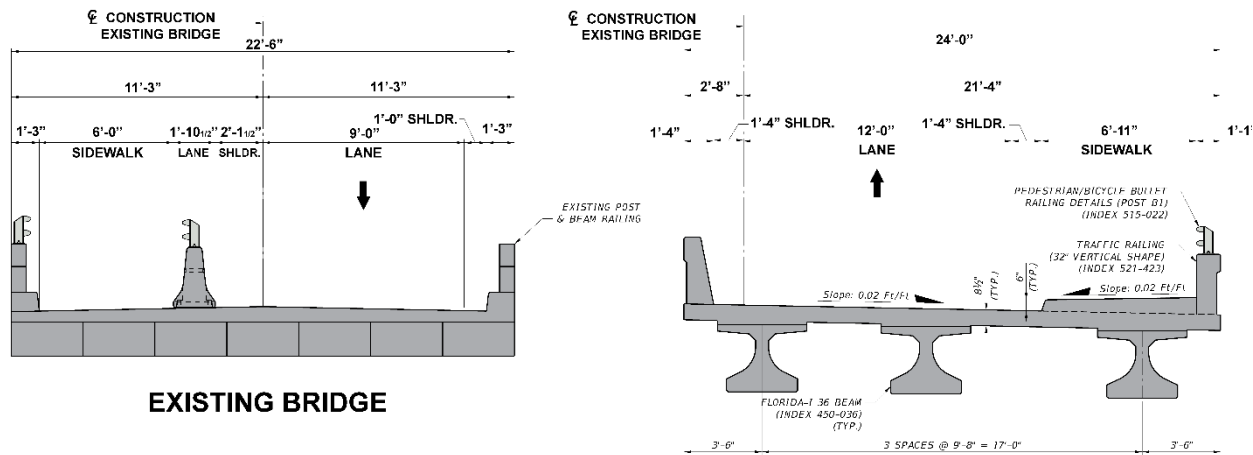
**Figure 5: Alternative 1 – Interim Bridge**



**Figure 6: Alternative 2 – Interim Bridge**



**Figure 7: Alternative 3 – Interim Bridge**



### III. PUBLIC MEETINGS

#### Public Workshop: February 20, 2024

Highlands County held a Public Workshop on February 20, 2024, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Placid Lakes Home & Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 2010 Placid Lakes Boulevard, Lake Placid, Florida 33852. The meeting introduced the project and the study process.

Highlands County distributed notification emails to public officials and individuals interested in the project on January 23, 2024. Notices were mailed to property owners and tenants located within at least 300 feet of the study corridor and in surrounding neighborhoods. Notice was published in the Florida Administrative Register (FAR) and the Highlands News-Sun on February 12, 2024, and February 13, 2024, respectively. Notification emails, advertisements, screenshot of online announcements, press release, mailing list, and newsletter invite can be found in **Appendix A**.

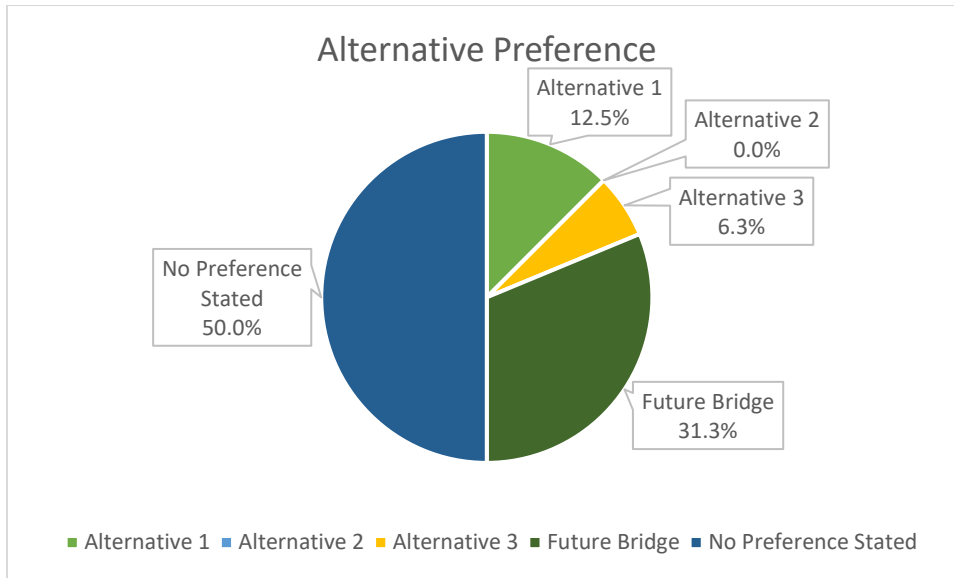
A total of 51 members of the public and no elected officials signed in at the public meeting. At this public workshop, Highlands County displayed information about the proposed project for public review and input on the study in general, the study's schedule, and a preview of the next steps to be taken. Display boards on site included an overview of the project schedule, a description of the alternatives being considered, and the overall project schedule.

The meeting was conducted in a question-and-answer format, allowing attendees to ask questions and provide comments to Highlands County representatives in a group setting. These comments were informal and are not included in the project record. Additional comments were solicited at the meeting via written comment form. Contact information was provided to submit written comments after the meeting.

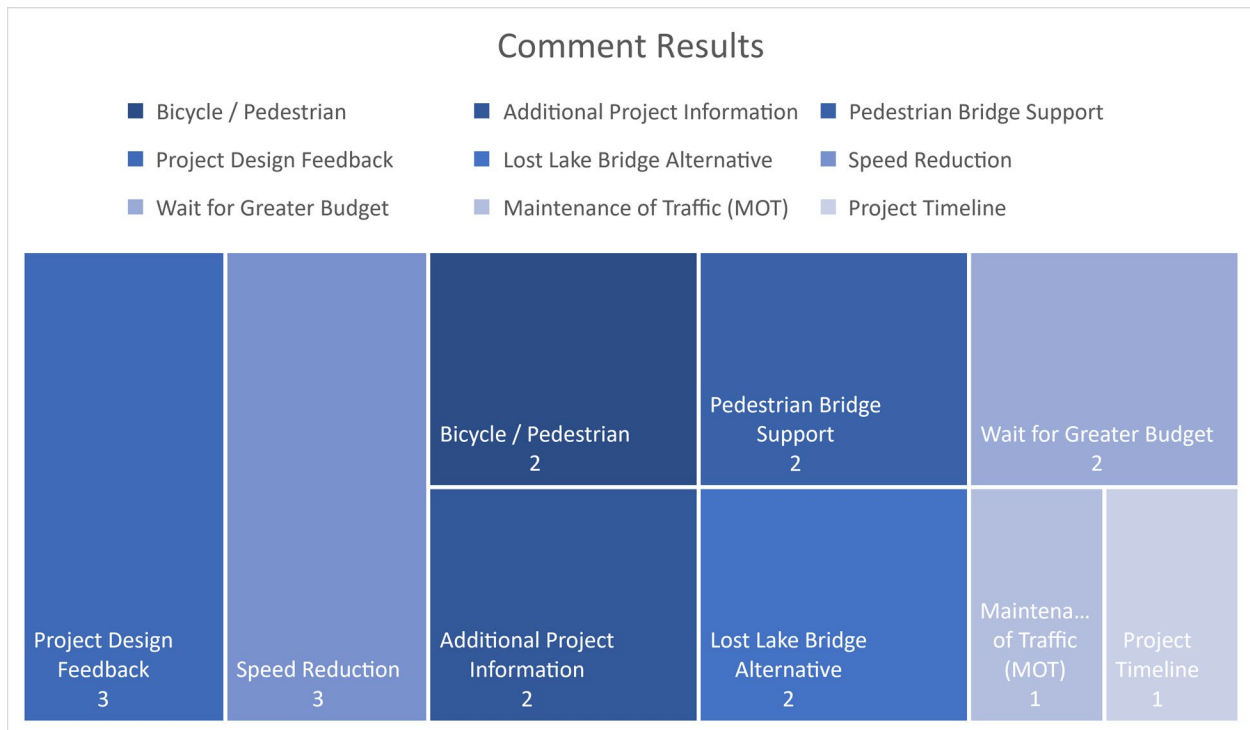
Attendees were provided with a one-page handout. Attendees provided 10 comments, which generally expressed concerns for the current condition of the bridge and support for a new bridge in the future. The sign-in sheets, meeting handout, and comment sheets, as well as those received in the 10 days following, can be found in **Appendix B**.

16 total comments were received between the Public Workshop and email correspondence. Most of the comments did not state an alternative preference, but support was strong for a bridge replacement (**Figure 8**). A summary of the comments is shown in **Figure 9**. No comments expressed concern with regards to the potential one-lane two-way operation of the bridge shown in Alternative 2.

**Figure 8: Alternative Preference**



**Figure 9: Comment Summary**



## IV. AGENCY AND STAKEHOLDER COORDINATION

### SHPO Coordination

A request for any known resources within a 0.25-mile buffer of the Catfish Creek Road bridge was submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). An archaeological site was reported just east of the bridge (see **Appendix D**). Due to the presence of this site, a Cultural Resource Assessment Report (CRAS) will be completed during a future phase of the project.

## **APPENDIX A**

### Public Workshop Notifications

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**From:** Clogston, Karen V. <kclogston@highlandsfl.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:11 PM  
**To:** Clogston, Karen V.  
**Cc:** Langford, James D.; DeFronzo II, Joseph L.; Linsinbigler, Vickey; Howerton Jr, Clinton; Willis, Jennifer; Culpepper, Melony; Attinger, Philip; Oujevolk, Richard M.  
**Subject:** \*\*\*DO NOT REPLY ALL\*\*\* Public Workshop scheduled for Catfish Creek Road Bridge Rehabilitation, FPID No. 446394-1-54-01 & HC Project No. 22061, Highlands County CatfishCreek\_PropOwner.pdf  
**Attachments:**  
**Categories:** External

Some people who received this message don't often get email from kclogston@highlandsfl.gov. [Learn why this is important](#)

Highlands County invites you to a Public Workshop for the Catfish Creek Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project along Catfish Creek Road over Catfish Creek.

This project will evaluate potential improvements to address existing structural maintenance requirements, as well as identify needs for enhancing safety, accommodating pedestrians and bicyclists, and meeting future transportation demand. **Please see the newsletter attached to this email.**

The Public Workshop is being conducted to involve the public, local officials, and interested agencies in the project development process and to inform interested parties of the project's current status.

### **IN-PERSON WORKSHOP:**

Tuesday, February 20, 2024  
6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. open house  
Placid Lakes Home & Property Owners Association Clubhouse  
2010 Placid Lakes Blvd  
Lake Placid, FL 33852

**If you are unable to attend the meeting,** comments can also be provided by email (ROujevolk@HighlandsFL.gov) or mail (Highlands County Engineering, Attn: Richard "OJ" Oujevolk, 505 South Commerce Ave, Sebring, FL 33870). While comments about the project are accepted at any time, they must be received or postmarked by March 1, 2024, to be included in the formal workshop record. Questions can be answered by emailing the Highlands County project manager Richard "OJ" Oujevolk at ROujevolk@HighlandsFL.gov.

Highlands County is sending notices to property owners, business owners, interested persons and organizations within 300 feet of the project to provide the opportunity to give comments regarding this project (*see the attached newsletter*).

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 Sherri Bennett, Highlands County ADA Coordinator, by phone at (863) 402-6509 or by email at HRManager@HighlandsFL.gov at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. Persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Emanuelle Rodriguez at (386) 271-0273 or email at emanuelle.rodriguez@kimley-horn.com at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.



# Catfish Creek Rd



**Karen Clogston, APIO**

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DISCLAIMER: Under Florida law, e-mail addresses are public records. If you do not want your e-mail address or mail to this entity. Instead contact this office by phone or in writing (pursuant to Section 668.6076, Florida Statutes).

## Notice of Meeting/Workshop Hearing

### OTHER AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

#### Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

The County of Highlands announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Placid Lakes Home & Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd, Lake Placid, FL 33852

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Highlands County invites you to a Public Workshop for the Catfish Creek Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project along Catfish Creek Road over Catfish Creek.

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The Public Workshop is being conducted to present information about the preliminary alternatives and provides the opportunity for the public to express their views about the project.

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This will include a looping video (no formal presentation) and the project team will be available for discussion.

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

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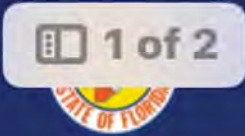
A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: N/A

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Sherri Bennett, Highlands County ADA Coordinator, by phone at (863)402-6509 or by email at HRManager@HighlandsFL.gov. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Richard “OJ” Oujevolk at ROujevolk@HighlandsFL.gov



February 20 6:30 at Community Center!!



### Catfish Creek Road Bridge Rehabilitation

Along Catfish Creek Road over Catfish Creek

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Catfish Creek Road bridge looking east.

#### Project Overview

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# Placid Lakes Home & Property Owners Association

February 19 at 7:00 PM · 🌐

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Tuesday at 6:30 be there!! Let's show them how much our community supports doing something about that dangerous bridge!



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For Immediate Release  
February 13, 2024

Karen Clogston, APIO, (863) 402-6833  
KClogston@HighlandsFL.gov

**Public Workshop for  
Catfish Creek Road Bridge Rehabilitation**  
*In-Person: Anytime between 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. on February 20, 2024*

**Highlands County, Florida** – Highlands County invites you to a Public Workshop for the Catfish Creek Road Bridge Rehabilitation project (FPID No. 446394-1-54-01 & HC Project No. 22061) along Catfish Creek Road over Catfish Creek (Bridge No. 094026). The Public Workshop is being conducted to involve the public, local officials, and interested agencies in the project development process and to inform interested parties of the project's current status.

Attend the public workshop:

Tuesday, February 20, 2024  
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Association Clubhouse  
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REVELS GREGORY A + DEBORAH F		970 GULF WINDS WAY	NOKOMIS, FL 34275
RIDGELY JAMES ROBERT III TRUST +	RIDGELY ATHRIENNA MARLYN TRUST	880 SE 2ND AV	DANIA BEACH, FL 33004
ROBERTS JAMES + JACQUELYN		122 ORANGE RD NE	LAKE PLACID, FL 33852
RODDENBERRY MICHELE		371 CATFISH CREEK RD	LAKE PLACID, FL 33852
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SAUVE GERALD M + RAMA JEAN TRUST	C/O JAMES BROWNING TRUSTEE	401 CATFISH CREEK RD	LAKE PLACID, FL 33852
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VOLKERS SCOTT PAUL +	VOLKERS JANE MARIE CO-TRUSTEES	524 CATFISH CREEK RD	LAKE PLACID, FL 33852
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# Catfish Creek Road Bridge Rehabilitation

Along Catfish Creek Road over Catfish Creek

January 2024

FPID Number: 446394-1-54-01  
HC Project Number: 22061

## PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Highlands County invites you to attend a Public Workshop on February 20, 2024 for the Catfish Creek Road Bridge Rehabilitation project.

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### LIVE IN-PERSON WORKSHOP:

Tuesday, February 20, 2024  
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Open House

Placid Lakes Home & Property Owners  
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Catfish Creek Road bridge looking east.

## Project Overview

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- Enhance safety
- Accommodate pedestrians and cyclists
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## Catfish Creek Road Bridge Rehabilitation

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Highlands County encourages the public to participate in the Catfish Creek Road Bridge Rehabilitation Public Workshop. If you have questions regarding the meeting, please contact the Highlands County Project Manager, Richard "OJ" Oujevolk, at:

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**OBITUARIES**

**Nancy A. Bain**



Nancy Ann Bain – beloved mother, grandmother, and cherished member of the community – peacefully departed this world while napping on her couch on Feb. 7, 2024, at the age of 86. Born Oct. 12, 1937, in Hebron, Ohio, Nancy's life was marked by love, laughter, and a passion for dance.

Preceded in death by her parents, Clarence H. Williams and Clara Louise Williams; husbands Ron Wilson and Thomas Bain; as well as her fiancé, Carl Pangle, Nancy leaves behind a legacy of resilience and joy.

She is survived by her adoring children, Ted Bain (Pam) of Braselton, Georgia, Snow Kendall (Greg) of Kennesaw, Georgia, and Tammera Jordan (Todd) of Flowery Branch, Georgia, as well as her cherished grandchildren, Sydney, Melody, Stuart, McKinzy, Sterling, Spencer, Kaitlyn, and Kimberly.

Nancy's life was a testament to her vibrant spirit and love for music and dance. Growing up in the big band era, she began dancing at the tender age of 12, swinging to the melodies of the big bands at Buckeye Lake. An avid dancer, she embraced various styles including ballroom, square, contra, and zydeco dancing.

Renowned as the Miss Majorette of Ohio, Nancy showcased her talent as a clarinet player in numerous bands, culminating in her participation with the Second Time Arounders marching band in Saint Petersburg. Her passion for music and marching was infectious, leaving a lasting impact on all her bandmates.

In her professional life, Nancy blazed trails as a project manager, pioneering the creation of the first computerized patient care systems in Ohio, Georgia and California. Her dedication and expertise led her to work onsite at over 50 mental health hospitals, improving the quality of care for countless people.

In her later career, she lent her skills as a project manager consultant for large consulting companies, leaving an indelible mark on projects both nationally and internationally.

Upon retirement, Nancy devoted herself to caring for her husband and mother, settling in Sebring, Florida where she established herself as a real estate professional, building the award-winning Gracious Homes from the ground up.

Nancy will be deeply missed by her family, friends, dance community, and all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her sense of style, kindness and love will be remembered fondly, forever etched in the hearts of those she leaves behind.

A visitation was held at Morris Funeral Chapel in Sebring, Florida from 12-2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12. May her soul rest in eternal peace, and may her memory be a blessing to us all.

Arrangements by Morris Funeral Chapel, Sebring. www.morrisfuneralchapel.com.

**Heartland American Israeli Initiative speaker talks Israel**

BY TOM MEISENHEIMER  
Correspondent

The Heartland American Israeli Initiative began in 2015. The 501 c 3 Initiative was started by local Christian and Jewish residents of Highlands County. They established this mission statement:

"To support and promote vigorously the long-standing partnership between the United States and Israel by heightening awareness at the grass roots level among government representatives, local institutions and the general public."

HAII has made this

mission come alive by leading trips to Holocaust museums and memorials in Florida as well as holding monthly luncheon meetings during the winter season. Speakers have included Israeli military vets, family members of Holocaust survivors, Jewish Rabbis, Christian clergy and many other Israeli experts.

The luncheon meetings are held at Inn on the Lakes at 3101 Golfview Drive in Sebring. The meetings are open to the public and begin at 11:45 with lunch on your own from the special menu.

The next luncheon

meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 14. HAII member Millie Anderson will be the guest speaker. Anderson spoke on the topic "How well do you know Israel?" last April. Based on the current war in Israel, she will return to continue an informative Part Two discussion based upon current events in the only democracy in the Middle East.

Attendance to any HAII luncheon is open and encouraged for the public to attend. HAII President Bobby Lee said, "To assure that HAII continues to bring compelling speakers to

Highlands County you can become a member for \$25 (individual) and \$50 (family)."

Simply send a check for membership or other gift made out to HAII. Send it to Initiative Treasurer Linda Kolarik at 1113 Lakeside Way, Sebring, FL 33876. Your membership or other gift is tax deductible and allows HAII to continually present guests to update the community about the tremendous contributions Israel has and continues to make to the world in the fields of agriculture, science and medicine.

**FEARS**  
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all," Scholz said without mentioning the former president by name. "And let me say clearly for current reasons: Any relativization of NATO's support guarantee is irresponsible and dangerous, and is in the interest of Russia alone."

"No one can play, or 'deal,' with Europe's security," the chancellor added.

Earlier Monday, Scholz inaugurated a new ammunition factory, underlining Europe's efforts to ramp up weapons production.

Tusk also urged European nations to invest more in military projects in order "to achieve

as quickly as possible... in the next dozen or so months, much greater air defense capabilities, much greater production capabilities in terms of ammunition."

Asked about Trump's remarks, Tusk said they "should act like a cold shower for all those who continue to underestimate this increasingly real threat which Europe is facing."

Macron, speaking alongside Tusk in Paris, said Europe's will "to further supply and meet Ukrainian needs is crucial," after leaders of the 27 EU member nations sealed a deal to provide Ukraine with 50 billion euros (\$54 billion) in support for its war-ravaged economy.

This "will enable us

to make from Europe a security and defense power that is both complementary to NATO and a pillar of the Atlantic alliance, Macron said.

Trump's remarks raised concerns that if reelected, he could embolden Russia to attack other countries besides Ukraine. NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg issued a statement Sunday saying that Trump's remarks put American troops and their allies at greater risk.

NATO does not require its 31 members to pay bills, but they are expected to invest a certain percentage of their own budgets — ideally, 2% of their gross domestic product — on defense.

Some countries, like Poland, have long met the target. Other European nations ramped up their military spending after Russia invaded Ukraine almost two years ago.

Germany, with a post-World War II political culture of military caution, was a frequent target of Trump's ire during his presidency for falling short of the 2% target. But Berlin announced plans to step up military spending after the full-scale invasion of Ukraine and plans to hit the benchmark this year.

France's military budget grew in recent years and reached the level of about 2% of GDP.

Moulson contributed from Berlin and Gera from Warsaw.

**LOADS**  
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County Sheriff's deputies to patrol the road to catch anyone with unsecured loads.

"You can't fix stupid," Kirouac said. "People are irre-

sponsible. Unless you catch somebody in the act, it's very difficult to prosecute them."

The Sheriff's Office is aware of the issue on Arbuckle Creek Road.

Sheriff Paul Blackman filmed a public service video warning drivers to cover

their loads. He poses next to a road sign on Arbuckle Creek Road that reads: "State Law: Loads Must Be Properly Covered. \$500 fine."

He holds up a handful of rusted screws and nails to the camera.

"This is only a few minutes

of walking down Arbuckle Creek Road," he says. "Our deputies will continue to enforce the unsecured load (law) as people go to the landfill."

Metal, wood, as well as paper and plastic from unsecured loads not only litter

the landscape, they can also endanger cattle and other livestock. When the plastic snags on pasture fences or blows into fields, cattle can eat the plastic and choke to death, Arbuckle Creek rancher Justin Hartt says in the video.

**COMPOST**  
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to the Special Exception approval.

Tuesday's agenda packet has been updated to reflect the reversal of opinion. The Highlands News-Sun was furnished a copy of the agenda item Friday evening.

The "combination" of exceptions on the agenda is "crushing, screening and processing of materials excavated on premises; Commercial activity directly serving agricultural pursuits and limited to the service of agricultural pursuits; and store, recycle, or mulch, soil, sand, muck and natural vegetative material – to allow an expansion of an existing compost



KIM MOODY/STAFF

Compost USA is seeking a special exception from the county that would allow its expansion to 160 acres.

operation."

In the revised agenda, the staff noted that the site visit was prompted by complaints that came in around Jan. 29 from nearby property owners. The neighbors cited "offensive odors and buzzards" at the current site. The site visit revealed exactly that – "a large number of

environmental Protection (FDEP)."

The staff findings include:

- The odors coming from the plant affect the public interest and would increase if the plant expands.

- "The odor and buzzards at the existing operation have, more probable than not, injured the value of adjoining or abutting property. Expanding such a use would, more probable than not, further injure the value of adjoining or abutting property."

- The expansion of Compost USA would not be in "harmony" with neighboring properties.

- "If the requested expansion were to be approved and be conducted in the same manner as the existing operation, it would not

comply with the Highlands County Code of Ordinances (Code) specifically related to Chapter 5.6, Nuisances. The existing operation was reported to Highlands County Code Enforcement on February 8, 2024."

Whether the expansion is a good thing or not depends on who you ask and where they live in proximity to Compost USA. Many neighbors will be relieved if the Board of Adjusters accepts the county's opinion and denies the exception.

Several letters from neighbors came in opposing the expansion citing the inability to open their windows or use their property as they would like because of the smell.

Even property owners such as Butch Thompson said he is not against the product produced by the company and has even used it himself. However, as the company stands now, he said the smell and the buzzards are a nuisance.

On the other hand, a number of citrus growers who use the product wrote letters in support of the expansion. In (mostly) a form letter, the growers said the product is beneficial to their industry and the expansion would "assure the future supply."

County Commissioner Arlene Tuck said anyone with interests in this matter needs to be at the meeting Tuesday and have their opinions heard.

**County of Highlands**  
When: February 20, 2024, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. open house  
Where: Placid Lakes Home & Property Owners Association Clubhouse  
Financial Project Identification (FPID) Numbers: 446394-1-54-01  
Highlands County Project Number: 22061  
Highlands County Project Contact: Richard "OJ" Oujevolk ROujevolk@HighlandsFL.gov

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Highlands County is sending notices to property owners, business owners, interested persons and organizations within 300 feet of the project to provide the opportunity to give comments to Highlands County regarding this project. 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 Sherri Bennett, Highlands County ADA Coordinator, by phone at (863) 402-6509 or by email at HRManager@HighlandsFL.gov at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. Persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Emanuelle Rodriguez at (386) 271-0273 or email at emanuelle.rodriguez@kimley-horn.com at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.

## **APPENDIX B**

### Public Workshop Materials



# CATFISH CREEK ROAD BRIDGE REHABILITATION

Along Catfish Creek Road over Catfish Creek

Public Workshop | February 20, 2024

FPID No. 446394-1-54-01 & HC Project No. 22061

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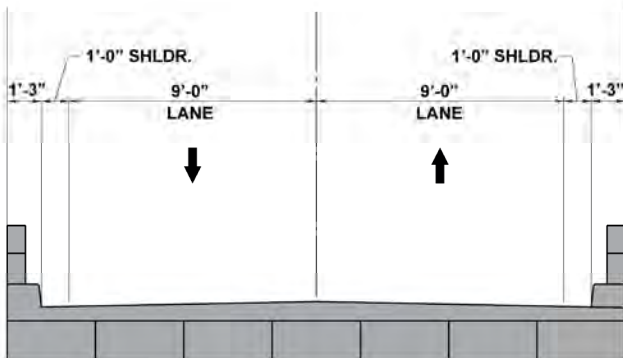
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Existing typical section of Catfish Creek Road bridge.



# Catfish Creek Road Bridge Rehabilitation

Along Catfish Creek Road over Catfish Creek

## Provide Feedback

We want your ideas on how to improve Catfish Creek Road Bridge!

How to comment:

- Submit a comment form tonight
- Mail comment form to Richard Oujevolk, Highlands County Project Manager, by **March 1, 2024**
- Send e-mail to [ROujevolk@HighlandsFL.gov](mailto:ROujevolk@HighlandsFL.gov)

**Catfish Creek Road Bridge Rehabilitation**  
Along Catfish Creek Road over Catfish Creek  
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COMMENT FORM

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Tuesday, February 20, 2024  
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Please provide your comments below. If more space is needed, please use the back of this sheet or an additional sheet of paper. You may place your comments in the "Comment Box" provided at the meeting or send them to Richard "DJ" Oujevolk at the address below. E-mailed comments are also accepted. Comments postmarked by Friday, March 1, 2024 will become part of the public meeting record.

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City, State, Zip Code

Affiliation

Email Address

NOTE: The information you provide on this comment form becomes part of the study's project files. This information may be provided to other individuals who make a public comment request.

## Project Schedule





**CATFISH CREEK ROAD  
BRIDGE REHABILITATION**  
Along Catfish Creek Road over Catfish Creek

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***Catfish Creek Road Bridge Rehabilitation***  
***Along Catfish Creek Road over Catfish Creek***

**Tuesday, February 20, 2024**



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# TITLE VI

**Public Workshop**  
February 20, 2024

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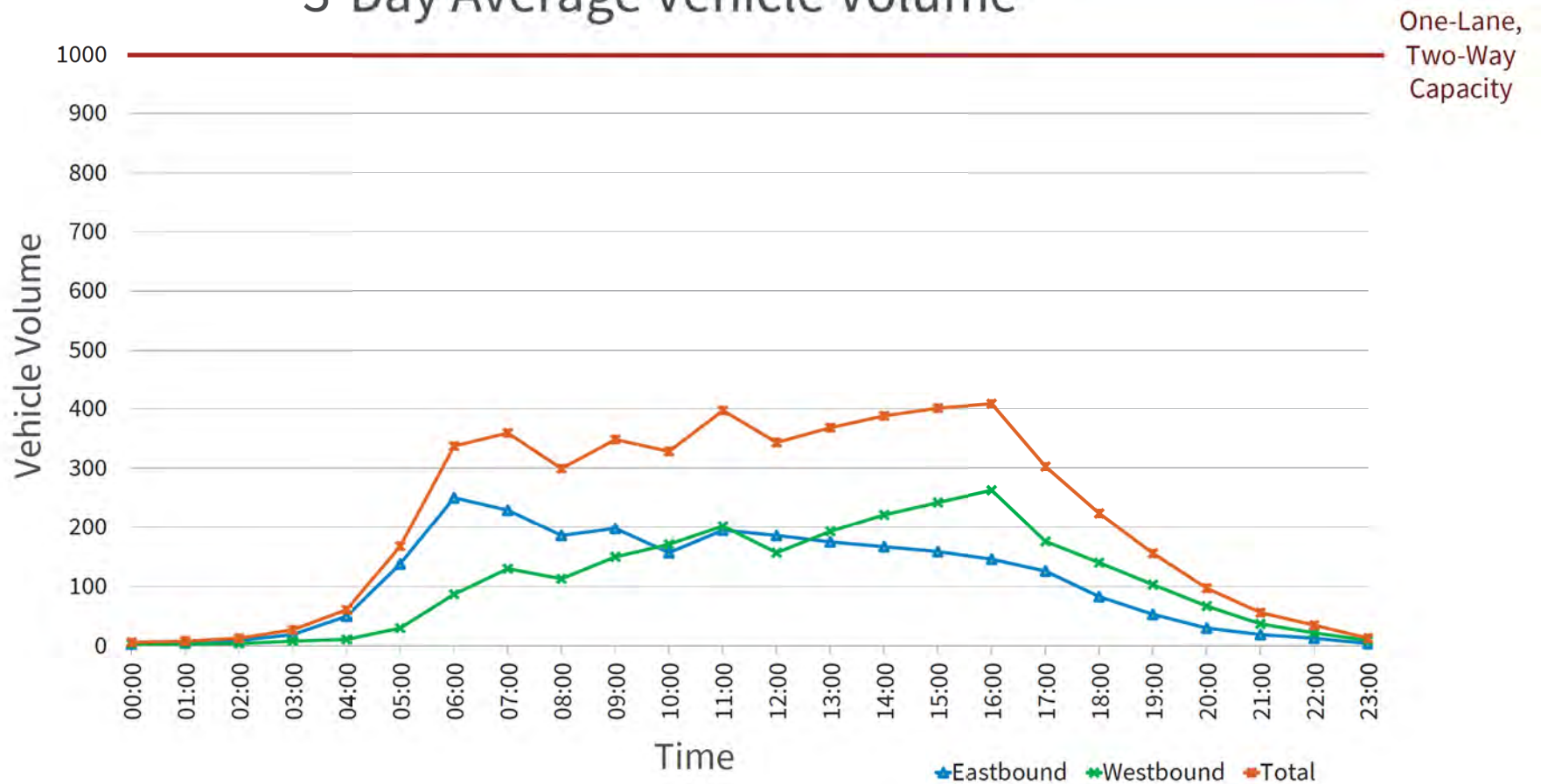


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# TRAFFIC

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## 3-Day Average Vehicle Volume





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Along Catfish Creek Road over Catfish Creek

# PROJECT SCHEDULE

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**WE ARE HERE**



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# EXISTING CONDITIONS

Public Workshop  
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BRIDGE REHABILITATION**  
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# PROJECT LOCATION





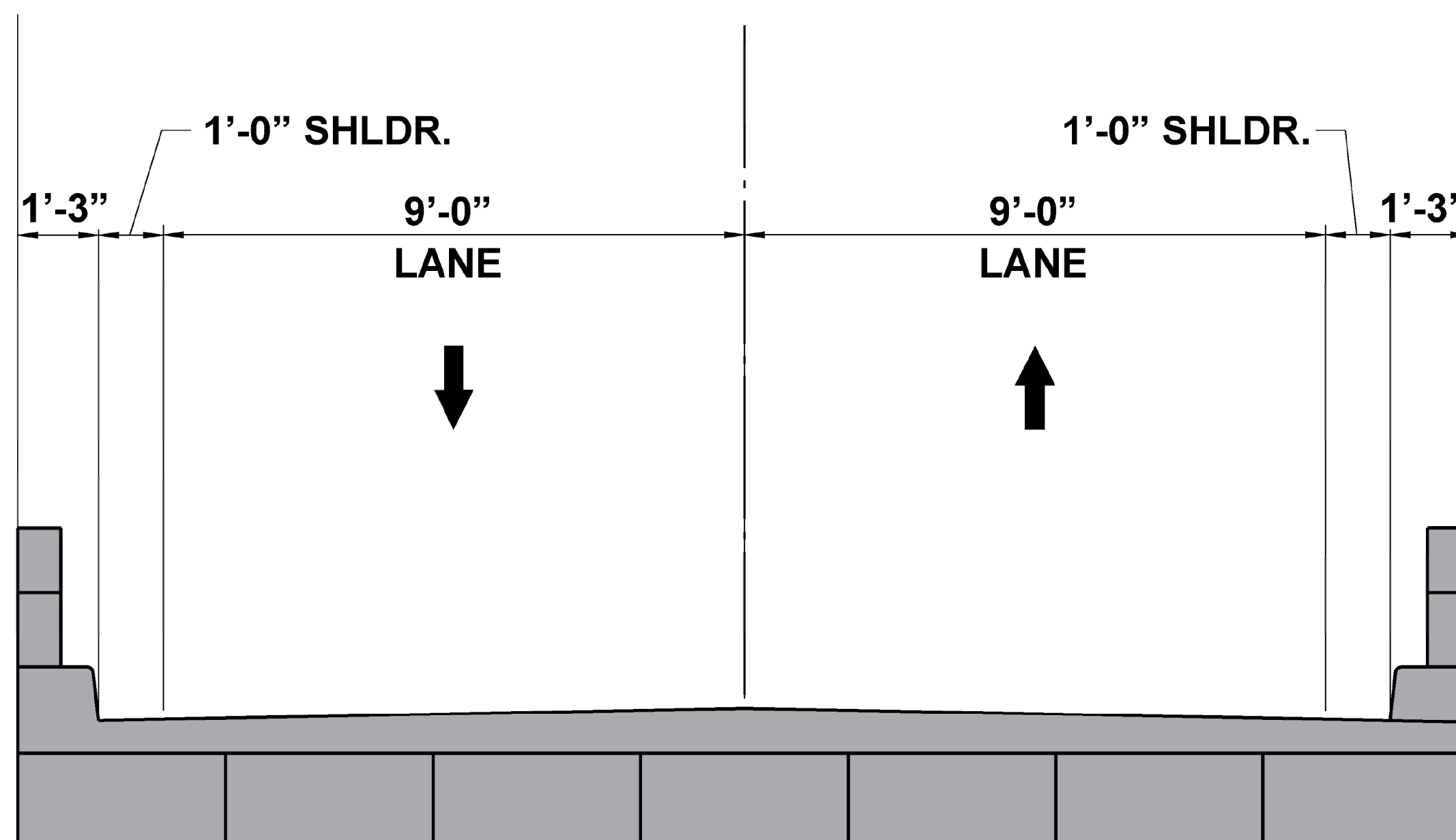
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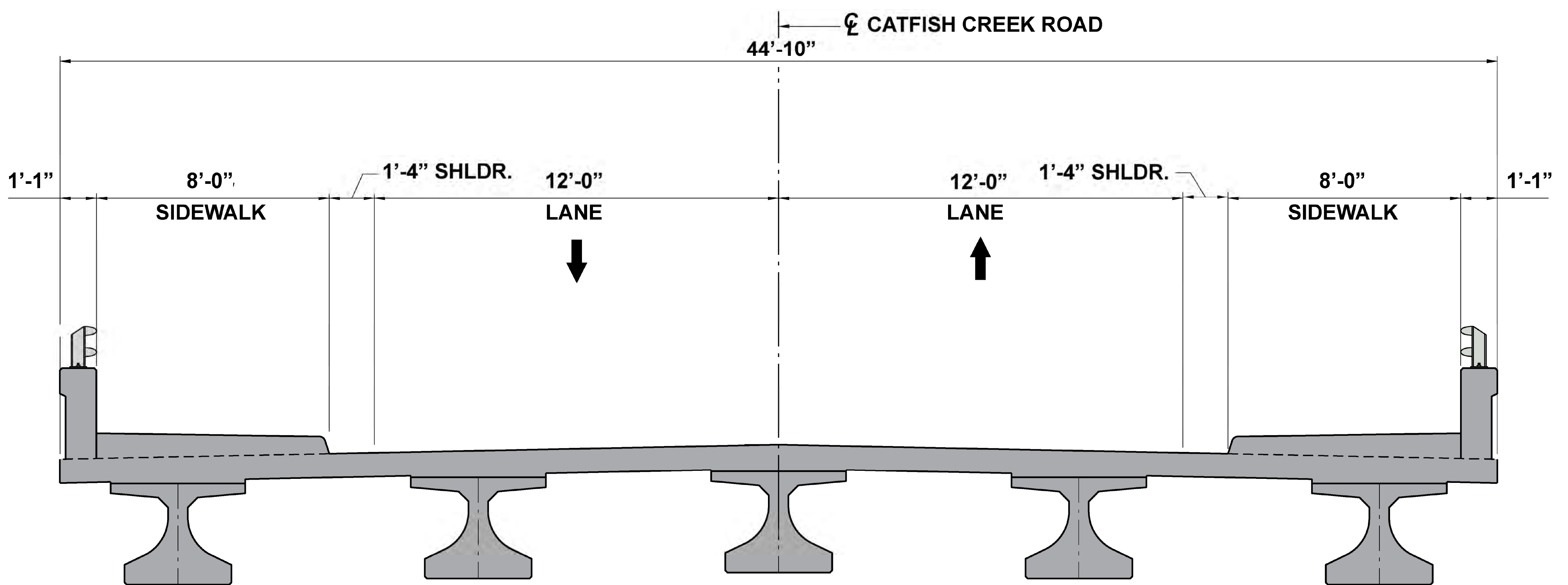
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# TYPICAL SECTIONS

## Existing Conditions



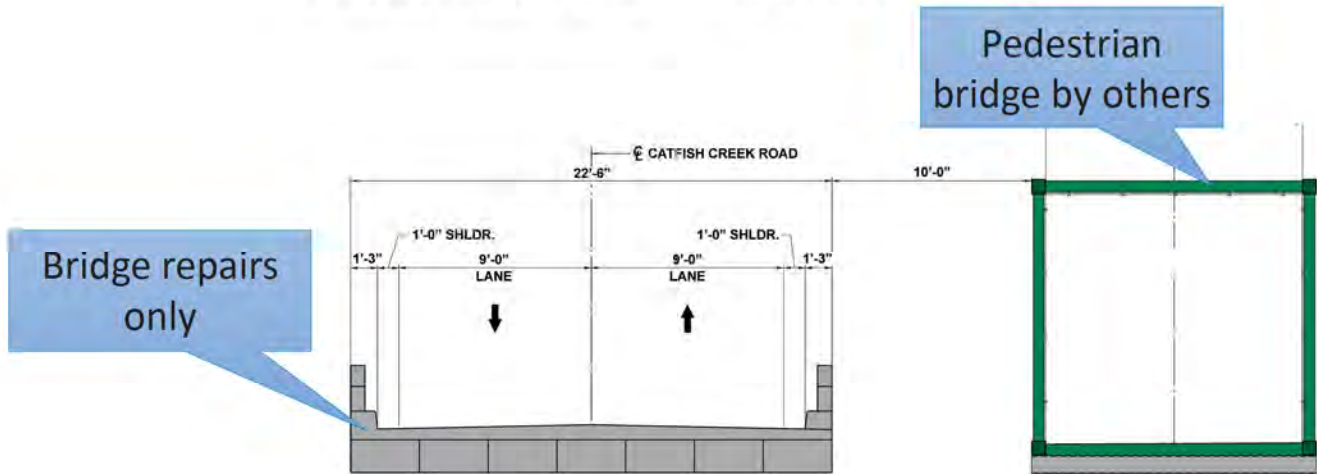
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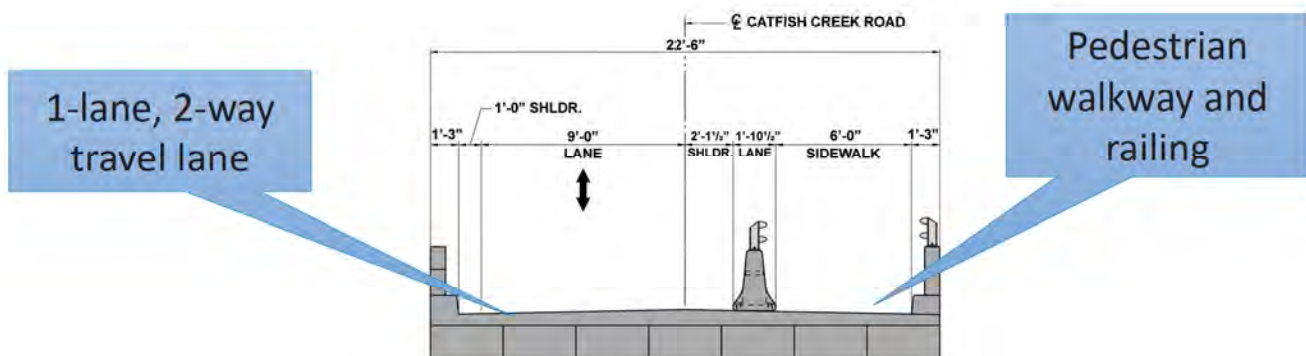


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## Alternative 1 - Interim Bridge



## Alternative 2 - Interim Bridge





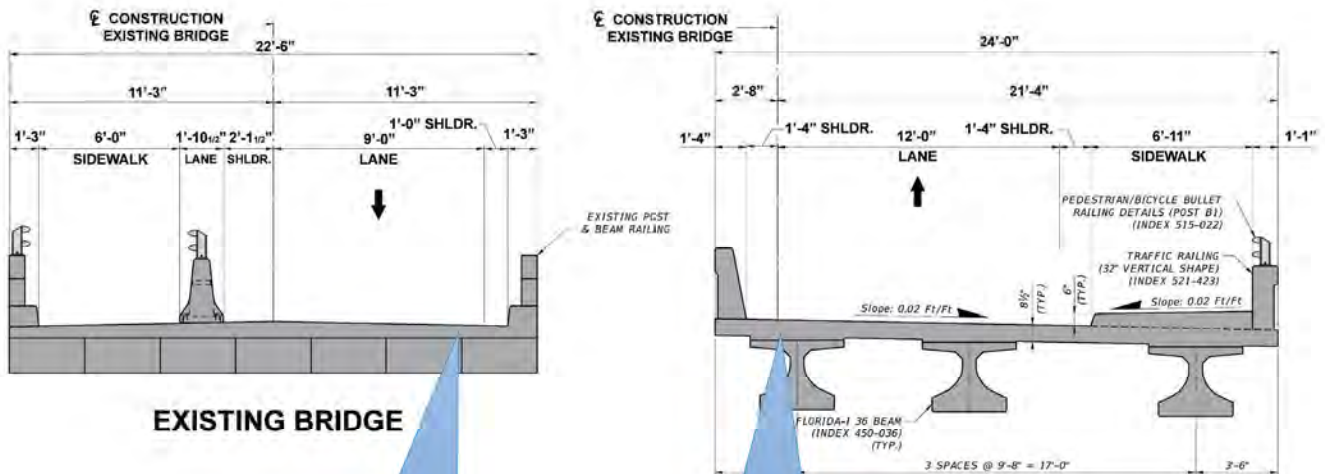
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# TYPICAL SECTIONS

## Alternative 3 - Interim Bridge



EXISTING BRIDGE

Retrofit bridge  
for Westbound  
only

New Eastbound  
bridge

## **APPENDIX C**

### Public Comments



# Catfish Creek Road Bridge Rehabilitation

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We need a new Bridge - not a repair on an old bridge. There are more cars ~~on~~ traveling on Catfish Creek Rd than ever before. Boats are larger than they were in 1961. Some can't get under the existing bridge so they sit on peoples property. ~~Rating~~ Why spend money to repair an obsolete bridge?

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Would love to see separate <sup>trail</sup> pedestrian bridge placed @ southern edge of right of way allowing room for widening/replacement bridge as funding is available. Alternative 1 - leverage ~~the~~ Polk/Collier Trail safer routes to schools

KEVIN McCARTHY

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① Because of the financial limitations currently existing - add to the existing budget a walkway / bike way that has sufficient guard rails for safety.

② Reduce speed further back east and west with occasional police attendance to regulate - ~~prevent~~ punish speeders.

JOHN BISCANNI

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Affiliation

Email Address

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- ① Recommendation for april 2024 - Put another, <sup>blinking</sup> lighted sign that says - 35mph - SLOW!
- ② Do a study of reported accidents per year (separate winter + summer)
- ③ Figure a way to get cars + trucks to go over at different times so to avoid opposite side hitting
- ④ Alternative 3 - Looks good! (mirrors hitting)
- ⑤ Lost Lake Bridge - an alternative?

Name SUSAN + Charles Peabody

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WHAT WE LEARNED IS THAT SHORT TERM (2yrs 9mos) ONLY MAINTENANCE WILL BE DONE @ A COST OF \$390K.

WHAT WE WANT IS IMPROVEMENTS IN DESIGN TO A DANGEROUS BRIDGE: TOO NARROW FOR 2 LANE CARS; TOO LOW FOR BOATS UNDERNEATH, NO SAFE WAY TO WALK OR BIKE ACROSS WITH CAR TRAFFIC.

SO GOAL SHOULD BE GETTING \$ & PRIORITIZED FOR THE NEW DESIGN

FRAN BEARDEN  
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Consider adding a traffic calming zone. A type of median in Catfish Creek about an eighth (1/8) mile before bridge.

Mare Williams

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Do nothing at this time

Bank the money until we can afford a new higher wider bridge

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Realtor - Xtreme Realty

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Flap Sticks middle of bridge (To prevent crossover for head on traffic)

LARRY LANDRESS

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My suggestion - Save the grant money until you can WIDEN-AND make the Bridge HIGHER. ITS a waste of \$

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103 Murray Ct NW  
Lake Placid, FL 33852-9747

Catfish  
Creek

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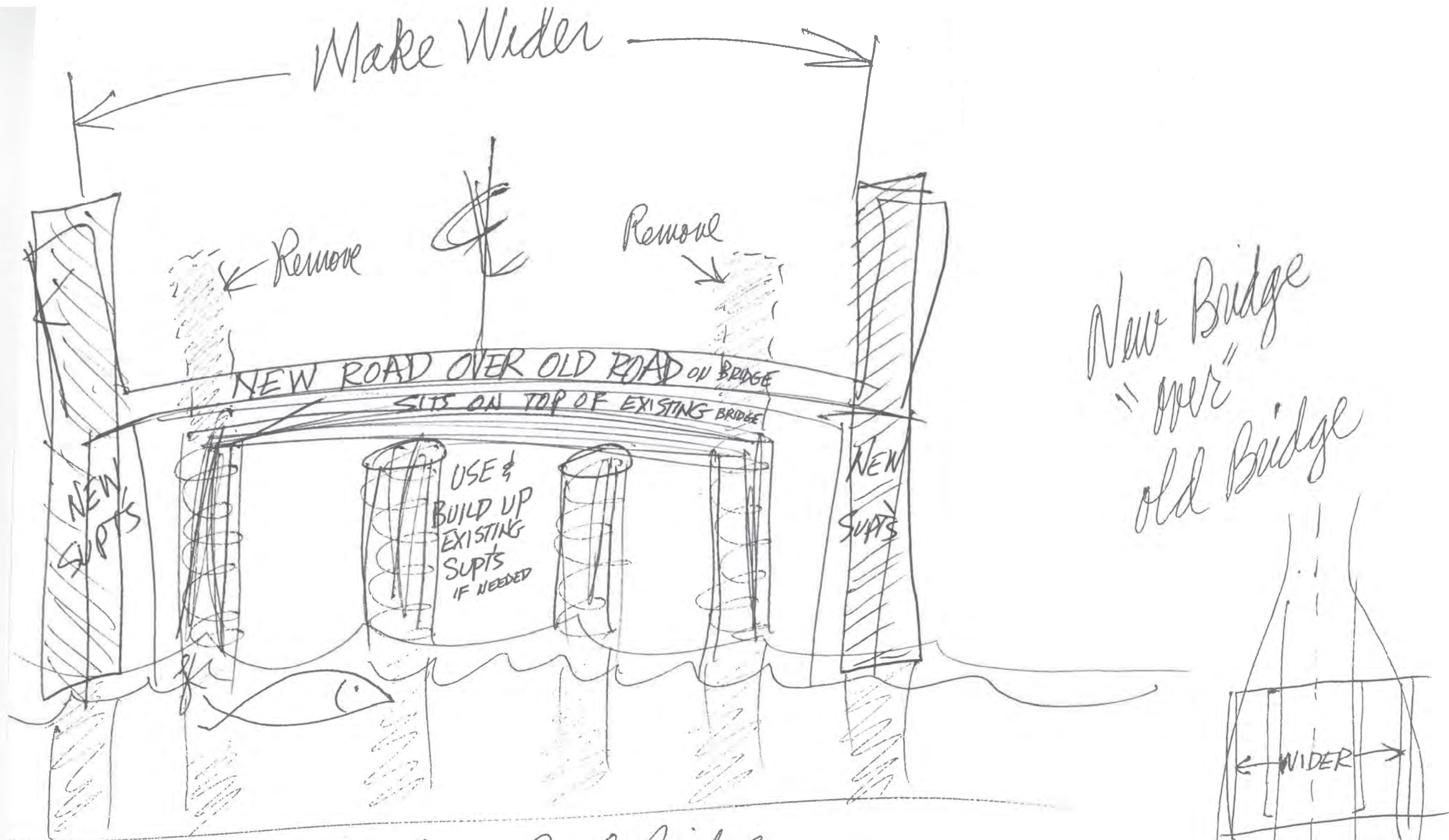
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Catfish Creek Road Bridge

Jan. 23, 2024

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(4x) MINIMUM  
Sand to take  
to raise &  
widen road

## Oujevolk, Richard M.

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**From:** David LeFort <dajo@embarqmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 5, 2024 4:12 PM  
**To:** Oujevolk, Richard M.  
**Subject:** Catfish Creek Road Bridge Rehabilitation

[CAUTION: External Message\*]

To: Project Manager Richard 'OJ' Oujevolk

In response to the article in the Highlands News-Sun on January 23, 2024, regarding the Catfish Creek Bridge, I felt compelled as a resident of Placid Lakes for the past 13+ years to reply.

Firstly, having been employed by the Federal Government for several years in different Departments, it would appear that a feasibility study would need to be conducted before making any appropriations as to the requirement for such a project.

To broaden the bridge to add shoulders or sidewalks would not connect them to sidewalks or shoulders exiting Placid Lakes since none exist. Nor will the likelihood lead to construction of them because of a need. Catfish Creek Road has an unlevel grassy shoulder, dangerous to bicyclists and pedestrians alike; not to mention drivers, due to obstructed views because of the hills. Secondly, the width of the bridge has not presented a problem since large trucks traverse it regularly.

In addition, the lengthy time required to complete the project would close down the main route in and out of Placid Lakes into the Town, causing even the school buses to be re-routed, obviously requiring the drivers to plan more time for pickup and dropoff of students.

Then there's the current use under the bridge of the only boat access from the numerous canals to Lake June. Most of those residents purchased property along the canals (paying a higher price for the location) for that purpose. Would a change to the bridge continue to facilitate that accessibility? It appears that the majority of boats housed along the canals are pontoon boats, not able to be transported and launched from the ramp in Tobler Park on the other side of the bridge.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments in making your decision.

Submitted by Joanne L. LeFort

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## Schooley, Cris

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**From:** Oujevolk, Richard M. <roujevolk@highlandsfl.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 14, 2024 11:29 AM  
**To:** Clogston, Karen V.; Victoria Menchaca; Langford, James D.  
**Cc:** Schooley, Cris; Davis, Josh  
**Subject:** RE: Public Workshop scheduled for Catfish Creek Road Bridge Rehabilitation, FPID No. 446394-1-54-01 & HC Project No. 22061, Highlands County

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

**Categories:** External

Hi All – I will notify the project team to coordinate with Florida Division of Historic Research in regards to the potential historic and proximity to our work area (essentially the bridge).

Thank you for the information.

Happy Valentine's Day!  
OJ

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**From:** Clogston, Karen V. <kclogston@highlandsfl.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 14, 2024 10:10 AM  
**To:** Victoria Menchaca <VictoriaMenchaca@semtribe.com>; Oujevolk, Richard M. <roujevolk@highlandsfl.gov>; Langford, James D. <jdlangford@highlandsfl.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Public Workshop scheduled for Catfish Creek Road Bridge Rehabilitation, FPID No. 446394-1-54-01 & HC Project No. 22061, Highlands County

Thank you Ms. Menchaca. I have copied Engineering staff on this reply so they are made aware of your information. Have a good day,  
Karen



**Karen Clogston, APIO**

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**Subject:** Re: Public Workshop scheduled for Catfish Creek Road Bridge Rehabilitation, FPID No. 446394-1-54-01 & HC Project No. 22061, Highlands County

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Good Morning,

Thank you for the information and the quick response. Although there is no federal nexus for us to review, I would suggest that Highlands County check with the Florida Division of Historic Resources. According to our database there is a previously recorded archeological site that has not had an official evaluation by the state located near the bridge.

Sincerely,

Victoria L. Menchaca, MA, Compliance Analyst II

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Hello Ms. Menchaca,

Here are the answers to your questions:

- Will your proposed project be subject to the Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act review process? **NO** That is: 1). A project carried out by or on behalf of a federal agency; **NO** 2) A project

carried out with federal financial assistance (e.g., via FDOT and the Federal Highways Administration); **NO** 3) A project requiring a federal permit, license or approval; or 4) A project subject to state or local regulation administered pursuant to a delegation or approval by a federal agency. **NO, this project is State funded only (grant from FDOT with State funds only) for repairs to the bridge proper. All improvements are for safety and structural reinforcement to the bridge and will all be accomplished within the existing ROW on the existing bridge.**



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**Sent:** Monday, February 12, 2024 5:10 PM

**To:** Clogston, Karen V. <[kclogston@highlandsfl.gov](mailto:kclogston@highlandsfl.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Public Workshop scheduled for Catfish Creek Road Bridge Rehabilitation, FPID No. 446394-1-54-01 & HC Project No. 22061, Highlands County

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Good Afternoon Karen,

We received this public notice and wanted to request the following information:

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:10 PM  
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Highlands County invites you to a Public Workshop for the Catfish Creek Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project along Catfish Creek Road over Catfish Creek.

This project will evaluate potential improvements to address existing structural maintenance requirements, as well as identify needs for enhancing safety, accommodating pedestrians and bicyclists, and meeting future transportation demand. **Please see the newsletter attached to this email.**

The Public Workshop is being conducted to involve the public, local officials, and interested agencies in the project development process and to inform interested parties of the project's current status.

**IN-PERSON WORKSHOP:**

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. open house

Placid Lakes Home & Property Owners Association Clubhouse

2010 Placid Lakes Blvd

Lake Placid, FL 33852

**If you are unable to attend the meeting,** comments can also be provided by email ([ROujevolk@HighlandsFL.gov](mailto:ROujevolk@HighlandsFL.gov)) or mail (Highlands County Engineering, Attn: Richard "OJ" Oujevolk, 505 South Commerce Ave, Sebring, FL 33870). While comments about the project are accepted at any time, they must be

received or postmarked by March 1, 2024, to be included in the formal workshop record. Questions can be answered by emailing the Highlands County project manager Richard "OJ" Oujevolk at [ROujevolk@HighlandsFL.gov](mailto:ROujevolk@HighlandsFL.gov).

Highlands County is sending notices to property owners, business owners, interested persons and organizations within 300 feet of the project to provide the opportunity to give comments regarding this project (*see the attached newsletter*).

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 Sherri Bennett, Highlands County ADA Coordinator, by phone at (863) 402-6509 or by email at [HRManager@HighlandsFL.gov](mailto:HRManager@HighlandsFL.gov) at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. Persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Emanuelle Rodriguez at (386) 271-0273 or email at [emanuelle.rodriguez@kimley-horn.com](mailto:emanuelle.rodriguez@kimley-horn.com) at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.

## Schooley, Cris

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**Subject:** FW: Catfish Creek Road Bridge Meeting Feb. 20, 2024  
**Attachments:** Catfish Creek Bridge Project.docx

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Hi Cris/Josh – see attached and below. Probable questions in regards to Catfish Creek. I will hopefully reduce some of them by my opening remarks.

Happy Valentine's Day!  
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**Subject:** Catfish Creek Road Bridge Meeting Feb. 20, 2024

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Please find attached some talking points for the Catfish Creek Road Bridge rehabilitation meeting to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at the Placid Lakes Community Center.

There may be additional questions arise, but this may help you better prepare for the meeting.

Brad Shuman  
Placid Lakes HOA

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## Oujevolk, Richard M.

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**From:** John D Purcell <jpur2000@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Oujevolk, Richard M.  
**Subject:** Catfish Creek Bridge

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Dear Mr. Oujevok,

Thank you for you and your team taking time to update us on the Catfish Creek Bridge in Placid Lakes. The meeting went well but the outcome was different than most people expected. You gave us facts based upon reality and I think most of the people now understand that reality.

I have been a full time resident of Placid Lakes for over 7 years and have owned property for 10 years. I am also a Board Member of The Placid Lakes Home & Property Owners Association. The bridge has always been a concern. So now we must plan for what will be best for the community in 25 years in regards to a bridge and the Multi-Pathway. One of my reasons to locate to Placid Lakes was the small town atmosphere and laid back community. I and others are realizing that growth will change what we have admired about this community, whether that will be good or bad we will have to wait and see.

In looking at your proposals for the "Future Bridge Replacement" (Unfunded) I see no reason to have two sidewalks on the bridge. There is only one sidewalk on Catfish Creek Rd on the Northside of the road that ends at Tobler Park. The projected multi-pathway will be on the South side of Catfish Creek Rd and end on the East side of Catfish Creek. Therefore, there is only need for one sidewalk connecting the two sidewalks and to handle pedestrian and bike traffic that cross the bridge. I feel two sidewalks would be a waste of money. Which side of the bridge the sidewalk is on would depend upon what side of Catfish Creek it is determined to be best to cross over from the Multi-pathway on the South side of Catfish Creek Rd to the current sidewalk on the Northside of Catfish Creek Rd. So the cross over will either be on the East side of Catfish Creek or the Westside of Catfish Creek. You will also need to consider a very visible crosswalk to make crossing Catfish Creek Road safe for pedestrians.

The issue then becomes, if the multi-pathway is completed within 5 years and the new bridge will not be completed in 25 years or more, there is the problem that pedestrians using the multi-pathway will have to cross over Catfish Creek using the existing bridge for 20 years or more, on a bridge that is not safe for pedestrian traffic now and surely not in the next 25 years as the traffic on the bridge of both vehicles and pedestrians is expected to increase considerably.

Therefore, I believe, Alternative 1 makes the most sense, **IF**, the "Pedestrian Bridge by Others" can be completed as part of the Multi-pathway. However, I don't think a fully enclosed "Pedestrian Bridge by Others" is necessary. What would need to be determined is what side of the current bridge the "Pedestrian Bridge by Others" would be built and how high it needs to be to allow for boat traffic underneath, so that when the new bridge is built in the future, the Pathway Bridge will already be at the proper height.

In regards to the height of the bridge, personally I don't think it needs to be tall enough for a fishing boat with a "T" top; however, it should be high enough for a pontoon boat with its Bimini top up. I think you will find very few people that

live on the canals would have or need a large fishing boat to use on Lake June, but the vast majority of boats that go under the bridge will not be larger than a pontoon boat.

I hope you take my comments into consideration as to the future of the bridge and the Placid Lakes community.

Respectively,

John D Purcell

Make it a Great Day!

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## Oujevolk, Richard M.

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**From:** Elaine Thering <bthering1952@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Oujevolk, Richard M.  
**Subject:** Placid Lakes Bridge

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Good morning

Thank you for the presentation last evening on the bridge status in Placid Lakes. You did an excellent job and I do not envy your position at these meetings.

After the meeting I spoke to Josh about the particulars of the new bridge and would offer these comments.

The pedestrian walkway.

There was some concern that if it was put in place prior to the new bridge, it would just be in the way when the bridge was replaced. An alternative might be to place a steel truss walkway at the extreme southern edge of the right of way. This would keep it out of the bridge construction, and it could be removed at the project completion. If a spread footing and steel columns were used instead of a controlled fill, the cost to install and remove it would be far less. The approach from both sides of the span could also be truss walkways, landed on their own spread footings.

The span of the replacement bridge.

I was told that at this point the replacement members are to be prestressed concrete with a section depth of 36". When this is added to the new deck height you are nearly 4' thick. I don't understand the new span requirement of 120 feet. This will make the approaches prohibitively long, causing their own additional problems. Why not consider keeping the span at the approximately 65' that it is now and utilize a row of piers at mid span. These piers would provide a "lane" structure for the passing boats as well as decreasing the section depth of the span members. The 65' reduced span alone would probably reduce the section depth and that would certainly help with the approach problems.

Setting up a stop light to control the traffic at the bridge.

I believe that the majority of the attendants would not like this idea because of personal inconvenience. I don't like the lights for a more subtle reason. With lights the traffic will be slowed as the drivers become frustrated. Since it is slower, fewer people will choose to go that way, lowering the daily count. If the traffic count diminishes the urgency of the bridge replacement will suffer. A benefit may be that the large truck traffic would probably go down.

Just my thoughts.

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## Cultural Resource Roster

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