

Facebook Post request:

Steve,

As discussed last night, please consider putting a post on Facebook ASAP with a copy of the comment form (preferably to download) and remind everyone that the postmark deadline (if mailed) is 10/15/18. I believe they can also email to:

Gwen.Pipkin@dot.state.fl.us

(I emailed Gwen to verify this so their comments aren't wasted if emails are not accepted). It was not conducive for comments holding the meeting the first week of October when most of our snowbird population is not here to attend - so this will help get more comments out.

We would encourage everyone to choose the "NONE OF THE ABOVE" option. There is no checkbox for that option, but they can select to eliminate ALL of the alternatives A thru J. NOT doing the extension has always been an option - you'll see this by closely reading the materials and/or the website.

Various reps at the meeting said the two main reasons behind this corridor evaluation study are 1) to re-route TRUCK & FREIGHT traffic away from downtown, and 2) to try and bolster economic development north and northwest of the Rodeo facility. Reason #1 is why as many people as possible need to voice their displeasure with these alternatives. Trucks and Freight bring NOISE, NOISE, more NOISE, traffic, and dust 24 hours per day. Even with a sound wall (which is not guaranteed in any way), the entire community will be affected by increased TRUCK NOISE from ANY of these alternatives. You can hear trucks on 70 at all hours of the day, especially in the mornings - from just about any location within our community. This means even Alternative "F" is not a good option, even though its the farthest away. I was told that based on the results of these preliminary information meetings, there's a possibility that they could investigate new alternatives that may not affect us as much.

Alternatives A,B,C,D,E,G,H,I,J all are directly adjacent to the community either on the golf course back 9, or along International. These are all unacceptable as they'll just bring that truck noise near the peaceful enjoyment of the community and its amenities. Alternative H goes right thru the community (not sure who's idea this was) - but we're told it's the least favorable and probably slated for removal. Finally, alternative F, while the farthest away from AV, will only surround us with more TRUCK NOISE and traffic. It will also cause for that area to be developed (albeit many years from now) - but all those homes will have lost the quiet and tranquility of living basically on the farm.