

# Public hearing set by DOT for improvements to U.S. 441

The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing Tuesday, February 2, at the Apopka Community Center/VFW, 519 S. Central Avenue, regarding an improvement project planned for U.S. Highway 441 from Central Avenue to north of Bradshaw Road in Apopka.

FDOT officials said the purpose of the project is to extend the life of the existing roadway by repaving the segment of U.S. 441 and to improve safety along the corridor.

The project plans also include constructing raised concrete islands at the intersections with Lake, Washington, and Hawthorne avenues to improve operations and safety.

Other proposed improvements include adding bicycle lanes, sidewalk reconstruction, pedestrian crosswalk improvements, enhanced lighting, reconstructing curb ramps in ac-

cordance with the current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and drainage modifications.

Construction is anticipated to start in early 2022.

There are three ways for the public to participate in the meeting:

**Virtual Option:** Interested persons may join the virtual public hearing (VPH) from a computer, tablet or mobile device. A VPH is a free live presentation or webinar over the internet. For this option, advance registration is required by visiting the web address below. Once registered, participants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the hearing online. Please note, Internet Explorer cannot be used to register or attend this webinar. <https://bit.ly/3mxa5DQ>.

**Phone Option (listen only):** Participants may join the hearing in listen-only mode by dialing

1-866-901-6455 and entering the passcode 115-720-549 when prompted. Callers may submit comments directly to the project manager by using the contact information listed at the end of this story.

**In-Person Option:** Participants may attend in person by going to the Apopka Community Center, 519 S. Central Avenue, Apopka. The department requests advance registration for this option to ensure all attendees are accommodated safely and according to social distancing guidelines. To register for the in-person option, contact the project manager by using the contact information listed at the end of this story. Attendees will be asked to follow all safety and sanitation guidelines as well as adhere to any local ordinances. Persons who are not feeling well should not attend the in-person hearing.

The VPH and in-person hearing location open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2. A presentation will begin promptly at 5:40 p.m., followed by a formal public comment period. If joining online, please provide adequate log-in time to view the presentation in its entirety.

All hearing materials, including the presentation, will be available on the project website at [www.cflroads.com/project/442905-1](http://www.cflroads.com/project/442905-1) prior to the hearing.

A recording of the hearing will be available on the website within a week following the hearing.

FDOT is sending no-

tices to all property owners, business owners, interested persons and organizations to provide the opportunity to give comments to FDOT regarding the U.S. 441 Resurfacing design. The hearing gives everyone an opportunity to express their views about the proposed modifications. While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please send comments by February 12 to be included in the records for this public hearing.

Persons who require accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation serv-

ices (free of charge) should contact Joseph Fontanelli at 386-943-5234 or [joseph.fontanelli@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:joseph.fontanelli@dot.state.fl.us) at least seven days prior to the hearing.

Those who are hearing or speech impaired, should contact the Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (voice).

For more information about the project, contact Joseph Fontanelli by phone at 386-943-5234, email at [joseph.fontanelli@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:joseph.fontanelli@dot.state.fl.us), or U.S. mail at Florida Department of Transportation, 719 S. Woodland Boulevard, MS 542, DeLand, 32720.

## Moore: Facebook page is good place to learn of distribution sites

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the following website in your computer search bar, and enter your email address when prompted: [Lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/XVRkxtr/vaccine](http://Lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/XVRkxtr/vaccine).

I don't want any District 2 resident 65 or older to miss out on the opportunity to get vaccinated

for this dreadful disease. If I learn of any other mass vaccination sites, I will share with you.

A good place to stay connected with me is on my Facebook page. You can find it at: Christine Moore Orange County District 2 Commissioner

Also, now is the time to make sure you receive

our District 2 newsletter. Call my office at 407-836-5850 and ask to be placed on the list if you are not getting it already.

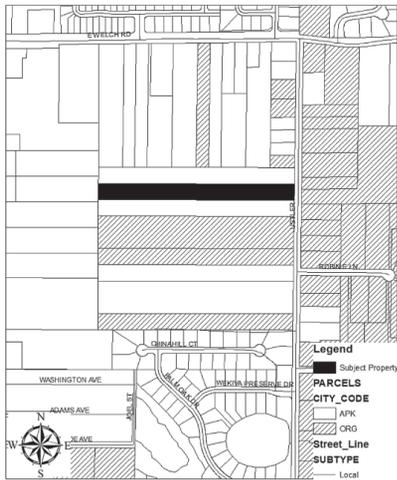
My office is open and has remained open throughout the pandemic. Reach out at the previously-mentioned phone number or at [District2@ocfl.net](mailto:District2@ocfl.net).

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CHANGE OF ZONING CITY OF APOPKA

NOTICE is hereby given that **Alberto Esteben** has made an application, in accordance with Florida Statutes 163.3187(c) and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7(B) to the City of Apopka Planning Commission, and City Council for a **REZONING OF PROPERTY**. This application relates to the following described property:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2811**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM TRANSITIONAL (T) TO RESIDENTIAL COUNTRY ESTATE (RCE), FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1228 USTLER ROAD, COMPRISING 5.06 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY ALBERTO ESTEBEN; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

### Vicinity Map



(THIS MAP IS FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT TO SCALE)

Parcel Identification Number: 34-20-28-9550-00-190  
Contains: 5.06 +/- Acres

NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance No. 2811 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, February 17, 2021, beginning at 7:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearing to speak. The proposed zoning ordinance can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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## Byrd: What do you want to do is good question for kids to answer

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dustry and has been a part of the agricultural industry in Central Florida for several years.

It is important to him that we do everything we can to make sure that our kids are exposed to the vast opportunities that are available to them outside of the traditional college-bound track.

We had great discussions and talked about ways to expose kids at a younger age to these opportunities.

Making sure kids know about all that is available to them is something that I am very passionate about and that I speak about often.

This passion is what drives my work with organizations like iBuild Central Florida, whose mission is to bring the construction trades and education together to decrease the lack of skilled trades people.

I was raised by a general contractor who didn't go to college but went on to run a very successful construction company in Orlando for 40 years. He raised a family with four children, sending two of

them to college in a beautiful home in Altamonte Springs. No one appreciates the idea that there are great careers to be had that don't require the traditional college degree more than me.

Education goes through changes and I believe we are seeing a change in recent years away from this idea that the only way to a productive, successful life is through a four-year college degree.

It is really important that we start asking kids "what do you want to do in life" and then find the best path to get them there.

Sometimes, that is with a college degree and sometimes it is through technical training.

Making sure we let our parents and kids know that these opportunities are out there and they have options they may not have thought of is important and something I am working to improve.

I appreciated Representative Truenow's commitment to our workforce training and his willingness to help with any legislative work that we need help on.

It's great to know that

we have a friend in Tallahassee.

For more information on what Orange Technical College has to offer visit [orangetechcollege.net](http://orangetechcollege.net).

### Good news from schools

This might be the coolest thing I've seen in a while! Apopka High School Principal Lyle Heinz shared a video with me about the school's senior engineering students building and creating electric cars!

Yes, these kids built electric cars that they could drive around! In the video, several teachers can be seen excitedly jumping into the cars to try them out. They ran and ran pretty fast from what I could see.

Roger Barrios is the engineering teacher who helped lead the electric car adventure with the kids. Another great teacher providing kids a terrific hands-on learning activity.

We know that kids learn best when they can apply their knowledge in a real hands-on situation and this certainly provided that to the kids. Plus, it was just plain fun!

Good job, Blue Darters!

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chairman Rosa DeLauro (Conn.) intended to take up the Hyde amendment in this Congress, and Hyde is backing them. There is a superficial attractiveness to a fight like that from

Biden's point of view: It probably will go nowhere, especially if Republicans regain control of the Senate.

"If DEMOCRATS should happen to win the fight, then Biden gets to

throw an ABORTION PARTY. If the DEMS lose, stink will be on Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi."

"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." Romans 8:6.

## ALL ABOUT APOPKA

### The Apopka Chief

Established 1923  
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The Apopka Chief is published every Friday and entered as Periodicals, postage paid at Apopka Post Office, under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879. The Apopka Chief newspaper is published by Foliage Enterprises, Inc., every Friday at 400 North Park Avenue, Apopka, Fla. 32712-3417. An annual subscription is \$25 in Orange County and \$30 outside Orange County. Phone 407-886-2777. Postmaster: Send address changes to The Apopka Chief, P.O. Box 880, Apopka, Fla. 32704-0880.

The Apopka Chief is a consistent award-winning community weekly newspaper and a member of the Florida Press Association. The newspaper won the group's award as its best newspaper in 1982, 1987, and 1988, the only three-time winner. Letters to the editor are welcome, but must be signed and include a daytime telephone number, address, or email address for verification. Management reserves the right to edit letters.

[www.theapokkachief.com](http://www.theapokkachief.com), [news@theapokkachief.com](mailto:news@theapokkachief.com)



### City of Apopka Telephone Numbers

City Hall	407-703-1700
Mayor's Office	407-703-1701
City Administrator	407-703-1649
City Clerk	407-703-1704
Community Devel.	407-703-1712
Code Enforcement	407-703-1738
Finance Dept.	407-703-1725
Fire (non-emerg.)	407-703-1756
Parks and Rec. Dept.	407-703-1741
Police Chief	407-703-1769
Police (non-emerg.)	407-703-1771
Job Line	407-703-1743
Solid Waste Collect.	407-703-1731
Street Maintenance	407-703-1731
Utility Billing	407-703-1727
Medical, fire emergency	911
The city of Apopka was chartered in 1882. It is located at 28°30 north latitude and is 150 feet above sea level. Its population is about 48,000 and its total area is more than 30 sq. mi. <a href="http://www.apopka.net">www.apopka.net</a>	

### Orange County Telephone Numbers

Animal Services	407-836-3111
Auto/Boat Tags	850-617-2000
Building Dept.	407-836-8550
County Mayor	407-836-7370
County Commission	407-836-7350
County Attorney	407-836-7320
Clerk of the Court	407-836-2065
Elections Supervisor	407-836-2070
Fire/Rescue	407-836-3111
Solid Waste	407-836-6601
Garbage Collection	407-703-1731
Health Dept.	407-836-2600
Hunting/Fishing Lic	888-347-4356
Parks and Rec. Dept.	407-836-6200
Property Appraiser	407-836-5044
Sheriff Administrative	407-254-7000
Non-Emerg. Complaint	407-836-4357
Utilities	407-836-5515
All other departments	407-836-3111
Medical, fire emergency	911
<a href="http://www.orangecountyfl.net">www.orangecountyfl.net</a>	

### Other Area Numbers of Note

<b>U.S. Senators</b>	
Rick Scott (Rep.)	202-224-5274
Marco Rubio (Rep.)	407-254-2573
<b>U.S. Representative</b>	
Val Demings (Dist. 10)	321-388-9808
<b>State Representatives</b>	
Jennifer Sullivan (Dist. 31)	352-742-6275
Kamia Brown (Dist. 45)	850-717-5045
<b>State Senators</b>	
Randolph Bracy (Dist. 11)	407-297-2045
<b>Orange County Commissioner</b>	
Christine Moore	407-836-7350
<b>Orange County Public Schools</b>	
Pupil assignment	407-317-3233
Bus routes	407-317-3800
Superintendent	407-317-3200
School Board	407-317-3200
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
The Apopka Chief	407-886-2777
Museum of the Apopkans	407-703-1707
Chamber of Commerce	407-886-1441