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### **PUBLIC MEETING** **LITTLE LAKE HARRIS BRIDGE REPAIR PROJECT**

**TAVARES** – Residents and commuters in the Tavares area are invited to attend a public meeting by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) that'll provide details about a project to repair and rehabilitate the State Road (S.R.) 19 Bridge over Little Lake Harris. The meeting takes place Thursday, January 14, 2010, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Lake County Agriculture Office, located at 1951 Woodlea Road, Tavares.

For nearly 60 years, the bridge has carried vehicles across Little Lake Harris. The bridge is safe and structurally sound. This project will restore the original roadway elevation of the bridge in select locations to give motorists a smoother ride and to extend its life. Construction is set to begin in September. It will last about five months and will cost \$1 million. Traffic will be detoured as work proceeds, but the detours will be in place for short durations, overnight, Sunday through Thursday. The traveling public will have full access to the bridge during the day.

The public meeting will start with an informal open house. Maps, drawings, and other pertinent project information will be available. A brief, formal presentation will happen at 6 p.m. FDOT staff will be on hand to answer questions and take comments.

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 or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Ms. Lorie Wilson c/o Florida Department of Transportation, by mail at 719 S. Woodland Blvd., DeLand, FL 32720-6834, by telephone at 386-943-5346 or by e-mail at [lorie.wilson@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:lorie.wilson@dot.state.fl.us).

Questions may also be directed to Albert Neumann, FDOT Project Manager, at 386-740-3466, [albert.neumann@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:albert.neumann@dot.state.fl.us), or Steve Olson, FDOT District Five Public Information Officer, at 386-943-5479, [steve.olson@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:steve.olson@dot.state.fl.us).

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**Public Meeting Location:**  
Lake County Agricultural Office  
1591 Woodlea Road  
Tavares, FL 32778

