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**Veterans Memorial Parkway at Santa Barbara Boulevard
Intersection Improvements
Public Information Workshop
“OPEN HOUSE”**

LEE COUNTY, FL (January 6, 2012) – The Lee County Department of Transportation (LC DOT) is holding a public information workshop for the Veterans Memorial Parkway at Santa Barbara Boulevard Intersection Improvements Project from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at New Hope Baptist Church, 431 Nicholas Parkway, Cape Coral, FL. The public is invited to attend anytime between 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. to view the concept alternatives being considered to improve the intersection. The Lee County project team will be available to answer questions and take comments about the project. The meeting will be conducted in an “open house” format; no formal presentation will be given.

LC DOT has initiated this project to design an improvement to the Veterans Parkway and Santa Barbara Boulevard intersection. The project is intended to relieve traffic congestion now and through the 2035 design horizon, improve safety, and enhance east-west mobility and hurricane evacuation. Lee County is evaluating several at-grade build options, an overpass and a no build alternative for the intersection. All alternatives will consider cost, environmental impacts, impacts to businesses, alternative modes of transportation and safety.

**Public Information Workshop
4:30-6:30 p.m. “OPEN HOUSE” (You may attend anytime during the two-hour timeframe.)
Tuesday, January 10, 2012
New Hope Baptist Church
431 Nicholas Parkway
Cape Coral, FL**

A copy of the project newsletter may be obtained on Lee County's website at <http://www3.leegov.com/publicworks/DOTitle.htm>. Click on the box at the top of the page. If you have questions or would like information about the project, contact Kaye Molnar via email to kmolnar@cella.cc or phone (239) 337-1071. Anyone needing special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 should contact Ms. Molnar prior to the workshop.