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This draft proposal shows the closure of the median opening from Levy County Road 339 leading across U.S. Alt. 27, so that people using this route to go from Trenton to Bronson for instance, would be redirected. The engineering plan, which is far from being adopted, has a tentative date for the project to be in the year 2020. There would be other parts of CR 339 revised as a route and there would be parts of U.S. Alt. 27 in this vicinity that would have some openings on the median removed and some added.

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BRONSON -- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2 Transportation Planning Manager Barney Bennette and Bill Henderson, also of FDOT District 2, told the Levy County Commission members deadlines for project requests as Bennette and Henderson spoke about Levy County work program priorities Tuesday morning (Oct. 18).

amber of Commerce Annual Dinner Meeting on Tuesday night (Oct. 18) was a feast for the body as well as for the mind.

The FDOT helps every county in the state. Levy County has a lot of roads, and the Levy County Road Department has earned a reputation as keeping the roads maintained very well.

As for Bennett and Henderson, Bennette opened by telling the County Commission they men were visiting the meeting to provide an overview of the current roadwork plan for Levy County.

Current FDOT projects in Levy County are:

- State Road 24 Cedar Key bridge repairs -- December 2015 - Summer 2016
- U.S. Highway 27 resurfacing -- April 2016 - Late 2016

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Future FDOT projects in Levy County are:

- Cedar Key Bridge Replacement – dates to be determined
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Bennett told the County Commission about deadlines for the county to submit its requests for assistance from the state on various projects.

After work projects are revised, they will be posted on Oct. 31 to the FDOT website of <http://d2wpph.com/Pages/Home.aspx>, which is short for FDOT District 2 Public Hearing Work Program, Bennett said. This interactive site is very helpful for the general public to see directly from the FDOT what is planned.

In regard to FCOT District 2 projects, there will be an informational meeting on Nov. 8 at the district office in Lake City. There is a public hearing on Nov. 10, Bennette said.

Henderson brought the newest news to the meeting. Rather than replacing the bridge on Levy County Road 339, which leads from U.S. Alt. 27 going toward Trenton, the engineers would just realign the road.

Levy County Commission Chairman John Meeks said this is the very same bridge that the Levy County Road Department recently improved.

There was more discussion about this not being an ideal intersection, and how some number of semi tractor-trailers tip over when making the corner from the highway onto the county road.

At a point later in the discussion, Levy County Commissioner Rock Meeks told the FDOT representatives in the meeting room that morning that the intersection of Levy County Road 341 at U.S. Highway 19 creates an awkward angle. Not only is it difficult for motorists crossing or entering U.S. 19 there, he said, but it is dangerous.

The FDOT staff noted the comment.

County Commissioner Mike Joyner said he wants a traffic signal to be placed at State Road 121 and CR 326. The FDOT staff noted the comment.

The best method for the general public to make comments to the FDOT is to attend its public hearings, which can be found on the FDOT website.

As for county commissioners persuading FDOT about the terrible intersection on U.S. 19, just north of Walmart in Chiefland, or of the road horror at the U.S. 19 intersection in Chiefland where people have near misses as they cross near Taco Bell and Murphy Express, only time will tell what the engineers create as alternatives, and if those revisions reach fruition in the decades to come.

Meanwhile Levy County Road 347 between U.S. Highway 129 and U.S. Highway 19 continues to serve motorists who traverse it, despite its deplorable condition.