

Public gives its visions for S.R. 7

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DAVIE • More landscaping, an improved entranceway, possibly a few hotels — these are just some of the ideas residents and business owners would like to see in a redevelopment plan for State Road 7.

The South Florida Regional Planning Council had week-long open meetings with the public that ended Friday, to come up with development concepts to enhance the corridor.

Planners focused on the section of the road from Interstate 595 to Stirling Road, which houses an auto auction, some restaurants and repair shops.

Several residents and town leaders, however, were just as interested in the stretch of the road farther south. They said that with the new Hard Rock Hotel & Casino recently opening, zoning along the road should be changed to incorporate more tourist-type uses.

"I've thought about us creating a district compatible with resort and commercial uses," said Vice Mayor Judy Paul, who attended the opening session. "In the tourist season, when the Hard Rock is full, there may be overflow and opportunities for other hotels."

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