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Re: **Alternatives Public Information Meeting**
Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for Florida's Turnpike (SR 91) Widening
from south of SR 408 to SR 50 (Milepost 263-273) in Orange County, Florida
Financial Project Identification Number: 444007-1
Efficient Transportation Decision Making Number: 14378

Dear Property Owner or Interested Party:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE), will hold an Alternatives Public Information Meeting for the above-referenced project. Attendance options are as follows:

Virtual Alternatives Public Information Meeting:
Tuesday, August 10, 2021, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Attend via a computer, tablet, or smartphone, or by telephone
in listen-only mode

In-Person Alternatives Public Information Meeting:
Thursday, August 12, 2021, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Attend in-person at the Ocoee Lakeshore Center,
125 N. Lakeshore Drive, Ocoee, FL 34761

If the in-person Alternatives Public Information Meeting cannot be held on Thursday, August 12, 2021, due to severe weather or unforeseen conditions, it will be held on the alternate date of August 19, 2021, at the same time and place.

Visit the project website, <http://www.Turnpike408to50.com>, to register for the Alternatives Public Information Meeting and to select your participation option. **Please note that registration works best in the Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Firefox web browser.** Additional registration and project information is provided in the enclosed project newsletter. You should not attend in-person if you are not feeling well. Social distancing guidelines and local ordinances will be followed.

This meeting will give interested persons an opportunity to review project information, ask questions and provide comments concerning the conceptual design, and potential social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. Displays that illustrate the proposed improvements will be available at the meeting, along with informational videos. All Alternatives Public Information Meeting materials are available for review now on the project website, <http://www.Turnpike408to50.com>. This letter is being sent to all property owners and tenants within at least 300 feet of either side of the proposed project and to public officials, regulatory agencies, organizations, and individuals interested in the project.

Persons wishing to submit written or verbal comments/questions may do so at the Alternatives Public Information Meeting or may contact the Project Manager. For assistance registering for the Alternatives Public Information Meeting, or for additional information, please contact the Project Manager.

Sincerely,

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Enclosed: Project Newsletter

About the Study

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE), is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to evaluate widening Florida's Turnpike (SR 91) from south of SR 408 to SR 50 (Milepost 263 to 273) in Orange County. The study is evaluating existing and future traffic conditions to determine the need and type of improvements for approximately 10 miles of Florida's Turnpike. The proposed improvements include widening existing Florida's Turnpike, improving the existing interchanges (SR 408, SR 429, SR 50 (Ocoee/Winter Garden), and SR 50 (Clermont/Oakland)), and potentially adding a new interchange at Avalon Road. The project is anticipated to enhance safety, accommodate travel demands, improve travel time reliability, improve system linkage, enhance and maintain Central Florida's economic and employment viability, and enhance emergency response times and evacuation.



What is a PD&E Study?

A PD&E Study is an environmental and engineering process conducted to determine social, economic, physical and environmental impacts associated with a proposed transportation improvement project. It requires the combined efforts of professional engineers, planners and scientists who collect and analyze project-related information to develop the optimal solution for a community's transportation needs while minimizing impacts. An important component of the process is public and agency involvement. The process follows federal and state laws and regulations. The key components of the PD&E process are existing conditions, future traffic needs, alternatives development, environmental and engineering evaluations, public and agency input, documentation, and study recommendations.

Alternatives Public Information Meeting

You are invited to attend an Alternatives Public Information Meeting for this project. There are three participation options to select from:

Option 1: Virtual/Online via a computer, tablet or smartphone on **Tuesday, August 10, 2021, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Option 2: By telephone in listen-only mode on **Tuesday, August 10, 2021, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Option 3: In-Person at Ocoee Lakeshore Center on **Thursday, August 12, 2021, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

Please visit the project website, www.Turnpike408to50.com, to register for the meeting and to select your desired participation option.

****Please note that registration works best in the Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Firefox web browser.****

Meeting Materials

All Alternatives Public Information Meeting materials are available for review now on the project website. This includes an informational video that provides a project overview, a tutorial of how to navigate the project website, and an overview of the meeting materials. A recording of the entire virtual meeting will be posted to the project website under the "Documents" section three days after the meeting. Please contact the Project Manager, Jazlyn Heywood, at any time before or after the meeting with questions or comments about the

Option 1: Virtual/Online – Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email including instructions on how to join the Alternatives Public Information Meeting online. During registration you will be asked whether you have a question or comment, and you will be able to provide it at that time. We are using the GoToWebinar platform for the online option. The meeting will open at **5:30 p.m.** with introductions and an informational video. The project team will then answer questions received from the public during registration and during the virtual meeting. For technical assistance during the open house, please contact TPKMeetingSupport@dot.state.fl.us.

Option 2: By Telephone – Tuesday, August 10, 2021

To join the Alternatives Public Information Meeting by telephone in listen-only mode, please call 1-562-247-8422 and enter access code 396-230-371. The phone line will open at **5:30 p.m.** with introductions and an informational video. The project team will then answer questions received from the public. You can provide verbal comments and questions directly to the Project Manager, Jazlyn Heywood, before or after the Alternatives Public Information Meeting by using the contact information provided below.

Option 3: In-Person – Thursday, August 12, 2021

You may participate in-person at the **Ocoee Lakeshore Center, 125 North Lakeshore Drive, Ocoee, FL 34761**. Persons wishing to submit written or verbal comments/questions may do so at the meeting venue or by contacting the Project Manager. Doors at the venue will open at **5:30 p.m.** when you will have the opportunity to view the exhibits on display and project staff will be available to answer questions. You will also have the opportunity to watch the informational video from the virtual meeting on August 10, 2021. The informal meeting will continue until 7:30 p.m. You should not attend in-person if you are not feeling well. Social distancing guidelines and local ordinances will be followed.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions about the project or the scheduled meeting, please contact:

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PD&E Study Schedule (preliminary schedule, subject to change)

Project Milestones	2019		2020				2021				2022	
	July - September	October - December	January - March	April - June	July - September	October - December	January - March	April - June	July - September	October - December	January - March	April - June
Begin Study	◆											
Data Collection	█											
Public Input			█									
Public Kickoff Open House			◆									
Alternatives Analysis			█									
Alternatives Public Information Meeting									◆			
Alternatives Refinement and Documentation								█				
Public Hearing											◆	
Finalize Documents											█	
Study Complete												◆

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 Jazlyn Heywood at the contact information above at least seven days prior to the Alternatives Public Information Meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).