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CENTRAL POLK PARKWAY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY

PUBLIC COORDINATION MEETINGS ANNOUNCED

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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will host public coordination meetings for the Central Polk Parkway Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. Due to the size of the study area, FDOT has scheduled two public coordination meetings on Tuesday, March 17, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the FDOT Mike Rippe Auditorium, 801 North Broadway in Bartow and Thursday, March 19 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northridge Church, 2250 S.R. 17 South in Haines City. The meeting will be held in an “open house” format. A slide presentation that describes the draft “purpose and need” statement developed for the project will be shown. Preliminary project corridors will be displayed on aerial photographs of the study area.

The study area extends from State Road (S.R.) 60 east of Bartow northwesterly to the Polk Parkway (S.R. 570) and from S.R. 60 east of Bartow northerly to Interstate 4. The proposed roadway would be a four-lane facility on new alignment. The no-build option is a viable alternative throughout the study process. The general objective of the study is to provide documented information necessary for FDOT to reach a decision on the type, design, and location of the proposed improvements for the project study area. The public coordination meetings will allow interested persons the opportunity to express their views and identify issues of concern early in the development of the project and to review and comment on the draft “purpose and need” statement and the preliminary corridors under development.

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 Nicole Broome, E.I., at (863) 519-2373 at least seven days before the public coordination meetings.