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Turnpike Hosts Community Information Meetings in Winter Garden

OCOE, FL (February 10, 2009) — Florida's Turnpike Enterprise and the City of Winter Garden will host two meetings at Winter Garden City Hall for local residents and business owners at 6 p.m., Monday, February 16 and at 6 p.m., Wednesday, February 25. The informational meetings are to advise residents on the status of the Turnpike's \$123.5 million project to widen the Turnpike between Beulah Road and State Road 50 and to let them know what impacts the work will have in their neighborhoods.

This project consists of widening of Florida's Turnpike (SR 91) from four to eight lanes between Beulah Road and State Road 50 near milepost 272. The project also includes adding an additional lane in each direction on State Road 50, with capacity for future widening as well. The replacement of the bridges at Winter Garden-Vineland Road, Avalon Road and at State Road 50 is included. The interchange will be reconfigured to a diamond style, replacing the current partial-loop interchange and includes open road tolling (ORT) SunPass-only lanes. This project also includes the installation of noise abatement walls on Department right-of-way for qualifying property owners adjacent to the Turnpike. This project will be complete in the summer of 2012.

At the meeting, the Turnpike's design and construction team will discuss soundwall installation along residential neighborhoods and advise residents of the long-term impacts of the closure of the Winter Garden-Vineland Road bridge, and the resulting detour, while it the bridge is being reconstructed.

For more information, call Christa Deason at the Turnpike's public information office at 407-264-3492.