



PUBLIC HEARING
Veterans Expressway Widening
PD&E Study
Financial Project ID: 406151-1-22-01
Hillsborough County, Florida

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Turnpike Enterprise has scheduled a Public Hearing to which all persons are invited. This hearing is being held to afford interested persons the opportunity to express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed project, known as the Veterans Expressway Widening Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study, from Memorial Highway to Van Dyke Road and SR 568 to Dale Mabry Highway. The Public Hearing will be held on **November 14, 2006, at the Jewish Community Center, 13009 Community Campus Drive, Tampa.** In the event that severe weather or other unforeseen conditions cause the hearing to be postponed, it will be held on the alternate date of November 28, 2006 at the same time and location. **An open house will be held from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm** at which time the public may review maps, drawings and pertinent information developed by the FDOT. The open house will be followed by a **formal presentation at 6:30 pm, followed by the public comment period.** This hearing is also being conducted pursuant to the provisions of Rule 14-97, Florida Administrative Code, and Section 335.18, Florida Statutes. This hearing is being noticed and held in accordance with the Section 339.155, Florida Statutes, Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and is consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Right of way acquisition is anticipated for this project. Potential encroachment on wetlands and floodplains may be given special consideration under Executive Orders 11990 and 11988



The proposed project is being developed in accordance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended. Under Title VI and Title VIII of the Civil Rights Acts, any person(s) or beneficiary who believes they have been subjected to discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, or familial status may file a written complaint with the FDOT's Equal Opportunity Office, 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450.

Anyone needing project or Public Hearing information may contact Henry Pinzon, P.E., Project Manager, at Florida's Turnpike Enterprise by calling 407-264-3803 or by writing to Henry Pinzon at Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, P.O. Box 613069, Ocoee, Florida 34761-3069, or by e-mail at henry.pinzon@dot.state.fl.us, or by visiting the project website at www.veteransexpresswaywidening.com.

Anyone requesting special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 should contact Ms. Catherine Bradley, P.E., Project Development Engineer, at Florida's Turnpike Enterprise by calling 407-264-3802, or by writing to Ms. Bradley at the address above, or by e-mail at catherine.bradley@dot.state.fl.us. Special accommodation requests under the Americans with Disabilities Act must be received at least seven (7) days prior to the Public Hearing.

The environmental document prepared by the FDOT, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise will be available for public inspection from **October 24, 2006 to November 27, 2006 at the West Gate Regional Library, 7606 Paula Drive, Tampa; Upper Tampa Bay Regional Library, 1211 Countryway Boulevard, Tampa; and Austin Davis Public Library, 17808 Wayne Road, Tampa.** Please call 813-273-3652 for library hours.

Documents will also be on display at the Public Hearing. Written comments may be submitted at the hearing or mailed to Henry Pinzon, P.E., Project Manager, at the address above, or by e-mail at henry.pinzon@dot.state.fl.us, or by visiting the project website at www.veteransexpresswaywidening.com. All comments must be postmarked by November 27, 2006 to become a part of the Public Hearing record.