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Public Information Meeting Notice

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise to Host Public Information Meeting for Central Polk Parkway Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study in Polk County

Ocoee, Fla. – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) will hold a Public Information Meeting for the **Central Polk Parkway Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study** for potential improvements between US 17/SR 35 and SR 60 in Polk County, Florida (Financial Project Identification Number 440897-4, Efficient Transportation Decision Making Number: 14372).

The Public Information Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at the W.H. Stuart Center, 1710 US Highway 17 South, Bartow, FL 33830. The meeting will be an informal open house from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will be no formal presentation. During the open house, project information will include displays that describe the proposed improvements. Information on the study process, study area, purpose and need, and other project information including social, environmental, and economic resources will be on display. Multiple alternatives for the proposed roadway will be on display to address existing and future traffic needs, and provide long-term options to move people and goods while minimizing impacts. FTE representatives will be available to discuss the project and answer questions.

Project information and updates will be available on the project website at <u>www.centralpolkparkway.com</u> starting June 18, 2019.

The proposed project is being developed in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to FDOT compliance with Title VI may do so by contacting Jeannette Schutz, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Title VI Coordinator, via email at Jeannette.Schutz@dot.state.fl.us. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Abra Horne, Project Manager (HNTB), Florida's Turnpike Enterprise at (407) 264-3019 or by email at Abra.Horne@dot.state.fl.us at least seven (7) days prior to the 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).

In the event that the Public Information Meeting cannot be held on June 18, 2019 due to severe weather or other unforeseen conditions, it will be held on the alternate date of July 9, 2019 at the same time and place.

If you have any questions about the project or the scheduled meeting, please contact Abra Horne, or Rax Jung, Ph.D., PE, Project Development Engineer, using the information shown below.

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