The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise will hold a Public Hearing for the Colonial Parkway Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for proposed improvements along the State Road (SR) 50 corridor from Woodbury Road to SR 520 in Orange County, Florida (Financial Project ID Number: 440314-1). The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2019, at the DoubleTree Hotel Orlando East-UCF Area, 12125 High Tech Avenue, Orlando, FL 32817. The hearing will begin as an open house at 5:00 p.m. with a formal presentation at 6:30 p.m., followed by a public comment period. In the event that the public hearing cannot be held on September 26, 2019 due to severe weather or unforeseen conditions, it will be held on the alternate date of November 12, 2019 at the same time and place.

During the open house, an informational video, interactive displays, maps, and other information developed by FDOT will be available for review. Project information will include displays that describe the proposed improvements for the recommended build alternative which includes: two (2) new toll lanes (SR 504) in each direction (from SR 408 to SR 520); three (3) local SR 50 travel lanes in each direction (from Bonneville Road to east of Avalon Park Blvd); two (2) local SR 50 travel lanes in each direction (from east of Avalon Park Blvd to SR 520); and connectivity to the SR 408 interchange and the SR 520 interchange. We invite your comments on the proposed improvements. Proposed access modifications to SR 50 from Woodbury Road to SR 520, including median openings and closures, will be recommended during the Public Hearing. Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise representatives will be available to discuss the project and answer questions.

The Public Hearing is being conducted to give interested persons an opportunity to express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. The project is being evaluated in accordance with Federal Executive Orders 11990 (Protection of Wetlands) and 11988 (Floodplain Management). Potential right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed improvements including proposed stormwater ponds will be displayed at the Public Hearing.

Draft project documents will be available for public review from September 5, 2019 to October 7, 2019 at the Alafaya Branch Library, 12000 E Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32826, (407) 835-7323 – Library hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday – Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday - Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday - Saturday. Draft project documents are also available at the Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise, Turkey Lake Headquarters, Communications Office, Stephanie Eisenberg, Turnpike Mile Post 253, Building 5315, Ocoee, Florida 34761, (407) 532-3995 – FDOT hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Draft project documents will also be available for public review at the Public Hearing and on the project website at www.ColonialParkway.com.

Persons wishing to submit written statements or comments, in place of or in addition to verbal statements, may do so at the hearing or by sending them to Mr. Anil J. Sharma at least seven (7) days prior to the Public Hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact Mr. Anil J. Sharma, P.E., Project Manager for Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise (HNTB) at P.O. Box 613069, Ocoee, Florida 34761-3069. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require special accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Mr. Anil J. Sharma at least seven (7) days prior to the Public Hearing. 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).