

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY

at Florida's Turnpike (SR 91) and Beachline Expressway (SR 528) Financial Project ID Number: 438547-1

Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) Number: 14294

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PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT

You are invited to a Public Hearing for the Orlando South Ultimate Interchange PD&E Study in Orange County, to be held on **February 16, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.** There are three participation options to select from:

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
In-Person	Virtual / online via a computer, tablet	By telephone in listen-only mode
	or smartphone	

Please visit the project website, <u>www.floridasturnpike.com/orlandosouth.html</u>, to register for the Public Hearing and to select your desired participation option. All attendees will participate in the same live virtual Public Hearing. ** Please note that registration works best in Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Firefox web browser.**

PUBLIC HEARING MATERIALS

All materials that will be on display at the in-person location are available for review now on the project website, www.floridasturnpike.com/orlandosouth.html. This includes an informational video that provides a project overview, a tutorial of how to navigate the project website and an overview of the hearing materials. This video will also play continuously from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing. A recording of the entire Public Hearing will be posted to the project website under the 'Documents' section on February 18, 2021. Please contact the Project Manager, Anil J. Sharma, with questions.

FOR HELP REGISTERING CONTACT:

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OPTION 1: IN-PERSON

You may participate in-person by going to The Florida Hotel & Conference

Center at The Florida Mall – Legacy North & South, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, FL 32809. During registration you will be asked whether you want to make a verbal comment during the public comment period; you can also request to speak at the venue. If you desire to make a verbal comment, you will be called to a microphone by the hearing moderator at the appropriate time. You will also be able to provide your verbal comments directly to a court reporter. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with an informational video. The formal Public Hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by the public comment period. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email that also includes instructions on how to join the hearing. You should not attend in-person if you are not feeling well. Social distancing guidelines and local ordinances will be followed.

OPTION 2: VIRTUAL / ONLINE

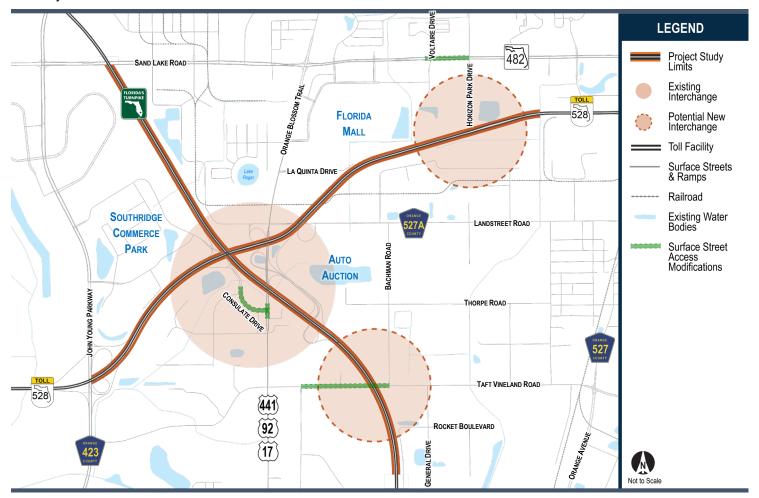
Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email including instructions on how to join the Public Hearing online. During registration you will be asked whether you want to make a verbal comment during the public comment period. If you desire to make a verbal comment, your microphone will be unmuted by the hearing moderator at the appropriate time. We are using the GoToWebinar platform for the online option. The webinar will open at 5:30 p.m. with an informational video. The formal Public Hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by the public comment period. For technical assistance during the webinar, please contact TPKMeetingSupport@dot.state.fl.us.

OPTION 3: BY TELEPHONE

To join the Public Hearing in listen-only mode call 1-415-655-0052 and enter access code 424-246-381. The line will open at 5:30 p.m. with an informational video. The formal Public Hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a public comment period. You can provide verbal comments directly to the Project Manager, Anil J. Sharma, before or after the Public Hearing.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The proposed improvements include modifications to the Florida's Turnpike at Beachline Expressway interchange and the addition of two new interchanges and access modifications. These improvements accommodate projected traffic for the year 2045 to address regional and local growth, reduce congestion, enhance safety and evacuation routes, and improve travel time reliability.



QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Please contact the Project Manager, Anil J. Sharma, at any time before or after the Public Hearing with questions or comments about the project. While comments and questions will be accepted at any time, those submitted by March 8, 2021 (20 calendar days after the Public Hearing) will become part of the Public Hearing Record for the study.

PROJECT DOCUMENTS

Draft project documents will be available for public review from Friday, January 22, 2021 to Monday, March 8, 2021 at the Universal Orlando Foundation Library (UCF Rosen Library) 9907 Universal Boulevard, Orlando, FL 32819, (407) 903-8100. Library hours are Monday – Friday (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Draft project documents are also available now for public review on the project website www.floridasturnpike.com/orlandosouth.html and will be available at the physical location where the in-person Public Hearing is held.

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 Anil J. Sharma at (407) 264-3041 or by email at anil.sharma@dot.state.fl.us at least seven days (7) prior to the 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).