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Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Enhances Community Outreach on Proposed Northern Turnpike Extension Project *Additional Engagement Efforts to Allow Time for More Public Feedback*

OCOOE, Fla. – Based on the high level of engagement and interest in the proposed Northern Turnpike Extension, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, part of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), is increasing opportunities to work with local governments, stakeholders, and residents in the project study area.

The increased engagement will influence the project schedule and allow stakeholders to continue providing feedback that will help to shape the Department's Alternative Corridor Evaluation (ACE) process and Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study.

The Department will be hosting Engagement Centers and small group meetings during the next several months on a rotating basis throughout the four-county study area, including Citrus, Levy, Marion, and Sumter counties. Information on scheduling an Engagement Center appointment or small group meeting will be available through the NTE project website at www.floridasturnpike.com/NTE and media publications in the coming weeks.

These enhanced outreach efforts will continue to influence the project schedule and guide how the NTE supports regional and statewide needs through all phases of the project development process. A status report is due to the Governor and Legislature in December 2022, and public information meetings are tentatively scheduled for the first half of 2023.

The project's website remains the most up-to-date and dependable resource for information and engagement opportunities. Please visit the site to view the entire project schedule and obtain other information, submit a comment, or sign up for notifications.

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