

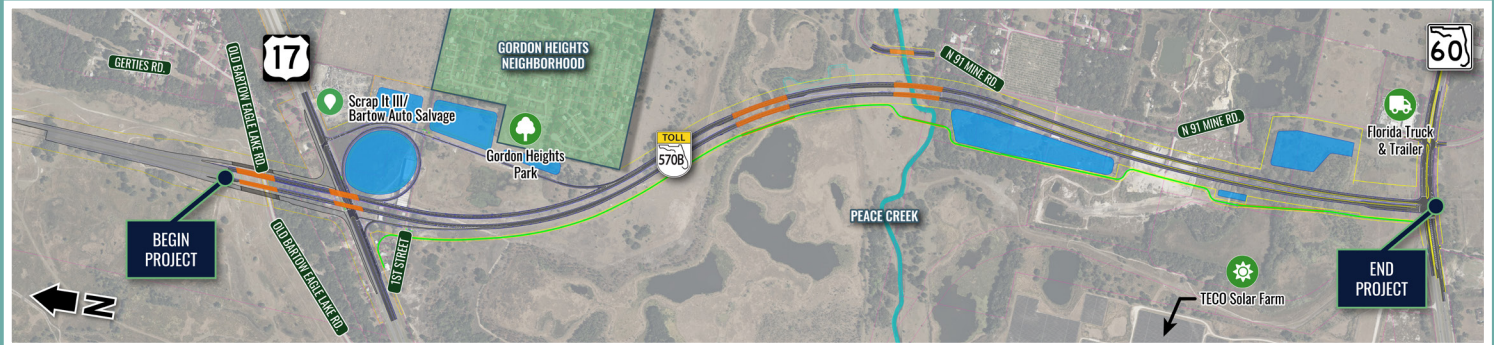
CENTRAL POLK PARKWAY (SR 570B) from US 17 (SR 35) to SR 60



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Project Overview



The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) is planning to construct improvements that are designed to accommodate traffic capacity on the Central Polk Parkway and interchanges to meet forecasted traffic demand. These improvements include a new four-lane, limited access toll road with All Electronic Toll Collection, an interchange at US 17, an intersection at SR 60, and a multiuse trail west of the new roadway, as well as other ancillary improvements.

These include stormwater ponds, lighting, intelligent transportation systems, signalization, and signing and pavement markings.

This new design will accommodate regional trips, improve freight movements, relieve congestion on SR 60 and US 98, provide a direct connection to the Polk Parkway, and improve access to I-4. The project will connect to another Turnpike project to the north.

Project Background

In March 2015, the Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) identified and prioritized an extension of Ernest Smith Blvd. from US 17 (SR 35) to SR 60 in the 2040 Momentum Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) as a new highway. Building on the Polk TPO's idea, FTE began a study in 2018 for the Central Polk Parkway, from US 17 to SR 60. The study explored building a new roadway that would accomplish multiple goals. These goals included providing connections for regional trips in the area, improving freight movements, reducing congestion on SR 60 and US 98, providing a direct connection to the main Polk Parkway, and improving access to I-4. The FTE study ended in August,

2021 and identified a Preferred Alternative study concept for the Central Polk Parkway corridor.

This Preferred Alternative was a four-lane, toll facility with an interchange at US 17, an intersection at SR 60, and a multiuse trail on the east side of the roadway. In December 2021, the Central Polk Parkway connection between US 17 and SR 60 was included as part of the Polk TPO's Momentum 2045 LRTP. Changes during the design of this project from its Preferred Alternative study concept includes realigning the roadway, shifting the multiuse trail to the west of the Central Polk Parkway roadway, and building an off-ramp closer to the Gordon Heights community.

Project Schedule



Public Information Meeting



Production Date



Construction Notice to Proceed



* Events on this schedule were estimated in July 2022 and are subject to change.

DESIGN PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

www.CentralPolkParkway.com

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) invites you to participate in a Design Public Information Meeting for the Central Polk Parkway (SR 570B) from US 17 (SR 35) to SR 60 project.

This meeting will give interested persons an opportunity to review the project design and ask questions about the proposed improvements.

ATTEND THE VIRTUAL MEETING

Tuesday, October 25, 2022, 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Attend virtually via a computer, tablet, smartphone, or by telephone in listen-only mode by visiting the project website, www.CentralPolkParkway.com or scan the QR code to the right. Please note, Internet Explorer cannot be used to register for or attend this webinar.




Dial-in attendees may join as listen-only participants by calling +1 (562) 247-8422 and using access code 505-035-231 when prompted.

The virtual meeting will consist of a brief presentation about the project, followed by a Q&A session.

Contact Us

We encourage you to participate in the Central Polk Parkway (SR 570B) from US 17 (SR 35) to SR 60 project Public Information Meeting. If you have questions or comments regarding the project or participating in the meeting, please contact FDOT Project Representative, Stephanie Underwood, PE or visit the project website at the link below.

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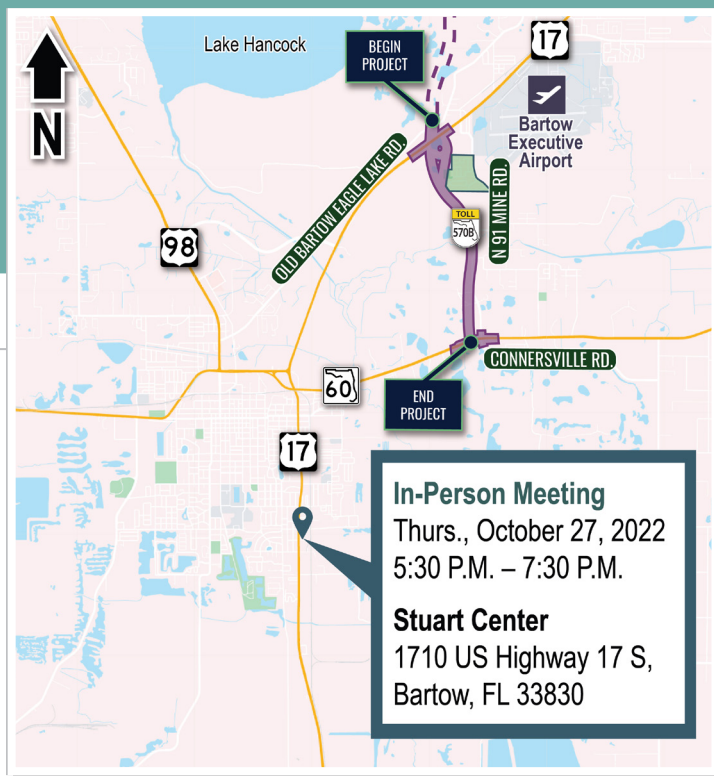
ATTEND THE IN-PERSON MEETING

Thursday, October 27, 2022, 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Stuart Center

1710 US Highway 17 S, Bartow, FL 33830

The in-person meeting will be in an open house format without a formal presentation. Participants who are not feeling well should not attend the in-person meeting.



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 who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Stephanie Underwood, (407) 264-3436, 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).