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Public Hearing Notice

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise to Host Public Hearing for the project to Widen Florida's Turnpike from Neptune Road to north of Osceola Parkway in Osceola County

Ocoee, FL — The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Turnpike Enterprise will hold a Public Hearing for the project to Widen Florida's Turnpike (SR 91) Mainline from Neptune Road to north of Osceola Parkway in Osceola County, Financial Project Identification Numbers 436194-1 and 436194-3.

The Public Hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2023 (virtual), and at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 (in-person).

Interested persons may participate in the hearing in the following ways:

- 1) Virtually from a computer, tablet, or phone on **Monday, March 27, 2023**. Participants attending virtually may join the Public Hearing in listen-only mode by calling **(415) 655-0060** and entering the access code **186-516-803** when prompted. Virtual/online and telephone attendees will participate in the same virtual Public Hearing; or
- 2) In-person by going to the St. Cloud Community Center, 3101 17th Street, St. Cloud, FL 34769, on **Wednesday, March 29, 2023.**

The objective of this Public Hearing is to address changes in the design from the Project Development and Environment Study (PD&E) related to the number of travel lanes on the mainline Turnpike. The virtual Public Hearing will begin with a formal presentation at 5:30 p.m. followed by a public comment period. The in-person Public Hearing will begin with an informal open house at 5:30 p.m., continue with a formal presentation at 6:00 p.m., and conclude with a public comment period.

If you wish to participate in the hearing, please visit the project website at www.TurnpikeNeptunetoOsceola.com to register for the hearing and to select your

participation option. Please note that registration works best in the Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Firefox web browsers. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email that includes instructions on how to join the virtual hearing. Information presented at all attendance options will be the same.

Persons wishing to submit public comments or questions may do so whether attending virtually or at the in-person location. Those who are unable to participate in the Public Hearing may submit comments by contacting the Project Manager, Suman Juluru, P.E., using the contact information provided below. All comments received or postmarked on or before **April 8, 2023**, will be included in the records for the Public Hearing.

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 Suman Juluru, P.E. using the contact information below, at least seven (7) days prior to the 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).

If you have any questions about the project or the scheduled hearing, please contact:

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