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Public Hearing Notice

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise to Host a Public Hearing for the Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study for Poinciana Parkway Extension Connector from County Road (CR) 532 to North of the Interstate 4/State Road (SR) 429 Interchange in Polk and Osceola Counties

Ocoee, FL — The Florida Department of Transportation, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, will hold a Public Hearing for the PD&E Study for Poinciana Parkway Extension Connector from County Road (CR) 532 to North of the Interstate 4/State Road (SR) 429 Interchange in Polk and Osceola Counties (Financial Project Identification Number 446581-1).

The Public Hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 (virtual), and at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2023 (in-person).

Interested persons may participate in the Public Hearing in the following ways:

- 1) Virtually from a computer, tablet, or smartphone on **Tuesday, April 25, 2023**. Participants attending by telephone may join the Public Hearing in listen-only mode by calling 951-384-3421 and entering the access code 953-499-982 when prompted; or
- 2) In-person by going to AdventHealth Nicholson Center, 404 Celebration Place, Celebration, Florida 34747 on **Thursday, April 27, 2023**.

If you wish to participate in the Public Hearing, please visit the project website at www.PoincianaExtension.com to register for the hearing and 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. The 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. Public comments will be limited to three minutes per person whether given as part of the online format or at the in-person location. Those who are unable to participate in the Public Hearing may submit comments by contacting Project Manager, Michael Leo, using the contact information provided below. All comments received or postmarked by **May 12, 2023**, will be included in the Public Hearing record.

All hearing materials that will be on display at the in-person hearing, including draft project documents, are available for public review on the project website, www.PoincianaExtension.com. Draft project documents can also be viewed starting April 4, 2023, through May 12, 2023, at the West Osceola Branch Library, 305 Campus Street, Celebration, Florida 34747, and at the Haines City Public Library, 111 North 6th Street, Haines City, Florida 33844.

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 Michael Leo at the contact information below, 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).

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C § 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and FDOT.

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

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