



Public Hearing Announcement

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for widening Florida's Turnpike (SR 91) from south of SR 408 to SR 50 (Milepost 263 to 273) in Orange County. The study is evaluating existing and future traffic conditions to determine the need and type of improvements for approximately 10 miles of Florida's Turnpike. The community is invited to participate in a Public Hearing about the project on **Monday, August 7, 2023**. The Enterprise will provide several options for participating in the hearing. Interested individuals may attend virtually, by phone in listen-only mode, or in person at Florida's Turnpike Headquarters located at Florida's Turnpike Milepost 263, Turkey Lake Service Plaza, Building 5315, Ocoee, Florida 34761. If the in-person Public Hearing cannot be held on August 7, 2023, due to severe weather or unforeseen conditions, it will be held on the alternate date of September 7, 2023, at the same time and place.

Please visit the project website, www.Turnpike408to50.com, to register for the Public Hearing and to select your participation option. **Please note that registration for the virtual meeting works best in Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Firefox web browsers.** The same information will be provided in each participation option. A recording of the virtual public hearing will be posted on the project website after the Public Hearing. Please contact the Project Manager for assistance in registering.

Public Hearing Materials

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.Turnpike408to50.com. Draft project documents can also be viewed from July 17, 2023, through August 17, 2023. Document locations are listed on the back of this newsletter.

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OPTION 1: VIRTUALLY/ONLINE – Monday, August 7, 2023, 12 p.m.

Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email including instructions on how to join the Public Hearing online. During registration you will be asked if you want to make a verbal statement during the formal comment period. If you desire to make a verbal statement, your microphone will be unmuted by the hearing moderator at the appropriate time. Any questions will receive a response in writing at a later date. We are using the GoToWebinar platform for the online option. Please review the Public Hearing exhibits on the project website in advance of the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing webinar will begin at 12 p.m. with a formal presentation and informational video, followed by the formal comment period. For technical assistance during the webinar, please contact TPKMeetingSupport@dot.state.fl.us.

OPTION 2: BY TELEPHONE (Listen Only) – Monday, August 7, 2023, 12 p.m.

To join the Public Hearing in listen-only mode, please call 914-614-3426 and enter access code 381-082-736. Please review the Public Hearing exhibits on the project website in advance of the hearing. The line will open at 12 p.m. with a formal presentation and informational video, followed by the formal comment period. Any questions will receive a response in writing at a later date. You can provide comments directly to the Project Manager, Michael Leo, before or after the Public Hearing.

OPTION 3: IN PERSON – Monday, August 7, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Attend in-person at Florida's Turnpike Headquarters located at Florida's Turnpike Milepost 263, Turkey Lake Service Plaza, Building 5315, Ocoee, Florida 34761. During registration, you will be asked if you want to make a verbal statement during the public comment period; you can also request to speak at the venue. If you desire to make a verbal statement, you will be called to a microphone by the hearing moderator at the appropriate time. Any questions will receive a response in writing at a later date. You will also be able to provide your verbal statements directly to a court reporter. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for review of the display boards and project documents. The formal Public Hearing will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the formal comment period.



Proposed Improvements

Florida's Turnpike currently has a total of eight to 12 lanes (four through lanes and one to two auxiliary lanes in each direction), within the study limits. The PD&E Study is evaluating existing and future traffic conditions to determine potential improvements for approximately 10 miles of Florida's Turnpike.

The proposed improvements include widening the Turnpike mainline, and improving the existing interchanges (SR 408, SR 429, SR 50 (Ocoee/Winter Garden), and SR 50 (Clermont/Oakland)). Between SR 408 and SR 429, there would be additional "collector-distributor" (CD) lanes next to and separated from the mainline lanes to exclusively accommodate local traffic between the interchanges.

The proposed improvements are needed to accommodate expected traffic volumes through the year 2045 and are expected to:

- enhance safety
- accommodate travel demands
- improve travel time reliability
- improve system linkage
- enhance and maintain Central Florida's economic and employment viability, and
- enhance and maintain emergency response and evacuation.



The public hearing will provide an opportunity for the community to learn more about the preferred alternative and provide input. No decisions will be made until after the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing Document Location

Draft project documents are available for public review from July 17 through August 17, 2023, at:

Winter Garden Public Library
800 E. Plant St.

Winter Garden, FL 34787

Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday - Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Public Participation

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise encourages the public to get involved by providing comments, asking questions and making suggestions to the study team. 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 Michael Leo at least seven 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).

Questions and Comments

The formal comment period at the Public Hearing is reserved for statements only. Any questions will be answered either before or after the Public Hearing's formal comment period. Persons wishing to submit written or verbal statements may do so at the hearing or may contact the Project Manager, Michael Leo. All statements provided, or postmarked, on or before August 17, 2023, will become a part of the Public Hearing record.