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Public Hearing Notice

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise to Host a Public Hearing for the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to Widen Florida's Turnpike/SR 91 from South of SR 408 to SR 50 (Milepost 263 - 273) in Orange County, Florida

Ocoee, Fla. — The Florida Department of Transportation, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise will hold a Public Hearing for the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to Widen Florida's Turnpike/SR 91 from south of SR 408 to SR 50 in Orange County (Financial Project Identification Number 444007-1).

The Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, August 7, 2023**, at 12 p.m. (virtually) and at 5:30 p.m. (in-person).

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

- Virtually from a computer, tablet, or phone on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 12 p.m. Participants attending virtually may join the Public Hearing in listen-only mode by calling (914) 614-3426 and entering the access code 381-082-736 when prompted; or
- 2) In-person by going to Florida's Turnpike Headquarters, located at Florida's Turnpike Milepost 263, Turkey Lake Service Plaza, Building 5315, Ocoee, Florida 34761 on **Monday, August 7, 2023.** The in-person hearing will begin with an open house at 5:30 p.m. A formal presentation will begin at 6 pm., followed by a public comment period. 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.

If you wish to participate in the Public Hearing, please visit the project website at <u>www.Turnpike408to50.com</u> to register for the meeting 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 meeting. 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 in-person. 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 **August 17, 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, <u>www.Turnpike408to50.com</u>. Draft project documents can also be viewed through August 17, 2023, at the Winter Garden Public Library, 800 E. Plant Street, Winter Garden, Florida 34787.

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 the project manager using the contact information below, at least seven (7) days prior to the 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).

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

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