

Florida's Turnpike (SR 91) Widening From North of SR 70 to North of SR 60 St. Lucie, Indian River, Okeechobee, and Osceola Counties, Florida Mile Posts 152-193 | Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study Financial Project ID Number: 423374-2, Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) Number: 14425



Newsletter 2 - April 2024

Alternatives Public Information Meeting 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 north of SR 70 to north of SR 60 in St. Lucie, Indian River, Okeechobee, and Osceola counties. The community is invited to participate in an Alternatives Public Information Meeting about the project. Interested individuals may attend virtually, by phone in listen-only mode, or in person.

Please visit the project website, <u>www.TurnpikeSR70toSR60.com</u>, to register for the Alternatives Public Information Meeting 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 meeting will be posted on the project website after the meeting. Please contact the project manager for assistance in registering.

Project Manager Contact Information

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OPTION 1: VIRTUAL/ONLINE - Wednesday, May 1, 2024 (5:30 p.m.)

We are using the GoToWebinar platform. Once you register, you will receive a confirmation email that includes instructions on how to join the Alternatives Public Information Meeting online. The webinar line will open at 5:30 p.m. with introductions and an informational project video. The Study team will then answer questions received during registration. Please review Public Meeting exhibits on the project website in advance of the meeting. Comments and questions can also be provided to the project manager using your preferred contact method.

For technical assistance during the webinar, please contact <u>TPKMeetingSupport@dot.state.fl.us</u>.

OPTION 2: BY TELEPHONE (Listen Only) - Wednesday, May 1, 2024 (5:30 p.m.)

To join the meeting in listen-only mode, please call 1-877-309-2074 and enter access code 171-044-121. Please review Public Meeting exhibits on the project website in advance of the meeting. The line will open at 5:30 p.m. with introductions and an informational project video. The Study team will then answer questions received during registration. Comments and questions can also be provided to the project manager using your preferred contact method.

OPTION 3: IN-PERSON - Tuesday, May 7, 2024 or Thursday, May 9, 2024 (5:30 - 7:30 p.m.)

Attend in-person at Indian River State College Treasure Coast Public Safety Training Complex, Bailey Auditorium, 4600 Kirby Loop Road, Fort Pierce, Florida, 34981 on May 7 or the Intergenerational Recreation Center, 1590 9th Street SW, Vero Beach, Florida, 32962 on May 9. The in-person meeting will be conducted in an open house format, with no formal presentation. Project exhibits will be on display, and members of the Study team will be available to answer questions. Persons wishing to submit written comments/questions may do so at the meeting venue or by contacting the project manager.



Proposed Improvements

The project consists of the widening of Florida's Turnpike (SR 91) for 41 miles from four to six lanes by adding one outside lane in each direction. There are numerous existing bridge structures being evaluated for widening or reconstruction. Additionally, improvements to the existing SR 60 Interchange (Yeehaw Junction) are being proposed as part of this PD&E Study.



Public Meeting Materials

All materials that will be on display at the in-person meeting location will be available on the project website, <u>www.TurnpikeSR70toSR60.com</u>, on the day of the virtual meeting. This includes project display boards and alternatives roll plots.

Public Participation

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, P.E. by email at Michael.Leo@dot.state.fl.us or at (407) 264-3414 at least seven days (7) prior to the Public 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).

Questions & Comments

Please contact the project manager, Michael Leo, P.E., or Rax Jung, Ph.D., P.E., before or after the Public Information Meeting with questions or comments about the project. While comments and questions will be accepted at any time, we ask that those related to the the Public Information Meeting be submitted by May 23, 2024.



