

## Polk Parkway/SR 570 and Braddock Road Interchange Project

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

## What will be completed as part of the Polk Parkway/State Road (SR 570) widening project?

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is widening Polk Parkway /SR 570 to four lanes, between Old Dixie Highway/County Road (CR) 546 and south of Pace Road and resurfacing the existing four-lane portions between US 92 and Interstate (I-4) in Polk County. This project also includes the construction of a new interchange and electronic toll collecting points at Polk Parkway and Braddock Road.

## What safety improvements will be made as part of the widening project?

The Enterprise is improving local roads with the realignment of the City of Auburndale Water Treatment Plant access road, the neighborhood access road south of Braddock Road and is resurfacing Berkley Road at the Braddock Road intersection.

The Enterprise is resurfacing sections along the Polk Parkway and CR 546 interchange ramps and installing new signage, pavement markings, signalization, lighting, and drainage throughout the project.

## How will this project benefit the surrounding communities?

This project will serve the future traffic needs of Polk County. The additional lanes and upgraded interchange ramps will help reduce congestion and improve the driver's experience. The Polk Parkway and Braddock Road interchange will enhance connectivity to evacuation routes, increase the amount of traffic that can be evacuated during an emergency event, and provide improved access for emergency responders and other key local and state personnel.

#### What is the cost of the widening project?

Construction of this project is approximately \$61.2 million.

#### Where does the funding come from?

This project is funded through toll and concessions revenue from Florida's Turnpike facilities.

# What is the construction schedule?

The project began in early 2022 and is anticipated to be completed in mid-2024.

#### Where can I find more information about this project?

For more information about this project, please visit: <u>https://floridasturnpike.com/turnpike-projects/featured-projects/polk-parkway-widening/</u>.

#### How can I stay updated on this project's progress?

For project-related questions, or to be added to the project's distribution list, contact Community Outreach Specialist Louis Grisoglio at Louis.Grisoglio@dot.state.fl.us or 407-264-3069.