

Widen Suncoast Parkway (SR 589) From South of Van Dyke Road to SR 52

Hillsborough and Pasco Counties, Florida

FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE

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ALTERNATIVES PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

You are invited to an Alternatives Public Information Meeting for the Suncoast Parkway (State Road (SR) 589) Widening from south of Van Dyke Road to SR 52 PD&E Study in Hillsborough and Pasco Counties. There are three participation options to select from:

- Virtual/Online via a computer, tablet or smartphone on June 25, 2024
- By telephone in listen-only mode on June 25, 2024
- In-Person on June 27, 2024

This meeting will give interested persons an opportunity to review the project alternatives being considered, ask questions, and provide comments concerning the conceptual design and potential social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements.

Please visit the project website, <u>www.SuncoastParkwayPDE.com</u>, to register for the Alternatives Public Information Meeting and to select your desired participation option. **Please note that registration works best in the Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Firefox web browser.** The same material will be presented in each participation option. Please contact the Project Manager for assistance registering.

VIRTUAL/ONLINE OPTION - JUNE 25, 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 meeting online. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. with introductions and a project informational 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>.

BY TELEPHONE OPTION – JUNE 25, 2024 (5:30 p.m.)

To join the meeting in listen-only mode, please call 1-415-655-0052 and enter access code 986-650-274. 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 a project informational video. The Study team will then answer questions received during registration. 'By telephone in listen-only mode' participants can provide verbal or written comments directly to the Project Manager, Anil J. Sharma, before or after the Public Information Meeting.

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 Anil J. Sharma at (407) 264-3041 or by email at <u>Anil.Sharma@dot.state.fl.us</u> at least seven days (7) 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).



IN-PERSON OPTION – JUNE 27, 2024 (5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)

You may participate in-person by going to the Hilton Garden Inn Suncoast Parkway located at 2155 Northpointe Parkway, Lutz, FL 33558 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. If the in-person meeting cannot be held on June 27, 2024, due to severe weather or unforeseen conditions, it will be held on the alternate date of July 18, 2024, at the same time and place. 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 project team will be available to answer questions. The same project informational

video played at the virtual meeting will be shown at the in-person meeting, as a looping video. Persons wishing to submit written comments/questions may do so at the meeting venue or by contacting the Project Manager.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The proposed improvements include the widening of Suncoast Parkway (SR 589) from four lanes to eight lanes between south of Van Dyke Road and SR 54 and from four lanes to six lanes between SR 54 and SR 52. Improvements to the existing interchanges and a potential new interchange within the study corridor is also being evaluated. These improvements are being proposed to accommodate increasing traffic volumes generated from anticipated area growth, enhance safety, and improve emergency and evacuation response times.



PUBLIC MEETING MATERIALS

All materials that will be on display at the in-person meeting location will be available for review on the project website, <u>www.SuncoastParkwayPDE.com</u>, in the Public Meeting Exhibit Room the day of the virtual meeting. A recording of the virtual meeting will be posted to the Public Meeting Exhibit Room following the meeting.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Please contact the Project Manager, Anil J. Sharma, at any time before or after the Alternatives Public Information Meeting with questions or comments about the project. While comments and questions will be accepted at any time, we ask that those in connection with these public information meetings are submitted by July 8, 2024.

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