



NEWSLETTER 1 - DECEMBER 2024

PUBLIC KICKOFF MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

You are invited to a Public Kickoff Meeting for the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for Central Polk Parkway East from US 17/92, south of Power Line Road extension, to the future Poinciana Connector (SR 538) in Polk County. There are three participation options to select from:

- Virtual via a computer, tablet or smartphone on December 10, 2024
- By telephone in listen-only mode on December 10, 2024
- In-Person on December 11, 2024

The meeting will give interested persons an opportunity to learn about the project, ask questions, and provide comments concerning the potential social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements.



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

VIRTUAL OPTION - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024 (6:00 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 Public Kickoff Meeting online. The webinar will open at 6:00 p.m. with introductions and an informational project video. The Study team will then answer questions received during registration. For technical assistance during the webinar, please contact TPKMeetingSupport@dot.state.fl.us.

BY TELEPHONE OPTION - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024 (6:00 p.m.)

To join the meeting in listen-only mode, please call (562) 247-8422 and enter access code 834-527-423. The line will open at 6:00 p.m. with introductions and an informational project video. Virtual and telephone attendees will participate in the same virtual Public Kickoff Meeting.

PROJECT MANAGER CONTACT INFORMATION

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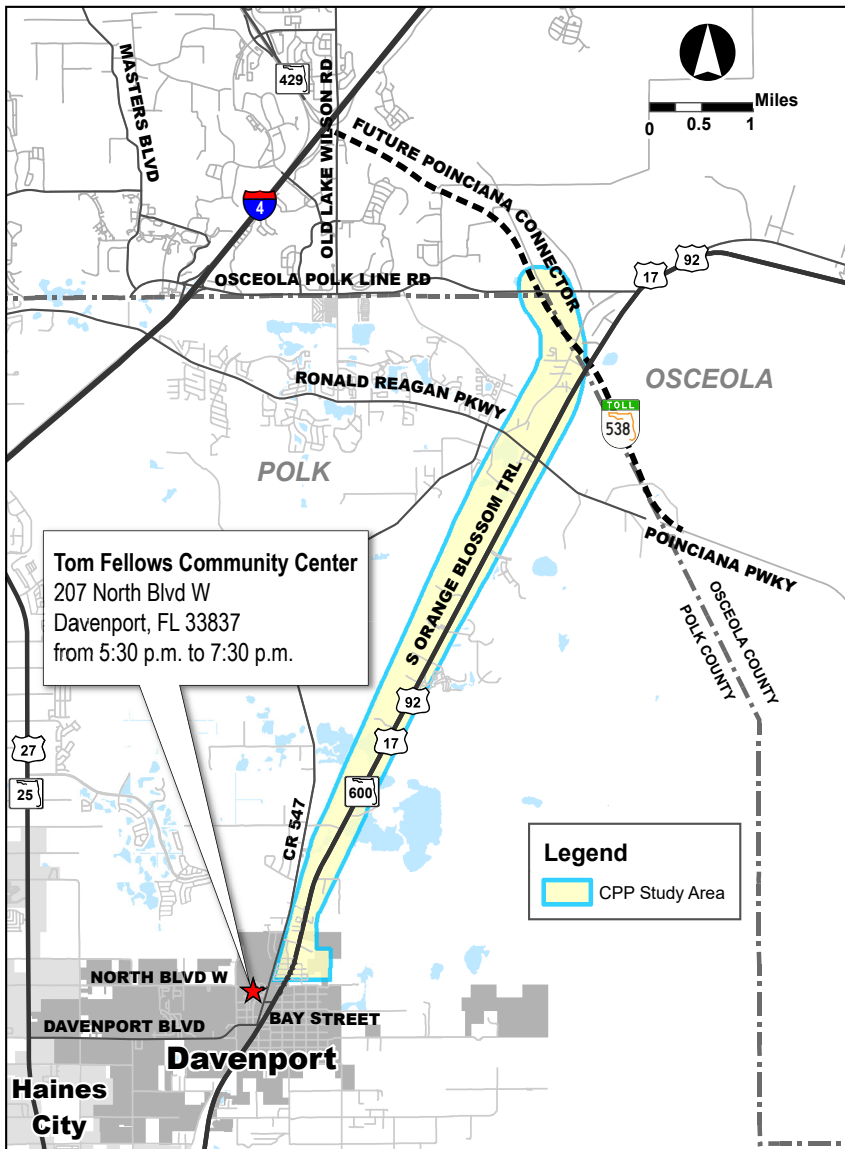
Phone: (407) 264-3298

Email: Jazlyn.Heywood@dot.state.fl.us

IN-PERSON OPTION - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024 (5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)

You may participate in-person by going to the **Tom Fellows Community Center located at 207 North Boulevard West in Davenport, FL** from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The in-person meeting will be conducted in an informal, 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. The same informational project video played at the virtual meeting will be on display at the in-person meeting.

PROJECT LOCATION MAP



WHAT IS A PD&E STUDY?

A PD&E Study is the formal process that develops and compares alternatives to determine a preferred action that meets project needs, while minimizing impacts to the social, cultural, natural, and physical environments. Engaging the public by sharing and receiving information is a key component of this process.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The study will evaluate alternatives for a new tolled, limited-access highway from US 17/92, south of Power Line Road extension, to the future Poinciana Connector (SR 538). Access points will be evaluated at US 17/92, the future Poinciana Connector (SR 538) and another location to be determined. The potential project is being considered to accommodate population growth and travel demand, improve regional connectivity, enhance freight mobility and economic competitiveness, and enhance safety, emergency evacuation and response times.

PUBLIC MEETING MATERIALS

All materials that will be on display at the in-person meeting location will be available on the project website, www.CentralPolkParkwayEast.com, on the day of the virtual meeting. This includes project display boards. A recording of the virtual meeting will be posted to the project website.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Please contact the Project Manager, Jazlyn Heywood, P.E., at any time before or after the Public Kickoff Meeting with questions or comments about the project. All comments and questions will receive a written response. While comments and questions will be accepted at any time, we ask that those in connection with these public kickoff meetings are submitted by December 30, 2024.

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 person who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Jazlyn Heywood, P.E. at (407) 264-3298 or by email at Jazlyn.Heywood@dot.state.fl.us at least seven days (7) prior to the Public Kickoff 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).