

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

Hillsborough and Pasco Counties, Florida

Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study FPID Number: 448068-1-22-01 ETDM Number: 14503



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# PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT

You are invited to a Public Hearing 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 Tuesday, April 8, 2025
- By telephone in listen-only mode on Tuesday, April 8, 2025
- In-Person on Thursday, April 10, 2025

This Public Hearing will give interested persons an opportunity to review the study, 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 Public Hearing 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 - TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025 (6:00 p.m.)

We are using the GoToWebinar platform. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email that includes instructions on how to join the Public Hearing online. The webinar will begin at 6:00 p.m. with introductions and a formal presentation, followed by a formal comment period. If you desire to make a verbal statement, your microphone will be unmuted by the hearing moderator at the appropriate time. Please review Public Hearing exhibits on the project website in advance of the hearing. Comments and questions can also be provided to the Project Manager using your preferred contact method. For technical assistance during the webinar, please contact <a href="mailto:TPKMeetingSupport@dot.state.fl.us">TPKMeetingSupport@dot.state.fl.us</a>.

## BY TELEPHONE OPTION - TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025 (6:00 p.m.)

To join the virtual Public Hearing in listen-only mode, please call 1-866-901-6455 and enter access code 547-281-948. Please review Public Hearing exhibits on the project website in advance of the Public Hearing. The virtual Public Hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. with introductions and a formal presentation, followed by a formal comment period. If you select this option, you will be unable to provide a verbal comment during the formal comment period. 'By telephone in listen-only mode' participants can provide verbal or written comments directly to the Project Manager, Greg Moore, P.E. before or after the Public Hearing.

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 Greg Moore, P.E. at (407) 264-3075 or by email at <a href="mailto:Greg.Moore@dot.state.fl.us">Greg.Moore@dot.state.fl.us</a> 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 - THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025 (5:30 p.m.)

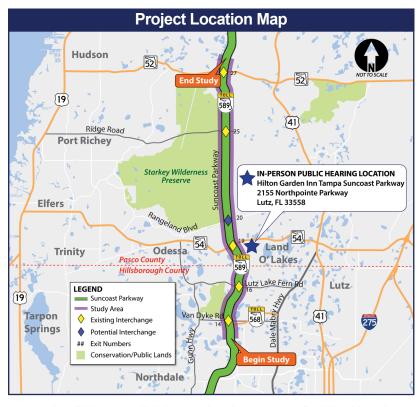
You may participate in-person by going to the Hilton Garden Inn Tampa Suncoast Parkway located at 2155 Northpointe Parkway, Lutz, FL 33558. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. The hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. with introductions and a formal presentation, followed by a formal comment period. If you desire to make a verbal statement during the formal comment period, you will be asked to complete a Speaker Request Card. Verbal comments can also be made directly to a Court Reporter. 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 hearing will be shown at the in-person hearing. People wishing to submit written comments/questions may do so at the hearing 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 north of SR 54 and from four lanes to six lanes between north of SR 54 and SR 52. Improvements to the existing interchanges and a new interchange within the study corridor is also proposed. These improvements are being proposed to accommodate increasing traffic volumes generated from anticipated area growth, enhance safety, and improve emergency and evacuation response times.

# PROJECT DOCUMENTS & PUBLIC HEARING MATERIALS

Draft project documents are available for review through April 24, 2025, at the Starkey Ranch Theatre Library Cultural Center, 12118 Lake Blanche Drive, Odessa, FL 33556. Draft project documents are also available on the



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

#### **QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

Please contact the Project Manager, Greg Moore, P.E., at any time before or after the Public Hearing with questions or comments about the project. While comments and questions will be accepted at any time, we ask that those in connection with the Public Hearing are submitted or postmarked on or before April 24, 2025 to be included in the Public Hearing Record.

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