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| **For Immediate Release**April 15, 2025 | **Contact: Ivette Ruiz-Paz**(407) 264-3321 | Ivette.Ruiz-Paz.@dot.state.fl.us  |

**Alternatives Public Information Meeting Notice**

*Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise to Host Alternatives Public Information Meeting for the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for Central Polk Parkway East from US 17/92 to Poinciana Connector (SR 538) in Polk County*

**OCOEE, Fla. —** The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise will hold an Alternatives Public Information Meeting for the **Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for Central Polk Parkway East from US 17/92, south of the Power Line Road extension, to the future Poinciana Connector (SR 538) in Polk County (Financial Project Identification Number 451419-1).**

**The Alternatives Public Information Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 2025 (virtual), and from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 (in-person).**

Interested persons may participate in the meeting in the following ways:

1. Virtually from a computer, tablet, or phone on **Monday, April 21, 2025**. Participants attending virtually may join the Alternatives Public Information Meeting in listen-only mode by calling 1-415-930-5321 and entering access code 161-413-255 when prompted. Virtual/online and telephone attendees will participate in the same virtual Alternatives Public Information Meeting; or
2. In-person by going to the Tom Fellows Community Center, 207 North Boulevard West, Davenport, FL 33837 on **Tuesday, April 22, 2025**.The in-person meeting will be conducted in an informal open-house format.

If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, please visit the project website at [www.CentralPolkParkwayEast.com](http://www.CentralPolkParkwayEast.com) to register. Please note that registration works best in Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Safari, or Firefox web browsers. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email that includes instructions on how to join. The information presented at all attendance options will be the same.

Registration is not required for in-person attendance.

Persons wishing to submit public comments or questions may do so whether attending virtually or at the in-person location. Those who are unable to participate in the meeting may submit comments by contacting the Project Manager, Jazlyn Heywood, P.E., using the contact information provided below. All comments received on or before **Friday,** **May 2, 2025**, will be included in the records for the Alternatives 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 who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Jazlyn Heywood at the contact information below, at least seven (7) days prior to the Alternatives Public Information 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).

If you have any questions about the project or the scheduled meeting, please contact:

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