

Central Polk Parkway East From SR 60 to US 17/92



Polk County, Florida - Alternative Corridor Evaluation (ACE)

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CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVES PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

You are invited to a Corridor Alternatives Public Information Meeting for the Central Polk Parkway East Alternative Corridor Evaluation (ACE) from SR 60 to US 17/92 in Polk County. There are three participation options to select from:

- Virtual/Online via a computer, tablet or smartphone on May 5, 2025
- By telephone in listen-only mode on May 5, 2025
- In-Person on May 7, 2025

The meeting will give interested persons an opportunity to view the corridor alternatives, and review project goals, community benefits, and project schedule. Interested persons will also be able to ask questions and provide comments concerning the corridor alternatives, and potential social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements.

Please visit the project website, www.CentralPolkParkwayEast.com, to register for the Corridor Alternatives Public Information Meeting virtually/online. 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 with registering.

VIRTUAL/ONLINE OPTION - MAY 5, 2025 (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 Corridor Alternatives Public Information Meeting online. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. with introductions and an informational project video. The project team will then answer questions received during registration. For technical assistance during the webinar, please contact *TPKMeetingSupport@dot.state.fl.us*.

BY TELEPHONE OPTION - MAY 5, 2025 (6:00 p.m.)

To join the meeting in listen-only mode, please call (914) 614-3221 and enter access code 479-904-421. The line will open at 6 p.m. with introductions and an informational project video. The project team will then answer questions received during registration. Virtual and telephone attendees will participate in the same virtual Corridor Alternatives Public Information Meeting.

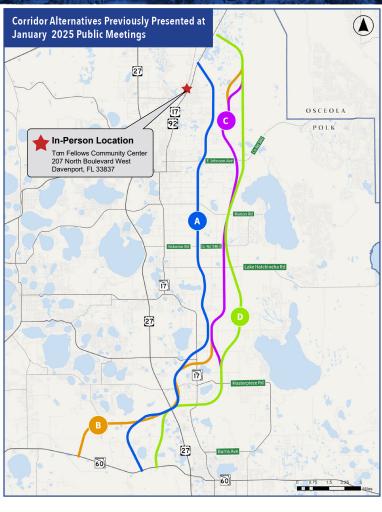
Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Jazlyn Heywood, P.E. at (407) 264-3298 or by email at Jazlyn.Heywood@dot.state.fl.us at least seven days (7) prior to the 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 - MAY 7, 2025 (4:30 p.m.)

You may participate in-person by going to the **Tom Fellows Community Center, located at 207 North Boulevard West, Davenport, FL 33837, from 4:30 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 project team will be available to answer questions. The same informational project video played at the virtual meeting will be shown at the inperson meeting. Registration is not required for inperson attendance.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Florida Department of Transportation, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, is conducting an Alternative Corridor Evaluation (ACE) for a new north-south facility in Northeastern Polk County. The ACE, a planning-level study, will identify a potential corridor location for a new tolled, limited-access highway connecting SR 60 and US 17/92. The proposed highway will provide a direct link to Interstate 4 and SR 429 (Western Beltway) through the future Poinciana Connector (SR 538). It would serve as a high-speed, alternate travel route to US 27, where heavy traffic congestion regularly impacts the communities now and is forecasted to get worse due to population growth and increased travel demand. The four potential corridors under evaluation (A, B, C, D) are shown in the map to the right. Since then, the Enterprise has refined the corridor alternatives based on stakeholder feedback and will present them at the public meetings in May 2025.



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 and a recording of the virtual meeting.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Please contact the Project Manager, Jazlyn Heywood, P.E., 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 information meetings be submitted by May 19, 2025.

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