



Central Polk Parkway East Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Studies From US 27 to North of US 17/92

Polk County, Florida



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Florida Department of Transportation, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, is conducting three Project Development and Environment (PD&E) studies for a tolled, limited-access highway in northeastern Polk County. This new route would begin at US 27 and connect to Interstate 4 and State Road (SR) 429 (Western Beltway) via the future Poinciana Connector (SR 538).

PROJECT NEEDS

US 27 is already experiencing heavy congestion, and traffic is expected to increase as the county continues to grow. The new highway would offer a high-speed alternative route, helping to relieve congestion on US 27 and surrounding local roads.

STUDY SEGMENTS

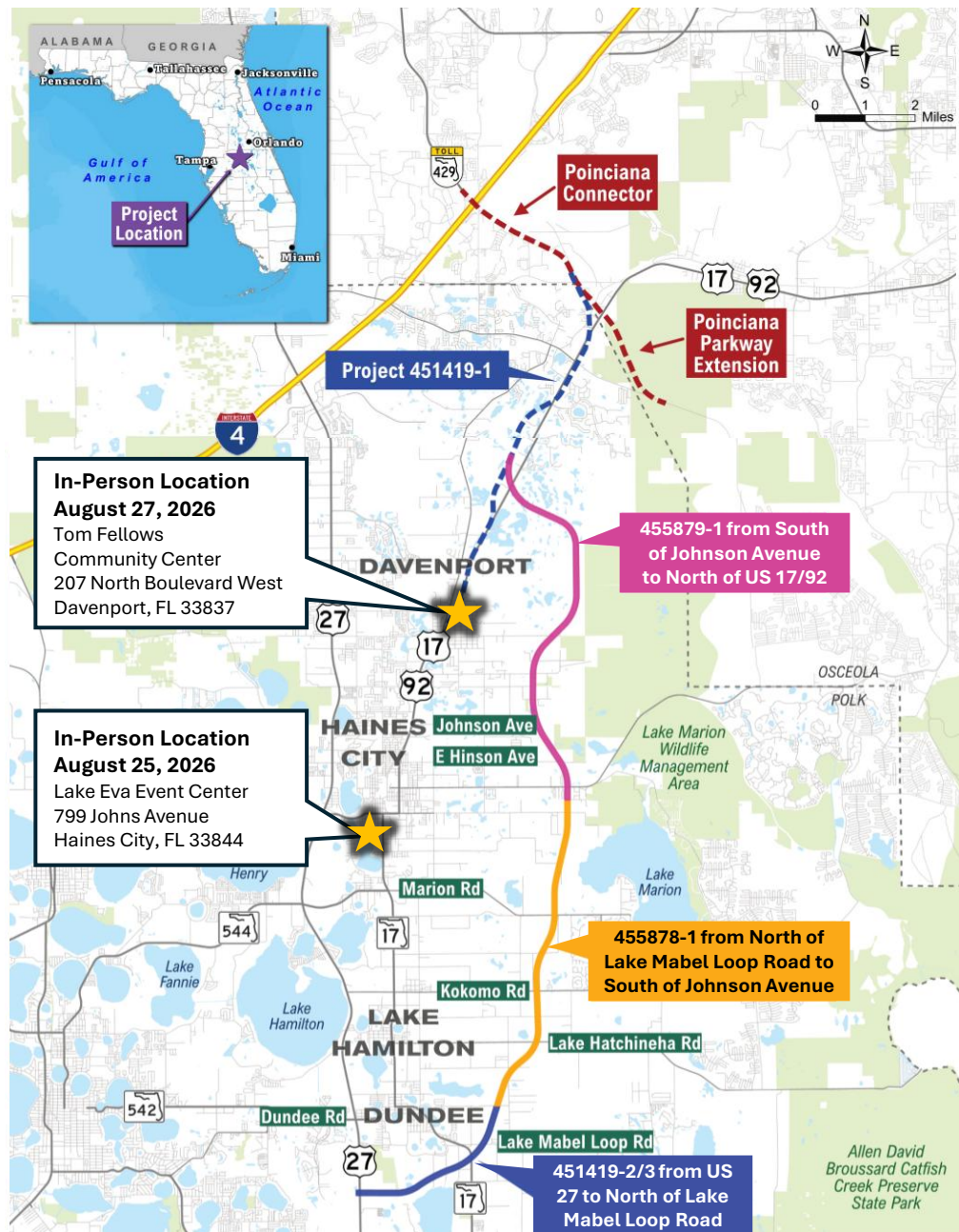
A route for the proposed highway was identified through an Alternative Corridor Evaluation (ACE), and the selected corridor was presented during public meetings held in December 2025. The project is now in the PD&E study phase. During this phase, the final highway alignment and interchange configurations will be identified. Three PD&E studies are underway, one for each segment as shown on the map to the right.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We encourage you to stay involved in this important project! To receive updates and meeting invitations, simply email the project manager and ask to be added to the project mailing list.

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 Georges, P.E. at (407) 264-3298 or by email at Jazlyn.Georges@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, (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, visit our website at: www.CentralPolkParkwayEast.com





PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

You are invited to the Alternatives Public Information Meeting for Central Polk Parkway East from US 27 to north of US 17/92 in Polk County. The meeting will give interested persons an opportunity to view the proposed alternatives and review project goals, community benefits, and project schedule. Interested persons will also be able to ask questions and provide comments concerning the proposed improvements, and potential social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. Please visit the project website, www.CentralPolkParkwayEast.com, to register to attend the Alternatives Public Information Meeting virtually. Please note that registration works best in the Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Firefox web browsers. Please contact the Project Manager for assistance with registering.

VIRTUAL OR TELEPHONE: 6:00 p.m. AUGUST 24, 2026

We are using the Microsoft Teams platform. Once you register, you will receive a confirmation email that includes instructions on how to join the Alternatives Public Information Meeting virtually. 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.

To join the meeting in listen-only mode, please call 1-850-739-5589 and enter access code 268-392-689# when prompted. Virtual and telephone attendees will participate in the same virtual Alternatives Public Information Meeting.

IN PERSON: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. AUGUST 25, 2026 OR AUGUST 27, 2026

You may participate in-person by going to the Lake Eva Event Center, 799 Johns Avenue, Haines City, FL 33844 on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. or the Tom Fellows Community Center located at 207 North Blvd. W., Davenport, FL 33837 on Thursday, August 27, 2026 between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The in-person meeting will be conducted in an informal, open house format. Project exhibits will be on display and members of the project team will be available to answer questions. Registration is not required for in-person attendance.

PUBLIC MEETING MATERIALS

The information presented at all attendance options will be the same. 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.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Please contact the Project Manager, Jazlyn Georges, 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 related to the public information meetings be submitted by September 8, 2026.

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