

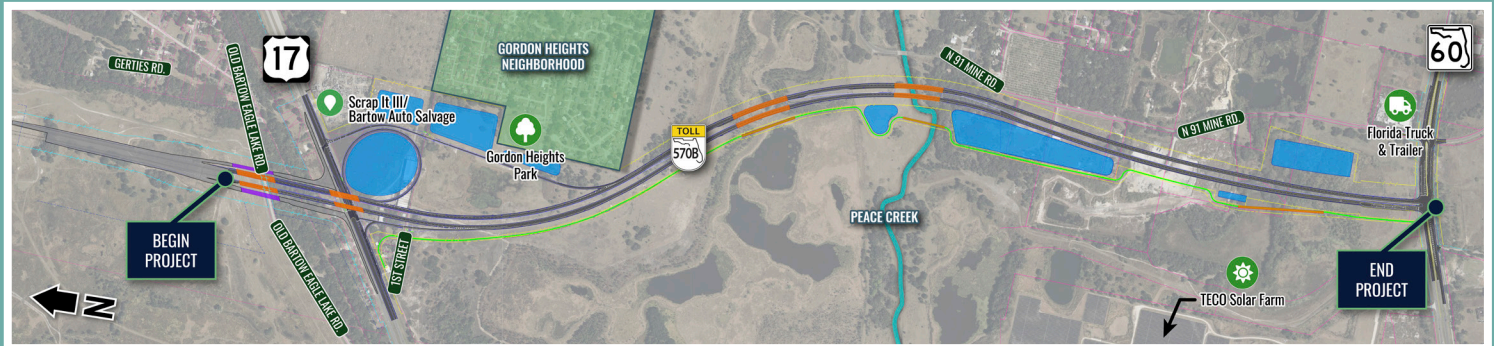
CENTRAL POLK PARKWAY (SR 570B) from US 17 (SR 35) to SR 60



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Project Overview



The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) is planning to construct improvements that are designed to accommodate traffic capacity on the Central Polk Parkway and interchanges to meet anticipated traffic demand. These improvements include a new four-lane, limited access toll road with an interchange at US 17, an intersection at SR 60, and a multiuse trail adjacent to the new roadway. This extension of the Central Polk Parkway will

connect to the section of the Central Polk Parkway project to the north scheduled to begin construction in early 2023, providing a direct connection to I-4 via the Polk Parkway (SR 570). This will reduce travel times to Tampa and Orlando, improve freight movements, and relieve congestion on SR 60 and US 98. The proposed multiuse trail will provide a scenic path overlooking native Florida landscapes that will ultimately connect to the regional trail network.

Project Background

In March 2015, the Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) identified and prioritized an extension of Ernest Smith Blvd. from US 17 (SR 35) to SR 60 in the 2040 Momentum Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) as a new highway. Building on the Polk TPO's plan, FTE began a study in 2018 for the Central Polk Parkway, from US 17 to SR 60. The FTE study ended in August 2021 and identified a Preferred Alternative study concept for the Central Polk Parkway corridor. This Preferred Alternative was a four-lane, limited access toll road with an interchange at US 17,

an intersection at SR 60, and a multiuse trail adjacent to the roadway. In December 2021, the Central Polk Parkway connection between US 17 and SR 60 was included as part of the Polk TPO's Momentum 2045 LRTP. Currently under design, refinements from its Preferred Alternative study concept include an optimized interchange configuration at US 17 and shifting the alignment of the multiuse trail to provide a more intuitive connection to the regional trail network in the future.

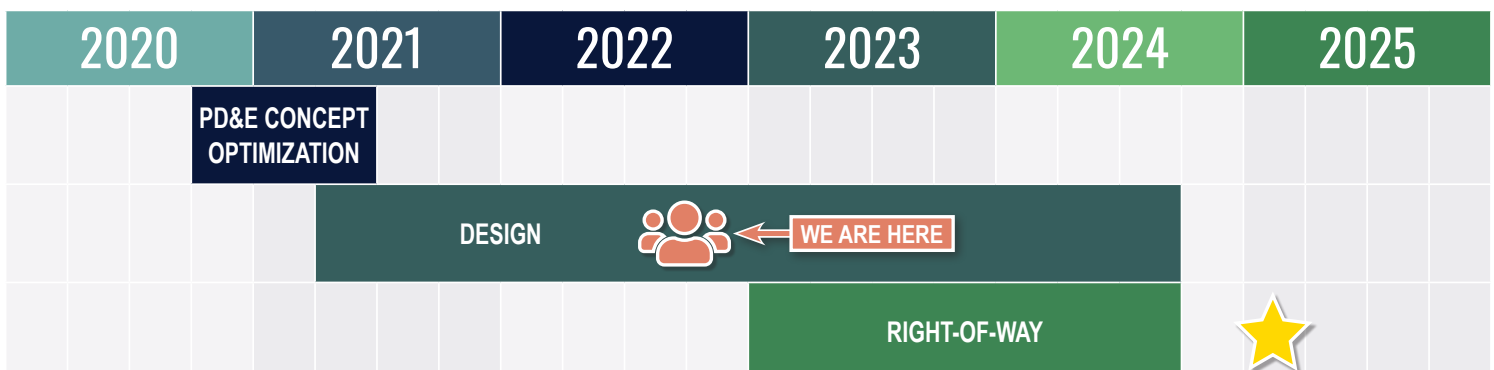
Project Schedule



Public Information Meeting



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* Events on this schedule are subject to change.

DESIGN PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) invites you to participate in a Design Public Information Meeting for the Central Polk Parkway (SR 570B) from US 17 (SR 35) to SR 60 project.

This meeting will give interested persons an opportunity to review the project design and ask questions about the proposed improvements.

ATTEND THE VIRTUAL MEETING

Monday, December 5, 2022, 5:30 P.M.

Attend virtually via a computer, tablet, smartphone, or by telephone in listen-only mode by visiting the project website, www.CentralPolkParkway.com or scan the QR code to the right. Please note that registration works best in the Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Firefox web browser.





Dial-in attendees may join as listen-only participants by calling +1 (562) 247-8422 and using access code 505-035-231 when prompted.

The virtual meeting will consist of a brief presentation about the project, followed by a Q&A session.

Contact Us

We encourage you to participate in the Central Polk Parkway (SR 570B) from US 17 (SR 35) to SR 60 project Public Information Meeting. If you have questions or comments regarding the project or participating in the meeting, please contact FDOT Project Representative, Pam Nagot, PE or visit the project website at the link below.

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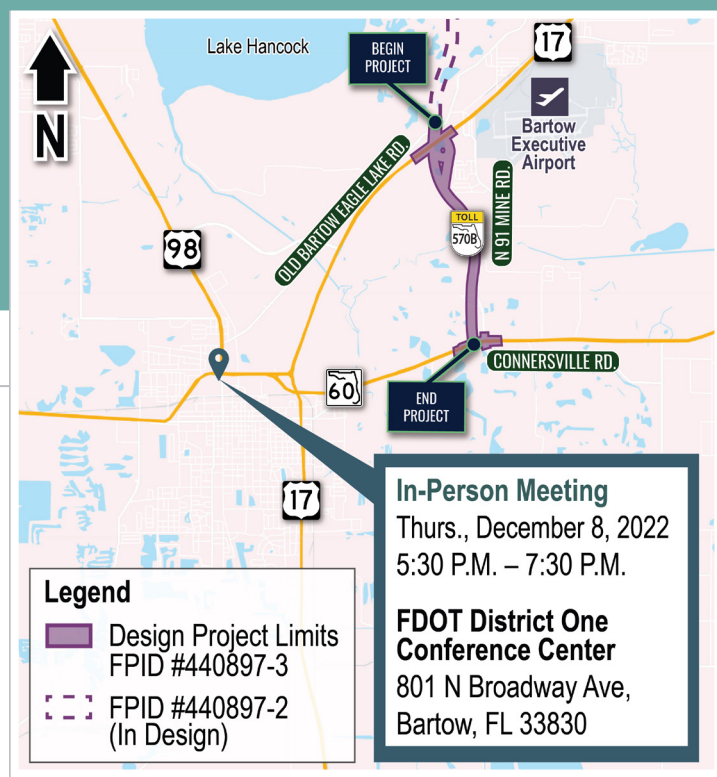
ATTEND THE IN-PERSON MEETING

Thursday, December 8, 2022, 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

FDOT District One Conference Center

801 N Broadway Ave, Bartow, FL 33830

The in-person meeting will be in an open house format without a formal presentation.



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 Pamela Nagot, (407) 264-3043, at least seven (7) days prior to the 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).