



Design Public Hearing Notice

Widen Florida's Turnpike (SR 91) from Neptune Road to North of Osceola Parkway



Osceola County, FL
Financial Project Identification Numbers: 436194-1 and 436194-3

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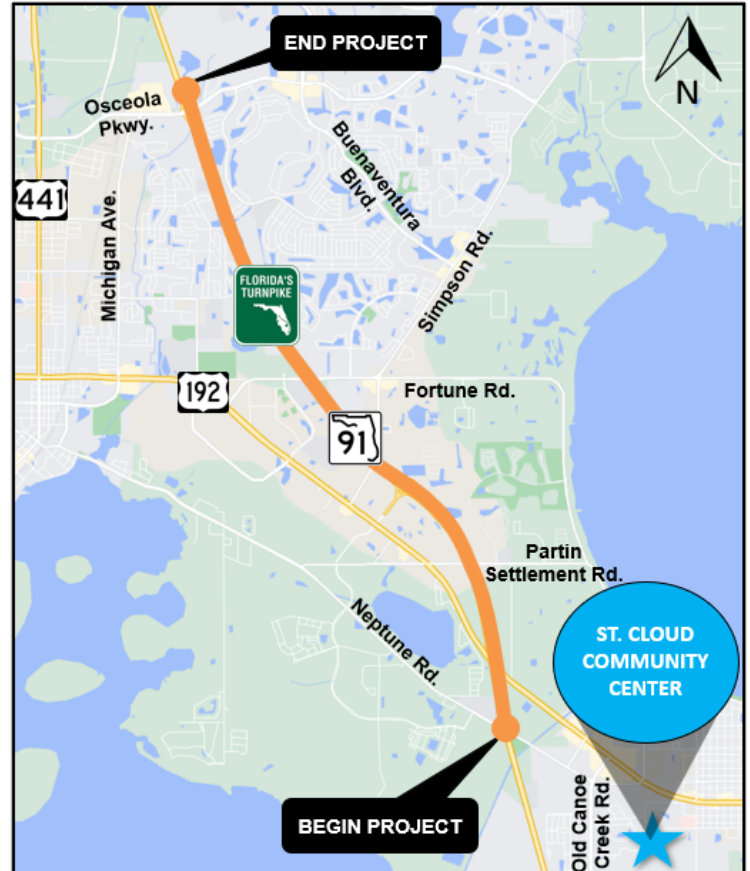
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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is widening Florida's Turnpike from north of Neptune Road (Milepost 241) to north of Osceola Parkway (Milepost 249). The purpose of this project is to improve capacity and access along the Florida's Turnpike mainline (SR 91), and interchanges. Construction of the improvements is anticipated to begin in Fiscal Year 2024.

The proposed improvements include widening the roadway from four lanes to eight lanes and adding a median-separating barrier wall. Additional enhancements include a northbound on-ramp, southbound on-ramp and southbound off-ramp at the SR 500/US 192/US 441 interchange, the replacement of existing bridges crossing the mainline, cross-street modifications to accommodate bridge replacements, operational improvements to the Osceola Parkway Interchange, installation of Electronic Toll Collection structures, signage and pavement markings, Intelligent Transport Systems and lighting upgrades, drainage improvements, and noise walls.

The objective of this Public Hearing is to address changes in the design from the Project Development and Environment Study (PD&E) related to the number of travel lanes on the mainline Turnpike.

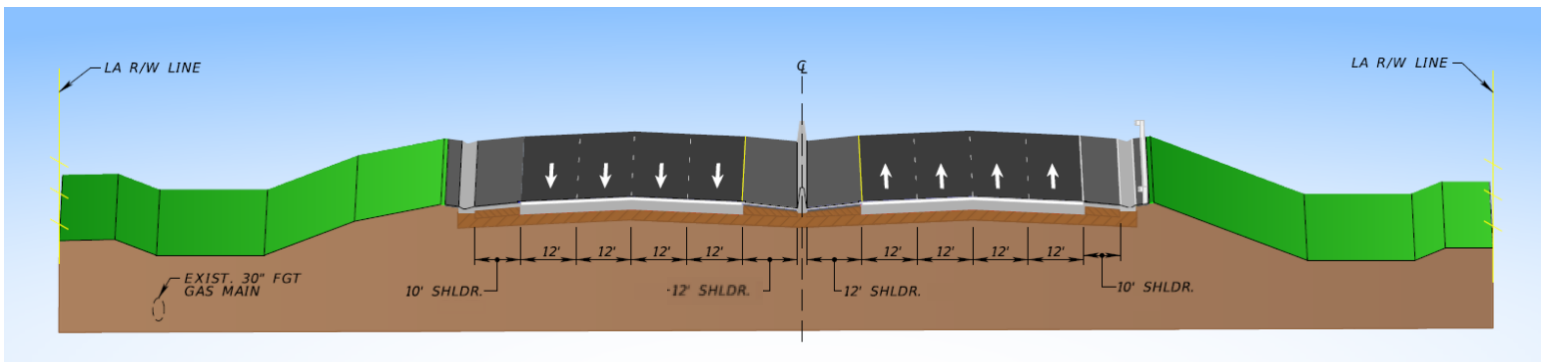


Website: www.TurnpikeNeptunetoOsceola.com

IN-PERSON PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, March 29, 2023, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
St. Cloud Community Center
3101 17th Street, St. Cloud, FL 34769

Figure 1 – Proposed Turnpike Mainline



The proposed Turnpike mainline configuration in Figure 1, consists of four 12-foot lanes, a 10-foot outside shoulder, and a 12-foot inside shoulder in both the northbound and southbound directions. Most of the proposed widening will occur along the inside lanes, with minor widening to the outside lane. Additionally, a concrete barrier wall located in the median will separate opposing lanes of traffic.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Virtual Hearing

Monday, March 27, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Attend via a computer, tablet, or smartphone, or by telephone in listen-only mode

In-Person Hearing

Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Attend at the St. Cloud Community Center
3101 17th Street, St. Cloud, FL 34769

The virtual Public Hearing will begin with a formal presentation at 5:30 p.m. followed by a public comment period. The in-person Public Hearing will begin with an informal open house at 5:30 p.m., continue with a formal presentation at 6:00 p.m., and conclude with a public comment period.

Please visit the project website, www.TurnpikeNeptunetoOsceola.com, to register for the Public Hearing and to select your participation option. Please note that registration works best in the Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Firefox web browsers.

Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email that includes instructions on how to join the virtual hearing online. To join the virtual hearing in listen-only mode, please call **(416) 655-0060** and enter access code **186-516-803**.

Public Hearing Materials

Public Hearing materials will be available for review on the project website on the day of the virtual hearing. A video recording of the virtual hearing will be posted on the project website in the "Documents" section following the event.

Project Documents

Information related to project documents will be provided at Hart Memorial Central Library, located at 211 E. Dakin Avenue, Kissimmee, FL 34744, for public review. The documents will be available, March 8, 2023, until March 29, 2023.

For more information, please contact:

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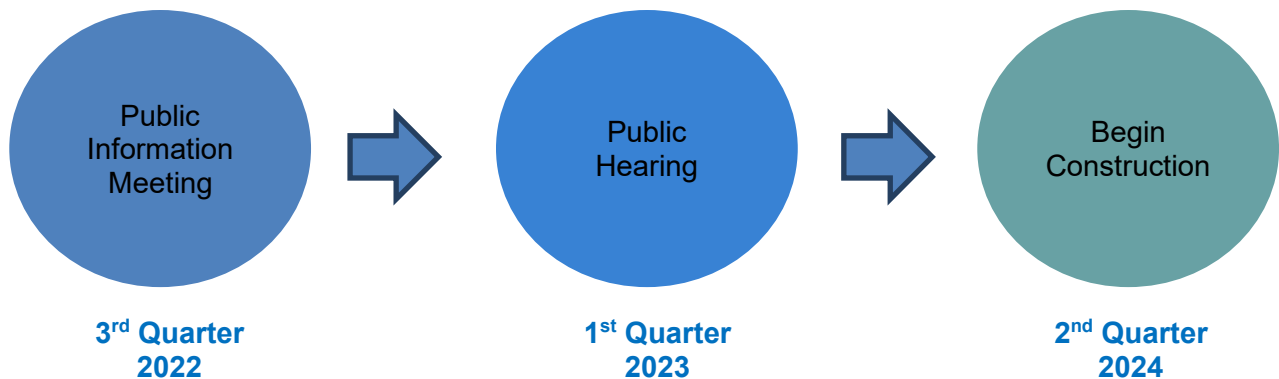
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Questions and Comments

The formal comment period at the Public Hearing is reserved for statements only. Any questions will be answered either before or after the Public Hearing's formal comment period. Persons wishing to submit written or verbal statements may do so at the hearing or may contact the Project Manager, Suman Juluru. All statements provided or postmarked on or before April 8, 2023, will become a part of the Public Hearing record.

PROJECT SCHEDULE



TITLE VI/NON-DISCRIMINATION PROGRAM - POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Florida Department of Transportation, under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Age Discrimination Act of 1975; Section 324 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973; Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987; and related statutes and regulations, that no person in the United States shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability/handicap, or income status, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination or retaliation under any federally or non-federally funded program or activity administered by the Department or its sub-recipients.