



POINCIANA PARKWAY EXTENSION CONNECTOR PD&E STUDY

Newsletter 3 – April 2023

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PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT

You are invited to a Public Hearing for the Poinciana Parkway Extension Connector (SR 538) from County Road (CR) 532 to the Interstate 4 (I-4)/State Road (SR) 429 interchange in Polk and Osceola Counties. There are three participation options to select from:

OPTION 1: Virtual/Online via a computer, tablet or smartphone on **Tuesday, April 25, 2023**

OPTION 2: By telephone in listen-only mode on **Tuesday, April 25, 2023**

OPTION 3: In-Person on **Thursday, April 27, 2023**

The Public Hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m. on both days and will include a formal presentation followed by a public comment period. Please visit the project website, www.PoincianaExtension.com, to register for the Public Hearing and to select your desired participation option. **Please note that registration works best in the Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Firefox web browsers.** The same material will be presented in each participation option. Please contact the Project Manager for assistance registering.

PUBLIC HEARING MATERIALS

All materials that will be on display at the in-person location, including draft project documents, will be available for review on the project website, www.PoincianaExtension.com, starting April 4, 2023, through May 12, 2023. Document locations are listed on the back of this newsletter.

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OPTION 1: VIRTUAL/ONLINE – Tuesday, April 25, 2023 (5:30 p.m.)

Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email including instructions on how to join the Public Hearing online. During registration you will be asked if you want to make a verbal statement during the formal comment period. If you desire to make a verbal statement, your microphone will be unmuted by the hearing moderator at the appropriate time. Any questions will receive a response in writing at a later date. We are using the GoToWebinar platform for the online option. Please review the Public Hearing exhibits on the project website in advance of the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing webinar will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a formal presentation and informational video followed by the formal comment period. For technical assistance during the webinar, please contact TPKMeetingSupport@dot.state.fl.us.

OPTION 2: BY TELEPHONE – Tuesday, April 25, 2023 (5:30 p.m.)

To join the Public Hearing in listen-only mode, please call 951-384-3421 and enter access code 953-499-982. Please review the Public Hearing exhibits on the project website in advance of the hearing. The line will open at 5:30 p.m. with a formal presentation and informational video followed by the formal comment period, which is limited to statements only. Any questions will receive a response in writing at a later date. You can provide comments on the website or directly to the Project Manager, Michael Leo, before or after the Public Hearing.

OPTION 3: IN-PERSON – Thursday, April 27, 2023 (5:30 p.m.)

Attend in-person at the **AdventHealth Nicholson Center, 404 Celebration Place, Celebration, Florida 34747**. During registration, you will be asked if you want to make a verbal statement during the public comment period; you can also request to speak at the venue. If you desire to make a verbal statement, you will be called to a microphone by the hearing moderator at the appropriate time. You will also be able to provide your verbal statements directly to a court reporter. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for review of the presentation boards and project documents, and staff will be available to answer questions before the formal Public Hearing. The formal Public Hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by the formal comment period.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

Proposed improvements include extending the planned Poinciana Parkway from CR 532 to the Interstate 4 (I-4)/SR 429 interchange as a new six-lane expressway, modifying the I-4/SR 429 interchange and increasing the capacity of SR 429 from I-4 to Sinclair Road. This project will provide the missing link in the expressway system between Poinciana Parkway and I-4, improve travel time reliability, and enhance safety.

The Public Hearing will provide an opportunity for the community to learn more about the preferred alternative and provide input. The No-Build option will remain viable through end of the study. No decisions will be made until after the Public Hearing.

PROJECT DOCUMENTS

Draft project documents are available for public review beginning April 4, 2023, through May 12, 2023, at the following locations:

West Osceola Branch Library

305 Campus Street

Celebration, Florida 34747

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday – Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

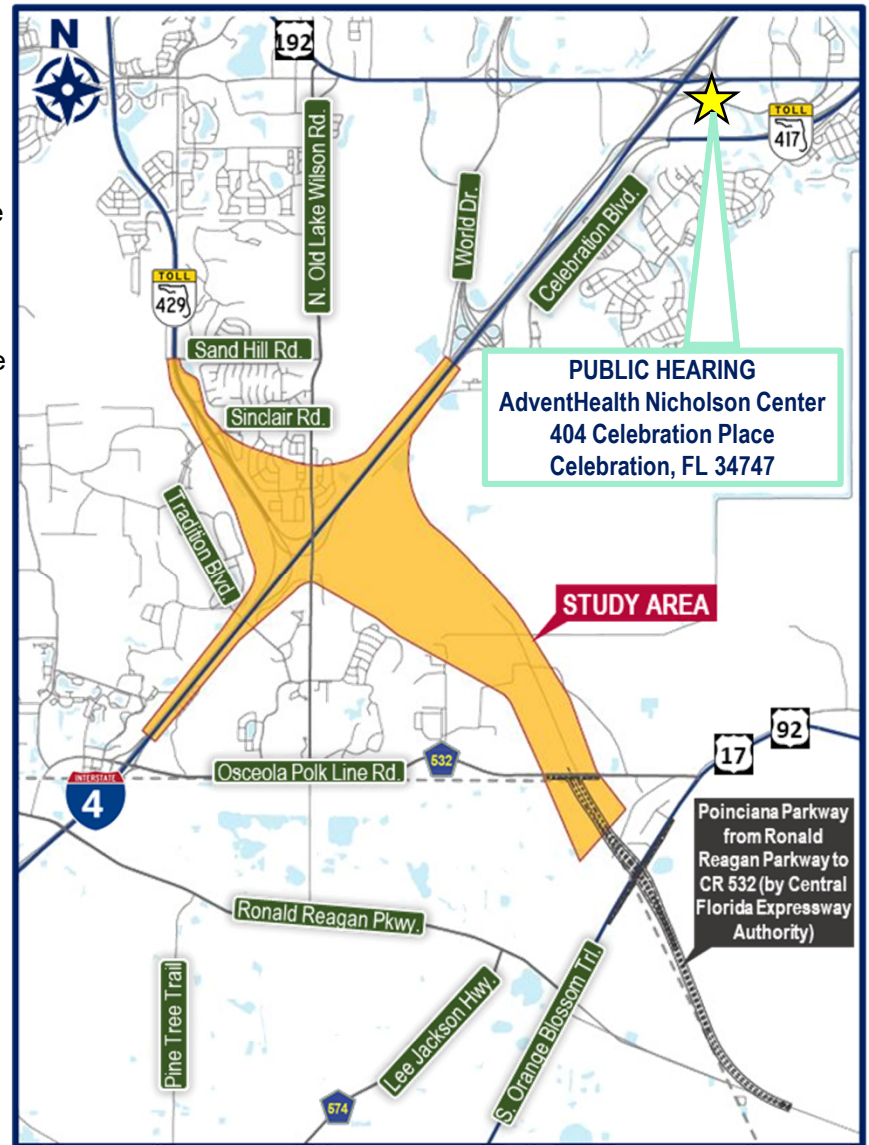
Haines City Public Library

111 North 6th Street

Haines City, Florida 33844

Monday - Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Project Location Map

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

The formal comment period at the Public Hearing is reserved for statements only. Questions will not be answered during 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, Michael Leo, All statements provided or postmarked on or before **May 12, 2023**, will become a part of the Public Hearing record.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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 Michael Leo, P.E., at least seven days prior to the Public Hearing. 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). The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C § 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and FDOT.