



# 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 an 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 January 14, 2025
- By telephone in listen-only mode on January 14, 2025
- In-Person on January 15, 2025

The meeting is being held to present the public with the project overview, project goals, community benefits, potential alternative corridors and project schedule, and allow interested persons an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

Please visit the project website, [www.CentralPolkParkwayEast.com](http://www.CentralPolkParkwayEast.com), to register for the Corridor Alternatives Public Information Meeting and to select your desired participation option. **\*\*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 – JANUARY 14, 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 meeting online. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. with introductions and a project informational video. The project team will then answer questions received during registration. For technical assistance during the webinar, please contact [TPKMeetingSupport@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:TPKMeetingSupport@dot.state.fl.us).

### BY TELEPHONE OPTION – JANUARY 14, 2025 (6:00 p.m.)

To join the meeting in listen-only mode, please call 1-562-247-8321 and enter access code 407-440-138. The line will open at 6:00 p.m. with introductions and a project informational 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 at (407) 264-3298 or by email at [Jazlyn.Heywood@dot.state.fl.us](mailto: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).*

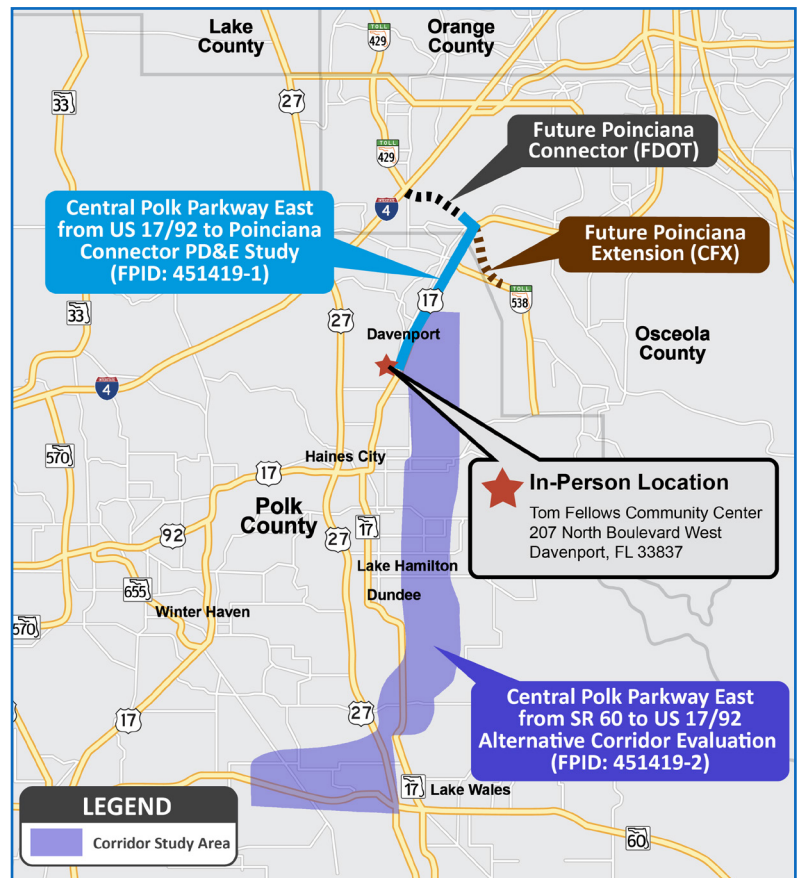
**For more information, visit our website at: [www.CentralPolkParkwayEast.com](http://www.CentralPolkParkwayEast.com)**

## IN-PERSON OPTION – JANUARY 15, 2025 (5:30 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 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** The in-person meeting will be conducted in an 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 project informational video played at the virtual meeting will be shown at the in-person meeting, as a looping video.

### ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), 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 proposed highway is currently being referred to as the Central Polk Parkway East and could extend nearly 28 miles within the corridor study area shown in the map.



### 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](http://www.CentralPolkParkwayEast.com), on the day of the virtual meeting. This includes project display boards. A recording of the virtual meeting will be posted to the project website.

### QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Please contact the Project Manager, Jazlyn Heywood, PE, at any time before or after the Corridor Alternatives Public Information Meeting with questions or comments about the project. While comments and questions will be accepted at any time, we ask that those in connection with these public information meetings are submitted by January 27, 2025.

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