

## Central Polk Parkway East From U.S. 27 to U.S. 17/92

Polk County, Florida

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## **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

The Florida Department of Transportation, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, is evaluating a tolled, limited-access highway in northeastern Polk County. This new route would begin at U.S. 27 and connect directly to Interstate 4 and State Road (S.R.) 429 (Western Beltway) via the future Poinciana Connector (S.R. 538).

### WHY IS THE PROJECT NEEDED

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

## **CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVES**

Four initial corridors (A, B, C, and D) were presented for public input in January 2025. The options were narrowed to Corridors E and F and presented for public input in May 2025. A refined Corridor F has been selected to move forward into the Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study phase. Corridor F will be presented for additional public input in December 2025. The selection was guided by stakeholder input and planning-level engineering and environmental evaluations.



## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

As the PD&E Study progresses, we'll continue engaging with the community through events such as a public meetings and formal public hearings.

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).

## **PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

You are invited to a Selected Corridor Public Information Meeting for Central Polk Parkway East from U.S. 27 to U.S. 17/92 in Polk County. The meeting will give interested persons an opportunity to view the selected corridor, and review project goals, community benefits, and project schedule. Interested persons will also be able to ask questions and provide comments concerning the selected corridor, and potential social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements.

Please visit the project website, www.CentralPolkParkwayEast.com, to register to attend the Selected Corridor Public Information Meeting virtually. 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 with registering.

## VIRTUAL OR TELEPHONE DECEMBER 15, 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 Corridor Alternatives Public Information Meeting online. 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 (914) 614-3221 and enter access code 479-904-421. The line will open at 6 p.m. with introductions and an informational project 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.

# IN-PERSON DECEMBER 17, 2025 | 4:30-7:30p.m.

You may participate in-person by going to the Tom Fellows Community Center, located at 207 North Boulevard West, Davenport, FL 33837, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The in-person meeting will be conducted in an informal, 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 informational project video played at the virtual meeting will be shown at the in-person meeting. Registration is not required for in-person attendance.

#### **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, 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 January 6, 2026.

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