

Task Force Meeting — Northern Turnpike Connector

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, July 22, 2020, 9:30 A.M.

LOCATIONS:

1. Online: GoToWebinar www.FloridaMCORES.com/events-calendar

2. Physical Locations:

Hilton Ocala
3600 SW 36th Avenue
Ocala, FL 34474

Building Alliance Banquet Hall
1196 S Lecanto Highway
Lecanto, Florida 34461

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will conduct a meeting of the Florida Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) Task Force for the Northern Turnpike Connector, which extends from the northern terminus of the Florida Turnpike northwest to the Suncoast Parkway. The agenda of this meeting will include:

- Review public engagement activities
- Establish initial consensus on high-level needs
- Discuss and refine draft guiding principles
- Discuss draft instructions for project development and beyond
- Review draft report outline and report drafting process
- Review corridor planning activities
- Receive public comment

This meeting will be conducted through the GoToWebinar platform for Task Force members and for those who prefer to participate virtually. In addition, two in-person locations will be available for public viewing for those who wish to participate in person. Those who attend in person will be encouraged to wear facemasks and are required to comply with all local rules and ordinances regarding social distancing; please see floridahealth.gov for current public health advisories. Masks and hand sanitizer will be provided for those who need them. The room will be sanitized before and throughout the meeting and will be arranged to meet social distancing guidelines, per the CDC. If you have been feeling unwell or have been exposed to COVID-19, please plan to attend the online version of the meeting.

Registration for the public is available at www.FloridaMCORES.com/events-calendar by clicking on the date of the meeting.

Persons wishing to provide live public comments must indicate their desire to do so on the online registration page or in-person using speaker cards at the physical locations. Live comments will be taken at the end of the meeting at approximately 3:00 P.M., through the GoToWebinar platform and subsequently from the physical locations. Comments also may be submitted anytime to FDOT.Listens@dot.state.fl.us. All comments will be part of the public record. Live comments will be limited to three minutes per person.

The Florida Department of Transportation may adopt the result of this planning effort into the environmental review process, pursuant to Title 23 U.S.C. § 168(4)(d) for the state project development process.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. People who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Jennifer Stults at Jennifer.Stults@dot.state.fl.us, or (407) 264-3808. 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).

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Jennifer Stults at Jennifer.Stults@dot.state.fl.us, or (407) 264-3808.

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