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Turnpike to seek input during Aug. 26 public hearing for proposed Turnpike widening from SR 874 to SR 836 in Miami-Dade

FORT LAUDERDALE — The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, will hold a public hearing to solicit input and present the results of a Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) study for the proposed widening of the Homestead Extension of Florida's Turnpike from SR 874 (Don Shula Expressway) to State Road 836 (Dolphin Expressway) in Miami-Dade County.

The public hearing will be held Tuesday, Aug. 26, at the Reception Palace Ballrooms located at 14375 SW 42nd Street (Bird Road).

The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. with an informal open house in which the public can review maps, drawings and other materials. Attendees may also talk about the project one-on-one with the engineers. The open house will be followed at 7 p.m. by a formal presentation of the preferred alternative and by a public comment period.

The hearing is being conducted to provide the public an opportunity to express their views on location, concept design and social, economic and environmental effects of the project. Comments may be submitted either verbally or in writing.

Florida's Turnpike proposes to widen the Turnpike to eight and ten lanes; improve the interchanges at Kendall Drive, Bird Road and Southwest 8th Street; reconfigure the Bird Road toll plazas; and construct sound barrier walls at selected locations.

For additional information regarding the meeting or project, contact Henry Pinzon, P.E., Project Manager, at Florida's Turnpike Enterprise by calling (407) 264-3803, or by writing to Mr. Pinzon at Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, P.O. Box 613069, Ocoee, Florida 34761-3069, or via e-mail at: henry.pinzon@dot.state.fl.us. Written comments postmarked by Sept. 5 will become part of the project's public record.