



**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
POLK PARKWAY / PACE ROAD INTERCHANGE  
POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA  
FINANCIAL PROJECT NUMBER: 416537-2  
AUGUST 22, 2006



The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, has scheduled a Public Hearing for the construction of a new Polk Parkway interchange at Pace Road. **The meeting will be held at the Lakeland Police Department Community Room, 219 North Massachusetts Avenue, Lakeland, Florida 33801 on Tuesday, August 22, 2006.** This new interchange is being constructed in cooperation with the City of Lakeland, Polk County, and local development interests to address approved growth, including the University of South Florida Lakeland Campus.

This hearing is being held as part of the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study that is underway for the project. The hearing will consist of an open house and participants are welcome to come anytime between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The formal portion of the Public Hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. involving a project presentation followed by a public comment period. This hearing will be conducted to afford interested persons the opportunity to express their views concerning the toll rate, location, conceptual design, and the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed interchange. The proposed interchange will provide access to approved development in this area, such as the University of South Florida Lakeland Campus. Information regarding the widening of the Polk Parkway between US 92 and I-4 will be available for public review.

A Toll Rate Public Hearing will also be held as part of the public hearing to allow the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed toll rates for the Pace Road interchange.

Maps, drawings and other pertinent information developed by the FDOT will be available for public inspection at the hearing. FDOT representatives will be on hand to discuss the project and to answer any questions.

This Hearing will be held in accordance with Chapter 120, Florida Statutes and Section 339.155, Florida Statutes. Impacts to wetlands and floodplains are being considered under Executive Orders 11990 and 11988. The project is being developed in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended. Under Title VI and Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act, any person(s) or beneficiary who believes they have been subjected to discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, or familial status may file a written complaint with the FDOT's Equal Opportunity Office, 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450 or contact the Title VI/Title VIII Administrator, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, PO Box 613069, Ocoee, Florida 34761-3069.

Project documents developed by Florida's Turnpike Enterprise will be available for public review on August 1 until September 1, 2006 at the Lakeland City Hall, Community Development Department, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 228 South Massachusetts Avenue, Lakeland, Florida 33801. These materials will also be available on August 22, 2006 at the Public Hearing beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Anyone needing special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 should contact Ms Catherine Bradley, PE, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting, by telephone at 407-264-3802, email at [catherine.bradley@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:catherine.bradley@dot.state.fl.us), or by writing to her at Florida's Turnpike Enterprise at P.O. Box 613069, Ocoee, Florida 34761-3069.

Persons desiring to submit written statements or exhibits may do so at the meeting. Written statements or exhibits may also be submitted as part of the meeting if postmarked by September 1, 2006 to Mr. Mike Van Der Heyden, PE, Project Manager, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, P.O. Box 613069, Ocoee, Florida 34761-3069, or by email at [mike.vanderheyden@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:mike.vanderheyden@dot.state.fl.us).

