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Florida's Turnpike Enterprise to hold public information "open house" Thursday regarding proposed Turnpike widening from SR 836 to SR 874

FORT LAUDERDALE — The Florida Department of Transportation, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, has scheduled a public information meeting to discuss the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for the widening of the Homestead Extension of Florida's Turnpike (HEFT) from State Road 836 to State Road 874 in Miami-Dade County.

The meeting will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 27, at the Florida DOT District Six Auditorium, 1000 NW 111th Avenue, Miami, Florida, 33172.

The Turnpike is developing and analyzing alternatives for widening the HEFT to ten lanes plus auxiliary lanes for traffic entering and exiting at various interchanges. Alternative configurations of the interchanges at Southwest 88th Street (Kendall Drive), Southwest 40th Street (Bird Road) and Southwest 8th Street (Tamiami Trail / US 41) will be presented. A new partial interchange with access to and from the north is also being considered at Southwest 104th Street (Killian Parkway). Alternatives for the Bird Road mainline toll plazas, which include the use of high speed SunPass-only lanes, also will be presented.

Maps, drawings, and other pertinent information will be available and the public will have the opportunity to review the documents on display, ask questions of staff and provide comments. Turnpike representatives will be available to answer questions and discuss the project.

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