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## Florida's Turnpike to hold all-electronic public hearing (webinar) Thursday, Feb. 18, for new 'Toll-by-Plate' electronic tolling system

FORT LAUDERDALE — The Florida Department of Transportation, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, will hold a public hearing at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, to provide the public the opportunity to comment and provide testimony on the administrative rules regarding the new Toll-by-Plate electronic toll collection process, associated administrative charges and toll-rate changes on the Turnpike System.

Toll-by-Plate is a toll collection system for vehicles without SunPass, where cameras snap photos of a vehicle's license plate and a bill is mailed to the registered vehicle owner. It will be implemented on Florida's Turnpike from the U.S. 1 interchange in Florida City (Exit 1) to the County Line Road interchange in Miramar (Exit 47) in early 2011, when cash toll collections will be eliminated on this stretch of the Turnpike.

In an effort to make it easier for more people to participate, the public hearing will be conducted as a webinar — a live presentation over the internet that allows attendance from a personal computer. During the webinar, participants will be able to provide comments and testimony both orally and in writing.

Pre-registration for the public hearing webinar is required; to pre-register, and for tips on how to attend the webinar, please visit: [www.floridasturnpike.com/all-electronictolling/publicmeeting.html](http://www.floridasturnpike.com/all-electronictolling/publicmeeting.html)

It is recommended that people pre-register for the webinar as early as possible. After pre-registering, those planning to participate 'live' at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, should log into the webinar at least 15 minutes before the scheduled time to allow their computer to download any needed software. Also, participants may need additional time to access the webinar over their internet connection.

For those unable to attend on Feb. 18, a complete audio and visual recording of the workshop will be posted on the Turnpike Web site at: [www.floridasturnpike.com/all-electronictolling/publicmeeting.html](http://www.floridasturnpike.com/all-electronictolling/publicmeeting.html)

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Public comments and testimony will become part of the hearing's public record if submitted during the 14-day comment period ending March 5, 2010.

Interested persons with no computer or internet access, or no email account, can attend the webinar at one of the five access locations provided around the state. These participants can attend the webinar via the computer, screen and microphone provided at following locations:

- Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Headquarters Auditorium, Turnpike Mile Post 263, Building 5315, Ocoee
- Florida DOT, District 6 Auditorium, 1000 N.W. 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami
- Florida DOT, District 4 Auditorium, 3400 West Commercial Boulevard, Ft. Lauderdale
- Florida DOT, District 7 Executive Conference Room, 11201 North Malcolm McKinley Drive, Tampa
- Florida DOT, District 1, Human Resources Training Room, 801 N. Broadway, Bartow

For more information about all-electronic open road tolling on Florida's Turnpike and Toll-by-Plate, visit the Web site at [www.FloridasTurnpike.com/all-electronictolling](http://www.FloridasTurnpike.com/all-electronictolling) or call 1-800-749-PIKE (7453).