Welcome

Welcome to the Alternatives Public Meeting for the “Beyond I-4 Ultimate” Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Reevaluation Study. This study is a reevaluation of PD&E studies that were previously done 12 to 15 years ago. The section from State Road 435 (Kirkman Road) to State Road 434 in Orange and Seminole Counties received approval from the Federal Highway Administration and construction will begin later this year. This segment is referred to as the I-4 Ultimate Section and will be reconstructed to include the addition of express lanes.

FDOT is updating the previously approved documents to extend the express lanes beyond the I-4 Ultimate section, from US 27 in Polk County to SR 435 (Kirkman Road) in Orange County and from SR 434 in Seminole County to SR 472 in Volusia County. These 40 miles of I-4 have been further broken down into 5 segments shown below.

Segment 1: From CR 532 to the Beachline Expressway (SR 528)
Segment 2: From the Beachline Expressway (SR 528) to Kirkman Road (SR 435)
Segment 3: From SR 434 to US 17/92
Segment 4: From US 17/92 to SR 472
Segment 5: US 27 to CR 532

Tonight’s meeting focuses on the PD&E reevaluation study for Segment 2, from SR 528 (or the Beachline Expressway) to SR 435 (or Kirkman Road) in Orange County. FDOT is doing this reevaluation in order to match the I-4 Ultimate section. The previous evaluation and documents assumed two high occupancy vehicle lanes in addition to the general use lanes. The current concept considers four express lanes. Many of the environmental regulations have changed and we’ll look at environmental aspects to make sure current guidelines are still met. Many of the pond locations that were previously vacant land, have been developed. New pond locations will be evaluated.

The PD&E process will follow the policies and procedures outlined in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and will consider all components of developing a transportation project including development and evaluation of engineering alternatives; project costs; impacts to the natural, physical and social environment; and public input.
FDOT is conducting this meeting to explain the study process, present the project alternatives and seek your input. Members of the project team are available to answer your questions and receive your input. Project display materials are available throughout the meeting room and an automated presentation is available for you to view.

**WHAT’S NEXT**
After the Alternatives Public Meeting, we will take all input received from the meeting to further refine the concept alternatives, estimate potential impacts, and develop mitigation strategies. From these alternatives, a concept will be further refined and presented at the public hearing, which is scheduled for the summer of 2014.

After receiving your input at the public hearing, the preferred alternative will be approved by Florida Department of Transportation and sent to the Federal Highway Administration for final concurrence. At this point, the project is eligible to move into future phases, including final design.

**PROJECT LOCATION MAP**

**PROJECT SCHEDULE**
We began this PD&E reevaluation study for Segment 2 in the Spring of 2013 and we expect it to be completed in the fall of 2014. The public hearing is scheduled to be held in the summer of 2014, with Federal Highway approval anticipated by the end of 2014.