



## Florida Department of Transportation

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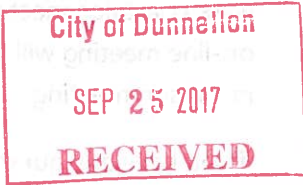
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SECRETARY

September 21, 2017

Mr. Lonnie Smith, Community Development Director  
City of Dunnellon Community Development  
20750 River Dr.  
Dunnellon, FL 34431

RE: Agency Kick-off Meeting  
Coastal Connector, Alternative Corridor Evaluation (ACE) Study  
Financial Project Identification Number: 437371-1  
Citrus and Marion Counties, Florida



Dear Mr. Smith:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is in the planning phase of the Coastal Connector, a high level study that will evaluate new transportation corridor alternatives in Citrus and Marion Counties. The study will establish a new vision for transportation by incorporating emerging transportation technologies to improve freight movement, address seasonal congestion, accommodate projected growth, and plan for emergency evacuation to create *Florida's Next Generation Corridor*.

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise will hold an Agency Kick-off Meeting for the subject study at two locations in October. The meetings will take place at the locations and dates noted below. The information will be the same at each meeting.

### Citrus County

Date: October 12, 2017  
Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Place: College of Central Florida,  
Citrus Conference Center  
3800 S. Lecanto Highway  
Lecanto, FL 34461

### Marion County

Date: October 18, 2017  
Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Place: Hilton Ocala  
3600 SW 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Ocala, FL 34474

There will also be a Public Kick-off Meeting held on the same dates (October 12, 2017 and October 18, 2017) at the same locations from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. You are welcome to attend either or both meetings. The meetings will be held as an informal open-house with an informational video, display boards and maps available for review. A copy of the Kick-off Meeting notice which includes a location map for the Kick-off Meetings, project study area and other important information about the meeting is enclosed.

In the event that the subject meetings cannot be held due to severe weather or other unforeseen conditions, they will be held at the same times on the alternate dates of October 19, 2017, at the College of Central Florida, Citrus Conference Center, and October 25, 2017, at the Hilton Ocala.

If you cannot attend the meeting in person, please join us by visiting the study website at [www.coastalconnector.com](http://www.coastalconnector.com) starting on October 12, 2017, for an online version of the meeting. The on-line meeting will be accessible anywhere, anytime, and will provide the same information as the in-person meeting.

If you have any questions about the study or the scheduled meetings, please contact:

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Sincerely,



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Environmental Management Office

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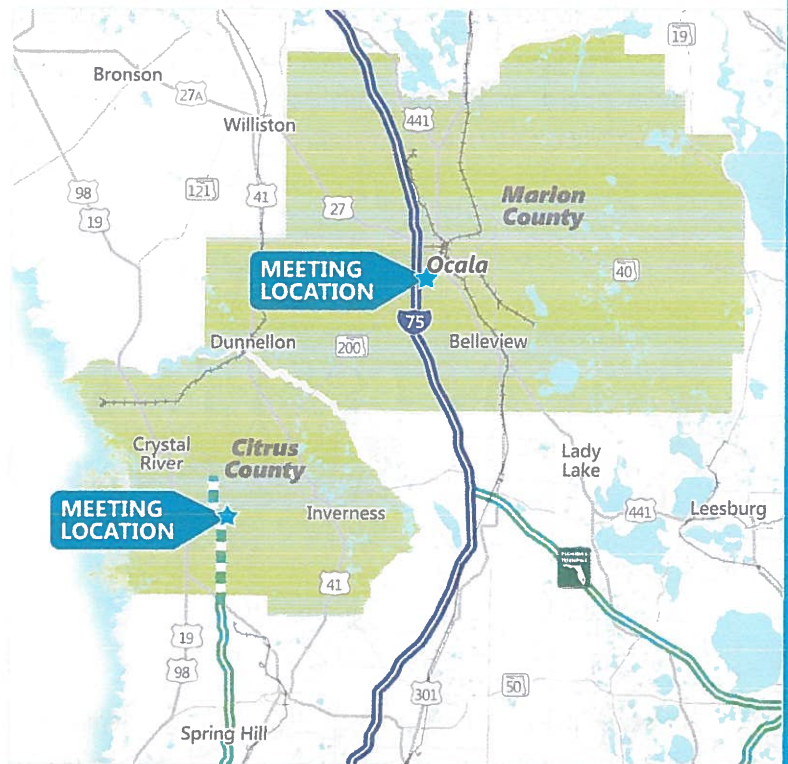
Enclosure: Kick-off Meeting Notice

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Ocala, FL 34474
- ☎️ (352) 854-1400

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Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Ms. Rebecca Bolan, P.E., Project Manager, at least seven (7) days prior to the Public Kick-off Meeting.

If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800) 955-8770 (Voice).