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Wilbur Dean
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Levy County Board of County Commissioners
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Re: **Northern Turnpike Extension**
Turnpike (SR) 91 Extension at Northern Terminus in Citrus, Levy, Marion, and Sumter Counties, Florida
Financial Project Identification Number: 449743-2
Efficient Transportation Decision Making Number: 14480

Dear Mr. Dean:

Thank you for contacting the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) regarding the Northern Turnpike Extension project. We've received your correspondence and appreciate the Levy County Board of County Commissioners reaching out with their concerns. Board Resolution 2021-151 along with the signed petition from local residents will be documented in the project record and evaluated by the project team. We also thank you for the opportunity to update the Board during your December 21, 2021 meeting.

Currently, the project is in the planning phase and is following the FDOT's Alternative Corridor Evaluation (ACE) process and the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) process, both of which evaluate and compare corridor alternatives. While all options are still in consideration, four initial alternative corridors have been developed. A No-Build is also an option and will be evaluated during the PD&E Study. Alternatives will be evaluated on environmental factors, as well as their ability to enhance regional connectivity, address regional congestion and safety, accommodate increased travel demand, and improve hurricane evacuation.

Starting at Florida's Turnpike Mainline and the I-75 interchange, the planning level analysis used to develop the initial corridors considered minimizing impacts to the natural environment and communities while also considering previous studies and reports within the study area.


The department will follow all requirements of the PD&E process and will continue to work in partnership with local governments, environmental and community organizations, and the public to consider innovative concepts to combine right-of-way acquisition with the acquisition of lands or easements to facilitate environmental mitigation or ecosystem, wildlife habitat, or water quality protection or restoration. Additional analysis will be used to refine corridors during the ACE and PD&E phases that will avoid and minimize impacts to communities and environmentally sensitive features to the extent possible.

If you need additional information, our project manager William "Billy" Burke can be reached at 407-264-3142 and william.burke@dot.state.fl.us; and I can be reached at 407-264-3808 and jennifer.stults@dot.state.fl.us. You can also obtain current project information by visiting the project website: www.floridasturnpike.com/NTE.

We would also be happy to provide additional board briefings or presentations at major milestones as the study progresses.

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Sincerely,



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