

Poinciana Parkway Southport Connector

Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

From Pleasant Hill Road to Florida's Turnpike

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Public Kick-off Meetings – September 10, 2013 and September 12, 2013

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to evaluate corridors for a limited access roadway from Pleasant Hill Road to Florida's Turnpike in Osceola County (see project location map below). The study will identify and evaluate transportation alternatives for providing connectivity and reducing congestion in the Poinciana community.

There are two public kick-off meetings scheduled for this project. The information provided will be the same at both locations.

Tuesday, September 10, 2013

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Association of Poinciana Villages, Inc.

395 Marigold Avenue

Poinciana, Florida 34759

Thursday, September 12, 2013

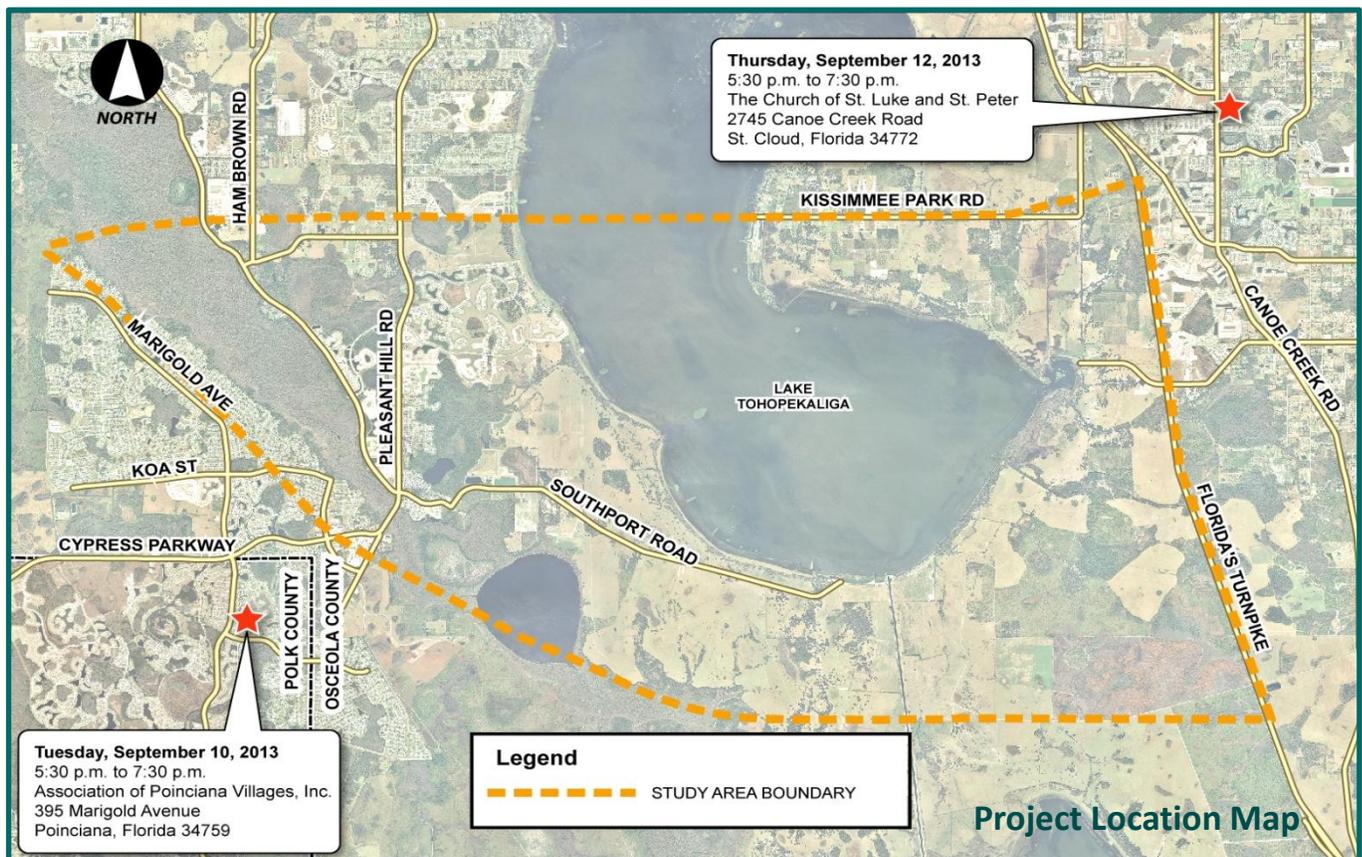
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Church of St. Luke and St. Peter

2745 Canoe Creek Road

St. Cloud, Florida 34772

Public participation is encouraged and 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. Eileen LaSeur, Consultant Public Involvement Coordinator at QCA, by telephone 407-883-8257 or via email at Eileen@QCAusa.com at least seven (7) days before the meeting. For additional information concerning the project please contact Mr. Alex Hull, P.E., Consultant Project Manager at Inwood Consulting Engineers, Inc. by phone at 407-971-8850 or via email at ahull@inwoodinc.com.



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What is a PD&E Study?

A Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study is an environmental and engineering process developed by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to determine social, economic, natural and physical environmental impacts associated with a proposed transportation improvement project. The process follows procedures set forth in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and federal and state laws and regulations. It requires the combined efforts of professional engineers, planners and scientists who collect and analyze project-related information to develop the best solution for transportation needs. The process used in the development of the project is made up of several components. These include:

- Data Collection
- Alternatives Analysis (including the no-build alternative)
- Selection of preferred alternative(s)
- Public and agency involvement

A range of alternatives will be considered for this project. The No-Build or No-Project alternative will remain a valid alternative throughout the study process. Under the No-Build alternative, no improvements would be made.

How Can You Get Involved?

There will be a series of public meetings and a public hearing for this study. As dates for these meetings are scheduled, information will be available on the project website and in local newspapers, and notices will be sent to local officials, agencies, businesses, property owners and interested persons on the mailing list.

Two public kick-off meetings will be conducted for this study; one on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 and one on Thursday, September 12, 2013 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the locations shown on the first page of this newsletter. The information provided will be the same at both locations. Each meeting will be an informal open house where participants are welcome to come at any time between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Display maps illustrating the project corridors being studied, the project schedule, and other information will be available for public review and comment. Project representatives will be present during the specified hours to informally discuss the project, receive public input, and answer questions.

For more information about this project, or to schedule a group meeting, please contact one of the following:

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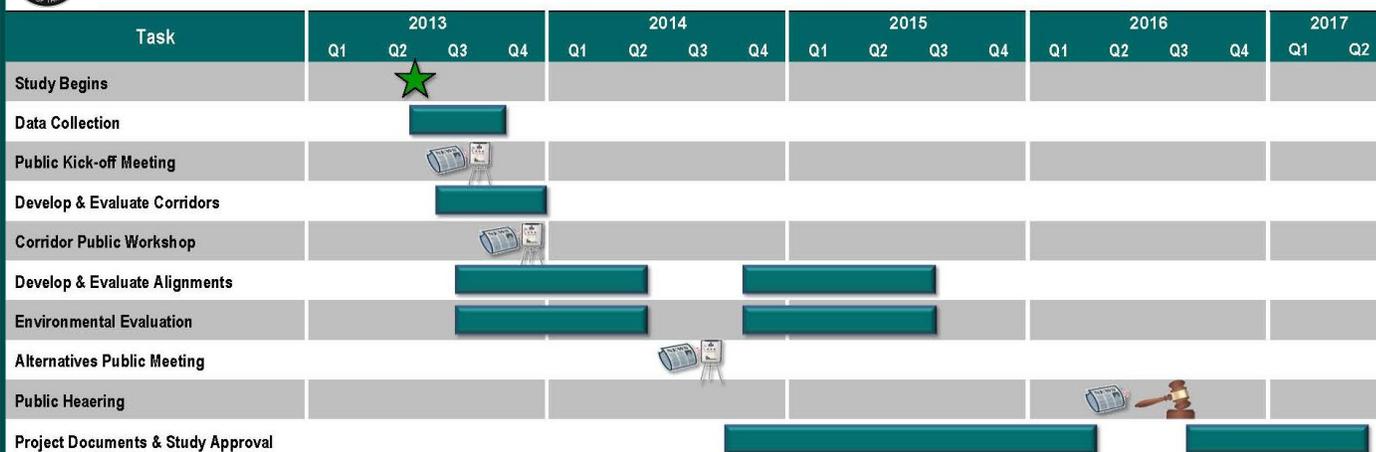
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For a Spanish version of this newsletter, please contact Eileen LaSeur at Eileen@QCAusa.com.

You may also visit our website at www.southportconnector.com within 48 hours of the public kick-off meeting.



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= Newsletter



= Public Information Meeting



= Public Hearing

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