



S.R. 544 (Havendale Boulevard) Improvements

From S.R. 600 (U.S. 92) to 8th Street NW (U.S. 17)

July 2026

Polk County - FPID No.: 454941-1

PUBLIC MEETING

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, invites you to the State Road (S.R.) 544 (Havendale Boulevard) from S.R. 600 (U.S. 92) to 8th Street NW (U.S. 17) Public Meeting on **Tuesday, August 11, 2026**. The in-person public meeting (open house format) will begin at 5:00 p.m. The virtual meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. For your convenience, FDOT is providing two ways to participate:

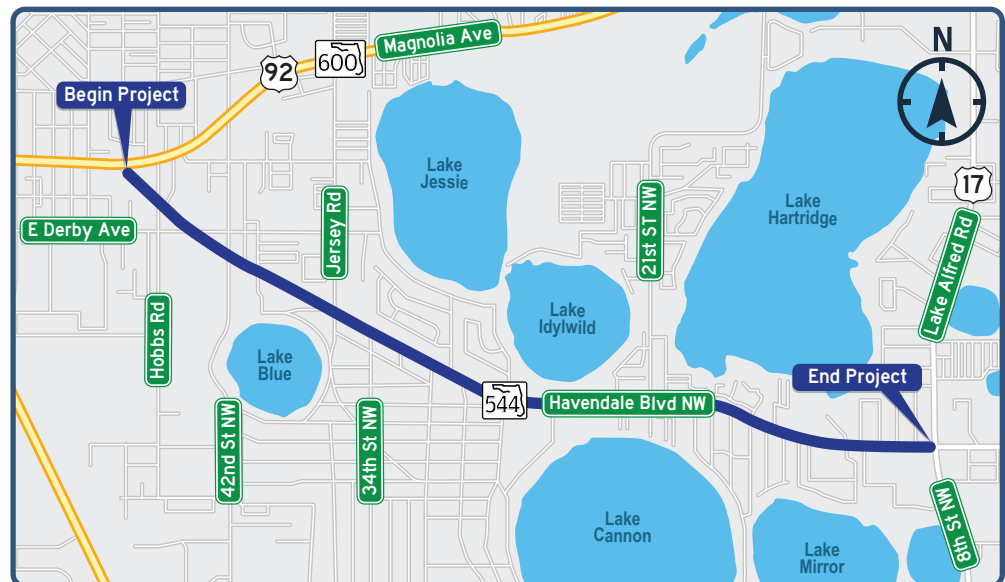
- **In-Person Option:** Attend in-person from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at **Auburndale Civic Center, 2220 Lake Ariana Boulevard, Auburndale, FL 33823**. Attendees who are not feeling well should not attend the in-person meeting.
- **Virtual Option:** Attend virtually from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. from a computer, tablet, or mobile device. You can register in advance at fdot.cc/SR-544-VPM. Once registered, attendees will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting online. Please note, Internet Explorer cannot be used to register or attend this webinar.

The same information will be presented at both the live in-person and online meetings. Review the meeting materials online at swflroads.com/project/454941-1 prior to the event and provide any comments through the project website. All meeting materials will be available online by August 4, 2026. You do not have to attend a live event in order to submit a comment. Comments can be submitted at the live meeting, through the website, or through the contact information provided on the other side of this notification. While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please send your comments by August 21, 2026, to be included in the formal public meeting record.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

FDOT, District One, is proposing improvements along S.R. 544 (Havendale Boulevard) in Polk County. The purpose of the project is to extend the service life of the existing roadway and improve safety along the corridor. The project consists of repaving the roadway and modifying existing median openings from S.R. 600 (U.S. 92) in the City of Auburndale to 8th Street NW (U.S. 17) in the City of Winter Haven.

FDOT is also proposing intersection improvements at Derby Avenue and 26th Street and upgrading connectivity between traffic signals. Additional improvements include updating intersection lighting, updating turn lanes where possible, and upgrading sidewalk connections and curb ramps to comply with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.



REGISTER TO ATTEND VIRTUALLY

Scan the QR Code shown here to register, and you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the public meeting online.



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CONTACT INFORMATION

We encourage you to participate in the S.R. 544 (Havendale Boulevard) from S.R. 600 (U.S. 92) to 8th Street NW (U.S. 17) Public Meeting. If you have questions or comments regarding the project, please contact FDOT Project Manager, Amber Albritton.



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