

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Jill Creech, P.E., Regulation

DATE: December 11, 2025

SUBJECT: Florida Department of Transportation - Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, Compensatory Mitigation Plan and Partial Release of Conservation Easement

Agenda Item Background:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) is proposing to widen the Sawgrass Expressway from the junction of Interstate I-75 (SR 93)/Interstate 595 (SR 682) to north of West Commercial Boulevard, in Broward County, Florida (Project).

The Project requires FTE to modify existing stormwater swales and ponds, including expanding one existing pond into a portion of an adjacent 33.16-acre recorded conservation easement that was granted to the District, in accordance with Surface Water Management Permit No. 06-00016-S. The Project will impact approximately 1.4 acres of the conservation easement.

FTE will offset the impacts to the conservation easement by purchasing freshwater herbaceous mitigation credits from the Bluefield Ranch Mitigation Bank. Additionally, FTE will preserve a 1.4-acre parcel, located within a 90-acre undeveloped, FTE owned parcel, north of the Homestead Extension of Florida's Turnpike, by granting the District a conservation easement over it. This parcel is located within the same drainage basin as the impact site and impacted conservation easement.

Staff have determined that this compensatory mitigation plan is sufficient to fully offset the approximately 1.4 acres of conservation easement impacts associated with the Project.

Additional Item Background:

Core Mission and Strategic Priorities:

This Governing Board item supports the District's core mission and strategic goals by supporting ecosystem restoration efforts.

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution No. 2025-1205](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

Exhibit B

Exhibit C

Partial Release Form