

SR 400 (I-4) Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study FM No.: 432100-1-22-01



Essential Fish Habitat Technical Memorandum

Segment 4: State Road 400 (SR 400)/Interstate 4 (I-4) from East of SR 15-600/US 17-92 (Seminole/Volusia County Line) to ½ Mile East of SR 472

Volusia County (79110)

May 2016



ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT

TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

Date: April 2016

To: FDOT District 5 through HNTB Corporation

From: Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.

Subject: PD&E Study for Interstate 4 Segment 4: from east of SR 15/600 (US 17/92) to ½ mile east of SR 472

Re: Essential Fish Habitat Assessment

Summary of Project

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is conducting an update of the PD&E studies for the extension of proposed express lanes for SR 400 (I-4) Beyond the Ultimate (BtU). The project limits in the original I-4 PD&E studies were:

- West of Memorial Boulevard (SR 546) to the Polk/Osceola County Line, (29.5 miles)
- CR 532 (Polk/Osceola County Line) to West of SR 528 Beachline Expressway (13.7 miles), and
- West of SR 528 Beachline Expressway to SR 472 (43 miles).

The corresponding environmental documents associated with these PD&E studies include: Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact (EA/FONSI) for SR 400 (I-4) from West of Memorial Boulevard (SR 546) to the Polk/Osceola County Line [FPN 201210, (1998)] and from CR 532 (Polk/Osceola County Line) to West of SR 528 Beachline Expressway [FPN 242526 and 242483, (1999)] and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for I-4 from SR 528 (Beachline Expressway) to SR 472 [FPN 242486, 242592 and 242703, (2002)].

The project limits of the current SR 400 (I-4) PD&E reevaluation, herein referred to as I-4 Beyond the Ultimate (BtU) PD&E Reevaluation Study, include a total of approximately 41 miles of roadway sections east and west of the 21-mile, I-4 Ultimate project. The I-4 Ultimate project consists of reconstruction to include new express lanes for the section of I-4 which extends from west of SR 435 (Kirkman Road) to east of SR 434 and is anticipated to begin construction in early 2015. The current I-4 BtU project, has been divided into the following five segments:

- Segment 1: SR 400 (I-4) from West of CR 532 (Polk/Osceola County Line) to West of SR 528 Beachline Expressway - Osceola County (92130) and Orange County (75280)
- Segment 2: SR 400 (I-4) from West of SR 528 Beachline Expressway to West of SR 435 (Kirkman Road) -Orange County (75280)
- Segment 3: SR 400 (I-4) from 1 Mile East of SR 434 to East of SR 15/600 (US 17/92) (Seminole/Volusia County Line) - Seminole County (77160)
- Segment 4: SR 400 (I-4) from East of SR 15/600 (US 17/92) (Seminole/Volusia County Line) to ½ Mile East of SR 472 - Volusia County (79110)

 Segment 5: SR 400 (I-4) from West of SR 25/US 27 to West of CR 532 (Polk/Osceola County Line) Polk County (16320)

Description of Proposed Action

FDOT is proposing to reconstruct and widen I-4 as part of the I-4 Beyond the Ultimate concept. This involves the build-out of I-4 to its ultimate condition through Central Florida, including segments in Polk, Osceola, Orange, Seminole and Volusia Counties (see Figure 1). The concept design proposes the addition of two new express lanes in each direction, resulting in a total of ten dedicated lanes. The project limits for the segment analyzed in this report are within an approximate ten (10) mile segment of I-4 which extends from east of US 17/92 to east of SR 472, from Milepost 0.086 to 10.227 in Volusia County (herein referred to as I-4, Segment 4). Although, the interstate is a designated east-west corridor, the alignment follows a southwest to northeast orientation through the limits of Segment 4. The study area in this section from east of US 17/92 to east of SR 472 includes the interchanges at Dirksen Drive/Debary Avenue, Saxon Boulevard and SR 472/Howland Boulevard. A new interchange with I-4 providing direct access only to the express lanes is proposed to be constructed about halfway between Saxon Boulevard and SR 472, with the Rhode Island Avenue extension. The required stormwater treatment will be provided with 43 pond sites along the corridor including recommended ponds, proposed alternative ponds, and treatment swales.



Figure 1 - Project Location Map

The proposed improvements to I-4 include widening the existing six lane divided urban interstate to a ten lane divided highway. The existing typical section for the I-4 mainline consists of three 12-foot travel lanes in each direction. The outside and inside shoulders are 12 feet wide with 10 feet paved. The median width varies from 37 feet to 375 feet and the existing right of way (ROW) varies from 300-feet to 630-feet. The typical section in the proposed condition will have three 12-foot general use travel lanes with a 10-foot inside and 12-foot outside shoulder and two 12-foot express lanes with a 4-foot inside and 10-foot outside shoulder, in each direction. A barrier wall between adjacent 10-foot shoulders will separate the express lanes from the general use lanes. Additionally, auxiliary lanes in both the eastbound and westbound directions will be provided in some areas. **Figure 2A** illustrates the proposed mainline typical section for I-4, Segment 4.

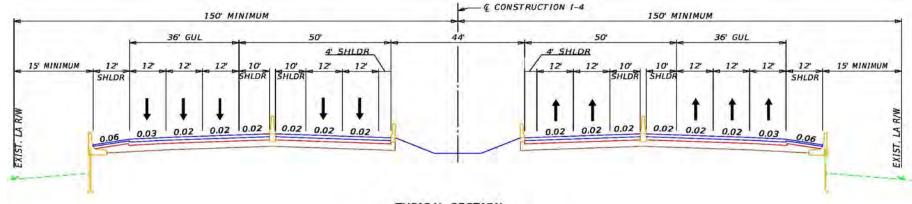
Purpose and Need

The proposed improvements to I-4 include widening the existing six lane divided urban interstate to a ten lane divided highway in order to improve traffic operations, enhance connectivity and improve mobility by providing travel choices to the motoring public. I-4 is an east-west limited access freeway which links the west and east coasts of Florida, from I-275 in Tampa to I-95 in Daytona Beach. I-4 spans across six counties in Central Florida, traversing through many cities including Lakeland, Celebration, Orlando, Altamonte Springs, Sanford and DeLand. I-4 is a critical component of Florida's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) which links seaports, rail, airports and other intermodal facilities. This aspect of I-4's significance is evidenced through connectivity provided by major junctions with I-275, I-75, SR 429 (Daniel Webster Western Beltway), SR 417 (Central Florida Greenway), SR 528 (Beachline Expressway), Florida's Turnpike, SR 408 (Spessard Lindsay Holland East-West Expressway) and I-95.

I-4 serves as the primary corridor in the movement of people and freight between major population, employment and activity centers in the Central Florida region. When the entire Interstate was fully opened in the early 1960's, it was designed to serve intrastate and interstate travel by providing a critical link between the east and west coasts of Central Florida. Although this role continues to be a crucial transportation function of I-4, the highway also serves large volumes of local and commuter traffic with shorter trip distances. Today, the highway serves as the primary link between hotel/resort complexes and tourist attractions such as Walt Disney World, Universal Studios, Sea World, the International Drive Resort Area and downtown Orlando. Since I-4 is the only north-south limited access facility that is centrally located between the predominant employment centers and the major suburbs to the north, it has become the primary commuting corridor in the Central Florida metropolitan area.

Growth in Central Florida over the past decades has made it difficult for the transportation system to accommodate travel demand. Traffic congestion and crash incidents have resulted in major delays on the Interstate as well as other arterials surrounding the corridor. Increased congestion levels are experienced outside of the typical morning and afternoon rush-hour periods, affecting mobility levels for more hours of the day and impacting other non-commuter/non-weekday travel. The congestion on I-4 is further evidenced by the less than desirable levels of service on the Interstate as well as the crossroads.

This project is currently undergoing an analysis of the effects of the proposed roadway improvements. As part of this evaluation, it was determined by staff at the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that Lake Monroe and the St. Johns River are Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for white shrimp. As such, a coordination meeting and site visit were conducted in September 2013 to discuss the potential impacts related to the project. The purpose of this EFH report was intended to establish a baseline level assessment of the existing marine resources within the proposed project area. This EFH Assessment is intended to satisfy consultation requirements for the NMFS and other review agencies.



TYPICAL SECTION

SR 400 (INTERSTATE 4)

MP 0.086 TO 10.227 (VOLUSIA COUNTY)

(STA. 2583+00.00 TO STA. 3118+46.00)

DESIGN SPEED = 70 MPH

Figure 2A - I -4, Segment 4 Proposed Typical Section

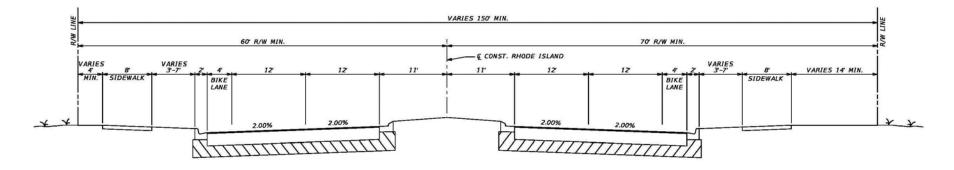
Projections of future population and employment in the region indicate that travel demand will continue to increase well into the future. The ability to accommodate the new travel patterns resulting from growth must be provided to sustain the region's economy. Without the improvements, extremely congested conditions are expected to occur for extended periods of time in both the morning and evening peak periods. Due to these congested conditions, user travel times will continue to increase, the movement of goods through the urban area will be slower, and the deliveries of goods within the urban area will be forced to other times throughout the day. The need for improvements to I-4 is illustrated by the important transportation roles I-4 serves to the Central Florida region and the State of Florida. If no improvements are made to the Interstate, a loss in mobility for the area's residents, visitors, and commuters can be expected, resulting in a severe threat to the continued viability of the economy and the guality of life.

This reevaluation involves revising the original design concept showing two (2) High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, as recommended in the FEIS for I-4 from SR 528 (Beachline Expressway) to SR 472 (FPN 242486, 242592 and 242703, 2002), to the current proposed design of four (4) Express Lanes. The Express Lanes are tolled lanes and will extend the full length of the project. The access to/from the tolled lanes will be evaluated as part of this effort to determine if changes are needed from the previously approved concept for access to/from the HOV Lanes. The original I-4 PD&E Studies involved physical separation between the general use lanes and the HOV lanes on I-4, with demand management in the HOV lanes. The original demand management strategy was to control the use of the lanes by requiring a minimum number of occupants per vehicle to maintain an acceptable level of service (Level of Service D). This reevaluation also addresses revising the demand management tool to convert the HOV lanes to tolled express lanes. The express lanes will be separated from the general use travel lanes by two shoulders with a barrier wall in between the shoulders. A variable pricing tolling plan is proposed for the express lanes. The tolls will vary by time of day and day of week to maintain acceptable levels of service in the express lanes. The tolls will be collected electronically through existing E-Pass, SunPass and other systems currently in place in the Orlando metropolitan area. The conversion to Express Lanes will maintain the same right of way limits as documented previously and will not change the impacts to the social, natural or physical environment.

Updates to the Systems Access Modification Report (SAMR) prepared in January 2013 were completed in July 2014, and December 2014, in conjunction with this effort.

RHODE ISLAND AVENUE

An extension to Rhode Island Avenue is being proposed as part of the SR 400 (I-4) PD&E reevaluation project. The limits of improvement extend approximately 1 ¼ miles from the existing east end of Rhode Island Avenue at Veterans Memorial Parkway in Orange City to Normandy Boulevard in Deltona. The current proposed extension follows the same alignment proposed in plans that were completed by Volusia County in 2009. The County has purchased right of way for the previously proposed alignment; any additional parcels will be acquired under the I-4 Beyond the Ultimate project. The proposed typical section consists of a four-lane urban roadway divided by a 22-foot landscape median, with two 12-foot travel lanes and a 4-foot bike lane in each direction. Eight-foot wide sidewalks, which will be separated from the bike lane by a landscape buffer, will be provided on both sides of the roadway. The proposed direct connect interchange at I-4 will provide direct access from the I-4 eastbound express lanes to Rhode Island Avenue and from Rhode Island Avenue to the I-4 westbound express lanes. The Rhode Island Avenue extension and interchange improvements are intended to increase connectivity in this region by providing access between I-4 and US 17/92 (S. Volusia Avenue) to the west and Normandy Boulevard to the east. Figure 2B illustrates the proposed typical section for the Rhode Island Avenue extension.



TYPICAL SECTION RHODE ISLAND AVENUE DESIGN SPEED = 45 MPH

Figure 2B - Rhode Island Avenue, Segment 4 Proposed Typical Section

Essential Fish Habitat

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 USC 1801 et seq. Public Law 104-208) reflects the Secretary of Commerce and Fishery Management Council's authority and responsibilities for the protection of essential fishery habitat. The Act specifies that each federal agency shall consult with the Secretary with respect to any action authorized, funded, or undertaken, or proposed to be authorized, funded, or undertaken, by such agency that may adversely affect any EFH identified under this Act. EFH is defined by the Act as "...those waters and substrate necessary to fish for spawning, breeding, feeding, or growth to maturity." Three fishery management councils - the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and U.S. Caribbean - are responsible for identifying EFH for federally managed species in the southeast United States. Also, highly migratory species, such as tunas, billfish, and sharks, are managed by NMFS and have EFH designations in these areas of the Southeast as well. Federal agencies are required to consult with NMFS when their activities, including permits and licenses they issue, may adversely affect EFH and respond to NMFS recommendations for protecting and conserving EFH. NMFS must also include measures to minimize the adverse effects of fishing gear and fishing activities on EFH as well.

The I-4 Beyond the Ultimate Project is within the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (SAFMC) area of jurisdiction (Figure 2C below). The SAFMC designates thirteen habitats as EFH for federally managed species divided into estuarine areas and marine areas. The estuarine areas include: estuarine emergent wetlands, estuarine scrub / shrub mangroves, submerged aquatic vegetation, oyster reefs & shell banks, intertidal flats, palustrine emergent & forested wetlands, aquatic beds, and estuarine water column. Marine areas include live / hard bottoms, coral and coral reefs, artificial / manmade reefs, sargassum, and water column. These habitats are EFH because larvae and juveniles concentrate and feed extensively and shelter within these areas. Coordination with NMFS staff indicated that the St. Johns River and Lake Monroe were considered EFH habitat at the project locations.

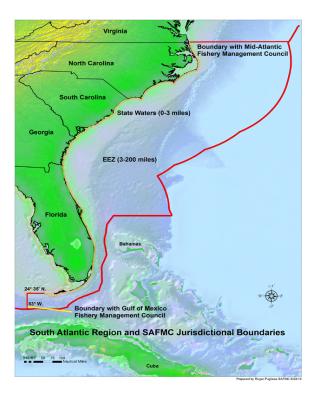


Figure 2C - SAFMC Area of Jurisdiction

Managed Fisheries and Associated Species

The Magnuson-Stevens Act required that each Fishery Management Council amend their existing Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) to identify and describe EFH for each species under management. The SAFMC has identified and described EFH for 33 representative managed species and the coral complex. The project area has been reviewed to determine if EFH for the managed species are present. The project area has also been reviewed to determine if EFH for these managed species are present. EFH and the managed species that have the potential for occurrence within the project area are summarized in Table 1. Only one of the representative managed species has a potential for occurrence in the project area. The potential occurrence determination has been made because: 1) these species utilize the EFH found within the study area, i.e., estuarine waters, at some stage in their life cycles, and 2) corresponding EFH identified and described in species management plans is found within the study area. Species were not included in the analyses if required habitat conditions were absent within the study area.

SPECIES

POTENTIAL
OCCURRENCE IN
PROJECT AREA

White shrimp
(Litopenaeus setiferus)

Moderate

Pound in estuarine areas. EFH for the Shrimp FMP is found in project area.

Table 1. EFH Species Occurrence

Habitat Areas of Particular Concern

Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPC) are defined as specific subsets of EFH that provide extremely important ecological functions or are especially vulnerable to degradation. Councils may designate a specific habitat area as an HAPC based on one or more of the following reasons: importance of the ecological function provided by the habitat, extent to which the habitat is sensitive to human-induced environmental degradation, whether, and to what extent, development activities are, or will be, stressing the habitat type and rarity of the habitat type (NMFS, 2007). There are no HAPCs within or adjacent to the project site.

Delineation of Essential Fish Habitat Within the Project

As previous discussions with NMFS staff (Brandon Howard) had indicated that both Lake Monroe and the St. Johns River were considered EFH at the project location, Stantec Biologists conducted field investigations to identify those areas with direct connections to Lake Monroe and the St. Johns River in August of 2013. In order to determine if the wetlands would meet the classification of EFH, it was hypothesized that wetlands with a direct connection extending to the limits of the seasonal high water levels would be considered EFH. GPS points were taken in order to map out the limits of the EFH based upon the field identified seasonal high water marks. Historic aerials were consulted to identify the lake levels and contour levels prior to construction of I-4 to further elucidate the areas classified as EFH. The limits of the EFH, which lie between the 3.5 foot and 5.0 foot contours, were then overlain on current aerial photos to be provided to NMFS staff for verification at the coordination meeting on September 16, 2013 (See Figure 3). Habitat types identified that would meet the classification of EFH included palustrine emergent & forested wetlands, submerged aquatic vegetation, and water column.

Proposed Impacts to EFH

The project proposes to expand the current six-lane configuration to the ultimate ten-lane design which will impact areas on both sides of the highway at Lake Monroe and the St. Johns River. The expansion of the travel lanes and the addition of treatment swales are anticipated to impact both EFH and non-EFH wetlands along the corridor. Wetland areas associated with Lake Monroe and the St. Johns River that are adjacent to the roadway and fall within the 3.5' and 5.0' contours as previously described are classified as EFH. Impacts were quantified by utilizing these EFH mapped layers produced during the field investigations with the proposed roadway and drainage files provided during the study. The project will impact approximately **33.36 acres** of herbaceous wetlands and **5.03 acres** of forested wetlands associated with Lake Monroe and the St. Johns River, and additional non-EFH wetlands in other areas (see Figure 4).

Indirect and Cumulative Effects

Potential indirect effects associated with this project could include water quality degradation from stormwater runoff or roadway spills, changes in hydrology, edge effect impacts from filling wetlands, habitat fragmentation and potential changes in wildlife utilization, increased constraints on implementing prescribed burning management plans, and creation of a conduit/corridor (roadway) for exotic/invasive species range expansion.

Appropriate construction controls and Best Management Practice (BMPs) should be implemented to ensure protection of marine resources. Construction BMPs should incorporate, but not be limited to: working within adjacent areas devoid of marine resources, instituting BMPs to reduce direct impacts to emergent marsh systems, adequate turbidity controls, continual monitoring for presence of wildlife species in the work area, and removal of all construction debris and equipment at completion of the project.

Avoidance and Minimization Measures

The project has been refined during the PD&E process to avoid and minimize impacts to wetlands where practical while still managing to achieve the goals of the project. As this project is a widening of an existing roadway, the potential for various alternative alignments is reduced. Since the area in question occurs on an existing crossing with Lake Monroe to the east and DeBary Bayou to the west, any widening is going to cause impacts. The necessity of also including stormwater management treatment further increases the potential for impacts. The design engineers have suggested utilizing the existing borrow pit adjacent to the roadway, and enlarging an existing pond site to provide as much treatment as possible. Avoiding impacts to marine resources will require implementing BMPs associated with works in waters of the state. Different seasonal conditions will relate to various species presence and water depths available for construction activities.

Proposed Mitigation

Mitigation is being proposed to offset the EFH impacts, and would involve adding connections between Lake Monroe and the wetlands west of I-4. Historic aerial photos indicate that a direct connection between the two sides existed during periods of high water near the center of the causeway, and at Padgett Creek at the northern end of the crossing where the bridge is today. The high water levels from the aerials were identified and compared with the current conditions to identify potential areas where connections might be considered during the future expansion of I-4. As a result, the design will incorporate bridge placements in each direction at the location of the historic connection along the roadway in this area as shown on the mitigation map (See Figure 5).

Wetland functions will be improved with the bridge, primarily improving access and habitat, which will be more reflective of a floodplain swamp with a longer and more stable hydroperiod than currently exists. The water environment will be improved by providing a new source for flow in and out of the system. This will also allow an additional connection for aquatic species dependent on water levels. The effects will be most pronounced during dry periods, where a permanent low water connection point will be present allowing back and forth movement from Lake Monroe to the wetlands on the west side of I-4 that don't currently exist. Adding the bridge connection will allow vegetation access to water during droughts enhancing the traditional wetland species that thrived in these conditions, and improve habitat connection that may suffer during periods of reduced hydrology. FDOT will include provisions in the design for monitoring to show that tidal exchange is taking place on both side of the bridge. Based upon the UMAM functional analysis conducted (results in Table 2 below, full UMAM sheets are Appendix I), the addition of the new bridge will provide more than enough benefit to the surrounding wetlands in Lake Monroe and the Debary Bayou to offset the impacts proposed by the project.

Table 2. UMAM Analysis

Herbaceous Impact	Forested Impact	Functional Loss	Improvement	Functional Gain
33.36 acres	5.03 acres	20.55	200.68 acres	24.08

Conclusion

The project team identified that the project location occurred within areas considered to be EFH by NMFS staff and delineated the wetlands that would meet this definition adjacent to the existing roadway corridor. The proposed concept design would be analyzed to calculate the approximate amount of impacts to EFH that would result from the project. A coordination meeting with NMFS staff took place on September 16, 2013 to discuss the project, potential impacts, and potential mitigation. A field visit was conducted to examine the project area and potential mitigation area. FDOT agreed that the best option for mitigation to offset potential EFH impacts would be to utilize bridges to provide additional access to the wetlands west of the existing I-4 roadway at Lake Monroe. As a result, this concept was forwarded to the project design team to include a 100 foot bridge in each direction at the designated point in the Beyond the Ultimate design. The project would be evaluated for unavoidable impacts during permitting, and the amount of compensatory mitigation required to offset these impacts would be determined at that time.

Commitment

FDOT will commit to provide monitoring upon completion of the bridges to analyze the exchange of water on both sides of the bridge.

References

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Figure 3 - Essential Fish Habitat Boundary Map

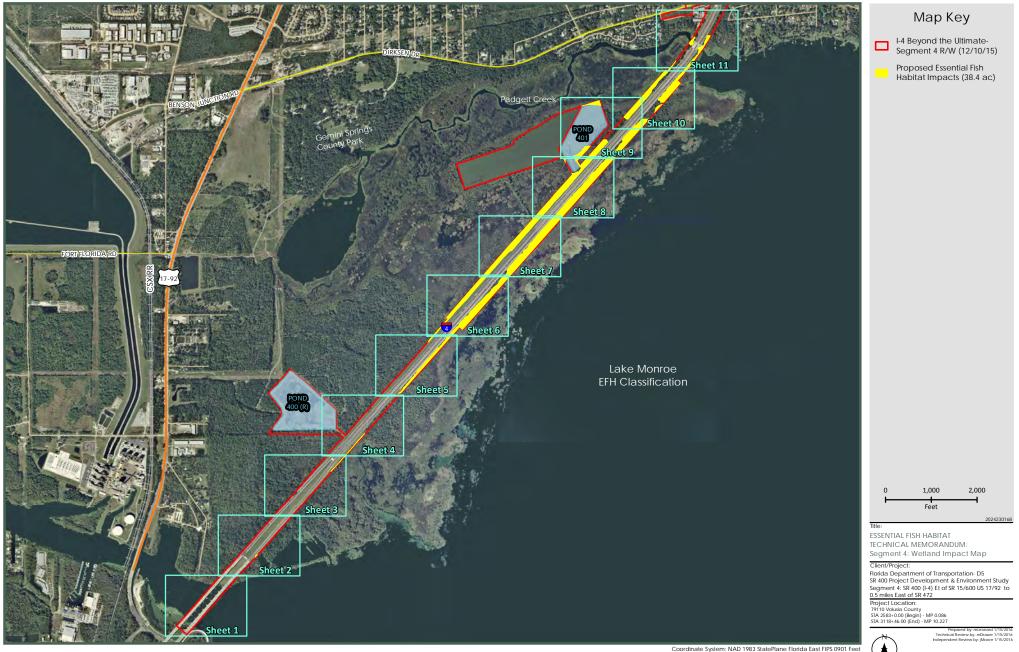


Figure 4 - Cover Sheet: EFH Wetland Impact Map



Figure 4 - Sheet 1 of 11: EFH Wetland Impact Map



Figure 4 - Sheet 2 of 11: EFH Wetland Impact Map



Figure 4 - Sheet 3 of 11: EFH Wetland Impact Map

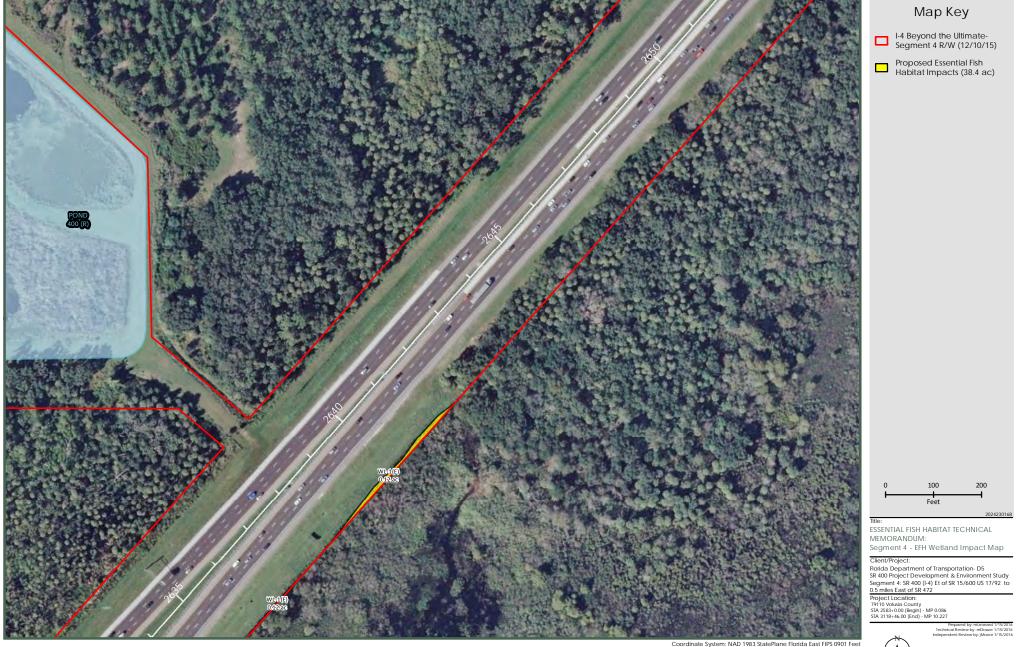


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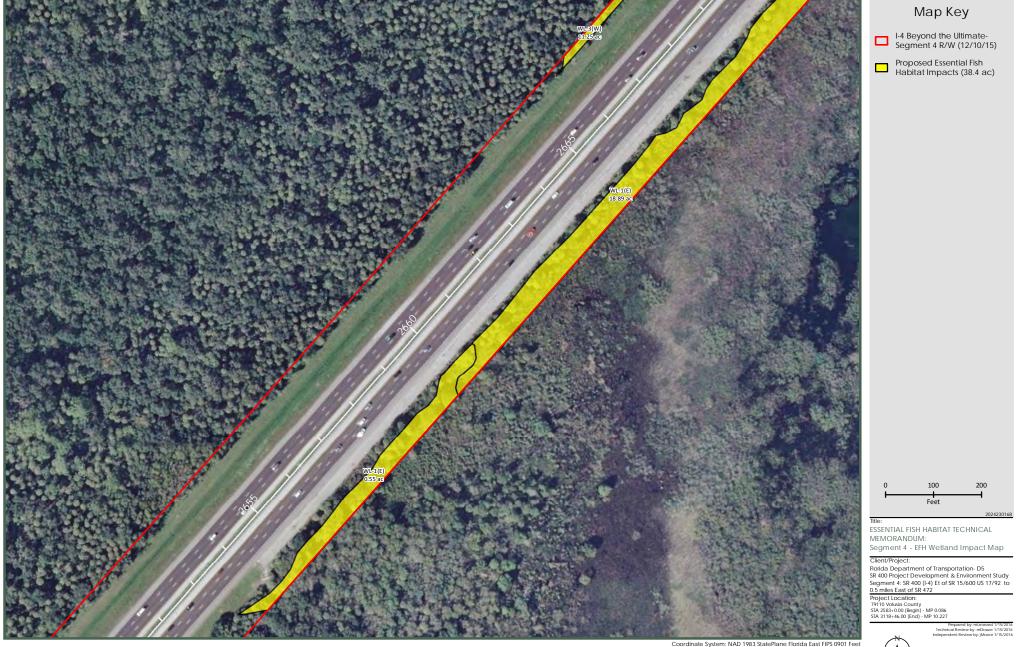


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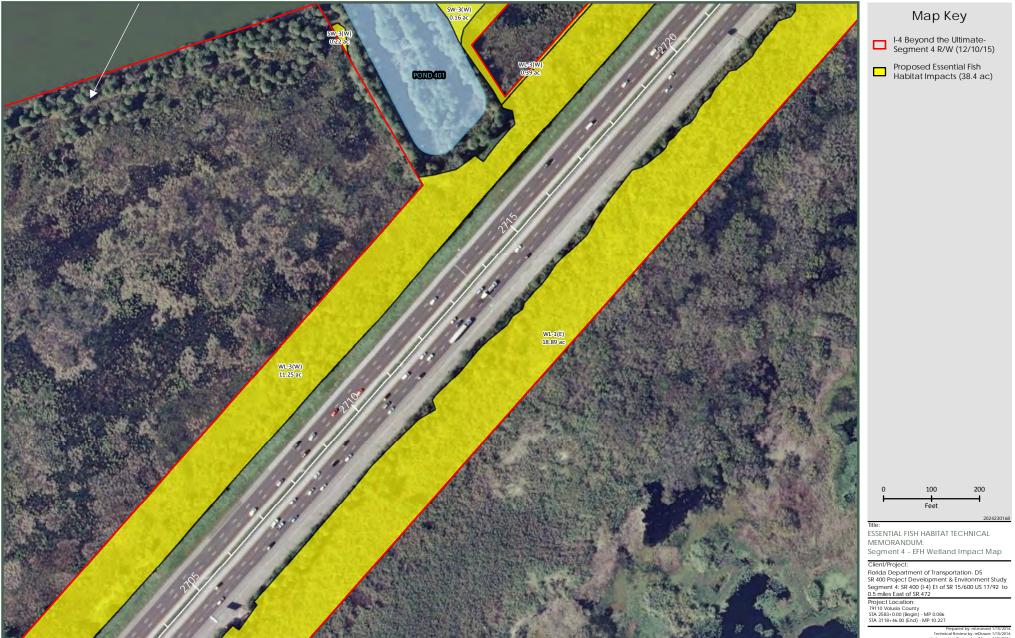


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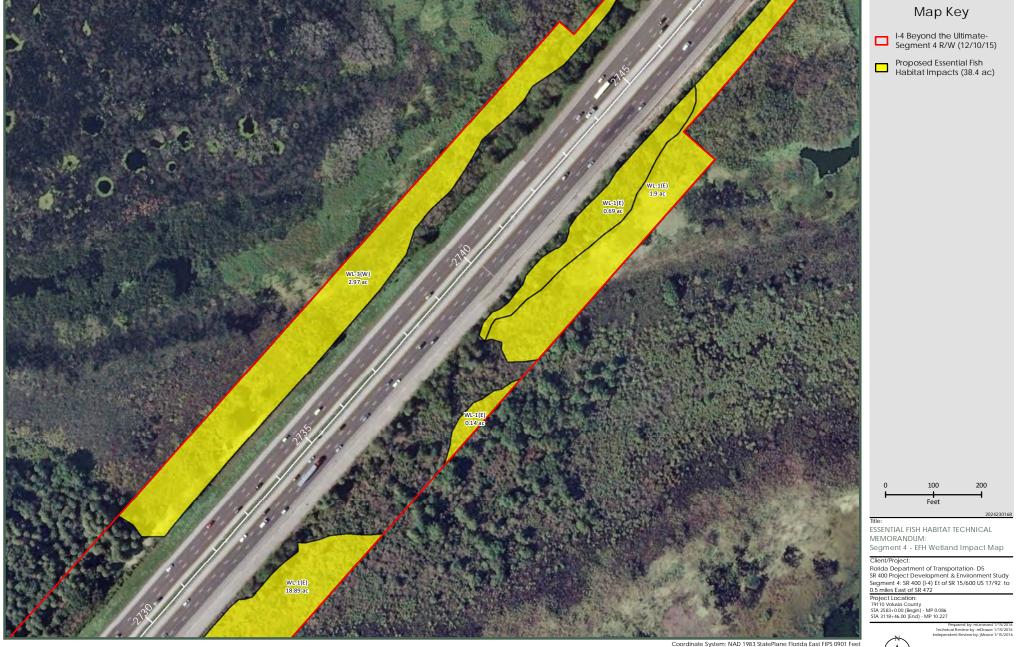


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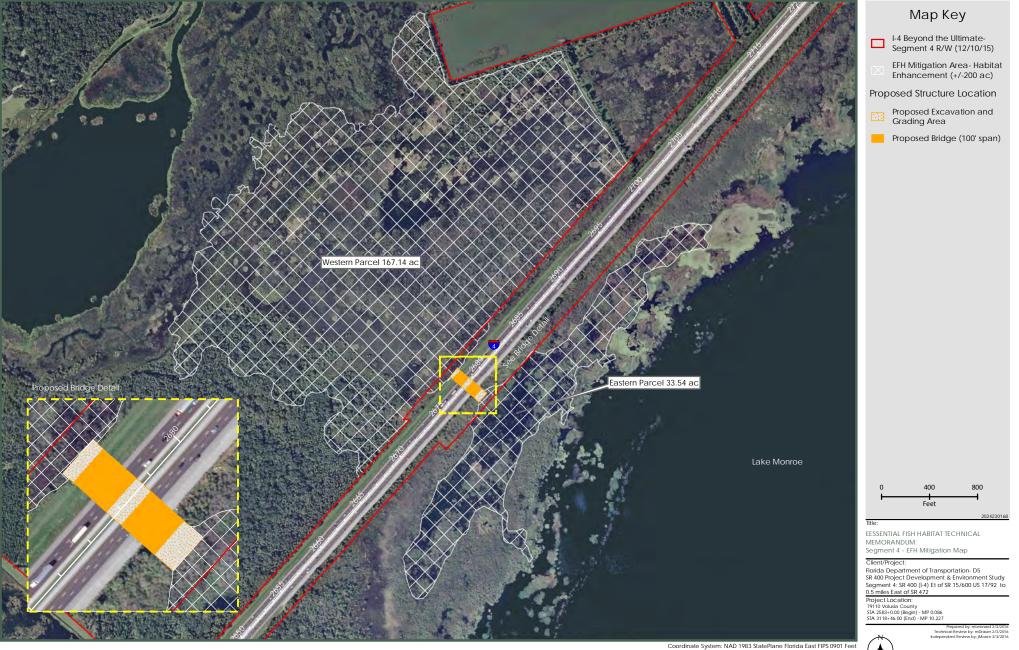


Figure 5- EFH Mitigation Map

APPENDIX I UMAM ANALYSIS

UNIFORM WETLAND MITIGATION ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET - PART I - IMPACT Form 62-345.900(2), F.A.C. (See Sections 62-345.400 F.A.C.)

Site/Project Name		Application Number			Assessment Area Name or Number		
I-4 Beyond the Ultimate	e Segment 4				E	FH	
FLUCCs code	cation (optional)			t or Mitigation Site?	Assessment Area Size		
6410/6440/6460		Herbaceous EFF	ł		Impact	33.36 Acres	
Basin/Watershed Name/Number	Basin/Watershed Name/Number Affected Waterbody (Class)			on (i.e.C	FW, AP, other local/state/federa	I designation of importance)	
St. Johns River	III				N/A		
Geographic relationship to and hyd	Irologic connection with	wetlands, other s	urface water, upla	ınds			
portions of the floodplain of the	St. Johns River and L	ake Monroe floo	dplains abutting	I-4			
Assessment area description							
This area is characterized as an herbace needle, redroot, soft rush, American lotu	=				_		
Significant nearby features			Uniqueness (co landscape.)	nsider	ing the relative rarity in	relation to the regional	
I-4, St. Johns River, Lake Monro	e, US 17/92		AA is not uniqu	ue to (Central Florida		
Functions	Mitigation for previous permit/other historic use						
Foraging, breeding, nesting and attenuation, water quality impro	yes - Gemini Springs Addition (977 acres) purchased for I-4 mitigation on a previous project						
Anticipated Wildlife Utilization Base that are representative of the assembe found)			· ·	T, SS	y Listed Species (List s C), type of use, and into		
a number of salamanders, alligator, rive skink, broadhead skink, snakes, yellow-kite, Mississippi kite, red-shouldered, ha hairy woodpecker, pileated woodpecker shrew,short-tailed shrew, beaver, wood raccoon, and bobcat, fish, shrimp.	crowned night-heron, wood wk, woodcock, barred owl, , songbirds, opossum, sou	d duck, swallowtail , chimney swift, theastern		nanate	ee E, wading birds (S	SC), alligator	
Observed Evidence of Wildlife Utili	zation (List species dire	ectly observed, or	other signs such a	as trac	ks, droppings, casings,	, nests, etc.):	
armadillo, raccoon, black racer,	mockingbird, swallow	/-tailed kite, anhi	nga, wild turkey,	great	egret		
Additional relevant factors:							
Assessment conducted by:			Assessment date	e(s):			
Mike Drauer	01/01/16						
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is equal to Functional Loss (FL). If impact mitigation is proposed at a mitigation bank that was not assessed using UMAM, then UMAM

cannot be used to assess impacts; use the assessment method of

the mitigaiton bank.

Impact Delta (ID)

0.53

Current - w/Impact

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Site/Project Name			Application Number	er		Assessment Area Name	or Number	
I-4 Beyond the Ultimate Segment 4					EFH			
FLUCCs code Further classificat			tion (optional)		Mitiga	tion or Preservation?	Assessment Area Size	
6410/6440/6460			EFH		Mitigation		200.68	Acres
Basin/Watershed Name/Number	Affect	ed Waterbody (Clas	Special Classification (i.e.OFW, AP, other local/state/federal designation of importance)				importance)	
St. Johns River		III	N/A					
Geographic relationship to and hy	/drologi	c connection with	wetlands, other s	surface water, upla	ınds			

portions of the floodplain of the St. Johns River and Lake Monroe	e floodplains abutting I-4
Assessment area description	
Assessment area is wetlands adjacent to I-4 on the western side know wetlands of Lake Monroe. The habitat is primarily herbaceous vegetat The area does not meet the characteristics of a textbook marsh and ha	ion, emergent aquatic vegetation, and some shrubby wetlands. as been altered by years of influence from I-4.
Significant nearby features	Uniqueness (considering the relative rarity in relation to the regional landscape.)
St Johns River, Lake Monroe, I-4	AA is not unique among central Florida
Functions	Mitigation for previous permit/other historic use
Foraging, breeding, nesting and refuge habitat for wildlife. Flood attenuation, water quality improvement	Gemini Springs Tract purchased for mitigation for a previous I-4 project.
Anticipated Wildlife Utilization Based on Literature Review (List of species that are representative of the assessment area and reasonably expected to be found)	Anticipated Utilization by Listed Species (List species, their legal classification (E, T, SSC), type of use, and intensity of use of the assessment area)
salamanders, alligator, snakes, wading birds, songbirds, raptors, small mammals, large mammals, fish	Wood stork, E
Observed Evidence of Wildlife Utilization (List species directly observed, or	other signs such as tracks, droppings, casings, nests, etc.):
armadillo, raccoon, black racer, mockingbird, swallow-tailed kite, anhi	nga, wild turkey, great egret
Additional relevant factors:	
Assessment conducted by:	Assessment date(s):
M Drauer	1/1/2016

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Site/Project Name	Application Number			Assessment Area Name or Number				
I-4 Beyond the Ultimate					EFH			
FLUCCs code Further of		urther classification (optional)		Impact of	or Mitigation Site?	Assessment Area Size	_	
6170/6180	Mixed wetland	Mixed wetland / Willow, Elderbei				5.03 Acres		
Basin/Watershed Name/Number Affected Waterbody (Class)			Special Classification	on (i.e.OF	W, AP, other local/state/feder	al designation of importance)		
St. Johns River	111				N/A			
Geographic relationship to and hyd	rologic connection with	wetlands, other s	urface water, upla	ınds				
portions of the floodplain of the	St. Johns River and L	ake Monroe floo	dplains abutting	I-4				
Assessment area description								
the system is primarliy a floodplain swar understory and ground cover are genera tupelo, water tupelo, swamp titi, wax my marsh fern, soft rush, laurel greenbrier, l	illy very sparse. Some area rtle, dahoon holly, myrtle-le	s are exclusively will eaved holly, large gal	ow/elder, while other	r just cab	bage palm Other typical	plants include ogeechee	١,	
Significant nearby features			Uniqueness (considering the relative rarity in relation to the regional landscape.)					
I-4, St. Johns River, Lake Monroe	e, US 17/92		AA is not unique to Central Florida					
Functions	Mitigation for previous permit/other historic use							
Foraging, breeding, nesting and refuge habitat for wildlife. Flood attenuation, water quality improvement			yes - Gemini Springs Addition (977 acres) purchased for I-4 mitigation on a previous project					
Anticipated Wildlife Utilization Base that are representative of the asset be found)				T, SSĆ)	Listed Species (List), type of use, and int			
a number of salamanders, alligator, rive skink, broadhead skink, snakes, yellow-kite, Mississippi kite, red-shouldered, ha hairy woodpecker, pileated woodpecker, shrew, short-tailed shrew, beaver, wood raccoon, and bobcat, fish, shrimp.	crowned night-heron, wood wk, woodcock, barred owl, , songbirds, opossum, sout	d duck, swallowtail , chimney swift, theastern		manatee	e E, wading birds (S	SSC), alligator		
Observed Evidence of Wildlife Utili	zation (List species dire	ectly observed, or	other signs such a	as tracks	s, droppings, casings	s, nests, etc.):		
armadillo, raccoon, black racer,	mockingbird, swallow	r-tailed kite, anhi	nga, wild\ turkey,	, great e	egret			
Additional relevant factors:								
Assessment conducted by:			Assessment date	e(s):				
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FLUCCs code Further classificat		tion (optional)		Mitigation or Preservation?		Assessment Area Size		
6410/6440/6460						Mitigation	0	Acres
Basin/Watershed Name/Number	Affect	ed Waterbody (Clas	ss)	Special Classificati	on (i.e.	DFW, AP, other local/state/federal	designation of	of importance)
St. Johns River		III		N/A				
Geographic relationship to and hy	drologi	c connection with	wetlands, other s	urface water, upla	ınds			

portions of the floodplain of the St. Johns River and Lake Monroe floodplains abutting I-4 Assessment area description Assessment area is wetlands adjacent to I-4 on the western side known as the Debary Bayou. Uniqueness (considering the relative rarity in relation to the regional Significant nearby features landscape.) St Johns River, Lake Monroe, I-4 AA is not unique among central Florida **Functions** Mitigation for previous permit/other historic use Foraging, breeding, nesting and refuge habitat for wildlife. Flood Gemini Springs Tract purchased for mitigation for a previous I-4 attenuation, water quality improvement project. Anticipated Wildlife Utilization Based on Literature Review (List of species Anticipated Utilization by Listed Species (List species, their legal that are representative of the assessment area and reasonably expected to classification (E, T, SSC), type of use, and intensity of use of the be found) assessment area) salamanders, alligator, snakes, wading birds, songbirds, raptors, Wood stork, E small mammals, large mammals, fish Observed Evidence of Wildlife Utilization (List species directly observed, or other signs such as tracks, droppings, casings, nests, etc.): armadillo, raccoon, black racer, mockingbird, swallow-tailed kite, anhinga, wildl turkey, great egret Additional relevant factors: Assessment conducted by: Assessment date(s): 1/1/2016

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