



International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce

I-4 / Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee

May 24, 2023

Meeting Purpose:	Weekly International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce – I-4 and Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee Meeting #1
Meeting Date/Time:	Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location:	Zoom Meeting
Attendees:	<p>I-Drive: David Vallillo (Host), Maria Triscari, Fernando Ching, James Robinson (Duke Energy), Brian Comes, Brian Small, John Stine</p> <p>FDOT: Mike Heffinger, John Hatfield, Esther Montoya, Joshua Gonzalez, Seta Koroitamudi, Ryan Flipse,</p> <p>Orange County: Blanche Hardy, Kelly Nowell (Orange County Public Works),</p> <p>HNTB: Jim Moulton, Leeland Shelton,</p> <p>Global-5: Katie Wigle, Mike Wacht,</p>

Agenda

1. Welcome Committee Chairman – David Vallillo
2. Introduction and goal of Committee – David Vallillo
3. FDOT – John Hatfield – Introduction of Team
4. Project Status
5. 30 Day Timeline/Review
6. Next week timeline / What to Expect
7. Direction Business Signs Update

David Vallillo: Can the 3-week lookahead schedule be sent to me and Maria on a weekly basis?

Jim Moulton: Yes.

John Hatfield: Going back to saving the oak tree by the Rosen Medical Center, we are more than willing to work with you with any requests.

David: Can you tell me more details about the noise monitoring device? Who receives the notices?



Jim: We have a plan that is several pages long, we are going to receive the notices and information, but all the details of how are not worked out yet. I can definitely share that plan maybe at the next meeting.

David: Do you use noise monitoring devices on lots of construction projects?

Jim: Yes, on large ones. We used it on I-4 Ultimate. We are also monitoring vibration thresholds.

John: Leeland is your go to if you have any information, he is the person you go to first for more information, he will get you to the right information.

David: Most of us have his info from the previous meeting.

Jim: We don't anticipate pile driving for the next few months. There will be ample opportunity to warn everyone before it happens.

David: We want to remind everyone that during these weekly meetings, we want to focus on the seven previous days and also the next seven days. Can you go back to the slide with the different project areas – what are they for? Will you be referring to things as they happen in their area. For example, clearing in grubbing this week is happening in Area 1, etc.

Jim: Yes, they are mostly pond areas or areas that we are expanding ramps to. Area 1 is mainly ramps. Area 3 will mainly have the same configuration but with a ramp that will take you to I-4 and Turkey Lake Road. Area 8 and 9 are ponds, 9 is an expansion of what is already there/ Other areas are where we can reconfigure areas in the interchange. – I also want to bring up a litter complaint that we got recently. We have a three-man crew that is out there addressing the concern. And hopefully we can stay on top of this.

David: There's lots of homeless activity that will come to light when clearing and grubbing is happening. Something to keep in mind.

Jim: As we clear and grub these areas will be less desirable for homeless people to want to be in.

8. Discussion Items:

a. Fence Wrap Design

Maria: Who is the point of contact for the messaging on the fence wrapping? I have some ideas on what we can print.

John: The flow should go through Mike Wacht.

David: Is fencing in place?

Jim: Only about 5 percent. Area 1 and 2 will be next for fence wrapping.



David: Will it be facing I-4?

Jim: It will face Whole Foods.

David: There won't be any facing I-4?

Jim: Only at the start of I-4 ramp.

David: Why is that? Wouldn't I-4 be the highest visibility?

Jim: We are more concerned with visitors/businesses, drivers on I-4 are more used to construction.

David: What about near the Embassy Suite? And the Comfort Inn, Mangos etc.? We are trying to minimize and not look at construction.

Jim: Our ideas are preliminary, and our thoughts are open to discussion.

Brian Small: Will the fence be completely filled? Or will there be spaces in between where its plain?

Jim: The banners will be spaced out.

Brian: Wherever there is screening there should also be messaging. We want curb appeal. I like your image/mockup of the banners/fencing and I hope it stays like that. Agrees that fencing along ramp/I-4 might take eyes off the road. Agrees it needs to be approached differently than a normal construction site.

David: Is there a reason why we can't encompass the whole yellow area by Whole Foods? As it progresses, we will take you to the back of these businesses and show you that you can see the construction and we want to hide that. We want to do more art or colorful related messaging. Something like "International Drive is working today for a better tomorrow." Maria has been working on it.

John: We are open to working with Maria on their design and also encompassing the whole construction area.

b. Gateway Design/ Enhancements

John: The aesthetics was done in coordination with Orange County. Orange County wanted it to be a special gateway. We have pillars that will make it more appealing



including hardscaping and landscaping. We are open to your ideas, but we need you to tell us what you want on top of what we already have.

David: We had discussed a mosaic tile in the entrances that has I-Drive skyline, to make it look like the world will know that they have arrived at I-Drive when they get there. We felt Orange County was supportive and wanted to do this in early discussion but maybe somewhere over the last few years the discussion has differed from the final decisions. Blue monument/lighting signs already exist all up and down I-4 and we want something to differentiate. Something like Altamonte Springs. We would like to see something much more impactful. Maybe various colored lighting or tile. Where do we stand and how can we partner on this Blanche?

Blanche: The pedestrian crossing is coordinated with DOT design; we made a lot of changes to the original design to make it match the interchange, so they become part and parcel of each other. We have added a lot of lighting/It might be good to bring this back and coordinate the interchange and pedestrian overpass.

David: We won't want to put something on I-4 and Sand Lake if there is going to be a close by pedestrian overpass that is elaborate so close by etc.

Blanche: We have planned a PAG(?) coming up in June, the renderings are done, we hope everyone is excited with what we have, there are two options.

Maria: What is the timeline of the gateways/how much time do we have to coordinate/flush things out?

John: If there are any modifications to the current design, we need to know that sooner because that may impact the schedule. So, it depends if there is a long lead to order and install. We can provide you with a rendering of what we are intending to build, and if they are just cosmetic it may be doable. We have to find out if we are allowed to put an I-Drive sign. We have done it for cities, but that's different.

Blanche: We have a meeting on the 12th but can bring something back on the 13th or 14th.

David: Like Kirkman, something aesthetically like that.

c. General Discussion

Conflict with meeting on June 7th. Will follow up next week.

9. Questions

10. New Business



11. Meeting Adjourned