



International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce

I-4 / Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee

September 20, 2023

Meeting Purpose:	Weekly International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce – I-4 and Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee Meeting #15
Meeting Date/Time:	Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Location:	Zoom Meeting
Attendees:	I-Drive: David Vallillo (Host), Maria Triscari, Thornton Williams, Joshua Wallack, Brian Small FDOT: John Hatfield, Esther Montoya, Seta Koroitamudu Orange County: Carter Gresham (OC Planning), Marcos Bastian, Renzo Nastasi, Blanche Hardy, Brian Sanders HNTB: Leeland Shelton, James Moulton Global-5: Katie Wigle, Mike Wacht

Agenda

1. Past Project Status:

- a. FDOT to Review past 7-Days
 - i. Continue I-4 median widening, removing barrier wall, and paving.
 - ii. Ongoing mowing

Leeland Shelton: We are finishing the current median work this Thursday night into Friday morning. This Sunday night they will start widening the loop ramp to get ready for some bridge work later. For any paving on I-4 and any of the ramps we will have a police presence.

David Vallillo: There was some positive feedback on Area 5 last week, and this week we have not heard anything, so I think we are back on track.

Leeland: We saw a couple of banners that needed to be tied up again, and Mike's team has since fixed that. We will continue to always keep an eye out for that.

- b. Committees Comments & Suggestions

2. Future Project Status

- a. FDOT to Review next 7-Days
 - i. Continue I-4 median widening
 - ii. Continue base installation in I-4 median



- iii. Continue widening of the loops ramp and on-ramp to WB I-4
 - iv. Ongoing mowing
 - b. Committees Comments & Suggestions
- 3. Future Major Milestones
 - a. FDOT to Review next 14-21 Days
 - i. No major milestones for this period.
- 4. Cleanliness Review
 - a. Committees Observations over past 7-Days
- 5. Condition Review
 - a. Committees Observations over past 7-Days
 - b. (Fencing, Wraps, Barricades, Temp. Signage)
- 6. Old Business
 - a. Public Input or Comments
 - i. None
 - b. Commitments Update
 - i. Fencing and screening
 - ii. Banners
 - iii. Mowing and cleaning -
 - iv. Temporary planting – still in discussion
 - v. Clean Team – no update from last week.
 - vi. Vacuum sweeper truck

David: Do you have any updates regarding the meeting with Orange County?

Esther Montoya: We met last Thursday. I have a list of attendees that I will send to you. We didn't have all the information to discuss Area 7 with the County yet since there are still areas we need to review before we can move to the next step. We talked about the gateway enhancements and adding iconic signs; Orange County is working with us on that. It seems like there will be a lot of different projects developed within the next few years, and they already have a plan to install some signage, so we want to make sure it's not in conflict with anything. Since this is a design-build project, we will start developing with Orange County the signage package. They have reengaged their original consultants that worked on the mural hardscaping, landscaping features. If I'm not mistaken, they have the two ready and they will fully engage their consultant in the next few weeks. Goal 2 is the reconstruction of sidewalks to prevent panhandling. Right now, we don't have much of an update because we don't have full construction plans, but we are collecting ideas. Goal 3 is maintaining the green space after construction. We talked about irrigation and things we can implement during the construction phase. We have scheduled monthly meetings with Orange County moving forward to discuss all our goals.

Carter Gresham: We met with consultants yesterday to update the scope to make sure they are updating where we left off and what is now planned. Conduit, irrigation, etc. We are talking about stuff that we can do now knowing that we have the infrastructure built in if it is needed.



David: Up and down the I-4 corridor, where there is existing signage and LED lighting, much of this current lighting is inoperable and hasn't worked for some time. We don't know if there are design flaws or some other issue, but we don't want to have that happen when stuff opens in our area. This topic has come up within our group.

John Hatfield: Are you talking about specific monuments?

David: Yes, the blue lights or LED lights on monuments. We just want to make sure there are no design flaws. Several people in our group have mentioned that.

Jim Moulton: We are aware of the situation. Those aesthetic lights have not been accepted from the concessionaire, so they are still on punch-list for construction. Some of it is procurement issues.

Joshua Wallack: We reached out to the General Council and have not heard back yet. Was there a specific reason for that? I also checked with some people from the County to make sure we are on the same track.

John: There are some issues with the proposed exfiltration plan. For that to function the way it should we would have to lower the water table which would require permitting. There is some concern that if there is a failure of the system there is a risk that we could flood the intersection. So, we are determining the level of risk. It is currently under review and discussion.

Marcos Bastian: I took a very brief look at the geometry of the site, after looking at the rendering from Josh. I noticed that there is no property line on the westbound side. One of the things that I think needs to be determined would be where exactly would be the limits of the development against the right of way be? It turns out to be quite a challenging site if you want to do any structural parking. There may not be the option for a lot of capacity there. I just wanted to bring that to everyone's attention.

Esther: One of the other challenges we are still reviewing is the limited access right of way, which is governed by federal right of way, which is where that fence line is. That area outside of that fence line is where we can entertain any ideas. We will have to quantify if that area is enough to handle the runoff. There are a lot of layers that go into this. We are actively working on it. As we have more information, we will keep you updated. We are heavily involved in this.

Joshua: Okay so we will keep rolling along with this, the alternative is making it a retention pond, but we are trying to avoid this. Obviously, money is the key factor here, beyond functionality we want to have form. We would like to make it pretty.

John: Absolutely, we are working as hard as we can. There are hurdles that we need to make sure we can overcome. With the federal right of way, we can propose things, but whether or not they accept it is up to their jurisdiction. We also have to get the water management district involved. There are also the challenges of the maintenance of that type of thing rather than a pond. We are actively working on it, and we are looking at all options.

7. New Business

- a. Next meeting 9/27/23.



8. Meeting Adjourned.