



## International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce

### I-4 / Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee

October 11, 2023

<b>Meeting Purpose:</b>	Weekly International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce – I-4 and Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee Meeting #16
<b>Meeting Date/Time:</b>	Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
<b>Location:</b>	Zoom Meeting
<b>Attendees:</b>	I-Drive: David Vallillo (Host), Maria Triscari, Fernando Ching FDOT: John Hatfield, Esther Montoya, Seta Koroitamudu, Ryan Flipse Orange County: Carter Gresham (OC Planning) HNTB: Leeland Shelton, James Moulton Global-5: Katie Wigle, Mike Wacht, Bobby Olszewski

#### Agenda

1. Past Project Status:
  - a. FDOT to Review past 7-Days
    - i. Westbound I-4 Traffic Shift 10/10/23
    - ii. Ongoing mowing

Ryan Flipse: We had a traffic shift on Tuesday, October 10, on westbound I-4 just west of Sand Lake Road. All westbound I-4 mainline traffic was shifted onto new temporary pavement in the median of I-4. This was a big effort from our contractor and our consultants. We were a little late in opening the full shift. We are contractually obligated to open at a certain time, and we were just shy of that, and we will be enforcing a penalty to the contractor according to our contract. The shift will allow us room to start driving piles and doing bridge demo. We will slowly start seeing work activities in Areas 1,2,3, and 4 in the next few months. The old lanes are going to be milled and removed to prepare for future roadway. The shift will remain in place as the project progresses. We are excited to progress the project.

David Vallillo: We got a lot of comments about the lane shift, but we haven't heard any complaints about any backups the morning of it opening. We have heard nothing negative about it.

- b. Committees Comments & Suggestions
2. Future Project Status
  - a. FDOT to Review next 7-Days



- i. Continue new traffic pattern on westbound I-4, setting barrier wall on the outside shoulder.
- ii. Ongoing mowing
- iii. Eastbound Sand Lake Road sidewalk detour for pedestrian traffic

Ryan: In the next 7 days we will have some work starting up on Sand Lake Road. Starting this Thursday and Friday, there will be temporary daytime detours for pedestrian traffic on eastbound Sand Lake Road between Turkey Lake Road and International Drive. This will only affect pedestrian traffic. The driving traffic will not notice this.

David: Will you be removing any sidewalk?

Ryan: This is for exploratory work. I can't say with any certainty that any sidewalk will be removed. If any sidewalk panels come out, we will make sure it gets put back in.

- b. Committees Comments & Suggestions
- 3. Future Major Milestones
  - a. FDOT to Review next 14-21 Days
    - i. Long-term eastbound Sand Lake Road sidewalk detour, includes low-profile barrier wall.
    - ii. Median work, lane closures on Sand Lake Road.

Ryan: We are looking at implementing the initial Diverging Diamond Interchange plan by February 2024. One of the beginning phases they have to do to prepare for that is installing low-profile barrier wall, which will include the same detour of the sidewalk on eastbound Sand Lake Road. On Monday, October 16, the detour will be continuously in place long term. However, it will periodically switch from one side of Sand Lake Road to the other. We will be working on the median on Sand Lake Road to put in permanent asphalt in those areas and taking out the raised separators. We will place drums. Our expectation from an aesthetic perspective and safety perspective, is that they are clean, structurally sound, and they meet reflectivity requirements. We will have someone checking everyday the condition of the drums.

- 4. Cleanliness Review
  - a. Committees Observations over past 7-Days

Ryan: We have accepted the pricing for the sweeper and are getting very close to that being an official contractual plan, but if it doesn't happen soon enough, we are prepared to rent one. We have been able to implement the Clean Team.

We also have a few utilities working in the area, including Duke Energy. We are nearing final design with Orange County so before the end of the year, we may see some more utility work there.

- 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

John Hatfield: Regarding the ponds we are putting in place, we are looking into issuing an MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) with Orange County for a higher level of maintenance for the pond area. We are looking where the funding that could help subsidize this for a higher level of maintenance. We are also looking at getting with the design team to see how we can structure the pond. The type of pond, and if it discharges to another body of water will bring up certain criteria that may need to be met. We are looking at options to make sure it is sightly and aesthetically pleasing. We will follow up once we have more information.

Maria Triscari: Is it possible to make sure that it is very clear that the detour mentioned earlier is a PEDESTRIAN detour? Not for motorist traffic.

John Hatfield: Yes, and we want to emphasis that it is not a closure. There will always be access with the detour.

Mike Wacht: We have a flyer that we are handing out to the businesses in the immediate area describing the detour. We will attach this flyer in the meeting minutes.

David: One of our members is the owner of the company that provides the brochures to hotels in the area, we could get you in contact with them to place around.

Mike: Our flyers are 8.5"x11" so they would not fit in those brochure stands, but we will provide it to you and you can distribute it.

7. New Business

- a. Next meeting 10/18/23.

8. Meeting Adjourned.