



International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce

I-4 / Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee

October 18, 2023

Meeting Purpose:	Weekly International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce – I-4 and Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee Meeting #17
Meeting Date/Time:	Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Location:	Zoom Meeting
Attendees:	I-Drive: David Vallillo (Host), Maria Triscari, Brian Small, James Robinson, Tameka Murray FDOT: John Hatfield, Esther Montoya, Seta Koroitamudu, Ryan Flipse Orange County: Krista Taraszewski (OCTP), Carter Gresham (OC Planning), Brian Sanders 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. Continue new traffic pattern on westbound I-4, setting barrier wall on the outside shoulder
 - ii. Eastbound Sand Lake Road sidewalk detour
 - iii. Ongoing mowing

Ryan Flipse: Low profile barrier wall is going up today. Ramp J work will open up work for eventual bridge work and the connection to Turkey Lake Road that we will have in the future. On the old outside lanes of westbound I-4, where traffic was shifted we are demoing, milling and taking out existing lanes and pavement. Monday, we started the sidewalk detour. Last week we received a comment that an area needed mowing, and we have since addressed that area.

David Vallillo: When you install the low-profile barrier walls, will this cause any issues with the fence banners getting in the way?

Ryan: There is enough room there, so we are good right now.

Brian Small: I have not observed any issues on my end this week, overall, the site looks great. I pointed out a few minor things last week, but again they are minor overall.

- 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. Continue eastbound Sand Lake Road sidewalk detour

Ryan: The sidewalk detour will be in place until we get the DDI prework completed. We may flip to detour the other sidewalk on the northern side of Sand Lake Road, but we will give advance notice before we do that. We don't have 90 percent plans yet, so we are still waiting on that.

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.

4. Cleanliness Review

a. Committees Observations over past 7-Days

Ryan: We have had our Clean Team in action since Monday. That is available seven days a week if we ever see anything, the Clean Team can address it. On Monday we had an exploratory geotechnical group out there for exploration.

David: The volume of people and traffic you have experienced over the past nine days is probably indicative of the average ebb and flow of the area. This will be typical up until December 15, until roughly January 5th or January 7th, when you will have a huge influx of international and domestic tourists which will stretch the area to capacity.

With the current lighting, I know you are talking about putting in temporary lighting, but these walkways can get dark, and we've had problems with that in the past with lighting. How far away are we from moving any lighting?

Ryan: It will be on a case-by-case basis. We will try to leave as much of the existing infrastructure in place as long and as much as possible. We are currently trying to create a log of all the lighting that is currently out there. We will have a better idea about any impacts on lighting once we get final plans. Our contractor is obligated to at least keep it at the same level as is currently there.

David: When will the 90 percent plans be coming?

Jim Moulton: Hopefully by the end of the month. They are technically completed, but they still need to go through a review process.



Ryan: Regarding the sidewalk detour, we have implemented some temporary signage. When we first put up the sidewalk signs, we initially saw some room for improvements and instructed the contractor to make those changes in real time to make sure the area is up to visual standards.

Maria Triscari: I've heard nothing but positive feedback about the area. I'll get back to you regarding the fence banner design.

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
7. New Business
 - a. Next meeting 10/18/23.

David: In projects of this scope, do you ever work with local police or the sheriff about an increase in traffic accidents in the area? Are there meetings that you have that go over those stats?

Ryan: We talk with the FDOT Regional Transportation Management Center (RTMC). We will be going to a meeting to talk about the DDI and the emergency services aspect of the implementation of the DDI. FHP is our sister organization that we utilize. Seta Koroitamudu on the call is the operations engineer for our office and has a lot of interaction with them as well with the Orlando Operations. We do have those built-in relationships and open communications.

David: The Chamber has consistently has statistics. If we get anything on our side that is concerning, we will keep you in the loop, and likewise you can keep us in the loop.

John Hatfield: We are always looking at traffic in work zones so we can adjust if needed on the fly. We also have Traffic Incident Management (TIM) meetings on a monthly basis, with counties, police, etc. During those meetings we will talk about events that have occurred and how we can fix them, and lessons learned. So, we do stay on top of traffic. We also have our traffic operations section that pulls information.

David: The sheriff also often utilizes resources to have traffic exit the convention center in a very strategic way down Sand Lake Road, so eventually we will need to coordinate with everyone to make sure the



new traffic pattern will work seamlessly with the mass exodus during large conventions. We'll keep you in the loop for any large events that may come up ahead of time.

8. Meeting Adjourned.