



International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce

I-4 / Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee

February 14, 2024

Meeting Purpose:	Weekly International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce – I-4 and Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee Meeting #31
Meeting Date/Time:	Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Location:	Zoom Meeting
Attendees:	I-Drive: David Vallillo (Host), Maria Triscari FDOT: Ryan Flipse, Esther Montoya, Seta Koroitamudi Orange County: Carter Gresham, Krista Taraszewski HNTB: James Moulton, Leeland Shelton, Faisel Waseem Global-5: Katie Wigle, Mike Wacht

Agenda

1. Past Project Status:
 - a. FDOT to Review past 7 days
 - i. Temporary signals for DDI implementation
 - ii. Westbound Sand Lake Road sidewalk work
 - iii. Continue traffic pattern on westbound I-4
 - iv. Bridge and roadway work on outside of westbound I-4
 - v. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup

Ryan Flipse: We successfully got the signal poles and strands of wire across both sides of Sand Lake Road. We are waiting for a component of the traffic signal box, called Wavetronix, to be delivered. We will know more on February 22 when we are supposed to get this a component. The Wavetronix component goes into the traffic signal box and allows for real time information to get sent to the Regional Transportation Management Center (RTMC) about the number of vehicles traveling through the intersection. If we don't get this and we don't get it installed on this date, it may push back the opening of the diverging diamond interchange (DDI). These types of items have historically been difficult to get in a short period of time. Sometimes they take months or possibly years of procurement time, the supply chain has not yet returned to what it was before COVID.

- b. Committees Comments & Suggestions
2. Future Project Status



- a. FDOT to Review next 7-Days
 - i. Temporary signals for DDI Implementation
 - ii. Westbound Sand Lake Road sidewalk work
 - iii. Continue traffic pattern on westbound I-4
 - iv. Bridge and roadway work on outside of westbound I-4
 - v. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup
- b. Committees Comments & Suggestions
- 3. Future Major Milestones
 - a. FDOT to review next 14 – 21 days
 - i. Bridge demolition work on westbound I-4
 - ii. Upcoming safety diversions for bridge demolition work
 - 1. Sand Lake Road
 - 2. I-4 ramps
 - iii. Pile driving resumes February 27 in Area 2

Ryan: The crane has been relocated to the southern side of the interchange and will resume pile driving in Area 2. We will also continue with the bridge demolition on the eastbound side of I-4.

David Vallillo: In Area 7, with the retention pond there, is there any concern when we get into the wet season that this could potentially cause an issue? I know you are using that area it as a staging area, but there have been cattails in that area in previous years when we got a lot of rain.

Jim Moulton: The plan is to continue to use that area as staging. The water ultimately flows to the retention pond to the west and then ultimately flows to Big Sand Lake. We are not concerned about water being an issue. At project completion, yes, this area will be a wet pond. So, at some point we will excavate the area to create that.

- iv. Westbound Sand Lake Road sidewalk work
- v. DDI changeover schedule
- vi. Reviewing traffic count data

Ryan: The DDI implementation date has moved to Friday March 8th. We have researched the traffic volume with FDOT Traffic Operations from April 2023 and are identifying the best times for implementation. We are looking at what time of day traffic peaks in the morning and in the evening. Our initial analysis shows the ideal time to implement is Friday from midnight to 8 a.m. We haven't finalized anything, but our contractor is moving forward with the March 8th date. Of course, this is still subject to the delivery of the Wavetronix component. According to the traffic count data, Sunday would be our secondary window for implementing the DDI. Both Friday and Saturday have risks associated with them in terms of timing. We are looking at and weighing both those options. We are still waiting to make a final determination. From the traffic counts it looks like the contractor has picked the best window where the impact on traffic will be the lowest possible. If we push the implementation to go into effect closer to midnight, we will be bypassing a lot of traffic leaving the area a little earlier in the evening. We



will send over the final maintenance of traffic (MOT) plans with the traffic signal timing once we have them finalized. We will also send you our analysis of the traffic count data.

David: The service road that is on the southeastern side of the interchange that leads to Mango's can be very busy at 2 a.m. Mango's has entertainment late at night and people use that road. There were some concerns from our stakeholders about potential traffic concerns in that area. What are the assurances that individuals of your level will be present at the time that the DDI is implemented and immediately afterwards. Will you be there to observe this?

Ryan: I know Jim, Leeland, myself, and other team members will be out there. I will also always have my cellphone on and near me. We will also be working with off-duty law enforcement. If we can get any contact or information from Mango's or their traffic management, we would like to coordinate with them. For instance, if we know a bunch of traffic will be exiting that service road at 2 a.m. we can work that into our MOT plans and coordination with off-duty law enforcement.

David: That would be great. I will send that information to you.

Mike Wacht: We are working on a full communications plan to get the message out about this DDI implementation. We are working on creating materials that we will hand out in-person and distribute virtually, we are working on press and media events, paid advertising opportunities, and more.

Maria Triscari: I'd like some talking points sent to myself as well in case I get approached or asked any questions by the media.

- b. Committee's Comments & Suggestions
- 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
 - b. Commitments Update
 - i. Fencing and screening
 - ii. Banners
 - iii. Mowing and cleaning
 - iv. Clean Team
 - v. Ponds

Esther Montoya: We are continuing to communicate with Orange County regarding the ponds and the design plans for that.

New Business

- c. Next meeting 2/21/24.



7. Meeting Adjourned.