



International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce

I-4 / Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee

February 21, 2024

Meeting Purpose:	Weekly International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce – I-4 and Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee Meeting #32
Meeting Date/Time:	Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Location:	Zoom Meeting
Attendees:	I-Drive: David Vallillo (Host), Fernando Ching, Maria Triscari FDOT: Ryan Flipse, Esther Montoya, John Hatfield, Seta Koroitamudi Orange County: Krista Taraszewski, James Robinson HNTB: James Moulton 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
 - b. Committees Comments & Suggestions
2. Future Project Status
 - a. FDOT to Review next 7-Days
 - i. Pile driving resumed February 20 in Area 2
 - ii. Temporary signals for DDI Implementation
 - iii. Westbound Sand Lake Road sidewalk work
 - iv. Continue traffic pattern on westbound I-4
 - v. Bridge and roadway work on outside of westbound I-4
 - vi. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup

Ryan Flipse: Tomorrow, February 22nd is the date that the Wavetronic system is set to be shipped. This is a component of the traffic signal box that allows for real time information to be collected on traffic volumes. We need this to be installed and operating successfully prior to implementation of the



diverging diamond interchange (DDI). We are hoping it will arrive by Monday. The Wavetronix installation will take two to three days.

- b. Committees Comments & Suggestions
- 3. Future Major Milestones
 - a. FDOT to review next 14 – 21 days
 - i. DDI changeover
 - ii. Westbound Sand Lake Road sidewalk work

Ryan: We are looking at ways to ensure a successful implementation of the DDI from a traffic signal perspective. We are working on plans, and we have a meeting scheduled tomorrow and next week with Orange County Traffic Operations. We don't have a definitive date for the DDI implementation currently because we want to conduct signal system testing first. Based on the system testing of the traffic signals, we will have a better idea if we can implement the DDI on March 8th. If we test the systems and we see that there is room for improvement, we may push back the DDI implementation date to make sure the system is functioning properly. We are hoping to test the signal system between February 28th and March 2nd. We would do the testing at night. We are confident that our maintenance of traffic (MOT), striping, and signage plans are in a good place to be implemented when needed. We don't want the DDI implementation to be unsafe or inconvenient, so we want to make sure our system testing of the traffic signals goes well. If for some reason we can't test the signal system until after March 2nd, we might want to push the DDI implementation date.

David Vallillo: We appreciate the focus you have on the DDI implementation. I know you want to kick this off correctly. We also want this to go smoothly. This is coming up very quickly. It is going to be really critical to get information out to our stakeholders as soon as possible. This is a very important shift that will be in place for a long time.

John Hatfield: The configuration of this DDI that will be implemented soon will just be the initial configuration. The left turn lanes from Sand Lake Road to Turkey Lake Road will still be in effect in the initial DDI implementation. We are implementing this initial phase of the DDI to allow crews space in the median of Sand Lake Road to complete overhead work on the overpass so that they can reconstruct I-4's general use lanes and extend I-4 Express. The initial phase of the DDI is expected to be in place for two to three years, with the final configuration of the DDI opening when the new loop ramp to Turkey Lake Road is completed. We are aiming to implement the initial DDI configuration on March 8th, but if there is any inclement weather, things could get pushed out.

David: We'd like to get something out now or as soon as possible that says the projected DDI implementation date. Even if it says the date subject to change and we have to send another update out later with a new updated date.

Krista Taraszewski: Please keep in mind that the following weekend, March 11 to March 15, the HIMSS Conference will be taking place. This group is usually out traveling late with lots of buses on the road. This information needs to be given to the housing agency that is involved in that conference.



Ryan: We'll make sure we are monitoring our operations throughout the dates of March 11th to March 14th. If we end up pushing the DDI implementation past the night of March 8th, we would do it on the night of March 9th. If we can't do it on March 9th we would push it to a weekend after the HIMSS Conference to avoid any conflict.

- b. Committee's Comments & Suggestions
- 4. Future Project Status
 - a. DDI changeover schedule
 - b. Reviewing traffic count data

Ryan: The traffic count data we have compiled was collected from the eastern side of Sand Lake Road, which is closer to International Drive. We also have data from the western side of Sand Lake Road, but since they were very similar and almost identical to each other, we decided to show the data from the western side of Sand Lake Road.

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

Maria: I did notice after the storms we had recently, there was some trash near the eastbound I-4 exit ramp to Sand Lake Road. I'm sure it was caused by the wind. That was a couple of days ago.

David: When we have heavy rain, does that help or hurt the construction site? Does it help wash off dirt or is it more harmful?

Ryan: It depends. It can be both. After rain, even after half an inch of rain, the contractor goes and does stormwater pollution and prevention inspections.

- 6. Condition Review
 - a. Committees Observations over past 7-Days
 - b. (Fencing, Wraps, Barricades, Temp. Signage)
- 7. 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. We have a meeting scheduled two weeks from now with FDOT designers and Orange County about the design.

- 8. New Business
 - a. Informational Open House



- i. In-Person: Thursday, March 7 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at The Rosen Event Center
11184 S Apopka Vineland Road Orlando, FL 32836
- ii. Virtual Option: Wednesday, March 6 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Register at
fdot.tips/I4Meeting

Ryan: We have a public meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, and Thursday, March 7, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The virtual public meeting will take place March 6 and the in-person meeting will be held March 7.

Maria: If you could please forward any materials you have about the public meeting – I'd like to send it out to our stakeholders.

Mike Wacht: We have a letter that we will be sending out to property owners announcing the public meeting. We will attach that with the meeting minutes for this week.

- b. Next meeting 2/21/24.

David: We have a conflict with our next meeting on the 28th. We will have to skip next week's meeting but if you have any materials or updates on the DDI implementation, please send that to us.

Maria: I sent Mike some information about our next I-Drive Chamber of Commerce Member Luncheon on March 14th. We'd like it if you could give a presentation at the luncheon and have some visuals prior to the luncheon. It will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

9. Meeting Adjourned.