



International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce

I-4 / Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee

March 20, 2024

Meeting Purpose:	Weekly International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce – I-4 and Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee Meeting #35
Meeting Date/Time:	Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Location:	Zoom Meeting
Attendees:	I-Drive: David Vallillo (Host), Maria Triscari, FDOT: Esther Montoya Orange County: Carter Gresham HNTB: James Moulton, Leeland Shelton Global-5: Mike Wacht, Dom Scalise

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

Jim Moulton: DDI implementation, we talked about that a lot of last week. We are about 30% complete on money. Are area map, still the bulk of the work is taking place in areas 1, 2, and 3. We will review the look ahead schedule. The main focus is on bridge construction and bridge demolition, crossing Sand Lake where I-4 bridges. That work is what you will predominantly see. We have work in area 3 for embankment and drainage. Pile driving will start back up in a couple weeks, maybe next week. Once we get the beam and girder removed. The beam removal is starting tonight and will wrap up tomorrow night. The crane is in the median right now, so they are getting prepared for that. Back on the DDI, we were monitoring traffic and seeing heavy congestion by whole foods and EB on Sand Lake Road towards Dr. Phillips. These two movements are being looked at by FDOT. They are looking at things they are able to tweak but they are not confident that it will fix anything.



Maria: I will tell you what is great, I live in Bay Hill. It has gone so well since the first day. A lot of unfortunate things happened that did not involve the project. The next day was 50% better and then 100% better the next day. I have heard people say they get it now, why it was used. I have gotten to I-Drive faster than I have in years. One thing I also noticed is the lights are synchronized. That is instrumental in keeping the traffic flowing. Sometimes they were so bad that you would get caught every time. Whatever you are doing with that keep it up! I have gotten really good feedback. Everyone is having the same experience. Even Harris Rosen says he sees an improvement.

David: The synchronization knows how to re synch. It is not static, correct? Are we not there yet with smart functions on lights?

Jim: That function was there prior to the improvement, and it is there now. The difference is when everything is maxed out there is no optimization and that leads to failures. The one thing that happened to us that caused a perfect storm was the interconnect between all the signals that were down. DOT switched to cellular connections that uses three controllers vs. four controllers. We have been running on cellular since with no error.

David: Will it remain on cellular?

Jim: Yes, while we are in construction, it will unless something changes.

David: I am glad we are having this conversation. I will tell you, with all the construction that happens in the area, not specific to the DDI, but further down, frequently we have experienced utility issues. On the Hilton side, a lot switched to the cellular side to lose connectivity. I just wanted to put it on your plate to see what the situation is with cellular once the project is done.

Jim: We were running on fiber until we did this. It had a cellular back up and we did rely on it. It was added about four – five months and a few times we had to go to cellular. Since Monday we have been running solely on cellular. Much more confidence in the cellular.

David: In the future, it is a good chance the fiber may get hit again, so cellular afterwards should be considered vs. fiber.

- 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
 - b. Committees Comments & Suggestions



Jim: We have enhancements under way. We have a couple overhead signs that need to go in place. That is all coming together. I would say we are 95% there. The fact everything is settling in is a good place to be. The bridge work is going to kick in gear now that the median is in our control. We moved the sidewalk to the north side, and it will remain that way for a few months. We have an upcoming pile driving for the median pier. Have there been any concerns about cleanliness?

David: I went through to drive through, and everything looked good, did you hear anything Maria?

Maria: No, I have not.

3. Future Major Milestones
 - a. FDOT to review next 14 – 21 days.
 - i. DDI changeover
 - ii. Westbound Sand Lake Road sidewalk work
 - b. Committee's Comments & Suggestions
4. Future Project Status
 - a. DDI changeover schedule
 - b. Reviewing traffic count data
5. Cleanliness Review
 - a. Committees Observations over past 7-Days
6. Condition Review
 - a. Committees Observations over past 7-Days
 - b. (Fencing, Wraps, Barricades, Temp. Signage)
7. Old Business
 - a. Public Input or Comments

Jim: We have gotten a few complaints that came in, some were early during the implementation, so maybe those concerns have gone away. Some were suggestions, some were concerns like the manager of Whole Foods. Those are going to be responded to. Between DOT and Global-5 we are going to get responses out to them. Most of the people would probably agree their concerns have gone away.

Maria: Just to mention that the I-Drive concierge update has been a real winner. When I sent that out last week I got a lot of appreciation. I am even sending a text to the board and our stakeholders. IT is also featured on our website, so we have multiple avenues for members to access that information. The overall is good communication. If you receive a comment, I can add them to our link.

Jim: Mike and I can work that out. I know they want letters to come from Ryan, so we are pulling those together. Was there anything on the outstanding business we needed to discuss?

David: No, we are good. Just echoing what Maria said, I drove through yesterday and there has been a lot of improvement. I think the changes make the direction cleaner and easier to travel. This week I have not received any feedback. I don't have anything on that. We are through this phase. Are there any more updates to share? Carter, Esther?



Carter: We are working with Valerie; she is confirming a few things. The county reached out to go over incorporating public art into the final layout. We are meeting tomorrow afternoon.

Maria: The lunch went well last week. Tomorrow is our Board of Directors meeting. Are you available Mike? Would you be able to go at 11:30 for questions at UCF Rosen College?

Mike: Send me a calendar invite.

Maria: It is good to have that connection. Both of you attending our board meetings would be great.

David: So, we will see some of you at the Board meeting, have a great day everyone!

- b. Commitments Update
 - i. Fencing and screening
 - ii. Banners
 - iii. Mowing and cleaning
 - iv. Clean Team
 - v. Ponds
- 8. New Business
 - a. Next meeting 3/27/24.
- 9. Meeting Adjourned.