



International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce

I-4 / Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee

March 27, 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 27, 2024, 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Location:	Zoom Meeting
Attendees:	I-Drive: David Vallillo (Host), Maria Triscari, FDOT: Esther Montoya, Ryan Flipse Orange County: Carter Gresham, Krista HNTB: James Moulton, Leeland Shelton Global-5: Mike Wacht, Dom Scalise

Agenda

1. Past Project Status:

Ryan: So, contract time, we are at a quarter. The last contract day is February 10, 2027. We have a newish area photo that we are using until we get a new DDI implementation photo. This is showing the northwest. We are going to use this as our reference for the time being. Area 1, 2, and 3 have the most work that is occurring right now. Looking at our schedule, some of the major work activities in the near future, is the pile driving operation that is happening in the median. We should receive them on Thursday, and we will be driving pile Friday and Saturday. There is bridge demo work taking place. We are working in the old loop ramp area, excavating and taking out material. We are also doing pond work and coordination with adjacent projects. We have three active projects going on right now. So, we have to coordinate and make sure we do not gum up the system. The 528 widening projects have been occurring the past few nights, in the wee hours. We are working on our force main work in area 1. We are also continuing to work on the bridge and structure in area 3, working towards the eventual ramp j.

David: Do you believe the estimate completion is 12 months out?

Ryan: That is a good estimate, 12 months to 18 months. The force main work in area 2 is critical to make sure we can get across here and not interrupt service. These are the critical items, and they are moving fairly well. Since they are working in the median, the piles are one of the last components to get us to move further south. That 12–18-month range is pretty accurate. This is a big milestone for us, because once that is done, we will be able to have further conversations about removing the left turns. This will



help with the traffic flow. I was unable to attend the meeting on the 14, but I wanted to add our DDI is further west than the permanent DDI will be. The crossover occurs closer to the bridge. This will give the vehicles more space, which will help with the flow of traffic.

David: When do you expect significant work to take place?

Ryan: I do not have a good answer, but my intuition is the final flatwork, you won't see until closer to the end.

David: What we see now is what we will have for a year?

Ryan: Yes. Looking at this sheet, more structure items with relation to the bridges. We do not foresee considerable impact. There will be intermittent work between us and 528, but aside from that I do not see anything serious.

1. FDOT to Review past 7 days.
 - i. Monitored DDI
 - ii. Added additional signs.
 - iii. Shifting pedestrian traffic to northern sidewalk
 - iv. Installing force main
 - v. Two girder removal operations
 - vi. Ongoing mowing and litter

Leeland: Both nights went well. We did have to do both closures. Lane was so good at getting it done, we were able to open one direction on each side at 3 am.

David: I did not hear a single thing, no texts.

Maria: Same!

Leeland: The asphalt widening of the WB I-4 off ramp will be moving slightly to the east.

2. Future Project Status
 1. FDOT to Review next 7-Days.
 - i. Monitoring DDI
 - ii. Bridge demo work
 - iii. Install barrier wall.
 - iv. Sand Lake Road southern sidewalk work.
 - v. Excavating loop ramp
 - vi. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup

Ryan: Should we be aware of any events in the next 7 days?

David: No, Maria?

Maria: No, general spring break but nothing out of the norm. I have to say that the traffic flow is amazing. I said this at the board meeting. It used to take me 45 mins to get to I-drive and now I get there



in 7 mins. The lights stay in sync, so you hit green light after green light. Keeping up with this has been very important. Keep it up, you guys really know what you are doing.

Ryan: Our traffic and timing engineers have monitored the timing for the past two weeks 24/7.

David: We have heard from others who have said the same thing about traveling though quicker. This may offer a positive spin. Every time a DDI is going to be implemented, the public gets in an uproar, but if you look at the timing pre-DDI, the timing has really improved. ChampionsGate also talks about how they have reduced time. We did not have information from ChampionsGate when we were told we would have a DDI. I feel if you provide this info, people would be more comfortable with them.

Ryan: We did get asked a similar question at our media event. I know they are working out details on tracking that info. If this is not something we are tracking, we should.

Maria: Yes, I think testimonials would be great.

David: And this is only the initial change, so we should see even more.

Ryan: Correct.

David: Maria, you made a great point about our residents who do travel in the area, and this can offer a positive spin to people who are still upset. We can work with Mike to get data and put it out there to encourage people to come.

Ryan: We will look up this data.

Krista: Last Wednesday, I was coming off the ramp and it was backed up to the top of the hill. Once I got to the end, the right turners had a lot of down time, when they could turn but couldn't be due to the no turn on right. You might want to just look at that. It was not a long time, but I did notice that they could have made that turn.

Ryan: We have been looking at that, but I do not have info to share.

Leeland: We talked to Jeremy about this, the no turn on right allows the other people to clear out to stop it from jamming up. This is a timing issue further down the DDI. That is the reason for that.

Jim: It is also for pedestrian safety as well. If you are turning right there, you traditionally look left, but with this new patter people would look in the wrong direction. We are looking at a better way to sign that. The possibility to say stop here and proceed on red is an option.

2. Committees Comments & Suggestions
3. Future Major Milestones
 1. FDOT to review next 14 – 21 days.
 - i. Continue traffic pattern on western I-4
 - ii. Pile driving B-2 Pier
 - iii. Excavating loop ramp
 - iv. Flushing and testing force main



- v. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup
- 2. Committee's Comments & Suggestions

Ryan: Any events in the next three weeks?

David: I have to check the calendar.

Ryan: We will be opening another DDI at Daryl Carter Parkway which should give much more access to folks in means of travel. When we open this up, we may see some alleviation of congestion since people can access Daryl Carter directly. Even before taking the left turns at ramp j, we will see improvements due to the adjacent projects progress in the next 12-18 months.

- 4. Cleanliness Review
 - 1. Committees Observations over past 7-Days
- 5. Condition Review
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 - 2. (Fencing, Wraps, Barricades, Temp. Signage)

Ryan: Mike is keeping us updated on this checklist making sure they are in good condition. As the weather changes, we may see some wear on them.

Leeland: I rode the project, and we are tightening fencing in the area. There was also an accident where a guy took a curb too fast and took some equipment, but we are working on it.

- 6. Old Business
 - 1. Public Input or Comments

Ryan: We did receive input from the public and local businesses. We are responding to all those, I do not think we received anything concerning.

David: From our perspective, I have not heard a claim that the construction or DDI is preventing people from getting to businesses.

Ryan: We heard some, but we are getting back to them. After the timing changes, I am sure they are approved.

Leeland: The back up from Turkey Lake used to sit under the bridge, but now that the space is unavailable, they queue further.

- 2. Commitments Update
 - i. Fencing and screening
 - ii. Banners
 - iii. Mowing and cleaning
 - iv. Clean Team
 - v. Ponds



Ryan: Just let us know if you see anything and we can address it. We kept ponds so you know we are still addressing these commitments.

7. New Business
 1. Next meeting 4/3/24.
8. Meeting Adjourned at 3:37 PM