



International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce

I-4 / Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee

April 3, 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, April 3, 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: Dom Scalise

Agenda

Meeting called to order at 3:03 p.m.

1. Past Project Status:

Ryan: The project is 1 years old. Most of the time was design but some construction work was done! As we get more updated photos with the crane in the median. This is a good angle for reference. I will reference you as we go. We have a lot of work going on the median. Pile driving, we are also working on the old loop ramp area, it is very active, area 3. We have the first of one of bridge deck pours that is scheduled to happen next week. We are closer and closer to completion. Looking at drainage items, we are still installing the force main. We do have the testing of the force main over the next few weeks. This does involve a lot of coordination and may need to be addressed, so we may see a delay. Lots of work happening on I-4, bridge work and I-4 westbound. This area is still talking about the new bridge going in and the loop area.

1. FDOT to Review past 7 days.

- i. Monitoring DDI configuration Ryan: We may make a tweak to the configuration to improve the flow. We still have to discuss it further, but it can make a significant change.
- ii. Added additional signs, pavement makings, and lighting to DDI.
- iii. Installing force main



- iv. Pile driving- Ryan: This will go on for around 21 days, we have about 8 of 26 piles in place. We started at 8 a.m. and it takes about 2 hours to drive a pile. Doing that math, it looks like we can maybe do 2-3 a day.
- v. Bridge and roadway work on outside westbound I-4
- vi. Excavating loop ramp
- vii. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup Ryan: We have been making improvements to the clean team and litter pickup.

David: I only have one comment, I know the ramp coming off I-4 to get to Sand Lake by the Circle near the Drury. There have been concerns about the area there. We spoke long ago about noticing people coming down I-4 to utilize Kirkman, for those going to that area, it is a much easier way. Most people's GPS takes them to Sand Lake, I am not sure if this will be in place for a year, but I think if we can somehow direct people to get off at Kirkman may help with the congestion coming off I-4 to get to Sand Lake.

Ryan: That is a good idea.

David: It is a much quicker way to get to that side of Sand Lake. This could help with congestion on I-4 going down to Sand Lake. Just something to think about. Signage could be improved to direct people to that way. Maybe list the Kirkman exit as an I-Drive exit.

Ryan: I have used that a lot, it is very efficient. We used to have a field office that way that had access to the Sand Lake Area, I would take it often. We can certainly look into ways to notify people, like social media. I will talk with Mike Wacht about ways we can implement that.

2. FDOT to Review next 7-Days.

- i. Monitored DDI configuration.
- ii. Install barrier wall adjacent to old loop ramp.
- iii. Placing westbound I-4 embankment
- iv. Excavating loop ramp
- v. Pile delivery.
- vi. Bridge deck pour loop ramp Ryan: This is a step in the right direction to getting that ramp created.
- vii. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup

Ryan: We did not see any new updates of events.

David: Nope, nothing new.

3. Committees Comments & Suggestions

2. Future Major Milestones

1. FDOT to review next 14 – 21 days.

- i. Continue traffic pattern on westbound I-4
- ii. Pile driving in median.
- iii. Excavating loop ramp



- iv. Continue traffic pattern on westbound I-4
- v. Connect force main to existing.
- vi. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup

David: Marie, have you heard anything? I have not gotten a text or call today.

Marie: Just texts of people saying they are getting through faster.

Ryan: I have noticed that too. I try to be fair and stay in problematic lanes and try to see the experience the user gets.

- 2. Committee's Comments & Suggestions
- 3. Cleanliness Review
 - 1. Committees Observations over past 7-Days
- 4. Condition Review
 - 1. Committees Observations over past 7-Days
 - 2. (Fencing, Wraps, Barricades, Temp. Signage)

Ryan: We swept and cleaned the sidewalk and replaced the silt fence. We also did a construction equipment cleanup on equipment that was not being used. We also did an ADA check to ensure people were able to access safely. We are working on the South side now, so we tighten it up and make sure it is safe. We have cleaned up the sidewalk, it is a good thing. We are going to continue to check on it and make sure we are vigilant.

David: I was in the Shell gas station on the north side, the condition of the sidewalk is tenfold than any other project from when I have been there. The way it looked and also the safety measures, it looks great. It is very visible. The great work the team is doing on keeping the entire area clean really ensures we are meeting the standard.

Ryan: We also have the typical things we are upkeeping, like the drums and banners. We do monitor these things because they do get hit or moved in a construction site, so we like to switch them out as soon as possible. For safety and for aesthetic reasons.

David: Anyone take one out recently?

Ryan: Not recently. I do think people are getting used to it.

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

Ryan: We have received some, some of them are hard to determine the timeframe. Some may have been from earlier on. We are addressing them with Mike Wacht and the project team. We do respond to each comment we receive, but we have not received one from the I-Drive community. We do get a lot of unrelated I-4 comments.

- 2. Commitments Update



- i. Fencing and screening
- ii. Banners
- iii. Mowing and cleaning
- iv. Clean Team **Ryan: Making sure we emphasize the loop area. I touch each quadrant at least once a week to ensure mowing is active and we are cleaning up. Mowing has been under wraps but with rainy season coming, we may have to double our efforts.**

David: We know the boots on the ground, do we feel a sweeper is not needed, where are we with that?

Ryan: At this point it is temporarily off, but not written off. We are waiting to see if it is a necessity, we want to see if we can manage routine cleaning with the cleaning team. A lot of the clean up requires them to broom the area anyway. We want to see what quality and upkeep we get from the cleaning team first. If you see the need, please let us know, we do have the pricing.

David: That is ok, I just want to make sure that was transparent. We have not heard anything.

Cedric: If there is a meeting, we can get the contractor to do the regular sweeping.

- v. Ponds

Ryan: The pond is tied with the county, so in the near future I anticipate the discussion will reignite in the next month. That conversation is still alive, we know it is important.

6. New Business

1. Next meeting 4/10/24.

Maria: Great job so far!

David: Thank you for bringing the calm back to the area so quickly.

7. Meeting Adjourned at 3:32 p.m.