



## International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce

### I-4 / Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee

April 24, 2024

<b>Meeting Purpose:</b>	Weekly International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce – I-4 and Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee Meeting #35
<b>Meeting Date/Time:</b>	Wednesday, April 24, 2024, 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
<b>Location:</b>	Zoom Meeting
<b>Attendees:</b>	I-Drive: David Vallillo (Host), Maria Triscari, Brian  FDOT: Ryan Flipse, Seta Koroitamudu  Orange County: Krista (OCTP), Carter Gresham  HNTB: James Moulton, Leeland Shelton  Global-5: Dom Scalise, Mike Wacht

**Meeting called to order at 3:02 p.m.**

**Brian:** Ryan, I drove the interchange that I saw congestion at last week and I have to say I went through in a breeze.

**David:** I did see an incident during rush hour on the news, a basic accident and it cleared really quick.

#### Agenda

**Ryan:** Our upcoming schedule has not changed. Even the look ahead, is not very different from last week.

1. FDOT to Review past 7 days.
  - i. Excavate and grade pond (Areas 3 and 4)
  - ii. Flush and test force main (Areas 1 and 2)
  - iii. Pile driving (median)
  - iv. Monitoring DDI configuration
  - v. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup

**David:** No questions on my side.

**Maria:** No questions or comments.

2. FDOT to Review next 7-Days.
  - i. Excavate loop ramp (Area 3)
  - ii. Pile driving (median)



- iii. Bridge and roadway work on outside of westbound I-4
- iv. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup
- 3. Committees Comments & Suggestions

**Ryan:** Is there anything on the calendar that we need to be made aware of?

**David:** No, no new events that we do not know about. I believe we are through the busy season. We will talk about other groups now that the DDI is in place but with all the input we have heard, it should be smoother. I think it will have less impact.

## 2. Future Major Milestones

- 1. FDOT to review next 14 – 21 days.
  - i. Setup Piles
  - ii. Jack & Bore (Area 1 and 7 under I-4) Ryan: We have LEO support on hand for when this happens. There should not be any impact on I-4 or Sand Lake but we wanted to make you aware.
  - iii. Excavate loop ramp (Area 3)
  - iv. Maintain temp draining (Areas 3 and 4)
  - v. Remove existing force main (Areas 1 and 2)
  - vi. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup
- 2. Committee's Comments & Suggestions

**Fernando:** Is there going to be a right lane that only turns I-4 East.

**Jim:** Is the question being it in the final reconfiguration or will it be coming? I have to pull up the plans to show what the final will look like.

**David:** The configuration here is only temporary, this will not be the end product.

**Leeland:** The DDI shrinks when we turn it into a final configuration. I am 99% sure we will go back to having that dedicated for a right turn lane.

## 3. Cleanliness Review

- 1. Committees Observations over past 7-Days
- 4. Condition Review

**Ryan:** Mike Wacht and his team did a test this weekend. We do not see much bleaching or color fading on the fence banners. We will probably check quarterly to ensure they maintain the correct color. Regarding the brush near Wholefoods, that has since been cleaned up and cut back. Also, Area 7 has been screened off.

**Maria:** Yes, it looks so much better.

**Ryan:** The Universal traffic, Jim and Leeland are monitoring it. Some of the items that Traffic Ops brought up, is that there is a reduction lane and if there is a back up on the light, that may back up the traffic



flow. They are continuing to monitor it and they have not seen considerable time or congestion. We are watching it.

**Maria:** I think the problem is close to 5:00 p.m.-6 p.m. I know the email was sent in the afternoon; the afternoon was great. Starting at 4:30 p.m. it backs up.

**David:** We are talking about northbound on Universal making a left turn on Sand Lake. The traffic backs up and you cannot get into the lane because the stacking goes beyond where you are turning. I just want to throw that on the table. As we get towards opening Epic Universal, this issue will only get worse. We have all experienced it and once it happens it turns into a cycle.

**Maria:** That is the time I have been told to get through, 55 minutes.

**David:** Whether the left turn lane needs to be extended south for additional staffing, but as soon as you get 15 cars going straight, you can no longer get into that lane.

**Maria:** I think if the I-Drive light is not in sync with that light, it gets everyone caught in the congestion.

**Ryan:** I believe Universal is a county monitored light, but we can work with them.

**David:** It is a very short double stacked lane.

**Seta:** It is restricted to that Wawa there.

**David:** We also have the construction entrance by Universal and that is just dumping.

**Fernado:** People have been getting stuck at the light which in turns causes congestion to back up.

**Maria:** If someone wants to introduce me to someone I can reach out. I think this needs to be coordinated. Within a year we will have more traffic.

**Ryan:** Let me get with Traffic Ops and we can see what coordination we can do. We are limited with Universal since it is not our roadway.

1. Committees Observations over past 7-Days
2. (Fencing, Wraps, Barricades, Temp. Signage)
5. Old Business
  1. Public Input or Comments
    - i. Presentation to the Tourist Intel Crime Meeting: May 2
  2. Commitments Update
    - i. Fencing and screening
    - ii. Banners
    - iii. Mowing and cleaning
    - iv. Clean Team
    - v. Ponds



**Carter:** We are probably going to have more information later, the week kind of blew up. I am hoping to have an update later this week. I think we have all the information we need. We are looking at the signs and making tweaks after seeing the final plans. We are going to make sure the pylons are stand alone and not redundant.

**Ryan plays DDI video.**

**Maria:** That was a great video.

**David:** Thank you, Mike. That video was really great.

**Maria:** It brought up a great view of the gateway. Is that what is currently being adopted?

**Ryan:** I believe that is still in discussion with Orange County.

**Maria:** That is what would currently exist now.

6. New Business

1. Next meeting 5/1/24.

**The meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.**