



INFORMATIONAL OPEN HOUSE FOR I-4 IMPROVEMENTS AT SAND LAKE ROAD (STATE ROAD (S.R.) 482) AND DARYL CARTER PARKWAY IN ORANGE COUNTY

Orange County, Florida — March 6 and 7, 2024
Financial Project IDs: 444315-1, 444315-3, 441113-1



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Informational Open House for I-4 Improvements at Sand Lake Road (State Road (S.R.) 482) and Daryl Carter Parkway in Orange County

March 6 and 7, 2024, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

In-Person Location: Rosen Event Center, Orlando
11184 S. Apopka Vineland Road
Orlando, FL 32836 United States

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) hosted a public meeting from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 6 and Thursday, March 7 to discuss construction plans for two projects in Orange County. These projects are being constructed at the Interstate 4 (I-4) interchanges at Sand Lake Road (State Road (S.R.) 482) (FPID Nos. 444315-1 and 444315-3) and Daryl Carter Parkway (FPID No. 441113-1). The virtual meeting took place March 6, and the in-person meeting was held March 7.

The purpose of these projects is to provide operational and safety improvements to these interchanges in Orange County and to extend I-4 Express from the existing express lanes near Kirkman Road to west of S.R. 536. The public meeting was held to inform the public about what to expect during construction of the projects.

These projects will:

- Reconstruct the I-4 general use lanes and extend the I-4 managed lanes from west of Sand Lake Road to the end of the I-4 Ultimate project, west of Kirkman Road (S.R. 435).
- Reconstruct the I-4 and Sand Lake Road interchange into a diverging diamond interchange (DDI).
- Reconfigure the I-4 overpass on Daryl Carter Parkway as a DDI and construct new I-4 exits from both directions to Daryl Carter Parkway, as well as a new eastbound I-4 entrance ramp.
- Add a single, buffer-delineated westbound managed lane extension from west of Daryl Carter Parkway to west of Sand Lake Road.

The in-person open house site was the Rosen Event Center at 11184 S. Apopka Vineland Road in Orlando, FL. The site proved to be ideal due to its easy-to-find, central location near residents, the ample space in the meeting facility, and the availability of plenty of free parking.

The open house was a hybrid public meeting format with the virtual meeting held March 6 and the in-person meeting held March 7. The FDOT team was available to answer questions and explain the improvements with the help of large display maps, a video presentation, and informational handouts.

More than 90 attendees signed in for the meeting in person and online. Representatives from Orange County, major businesses, and several homeowners' associations were also in attendance.

Global-5 created a video that played on a continuous loop throughout the meeting, highlighting the project details. The video included an overview of the design improvements.

Global-5's media outreach efforts included corresponding with media industry contacts and providing a comprehensive media kit complete with a project fact sheet, project maps, and a news release.

Global-5 developed an elected and appointed officials email list, notification letters, and a meeting announcement news release. Global-5 coordinated with FDOT to distribute these materials.

Global-5 posted the meeting announcement, including a map to the meeting location, on I4Beyond.com and distributed meeting announcements to thousands of residents and businesses throughout Orange County.

Summary of activities leading up to the meeting:

- Global-5 created a database of all elected and appointed officials in Orange County.
- Global-5 developed elected and appointed officials letter notifications. Upon finalization, Global-5 provided FDOT with a list of officials' email addresses from the database for approval. FDOT District Five Secretary John E. Tyler, P.E. distributed the elected officials' letters, and project manager Ryan Flipse, P.E. distributed the appointed officials' letters.
- Global-5 drafted a Florida Administrative Register (FAR) ad. The FAR ad was published on February 26, 2024, and was available for download by the public.
- Global-5 created a legal ad announcing the public meeting. Global-5 coordinated with the *Orlando Sentinel* to place the ads on February 23 and February 25, 2024.
- Global-5 developed a news release that was distributed by the FDOT District 5 PIO Office on February 27, 2024.
- Global-5 drafted a letter and project handouts that were sent to residents and were posted to I4Beyond.com. Global-5 worked with the Orange County Property Appraiser's office to develop a mailing list and used a mailing service to send the meeting announcement to property owners in the area. The letter was sent to 11,864 addresses.

- Global-5 developed media kits prior to the meeting. These kits included project fact sheets, project maps, and a news release. Global-5 created exterior labels and an interior contents label for the media kits. In addition, Global-5 created a weblink to an electronic media kit.
- Global-5 created a video to play on a loop throughout the duration of the meeting. The video included an overview of the project and the improvements.
- Global-5 developed display materials for the meeting, including a welcome board and a Title VI display board, along with several display boards that detailed the work being done on the projects. Nametags for project team members were also created.
- Global-5 created a public input form and box. These items were organized on a separate table for the public input area at the meeting.
- Global-5 developed a site map plan and shared it with FDOT.
- Global-5 coordinated with the Rosen Event Center to review meeting site information.

Information on display and/or presented at the meeting:

- Meeting Welcome Board
- Title VI Compliance Board
- Financial ID (FPID Nos. 444315-1 and 444315-3) for the I-4 and Sand Lake Road interchange
- Financial ID (FPID No. 441113-1-3) for the I-4 and Daryl Carter Parkway interchange
- Video presentation

Attendees were given the opportunity to share their thoughts, opinions, and suggestions either verbally or in writing during the meeting, by phone, or electronically.

Summary of written comments:

- Number of attendees who signed in at the in-person meeting: 48
- Number of attendees who registered for the virtual meeting: 110
- Number of attendees who participated in the virtual meeting: 42
- Public comments received: 10 (9 in-person, 1 online via the I4Beyond.com website, and 0 via phone call)



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SECRETARY

February 15, 2024

**Subject: Public Information Meeting
Interstate 4 Improvements in Orange County**
Orange County
Financial Project Identification (FPID) Nos.: 444315-1, 444315-3, 441113-1

Dear Elected Official:

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FDOT encourages community involvement and is offering this public meeting in person and virtually to provide more ways to participate. All attendees, regardless of which platform they choose, will receive the same information.

- **In-Person Open House Option:** Participants may attend in person by going to the Rosen Event Center, 11184 S. Apopka Vineland Road, Orlando, FL 32836 on Thursday, March 7, any time between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to view a looping presentation and project displays, speak with project team members, and submit comments or questions. If attending in person, please remember to follow all safety and sanitation guidelines. If you are feeling unwell, please consider attending the meeting virtually or by phone.
- **Virtual Option:** Interested persons may join over the Internet from a computer, tablet or mobile device to see a looping video presentation on Wednesday, March 6, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. For this option, advance registration is required by visiting fdot.tips/I4Meeting. Once registered, participants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting online. If using a mobile device, use the GoToWebinar app to be able to view the presentation

and submit comments. If joining online, please allow adequate time to log in to view the presentation in its entirety.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can view all meeting materials, including the presentation, and provide comment through the project website at I4Beyond.com. You may also contact FDOT Project Manager Ryan Flipse, P.E. directly by phone at 321-319-8134 or email at ryan.flipse@dot.state.fl.us.

FDOT is sending notices to nearby property owners, business owners, interested persons, and organizations to provide the opportunity to offer comments and express their views regarding these projects and the proposed improvements.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to FDOT compliance with Title VI may do so by contacting Melissa McKinney, FDOT District Five Title VI Coordinator, at Melissa.McKinney@dot.state.fl.us.

Persons who require accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Michael Citro at 407-571-6766 or michaelcitro@global-5.com at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact us by using the Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (Voice).

If you have any questions or comments about the meeting or the project, please contact: FDOT Project Manager Ryan Flipse, P.E. by phone at 321-319-8134, by email at ryan.flipse@dot.state.fl.us, or U.S. mail at Florida Department of Transportation, 719 S. Woodland Blvd., MS 542, DeLand, FL 32720.

Sincerely,

John E. Tyler, P.E.
District Five Secretary

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Flipse". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

Ryan Flipse, P.E.
FDOT Project Manager

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Orlando Sentinel

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Mom: Blackmail for Navalny's body

Says officials are pressuring her to OK private burial

Associated Press

The mother of Russia's late opposition leader Alexei Navalny said Thursday that she has seen her son's body and that she is resisting strong pressure by authorities to agree to a secret burial outside the public eye.

Iryudmila Navalnaya said investigators allowed her to see her son's body in the city morgue. She said she reaffirmed the demand to give Navalny's body to her and protested what she described as authorities trying to force her to agree to a secret burial.

"They are blackmailing me, they are setting conditions where, when and how my son should be buried," she said in a video statement from the Arctic city of Salekhard. "They want it to do secretly without a mourning ceremony."

Navalny's spokesman, Kiry Yarnysh said on X, formerly Twitter, that his mother was also shown a medical certificate stating that the 47-year-old politician died of "natural causes." Yarnysh didn't specify what those were.

Navalny, Russia's most well-known opposition politician, died in an Arctic prison last week, prompting hundreds of Russians across the country to stream to impromptu memorials with flowers and candles. The Russian authorities have detained scores of them as they seek to suppress any major outpouring of sympathy for President Vladimir Putin's fiercest foe before the presidential election he



President Joe Biden meets with Yulia Navalnaya, right, and daughter Dasha on Thursday in San Francisco. WHITE HOUSE

is almost certain to win.

Across the ocean in San Francisco, President Joe Biden met with Navalny's widow, Yulia Navalnaya, and 20-year-old daughter, Dasha — a Stanford University student — and expressed "condolences for their devastating loss."

"To state the obvious, he was a man of incredible courage," Biden said after the meeting. "It's amazing how his wife and daughter are emulating that."

Navalny's mother has filed a lawsuit at a court in Salekhard contesting official refusal to release her son's body. A closed-door hearing has been scheduled for March 4. On Tuesday, she appealed to Putin to release her son's remains so that she could bury him with

dignity.

In the video released Thursday, Navalnaya said she had spent nearly 24 hours in the Salekhard office of the Investigative Committee, where officials told her that they have determined the politician's cause of death and have the paperwork ready, but she has to agree to a secret funeral.

"They want to take me to the outskirts of the cemetery to a fresh grave and say: Here lies your son. I don't agree to this. I want you, too — to whom Alexei is dear, for whom his death was a personal tragedy — to have the opportunity to say goodbye to him," she said.

Navalny accused the authorities of threatening her. "Looking into my eyes, they say that if I do not agree

to a secret funeral, they will do something with my son's body. Investigator Voropayev openly told me: Time is not on your side, the corpse is decaying," she said, reiterating her demand to release her son's body "immediately."

Since Navalny's death, about 400 people have been detained across Russia as they tried to pay tribute to him with flowers and candles, according to OVD-Info, a group that monitors political arrests. Authorities cordoned off some of the memorials to victims of Soviet repression across the country that were being used as sites to leave makeshift tributes to Navalny. Police removed the flowers at night, but more keep appearing.

Earlier Thursday, imprisoned opposition figure Vladimir Kara-Murza urged Russians not to give up after Navalny's death, and he alleged that a state-backed hit squad was taking out the Kremlin's political opponents, according to a video posted to social media.

Kara-Murza, a British-Russian citizen, is serving a 25-year sentence for treason at Penal Colony No. 7 in the Siberian city of Omsk. His comments came as he appeared via a video link in a court hearing over a complaint against Russia's Investigative Committee for what he believes were two poisoning attempts against him. He alleges the committee didn't properly investigate the attempts.

Kara-Murza is one of

multiple opposition figures who have either been imprisoned, forced to flee the country or killed. He was convicted over publicly criticizing Russia's invasion of Ukraine and was handed a still sentence as part of a crackdown against critics of the war and freedom of speech.

"We owe it — to our fallen comrades to continue to work with even greater strength and achieve what they lived and died for," Kara-Murza said in the video, which was shared by the Russian Sota telegram channel.

"He was hospitalized with a similar illness in 2017 and put into a medically induced coma. His wife said doctors confirmed he was poisoned. According to the video shared by Sota, Kara-Murza alleged there is a 'death squad' within the Federal Security Service, a group of professional killers in the service of the state, whose task is to physically eliminate political opponents of the Putin regime."

He said investigative journalists had shown that the group of FSB officers participated in his poisoning, as well as Navalny's poisoning with a nerve agent in 2020 and the surveillance of opposition politician Boris Nemtsov before he was shot and killed in 2015 on a bridge near the Kremlin.

Biden said Thursday that the U.S. on Friday will be announcing sanctions against Putin, who is responsible for (Navalny's) death."

Man accused of lies about Bidens is back in custody

Ex-FBI informant was freed 2 days ago ahead of trial

By Ken Ritter and Rio Yamut Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — A former FBI informant accused of lying about multimillion-dollar bribery allegations against President Joe Biden and his son Hunter Biden and purportedly having links to Russian intelligence was again taken into custody Thursday, two days after a judge said he could be freed ahead of trial, his attorneys said in court documents.

The arrest during a meeting Thursday morning with his lawyers at their offices in downtown Las Vegas came after prosecutors appealed a ruling allowing 48-year-old Alexander Smirnov, who holds dual U.S.-Israeli citizenship, to be released with a GPS monitor ahead of trial on charges alleging he lied to the FBI.

He was taken into custody on a warrant for the same charges issued in California, where the case was originally filed, his lawyers said. Several sealed entries were

listed in the court docket, but no additional details about his return to custody were immediately available.

A spokesman for Justice Department special counsel David Weiss confirmed Smirnov had been arrested again, but did not have additional comment. He is in custody of U.S. marshals in Nevada, said Gary Schofield, the chief marshal in Las Vegas.

Smirnov is charged with making a false statement and creating a false and fictitious record. He was arrested last week in Las Vegas, where he now lives, and a judge allowed him to be released with a GPS monitor on Tuesday.

His attorneys David Chernoff and Richard Schoenfeld said they requested an immediate hearing on his detention.

Prosecutors say Smirnov falsely told his handler that executives from the Ukrainian energy company Burisma paid President Biden and Hunter Biden \$5 million each around 2015.

The claim became central to the Republican impeachment inquiry of President Biden in Congress. Smirnov has not entered a plea to the charges, but

his lawyers have said their client is presumed innocent and they look forward to defending him at trial.

As part of their push to keep him in custody, prosecutors said Smirnov told investigators after his arrest last week that "officials associated with Russian intelligence were involved in passing a story" about Hunter Biden. They said Smirnov's self-reported contact with Russian officials was recent and extensive, and said he had planned to meet with foreign intelligence contacts during an upcoming trip abroad.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Daniel Alvirges on Tuesday had ordered him released ahead of trial, saying he was concerned about Smirnov's access to money prosecutors estimated at \$6 million but noting that federal guidelines required him to fashion "the least restrictive conditions" ahead of trial.

Smirnov was also ordered to stay in the area and surrender his passports. "Do not make a mockery out of me," Alvirges told to Smirnov, warning that he'd be placed back into the federal government's custody if he violated any of his conditions. His lawyers



Former FBI informant Alexander Smirnov, second from right, leaves the courthouse after a hearing Tuesday in Las Vegas. BIZJAVAH/THE NEW YORK TIMES

say he's been "fully compliant" with his release conditions.

Prosecutors appealed to U.S. District Judge Otis Wright in California, where the case is based. "The circumstances of the offenses charged — that Smirnov lied to his FBI handler after a 10-year relationship where the two spoke nearly every day — means that Smirnov cannot be trusted to provide truthful information to pretrial services," prosecutors wrote in court documents. "The effects of Smirnov's false statements and fabricated information continue to be felt to this day."

Smirnov had been an informant for more than a decade when he made the explosive allegations about the Bidens in June 2020, after "expressing bias" about Joe Biden as a presidential candidate, prosecutors said.

But Smirnov had only routine business dealings with Burisma starting in 2017, according to court documents. No evidence has emerged that Joe Biden acted corruptly or accepted bribes in his current role or previous office as vice president.

While his identity wasn't publicly known before the charges were filed, Smirnov's claims have played a

major part in the Republican effort in Congress to investigate the president and his family, and helped spark what is now a House impeachment inquiry into Biden. Republicans pursuing investigations of the Bidens demanded the FBI release the unredacted form documenting the unverified allegations, though they acknowledged they couldn't confirm if they were true.

Democrats called for an end to the probe after the Smirnov indictment came down last week, while Republicans distanced the inquiry from his claims and said they would continue to "follow the facts."

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Lawyer: Name of alleged co-conspirator unknown

By Justin Garcia and Dan Sullivan Tampa Bay Times

A lawyer for Tampa media consultant Tim Burke says his client doesn't know the identity of the person that federal officials say he conspired with to access video from Fox News and other companies.

Federal prosecutors who charged Burke, 45, with 14 federal crimes including conspiracy and accessing a protected computer without authorization after they say he used "compromised credentials" to access and save protected commercial broadcast video streams, then disseminate specific clips after taking steps to mask where they came from and how they were obtained.

The indictment says Burke worked with an unnamed person, and identified them by their partial surname on X (formerly known as Twitter), as "@E...". The indictment said the alleged co-conspirator lived in Washington, and prosecutor Jay Trezevant said Thursday in court that Burke knew who the person was.

But Burke's attorney Mark Rasch said Friday

that Burke doesn't know the true identity of that person, saying that Burke only knew the username.

Rasch said the government has not made clear the identities of anyone under investigation in this case. He said Burke's legal team hasn't seen the unsealed affidavit that led to the FBI search of Burke's house in May.

Rasch maintained Burke's innocence and said the government is infringing on Burke's First Amendment rights. He noted that the government is still in possession of electronic devices and computers Burke used for his media business, Burke Communications.

Burke, who has worked as a journalist for outlets like Deadspin and the Daily Beast, has since started his own communications consulting firm and ran his wife's City Council political campaign.

"Not only have they seized his newsworm, they want to keep the reporter's notes and reporting materials and they want to do it to prevent the material from being published," Rasch said. "Prosecutors are using the full power of the federal government to prevent Fox

News from being embarrassed."

Trezevant did not respond to a request for comment as of early Friday afternoon for this story.

The indictment does not name Fox News, but a letter from a Tampa federal prosecutor to the media company, obtained last May by the Tampa Bay Times, described a criminal probe into alleged computer hacks. The Times confirmed with people close to the investigation that it related to the search on Burke's home.

The indictment charges Burke with one count of conspiracy; six counts of accessing a protected computer without authorization; and seven counts of intercepting or disclosing wire, oral or electronic communications.

If convicted on all counts, Burke could face a maximum of 62 years in prison, according to a U.S. Attorney's Office news release. However, such a severe sentence is unlikely if Burke was convicted of all charges against him and if a judge decided to impose consecutive maximum penalties for each charge, an unlikely outcome.

If Burke is convicted of



Tim Burke departs federal court in Tampa after his hearing on Thursday. COURTESY

any crimes, a judge would consider his background, his lack of prior trouble with the law, and the relative harm to the community. Federal sentencing guidelines would also give the judge a roadmap to a sentence based on those imposed in similar cases. In a case that does not involve violent crime, it

would be unlikely that the sentence would be especially severe.

The Burke case has been assigned to U.S. District Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle, who was appointed in 2020 by then-President Donald Trump. In 2022, she made headlines for a decision to strike down the

federal mask mandate for airplanes and other mass transit. Mizelle was nominated for her position eight years after passing the bar during her nomination process, a committee of the American Bar Association raised concerns about her qualification because of a lack of experience

Quirks and perks about camping at Fort De Soto

By Jack Evans Tampa Bay Times

At Pinellas County's Fort De Soto Park campgrounds, the busy season is really more than one season: It starts around Thanksgiving weekend, spans the entire winter and lasts well into the spring.

"Basically when the weather's nice and not mosquito-y," said Anna Yu, who's been a park ranger there for four years.

Fort De Soto, with its beaches, hiking trails, historic military structures and diverse wildlife, is enormously popular (the pages for the parks and for camping information are among the four most-visited on Pinellas County's website). And spots at the 236-site campground, nestled among mangroves a few minutes' drive from the rest of the park, are coveted, especially this time of year.

Yu's best advice is to book one as soon as possible: seven months out for Pinellas residents, six for everyone else.

Once a site is secured there are a few things campers should know about the Fort De Soto. Some are included on Pinellas County's website and in the booking process but might be missed by those who don't read the fine print — or just forget in



Fort De Soto in Pinellas County has 236 campsites and they are highly coveted, especially this time of year. BOB ROUNTREE, FLORIDAPARKS.COM/COURTESY

the months between booking and camping.

And then there are the raccoons.

The fire rings

... or lack thereof. Unlike many campgrounds, including most campsites within the Florida State Parks system, county-run Fort De Soto does not provide campers with a place to build traditional campfires. Its campsites do have elevated grills, but those looking for a more classic experience have two options: rent a fire ring from

the camp store, which is run by a private vendor, or bring their own.

The park doesn't allow ground fires, and any pits brought from home must be true containers with bottoms, such as a portable fireplace or modified 55-gallon drum. Yu said that's for reasons of both safety — the area between campsites is full of vegetation, including dry palm fronds that could allow a fire to get out of hand quickly — and maintenance.

"If everybody had a ground fire on their site night after night after

The loops

Fort De Soto's campground has three sections, and those booking sites should take care to note which one they choose.

One is only available for tent camping and smaller vehicles; Yu said it's popular among van-lifers. The campground's other two loops allow for all manner of camping setups, but the middle loop is the only one of the three that allows pets.

The raccoons

Living alongside wildlife is part of the deal with any camping trip, but Yu said campers are sometimes surprised by just how brazen Fort De Soto's raccoons are.

She recalled one inci-

dent in which a group of them stole a camper's 3-pound bag of silverware and stashed it in a palm tree.

They're also active during the day, which Yu said leads many out-of-state visitors to believe they're sick. In reality, she said, they're just conditioned to snatch food at all hours of the day.

"It might just be that the sites were built decades ago, and they just didn't put them in then and didn't feel like adding them later," she said.

... and other assorted animals

"We're camping in their natural habitat," Yu said.

"The main thing we tell people is to never leave food out.

"Even if you're at the site doing something off to the side and you have a bag of food laying on the picnic table that needs to go in a cooler, and even better if you can put the cooler in your car. These raccoons are smart."

The campers who complain most about raccoons are often the ones provoking the problem, Yu said. But whether these critters are a cute feature of the campground or a necessary evil depends on whom you ask.

"I've camped all around FL and I consider this the best camping in FL," Sandy Cope Brennan wrote in a comment in the Best of Fort De Soto Park Facebook group. "The raccoons are the worst part."

In the same group Sara M. Steffen Jagger, who said her family had visited Fort De Soto from Missouri

many times, was more amused by their antics.

"The racoon families in the palm trees really did not bother us," Jagger wrote. "We could bare them at times jumping from palm tree to palm tree."

Working at the park can make such sights mundane, she said, but "you have to give yourself reality checks every once in a while: People travel from all over the world... just to see these birds."

What to know about the youngest case of measles in Florida

By Michelle Marchante Miami Herald

A South Florida child who is 4 or possibly younger has fallen ill with measles, just days after a cluster of cases were reported at a Broward elementary school, state data shows.

The child, who is between the ages of 0 and 4, is the youngest reported measles case so far in this latest outbreak and is Broward's seventh confirmed case this month, according to preliminary data from Florida's web-based reportable disease surveillance system.

The other six children infected with measles are between the ages of 5 and 14

and are students at Manatee Bay Elementary School, a K-5 school at 19200 Manatee Isles Dr. in Weston. In Florida, a child needs to be at least 5 to be in kindergarten.

Broward County Public Schools on Friday morning told the Herald that there were no new confirmed measles cases at its schools, leaving the count at six.

What to know about measles

Measles is a highly contagious disease that can spread through coughing, sneezing and by touching infected surfaces. While it

was eliminated in the U.S. in 2000 following an effective vaccination program, outbreaks still occur, usually among those who are not vaccinated. For those who are vaccinated, it's rare to fall ill — one dose of the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine, or MMR1, is about 93% effective and two doses is about 97% effective, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The CDC recommends kids get the first vaccine dose at 12 through 15 months of age and the second dose at 4 to 6 years of age. While the vaccine is mandatory to attend all public and private childcare

and K-12 schools in Florida, some students have medical or religious exemptions. At the Weston elementary school, 3 percent of its students are not vaccinated.

Broward school district officials and the state health department have not said if the six students at the Weston school were vaccinated for measles or if any had recently traveled.

As for the child who is 4 or younger, no other details were immediately available, including the child's vaccination status and if the child attends a preschool or daycare center. The Miami Herald has contacted the Florida Department of Health.

All seven measles cases are listed in the state system as being "acquired in Florida," though this information is preliminary and may change as the state conducts its epidemiological investigation. Cases are classified based on the county where the person lives and does not necessarily mean that the person fell ill in the county.

What to do if exposed to measles

While it's rare for those who are vaccinated to fall ill with measles, you should still notify your doctor and

monitor for symptoms.

If you're not vaccinated and have never previously had measles, health experts say you should contact your doctor — do not show up to their office, call first — for guidance, which may include getting the MMR vaccine.

If you get the vaccine within 72 hours after initial exposure, it could provide some protection against the disease or help you have a milder illness, the CDC says.

Your doctor might also opt to give you a medicine called immunoglobulin to reduce your risk of severe illness.

FDOT PUBLIC MEETING

When: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 (virtually) and Thursday, March 7, 2024 (in person), 5-7 p.m.

Where:

- Virtually on GoTo Webinar
- In person at Rosen Event Center

Financial Project Identification (FPID) Nos. 444315-1, 444315-3, 441113-1

Interstate 4 Improvements in Orange County

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will hold a public meeting regarding project plans on Interstate 4 (I-4) Interchanges at Sand Lake Road and Darnell Carter Parkway in Orange County on Wednesday March 6 (virtually) and Thursday, March 7 (in person), any time between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. The purpose of these projects is to provide operational and safety improvements to I-4 corridor in and through Orange County. FDOT is offering multiple ways to participate in the meeting.

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If you cannot attend the meeting, you can view all meeting materials, including the presentation, and provide comment through the project website at 4beyond.com before the meeting. You may also contact the FDOT Project Manager directly at the phone number listed below.

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Subject: Public Information Meeting
Interstate 4 Improvements in Orange County
Orange County
Financial Project Identification (FPID) Nos.: 444315-1, 444315-3, 441113-1

Dear Property Owner:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to a public meeting regarding project plans on the Interstate 4 (I-4) and Sand Lake Road (State Road (S.R.) 482) interchange project (FPID No. 444315-1); the I-4 and Daryl Carter Parkway interchange improvement project (FPID No. 441113-1); and extensions to I-4 Express (FPID No. 444315-3) in southern Orange County on 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.

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- **Virtual Option:** Interested persons may join over the Internet from a computer, tablet or mobile device to see a looping video presentation on Wednesday, March 6, any time from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. For this option, advance registration is required by visiting fdot.tips/14Meeting. Once registered, participants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting online. If using a mobile device, use the GoToWebinar app to be able to view the

presentation and submit comments. If joining online, please allow adequate time to log in to view the presentation in its entirety.

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Sincerely,



Ryan Flipse, P.E.
FDOT Project Manager

Attachments: Sand Lake Road (FPID Nos. 444315-1, 444315-3) and Daryl Carter Parkway (FPID Nos. 441113-1) project information handouts. [**Note:** Plans are being finalized for the initial phase of the DDI at Sand Lake Road. Once those plans are approved, a new Sand Lake Road handout will be available at i4beyond.com/sandlake and at the public meeting in March.]

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Upcoming Public Meeting for Interstate 4 Improvements in Orange County

Meeting will be offered virtually and in person

ORANGE COUNTY, Fla. — The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will hold a public meeting regarding project plans on the Interstate 4 (I-4) and Sand Lake Road (State Road (S.R.) 482) interchange project; the I-4 and Daryl Carter Parkway interchange project; and extensions to I-4 Express on Wednesday, March 6 and Thursday, March 7 at 5 p.m. The virtual public meeting will take place March 6 and the in-person meeting will be held March 7.

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Notice of Meeting

OTHER AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

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DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, March 6, and Thursday, March 7, 2024, anytime from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
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GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

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A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Not applicable.

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Interstate 4 Improvements in Orange County Transcript of PowerPoint Presentation

Good evening, everyone, and welcome to the public meeting for project plans at the Interstate 4 interchanges at Sand Lake Road and Daryl Carter Parkway.

My name is Ryan Flipse, and I am the construction project manager with the Florida Department of Transportation, or FDOT.

During the meeting, we will present information on the Department's plans to improve safety and enhance operations through these projects and what motorists and pedestrians can expect during construction.

We encourage your feedback during the presentation, and we will provide multiple ways for you to submit your questions and comments to us about these projects. All comments and questions will be responded to after the meeting and will become part of the public meeting record. I will now turn it over to our project team to begin the presentation.

This meeting is being conducted in a hybrid format to provide multiple ways for the public to receive information about the project and to provide input.

This meeting is being conducted in-person, and virtually through GoToWebinar.

The presentation is available on the project webpage at i4Beyond.com/publicmeeting. That's I-4-B-e-y-o-n-d-dot-com-slash-p-u-b-l-i-c-m-e-e-t-i-n-g.

The in-person meeting will be held tomorrow, March 7, at the Rosen Event Center, 11184 S. Apopka Vineland Road, Orlando, Florida 32836, from 5 to 7 p.m.

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This information is shown on a sign at the in-person location, on the project website, and in the meeting notifications.

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to explain project goals, present the Department's improvements to help achieve those goals, and hear from the community about the changes.

The Florida Department of Transportation would like to welcome you to the public meeting for improvements to interchanges along I-4 in Orange County.

The purpose of these projects is to provide operational and safety improvements to the I-4 corridor at these interchanges in southern Orange County, and to extend I-4 Express from the existing express lanes near Kirkman Road to west of S.R. 536. The public meeting is being held to present information and to receive community feedback.

The first project, Financial Project Identification numbers 444315-1 and 444315-3, consists of improvements to the interchange at I-4 and Sand Lake Road (also known as State Road 482). This project will reconstruct the interchange to a diverging diamond (or DDI) configuration. The project is reconfiguring and lengthening ramps at the interchange and

improving capacity on Sand Lake Road and Turkey Lake Road. A new loop ramp will eventually replace the existing left turns from westbound Sand Lake Road to southbound Turkey Lake Road.

In addition, the project includes reconstructing the I-4 general use lanes from west of Sand Lake Road to the end of the I-4 Ultimate project. Two westbound, barrier-separated, express lanes are being built from west of Sand Lake Road to connect to the existing express lanes near Kirkman Road. These will transition to a single, buffer-separated express lane in the westbound direction from west of Sand Lake Road and tie in just west of Central Florida Parkway. This express lane will be constructed in three separate projects, with the finished lane extending from west of Sand Lake Road to west of State Road 536.

The second project, Financial Project Identification number 441113-1, is transforming the Daryl Carter Parkway overpass over I-4 into a partial DDI. The project is adding three new ramps that will connect I-4 to Daryl Carter Parkway: exit ramps from both directions of I-4 to Daryl Carter Parkway and an entrance ramp to eastbound I-4. A westbound I-4 entrance ramp will be built as part of a future project.

The Daryl Carter Parkway interchange project will also construct part of the single, buffer-separated, express lane, extending I-4 Express.

The first improvement project we will review is the I-4 and Sand Lake Road interchange. This project began construction in spring of 2023 and completion is expected in 2027.

This interchange will soon be reconfigured as a diverging diamond interchange, which will provide crews space to complete overhead work on the overpass, reconstruct I-4's general use lanes, and extend I-4 Express.

The initial phase of the DDI will be in place for two to three years, with the final DDI configuration opening when the new loop ramp to Turkey Lake Road is completed. The loop ramp will ultimately replace the current left turn across traffic from westbound Sand Lake Road onto southbound Turkey Lake Road. When the loop ramp is completed, motorists will be able to exit I-4 at Exit 74A either to Sand Lake Road or directly onto Turkey Lake Road.

FDOT urges drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians to be patient during this phase of construction. Please keep in mind that this new traffic pattern will move traffic to the opposite side of the road at the first traffic light, eliminating left turns across traffic to access I-4, and will move traffic back onto the right side of the road at the second light.

Be sure to obey pavement markings and signage and avoid distracted driving throughout the work zone.

Be aware that during this phase of construction, pedestrians traveling either eastbound or westbound will be limited to one walkway at a time, either on the north or south side of

Sand Lake Road. Pedestrians should follow all posted signage and cross only at the designated crosswalks.

The Sand Lake Road interchange serves many Orange County communities, including International Drive, Doctor Phillips, Bay Hill, and Tangelo Park — plus the Orange County Convention Center, nearby attractions, hospitals, major sporting events and more.

There is a need to improve the movement of traffic along Sand Lake Road — which will help improve traffic on nearby Turkey Lake Road and International Drive. Improving the efficiency of vehicles entering and exiting I-4 at Sand Lake Road can reduce backups at the interchange that slow traffic on I-4.

When the interchange is in its final diverging diamond configuration, about twice the amount of traffic will be able to move through the interchange in the same amount of time. Traffic signal phases will be reduced, making it more efficient. Later in this presentation, we will learn more about the safety and operational benefits of a DDI.

While pedestrian access in the Sand Lake Road interchange will initially be limited to just one side of the roadway at a time, the final DDI on Sand Lake Road will include protected walkways for pedestrians in the median and bike lanes for cyclists, as well as decorative landscaping and enhanced aesthetics.

The project is also reconfiguring and lengthening the I-4 ramps at the interchange and improving capacity on Sand Lake Road and Turkey Lake Road.

As part of the Sand Lake Road improvement projects, FDOT is extending I-4 Express.

Crews will completely reconstruct the I-4 general use lanes from west of Sand Lake Road to where I-4 Express currently ends near Kirkman Road.

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This express lane will be constructed in three separate projects, with the finished lane extending from west of Sand Lake Road to west of State Road 536, also known as Epcot Center Drive.

The next project we will discuss is the creation of a new I-4 interchange at the existing overpass at Daryl Carter Parkway. This project began in November 2022 and is expected to be completed in 2026.

Currently, Daryl Carter Parkway crosses I-4 on an overpass between the interchanges of Central Florida Parkway and Apopka Vineland Road (also known as State Road 535). The

area is undergoing rapid development, with several new residential, hospitality, and retail projects having been recently completed, and even more projects are in planning or under construction.

The I-4 and Daryl Carter Parkway improvement project is transforming the Daryl Carter Parkway overpass into a partial DDI, providing additional access to local attractions and helping to relieve congestion at the I-4 and Apopka Vineland Road interchange. It will offer an alternate route to the nearby destinations along the south end of International Drive and to Apopka Vineland Road and Winter Garden Vineland Road.

The project is adding three new ramps connecting I-4 to Daryl Carter Parkway: exit ramps from both directions of I-4 to Daryl Carter Parkway and an entrance ramp to eastbound I-4. A westbound I-4 entrance ramp will be built as part of a future project.

During the current phase of construction at Daryl Carter Parkway, traffic from both directions is limited to one side of the overpass. This allows construction crews the space to work prior to moving traffic into its final diverging diamond pattern.

Like the Sand Lake Road project, as well as a new project just underway at the I-4 and Apopka Vineland Road interchange, the I-4 and Daryl Carter Parkway project will include a single, buffer-separated, express lane.

This project's I-4 Express extension will run from west of Daryl Carter Parkway to west of Central Florida Parkway.

The I-4 and Apopka Vineland Road interchange project will extend the single, buffer-separated express lane to just west of S.R. 536. This single, buffer-separated, I-4 Express extension will be open once all three of the segments are completed.

This project will also improve drainage infrastructure in the vicinity of nearby Big Sand Lake.

Now that we have learned more about these upcoming projects at I-4 and Sand Lake Road and Daryl Carter Parkway, let's take a look at how a DDI works and some of the safety and operational benefits of this type of interchange design. Motorists in the area will see the full benefits of the Sand Lake Road DDI once that interchange shifts into its final configuration.

Drivers will switch to the opposite side of the road at both ends of the interchange — driving on the left side while in the interchange.

This traffic movement helps increase safety at the interchange, because it eliminates left turns across traffic, making all left and right turns to and from I-4 more efficient. This also reduces the number of traffic signal phases, meaning drivers will see longer green lights and shorter waits on red.

The diverging diamond also improves the safety of the interchange by reducing the number of conflict points — points at which vehicles moving in different directions might meet. The crossing conflicts, which are often the most dangerous, are reduced from ten to two. Merging traffic conflicts are reduced from eight to six.

To help pedestrians navigate the completed interchanges safely, the left and right turns will have signals for both vehicles and pedestrians.

You can stay informed about these projects by signing up to receive the monthly I-4 electronic newsletter at i4Beyond.com. That's i-4-b-e-y-o-n-d-dot-com. The e-newsletter includes information about construction and detours, innovative practices, new resources for commuters and residents, and upcoming meetings and events.

If you're on social media, follow [at-I-4-Ultimate](#) on X (formerly known as Twitter) for information on I-4 projects. FDOT will share regular updates about construction on all of I-4 through Central Florida, including animated detour maps, road and lane closure updates, and other project news.

We encourage your input and feedback about these projects, and there are multiple ways for you to participate. All public comments and questions are part of the public meeting record and every method for providing public comments and questions carries equal weight.

While comments and questions will be accepted at any time, those submitted by March 21, 14 days after the in-person public meeting, will become part of the project's public meeting record. All comments and questions will be responded to in writing.

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To learn more about these projects, go to [w-w-w-dot-c-f-l-roads-dot-com](http://www.c-f-l-roads.com). Type in any of the project numbers – 444315-1, 444315-3, or 441113-1 – in the search box at the top right and click go. Then click on the project name.

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On behalf of the Florida Department of Transportation, thank you for attending this public meeting and providing your input on these projects.

If you have comments or questions after the meeting, please submit them by Thursday, March 21.

Contact information, a recording of this public meeting, project documents, and other exhibits displayed at the public meeting will be posted on the project website at i4Beyond.com/i4improvements – That's I-4-B-e-y-o-n-d-dot-com-slash-i-4-i-m-p-r-o-v-e-m-e-n-t-s.

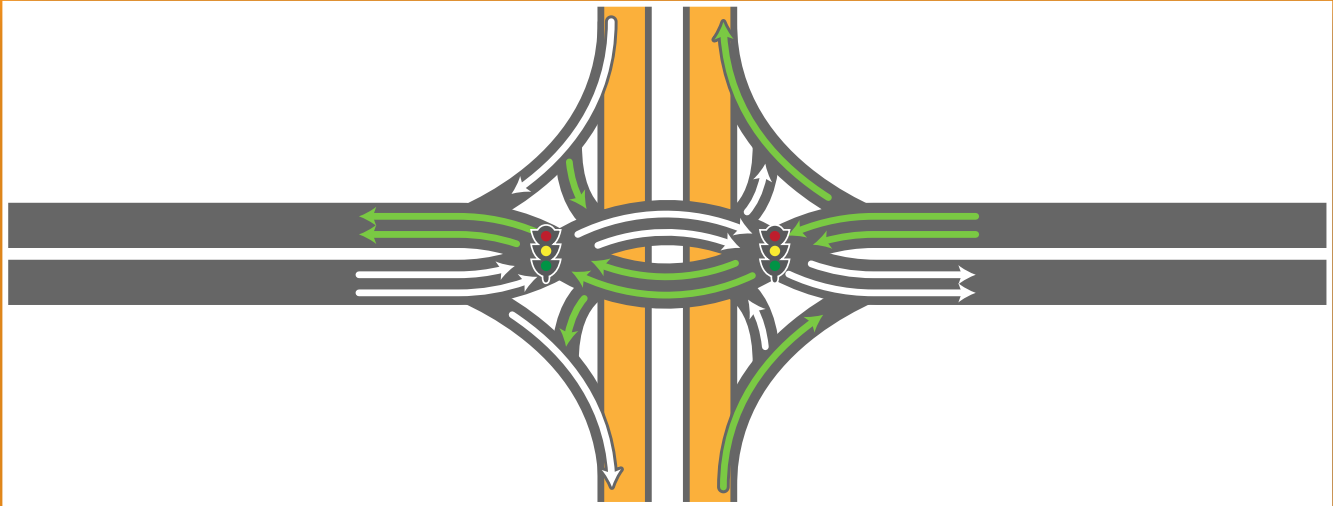
Thank you and have a good evening.



Diverging Diamonds at I-4/Daryl Carter Parkway and I-4/Sand Lake Road (State Road 482)

Financial Project Identification (FPID) Nos. 441113-1 and 444315-1

Diverging Diamond Interchange Moves Traffic Efficiently

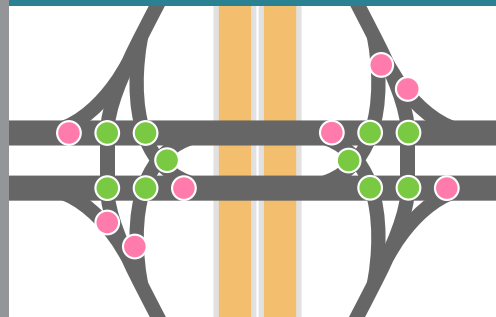


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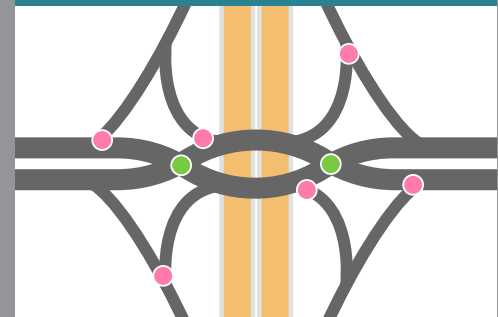
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Conventional Diamond Interchange



Diverging Diamond Interchange



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IMPROVEMENTS AT INTERSTATE 4 (I-4) AND DARYL CARTER PARKWAY INTERCHANGE FINANCIAL PROJECT IDENTIFICATION (FPID) NO.: 441113-1

The Interstate 4 (I-4) and Daryl Carter Parkway interchange is a project of I-4 Beyond the Ultimate. The project is transforming the Daryl Carter Parkway overpass into an interchange, providing additional access to local attractions and helping to relieve congestion at the I-4 and Apopka Vineland Road (State Road (S.R.) 535) interchange. The project also includes a partial I-4 Express extension from west of Central Florida Parkway to west of Daryl Carter Parkway. The project began in November 2022 and is expected to be complete by early 2026. See reverse for more information.

- 1** The new diverging diamond interchange (DDI) will allow left turns that do not cross oncoming traffic and reduce the number of conflict points. The DDI eliminates left-turn phases at traffic signals, reducing the number of traffic signal phases from four to two. The DDI moves almost double the traffic through the intersection in the same time compared to a traditional interchange.
- 2** A new westbound I-4 exit ramp will feature two left-turn lanes onto southbound Daryl Carter Parkway and two right-turn lanes onto northbound Daryl Carter Parkway toward Palm Parkway. The addition of a westbound I-4 entrance ramp will be part of the final configuration.
- 3** A new eastbound I-4 entrance ramp will accommodate a single right and dual left-turn lanes from northbound and southbound Daryl Carter Parkway, respectively.
- 4** A new eastbound I-4 exit ramp will feature two left-turn lanes onto northbound Daryl Carter Parkway and two right-turn lanes onto southbound Daryl Carter Parkway.



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IMPROVEMENTS TO INTERSTATE 4 (I-4) FROM WEST OF DARYL CARTER PARKWAY TO WEST OF CENTRAL FLORIDA PARKWAY FINANCIAL PROJECT IDENTIFICATION (FPID) NO.: 441113-1

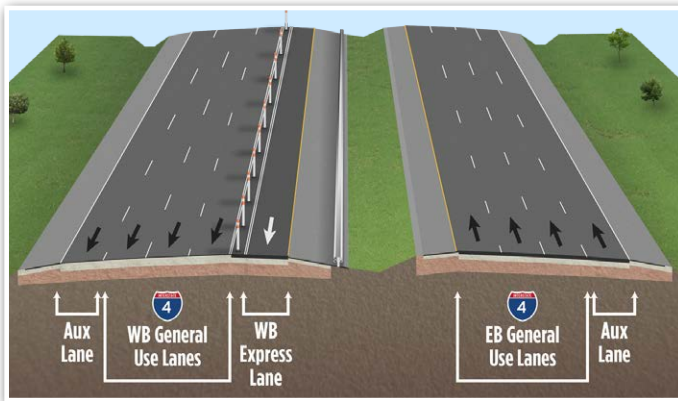
The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is reconstructing the Daryl Carter Parkway overpass over Interstate 4 (I-4) into a partial diverging diamond interchange. See reverse for more information. This project also includes a partial I-4 Express extension from west of Central Florida Parkway to west of Daryl Carter Parkway to accommodate current traffic and future needs on I-4.

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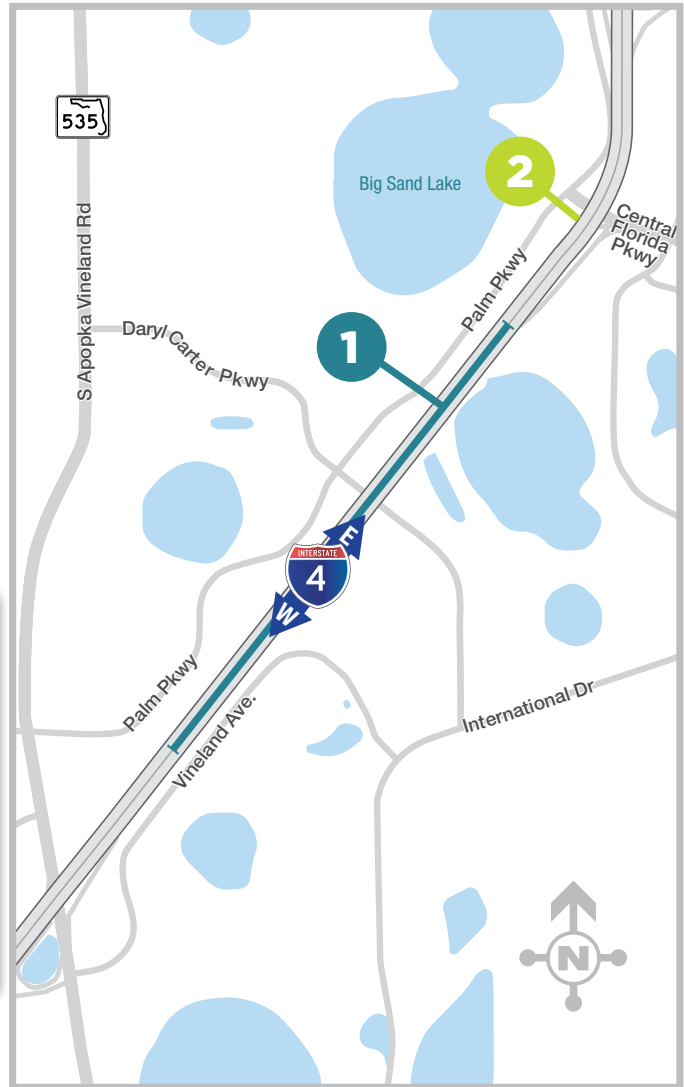
From west of Sand Lake Road to west of State Road 536, several upcoming projects are constructing a single, buffer-separated, westbound express lane, giving motorists on longer-distance trips a new travel option through the area. The Daryl Carter Parkway interchange project includes the express lane's middle segment, which extends from west of Central Florida Parkway to west of Daryl Carter Parkway.

2

The Daryl Carter Parkway interchange project is making drainage infrastructure improvements in the vicinity of Big Sand Lake.



The Daryl Carter Parkway interchange project includes the I-4 Express extension's middle segment, which extends from west of Central Florida Parkway to west of Daryl Carter Parkway.



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FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS AT INTERSTATE 4 (I-4) AND SAND LAKE ROAD (STATE ROAD 482) INTERCHANGE

FINANCIAL PROJECT IDENTIFICATION (FPID) NOS.: 444315-1, 444315-3

To accommodate current and future traffic needs, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is reconfiguring the Interstate 4 (I-4) and Sand Lake Road (State Road (S.R.) 482) interchange as part of I-4 Beyond the Ultimate. Construction began spring 2023 and is anticipated to reach completion in 2027.

1

The interchange will be reconfigured as a diverging diamond interchange (DDI), an innovative design that improves safety and adds capacity by moving traffic more efficiently. Motorists traveling through the interchange on Sand Lake Road will temporarily cross to the opposite side of the road, where they can turn left to enter the interstate without having to cross in front of oncoming traffic.

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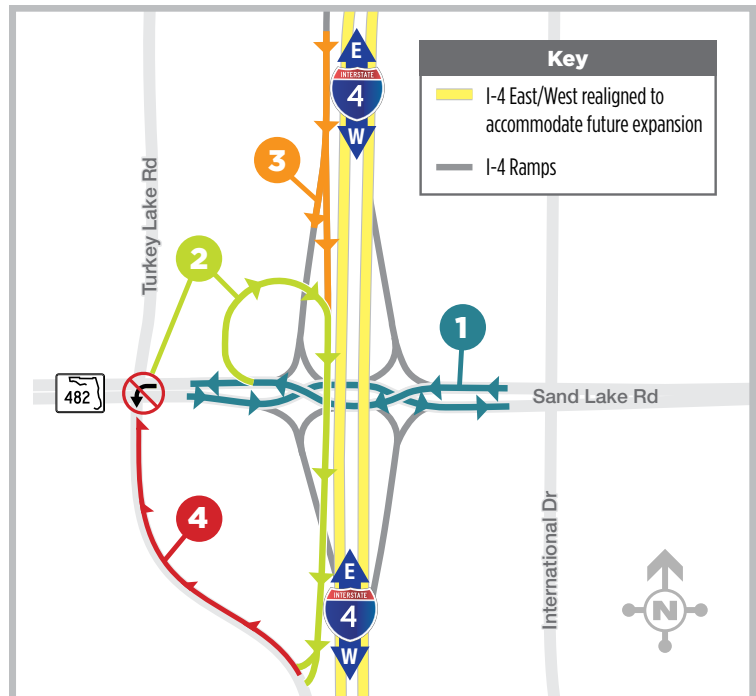
In a variation of the typical DDI design, the reconfigured interchange will include a loop ramp from westbound Sand Lake Road to Turkey Lake Road. Motorists traveling westbound on Sand Lake Road who want to access Turkey Lake Road south of the interchange will no longer turn left across traffic. Instead, they will enter the loop ramp on the right and pass over Sand Lake Road. At the end of the ramp, they can choose to travel north or south on Turkey Lake Road.

3

The westbound I-4 exit ramp (Exit 74A) will split into two ramps, one to Sand Lake Road and one to Turkey Lake Road.

4

The project will add a third lane on northbound Turkey Lake Road from the end of the new ramp to Sand Lake Road.



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FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO INTERSTATE 4 (I-4) FROM WEST OF CENTRAL FLORIDA PARKWAY TO WEST OF KIRKMAN ROAD

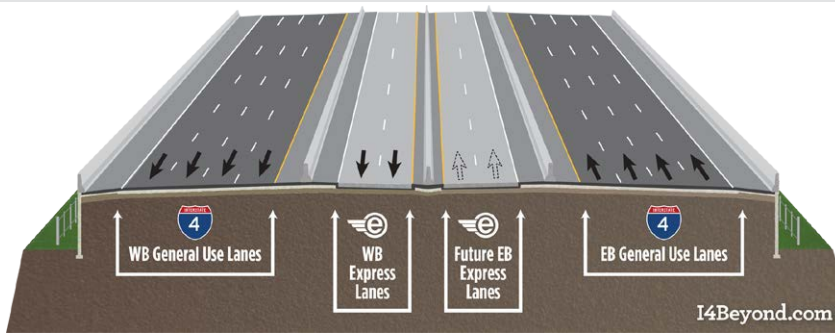
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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will soon provide motorists the option for longer trips on I-4 Express. There when you need it, I-4 Express is two tolled managed lanes in each direction in the center of I-4. Currently, I-4 Express spans 21 miles from west of Kirkman Road (State Road (S.R.) 435) to east of S.R. 434.

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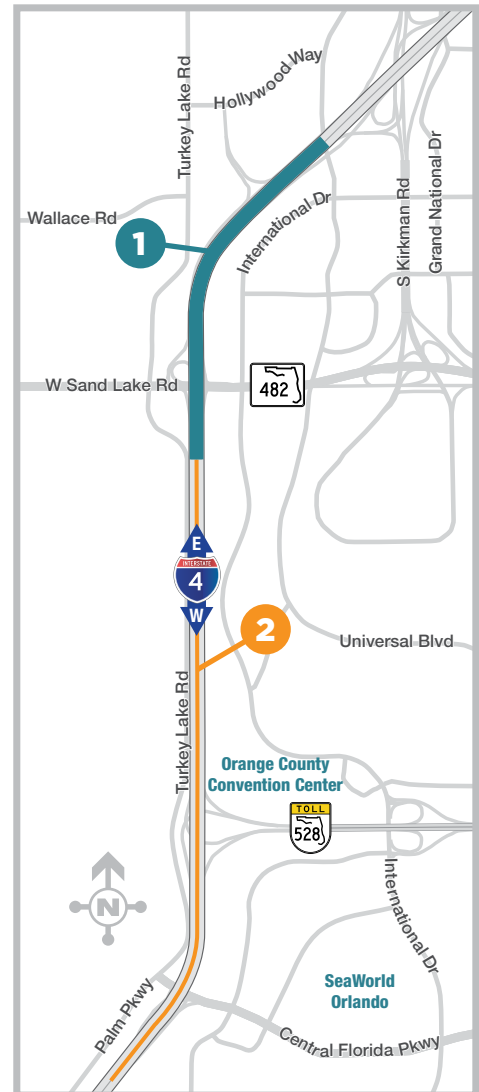
FDOT is reconstructing the I-4 and Sand Lake Road (S.R. 482) interchange as part of I-4 Beyond the Ultimate. See reverse for more information.

The project will reconstruct the I-4 general use lanes and construct two westbound, barrier-separated express lanes. This will extend westbound I-4 Express from west of Kirkman Road to west of Sand Lake Road. FDOT will construct the eastbound express lanes in the future under a separate project.



2

The two westbound, barrier-separated express lanes will transition to a single, buffer-separated express lane west of Sand Lake Road. The Sand Lake Road project will construct the portion from west of Sand Lake Road to west of Central Florida Parkway. Two separate projects — one at Daryl Carter Parkway and one at S.R. 535 — will extend the westbound express lane to west of S.R. 536. For more information on I-4 Express, visit i4express.com.



Visit I4Beyond.com for more information on I-4 Beyond the Ultimate designs, including an interactive map showing anticipated designs for each interchange.





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Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) Coming Soon to Sand Lake Road

A DDI is coming as soon as Friday, March 8 to the Interstate 4 (I-4) and Sand Lake Road (State Road (S.R.) 482) interchange. This is part of the ongoing Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) project to improve safety and reduce congestion through the area. Unlike a conventional interchange, this new traffic pattern will move traffic on Sand Lake Road to the opposite side of the road at a first traffic light, eliminating left turns across traffic to access I-4, and will move traffic back onto the right side of Sand Lake Road at a second traffic light. This will increase capacity and improve the flow of traffic on Sand Lake Road.

Central Florida's first DDI opened at Interstate 95 (I-95) and Viera Boulevard in July 2019. A new DDI opened to motorists July 2022 at the interchange of I-4 and County Road (C.R.) 532 near ChampionsGate. An additional DDI for the I-4 corridor is planned at a new interchange being built at Daryl Carter Parkway – that project is underway and is expected to be complete by early 2026.

Continuing Improvements at Sand Lake Road

While the Sand Lake Road DDI will go into effect soon, the I-4 and Sand Lake Road interchange will continue to undergo improvements until its anticipated completion in 2027.

Why is this project implementing the DDI in advance of project completion?

Implementing the Sand Lake Road DDI during the project's construction phase will give crews space to work in the median of Sand Lake Road. Crews need this room to reconstruct the I-4 general use lanes and extend I-4 Express – the two tolled managed lanes in each direction in the center of I-4 – over Sand Lake Road.



The design for this project is ongoing. The final configuration of the interchange will be similar to what is shown in this rendering, but small refinements are anticipated.

Additional future improvements:

The I-4 and Sand Lake Road interchange will undergo additional improvements so motorists can continue to enjoy safe and reliable choices when they travel, maintaining this heavily traveled gateway to theme parks, shopping, resorts, and more.

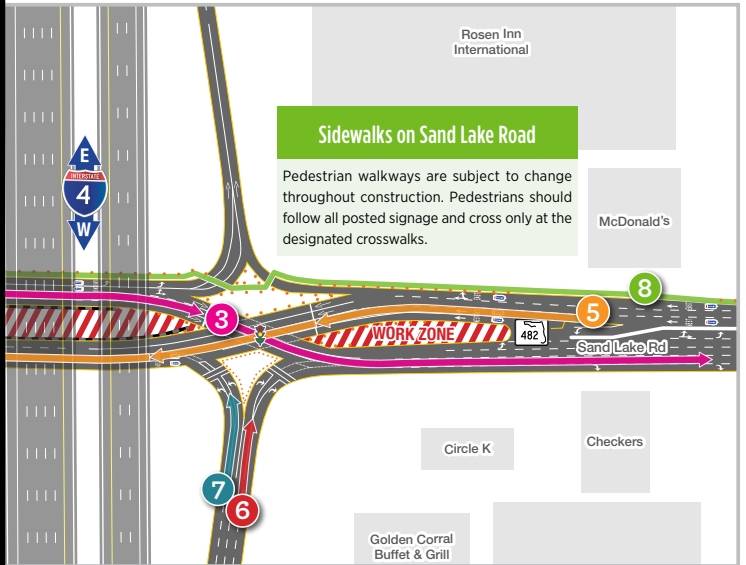
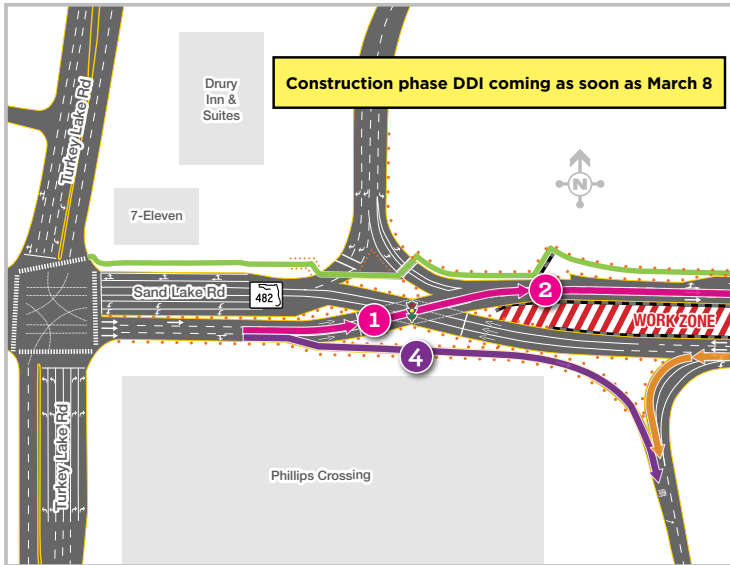
- Reconfiguring and lengthening ramps at the interchange.
- Improving capacity on Sand Lake Road and Turkey Lake Road.
- Replacing the existing left turn from westbound Sand Lake Road to southbound Turkey Lake Road with a new loop ramp.



To learn more about the benefits of DDIs, visit
fdot.tips/DDI



How to Navigate the New Diverging Diamond Interchange at I-4/Sand Lake Road (S.R. 482)



Going Straight Through the Diverging Diamond

- 1** The driver should proceed through the first traffic light on Sand Lake Road, staying in the lane in which he or she is driving.
- 2** The lanes will be bordered by barrels in the project's construction phase DDI and will guide the driver to the opposite side of Sand Lake Road.
- 3** Before the lane crosses back to the right side of Sand Lake Road, the driver will encounter one more traffic signal.

Entering I-4 from Sand Lake Road

- 4** If the driver wants to turn right onto I-4 from Sand Lake Road, they should use the right turn lane, just like at a conventional interchange.
- 5** When turning left onto I-4 from Sand Lake Road, the driver should stay in the left lane and follow the lane through the first traffic light to the other side of Sand Lake Road. Then, before going through the second traffic light, the driver will turn left onto the I-4 entrance ramp.

Exiting I-4 onto Sand Lake Road

- 6** Turning right onto Sand Lake Road from one of the I-4 exit ramps is as easy as taking a right turn at a conventional interchange. When turning right onto Sand Lake Road, remember to yield to oncoming traffic and watch for pedestrians and bicyclists using marked walkways.
- 7** To turn left onto Sand Lake Road, follow the left lane and, when traffic allows, turn left. The lanes will be bordered by barrels which will guide the driver from the left side of the road to the right side of the road at the next traffic signal — similar to going straight through the interchange.

Walking along Sand Lake Road

- 8** During the project's construction phase DDI, pedestrians walking along Sand Lake Road will be directed use the sidewalk on the northern side of the interchange while crews work on the southern sidewalk.



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GET PROACTIVE ABOUT WORK ZONE SAFETY

The new Sand Lake Road DDI will be in an active construction work zone until project completion in 2027. Remember to always use caution while driving, riding, or walking in the area, and follow the tips below.

- » **Be Alert** — Dedicate your full attention to the road and your surroundings in the work zone.
- » **Adjust Your Speed** — Speeding accounted for more than 29% of all traffic fatalities in 2021.
- » **Don't Tailgate** — Rear-end collisions are the most common type of work-zone crashes.
- » **Be Prepared for the Unexpected** — Be aware of workers and their equipment.
- » **Minimize Distractions** — Avoid changing the radio, eating, or touching electronics.

Sources:

The National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse; National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; Federal Highway Administration

DO YOU KNOW THE SIGNS?



A lane will shift slightly toward the left or right of the roadway, but the route is otherwise unchanged.



There's road work ahead. Be on the lookout for unusual driving conditions.



A construction flagger is ahead. Be prepared to stop and follow instructions.



Motorists will need to take an alternate route.



A lane will soon end, requiring its motorists to merge into the adjacent lane.



The end of the work zone has been reached. Resume regular safe driving habits.



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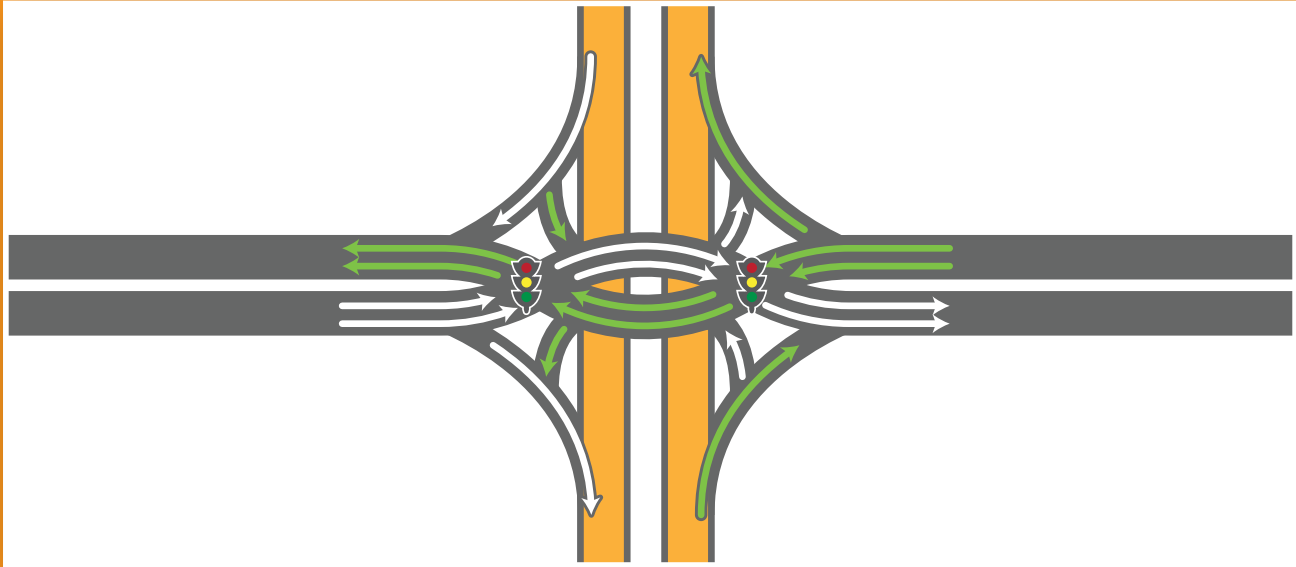




Diverging Diamonds at I-4/Daryl Carter Parkway and I-4/Sand Lake Road (State Road 482)

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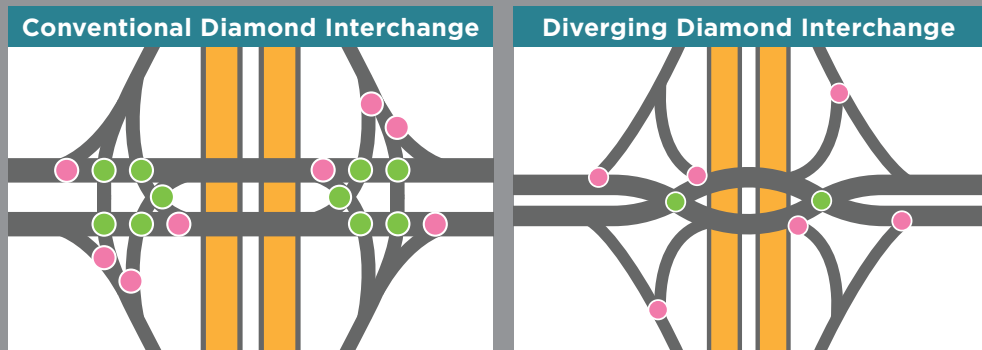
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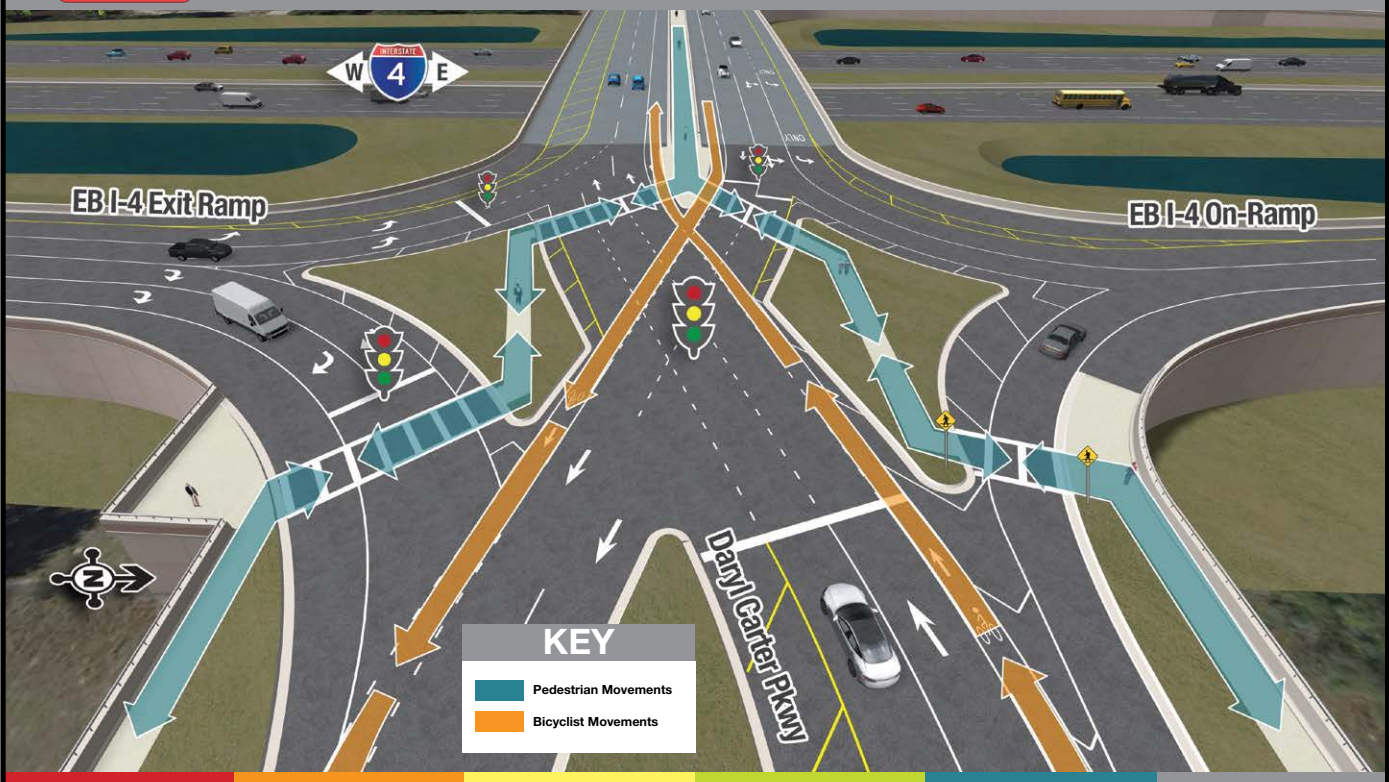
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Pedestrian and Bicyclist Movements on Daryl Carter Parkway at Interstate 4 (I-4)

(view heading west on Daryl Carter Parkway)
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IMPROVEMENTS AT INTERSTATE 4 (I-4) AND DARYL CARTER PARKWAY INTERCHANGE FINANCIAL PROJECT IDENTIFICATION (FPID) NO.: 441113-1

The Interstate 4 (I-4) and Daryl Carter Parkway interchange is a project of I-4 Beyond the Ultimate. The project is transforming the Daryl Carter Parkway overpass into an interchange, providing additional access to local attractions and helping to relieve congestion at the I-4 and Apopka Vineland Road (State Road (S.R.) 535) interchange. The project also includes a partial I-4 Express extension from west of Central Florida Parkway to west of Daryl Carter Parkway. The project began in November 2022 and is expected to be complete by early 2026.

1

The new diverging diamond interchange (DDI) will allow left turns that do not cross oncoming traffic and reduce the number of conflict points. The DDI eliminates left-turn phases at traffic signals, reducing the number of traffic signal phases from four to two. The DDI moves almost double the traffic through the intersection in the same time compared to a traditional interchange.

2

A new westbound I-4 exit ramp will feature two left-turn lanes onto southbound Daryl Carter Parkway and two right-turn lanes onto northbound Daryl Carter Parkway toward Palm Parkway. The addition of a westbound I-4 entrance ramp will be part of the final configuration.

3

A new eastbound I-4 entrance ramp will accommodate a single right and dual left-turn lanes from northbound and southbound Daryl Carter Parkway, respectively.

4

A new eastbound I-4 exit ramp will feature two left-turn lanes onto northbound Daryl Carter Parkway and two right-turn lanes onto southbound Daryl Carter Parkway.



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IMPROVEMENTS TO INTERSTATE 4 (I-4) FROM WEST OF DARYL CARTER PARKWAY TO WEST OF CENTRAL FLORIDA PARKWAY FINANCIAL PROJECT IDENTIFICATION (FPID) NO.: 441113-1

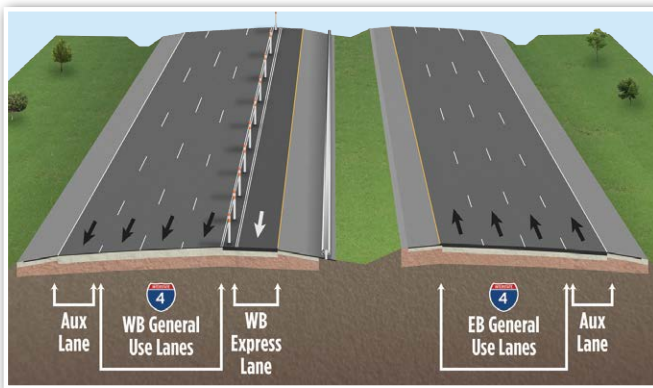
The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is reconstructing the Daryl Carter Parkway overpass over Interstate 4 (I-4) into a partial diverging diamond interchange. This project also includes a partial I-4 Express extension from west of Central Florida Parkway to west of Daryl Carter Parkway to accommodate current traffic and future needs on I-4.

1

From west of Sand Lake Road to west of State Road 536, several upcoming projects are constructing a single, buffer-separated, westbound express lane, giving motorists on longer-distance trips a new travel option through the area. The Daryl Carter Parkway interchange project includes the express lane's middle segment, which extends from west of Central Florida Parkway to west of Daryl Carter Parkway.

2

The Daryl Carter Parkway interchange project is making drainage infrastructure improvements in the vicinity of Big Sand Lake.



The Daryl Carter Parkway interchange project includes the I-4 Express extension's middle segment, which extends from west of Central Florida Parkway to west of Daryl Carter Parkway.



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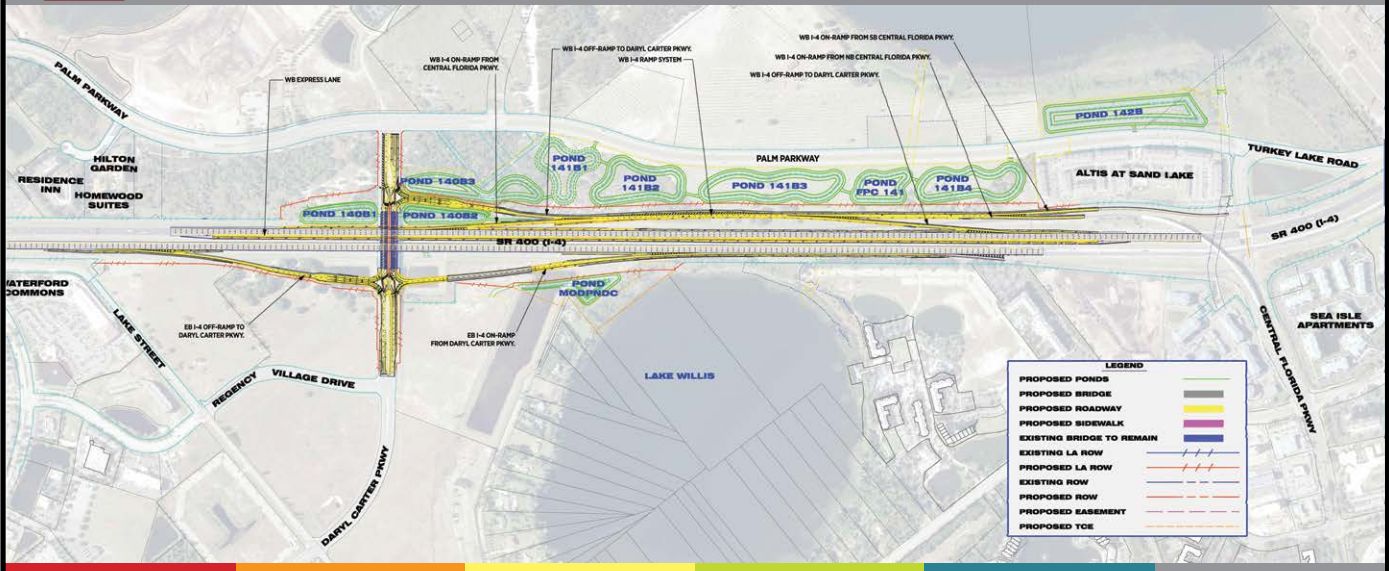




I-4 (S.R. 400) at Daryl Carter Parkway Interchange

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FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS AT INTERSTATE 4 (I-4) AND SAND LAKE ROAD (STATE ROAD 482) INTERCHANGE

FINANCIAL PROJECT IDENTIFICATION (FPID) NOS.: 444315-1, 444315-3

To accommodate current and future traffic needs, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is reconfiguring the Interstate 4 (I-4) and Sand Lake Road (State Road (S.R.) 482) interchange as part of I-4 Beyond the Ultimate. Construction began spring 2023 and is anticipated to reach completion in 2027.

1

The interchange will be reconfigured as a diverging diamond interchange (DDI), an innovative design that improves safety and adds capacity by moving traffic more efficiently. Motorists traveling through the interchange on Sand Lake Road will temporarily cross to the opposite side of the road, where they can turn left to enter the interstate without having to cross in front of oncoming traffic.

2

In a variation of the typical DDI design, the reconfigured interchange will include a loop ramp from westbound Sand Lake Road to Turkey Lake Road. Motorists traveling westbound on Sand Lake Road who want to access Turkey Lake Road south of the interchange will no longer turn left across traffic. Instead, they will enter the loop ramp on the right and pass over Sand Lake Road. At the end of the ramp, they can choose to travel north or south on Turkey Lake Road.

3

The westbound I-4 exit ramp (Exit 74A) will split into two ramps, one to Sand Lake Road and one to Turkey Lake Road.

4

The project will add a third lane on northbound Turkey Lake Road from the end of the new ramp to Sand Lake Road.



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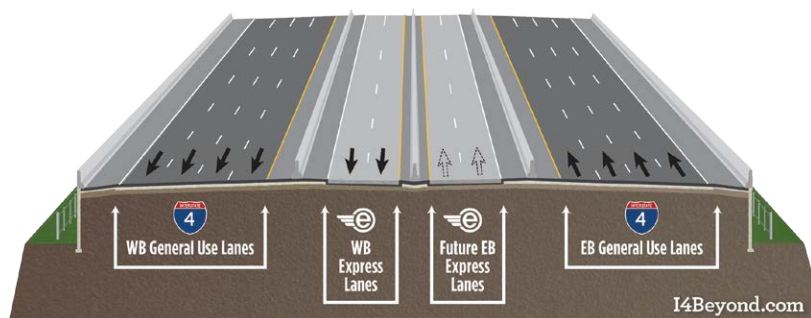
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FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO INTERSTATE 4 (I-4) FROM WEST OF CENTRAL FLORIDA PARKWAY TO WEST OF KIRKMAN ROAD

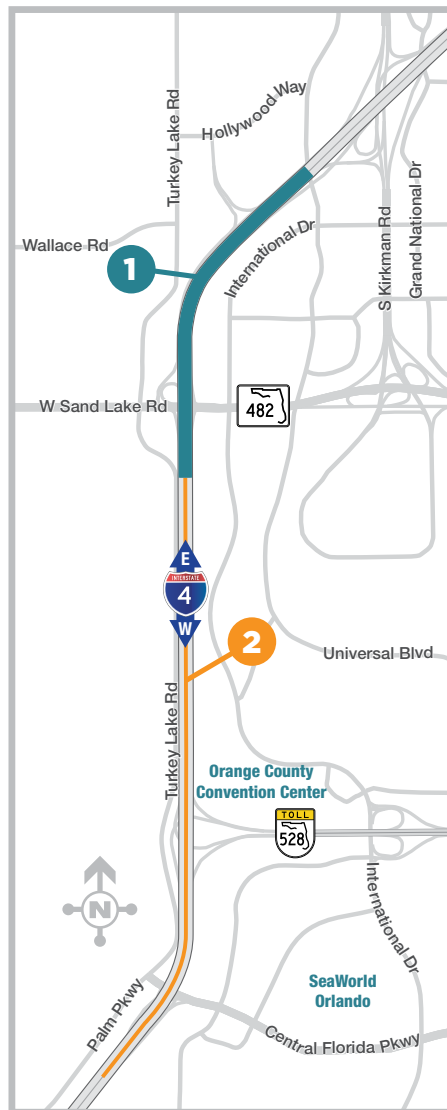
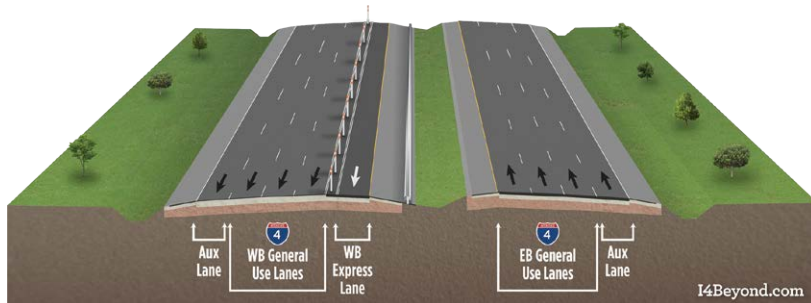
FINANCIAL PROJECT IDENTIFICATION (FPID) NOS.: 444315-1, 444315-3

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will soon provide motorists the option for longer trips on I-4 Express. There when you need it, I-4 Express is two tolled managed lanes in each direction in the center of I-4. Currently, I-4 Express spans 21 miles from west of Kirkman Road (State Road (S.R.) 435) to east of S.R. 434.

1 FDOT is reconstructing the I-4 and Sand Lake Road (S.R. 482) interchange as part of I-4 Beyond the Ultimate. The project will reconstruct the I-4 general use lanes and construct two westbound, barrier-separated express lanes. This will extend westbound I-4 Express from west of Kirkman Road to west of Sand Lake Road. FDOT will construct the eastbound express lanes in the future under a separate project.



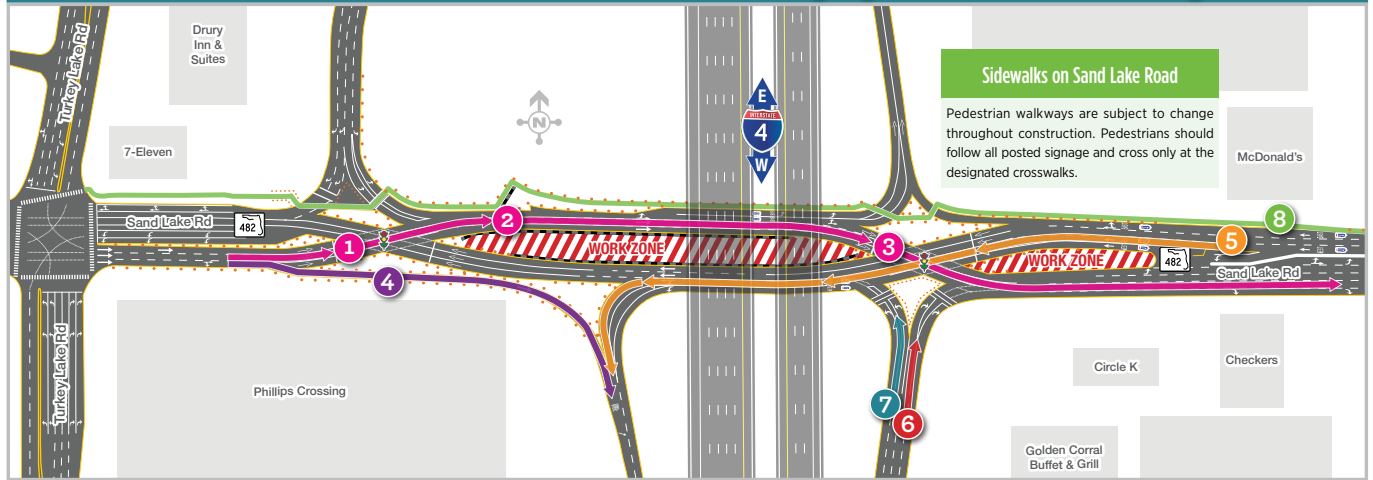
2 The two westbound, barrier-separated express lanes will transition to a single, buffer-separated express lane west of Sand Lake Road. The Sand Lake Road project will construct the portion from west of Sand Lake Road to west of Central Florida Parkway. Two separate projects – one at Daryl Carter Parkway and one at S.R. 535 – will extend the westbound express lane to west of S.R. 536. For more information on I-4 Express, visit i4express.com.



Visit I4Beyond.com for more information on I-4 Beyond the Ultimate designs, including an interactive map showing anticipated designs for each interchange.



Sand Lake Road Construction Phase Diverging Diamond Interchange



Sidewalks on Sand Lake Road
 Pedestrian walkways are subject to change throughout construction. Pedestrians should follow all posted signage and cross only at the designated crosswalks.

Going Straight Through the Diverging Diamond

- 1 The driver should proceed through the first traffic light on Sand Lake Road, staying in the lane in which he or she is driving.
- 2 The lanes will be bordered by barrels in the project's construction phase DDI and will guide the driver to the opposite side of Sand Lake Road.
- 3 Before the lane crosses back to the right side of Sand Lake Road, the driver will encounter one more traffic signal.

Entering I-4 from Sand Lake Road

- 4 If the driver wants to turn right onto I-4 from Sand Lake Road, they should use the right-turn lane, just like at a conventional interchange.
- 5 When turning left onto I-4 from Sand Lake Road, the driver should stay in the left lane and follow the lane through the first traffic light to the other side of Sand Lake Road. Then, before going through the second traffic light, the driver will turn left onto the I-4 entrance ramp.

Exiting I-4 onto Sand Lake Road

- 6 Turning right onto Sand Lake Road from one of the I-4 exit ramps is as easy as taking a right turn at a conventional interchange. When turning right onto Sand Lake Road, remember to yield to oncoming traffic and watch for pedestrians and bicyclists using marked walkways.
- 7 To turn left onto Sand Lake Road, follow the left lane and, when traffic allows, turn left. The lanes will be bordered by barrels which will guide the driver from the left side of the road to the right side of the road at the next traffic signal — similar to going straight through the interchange.

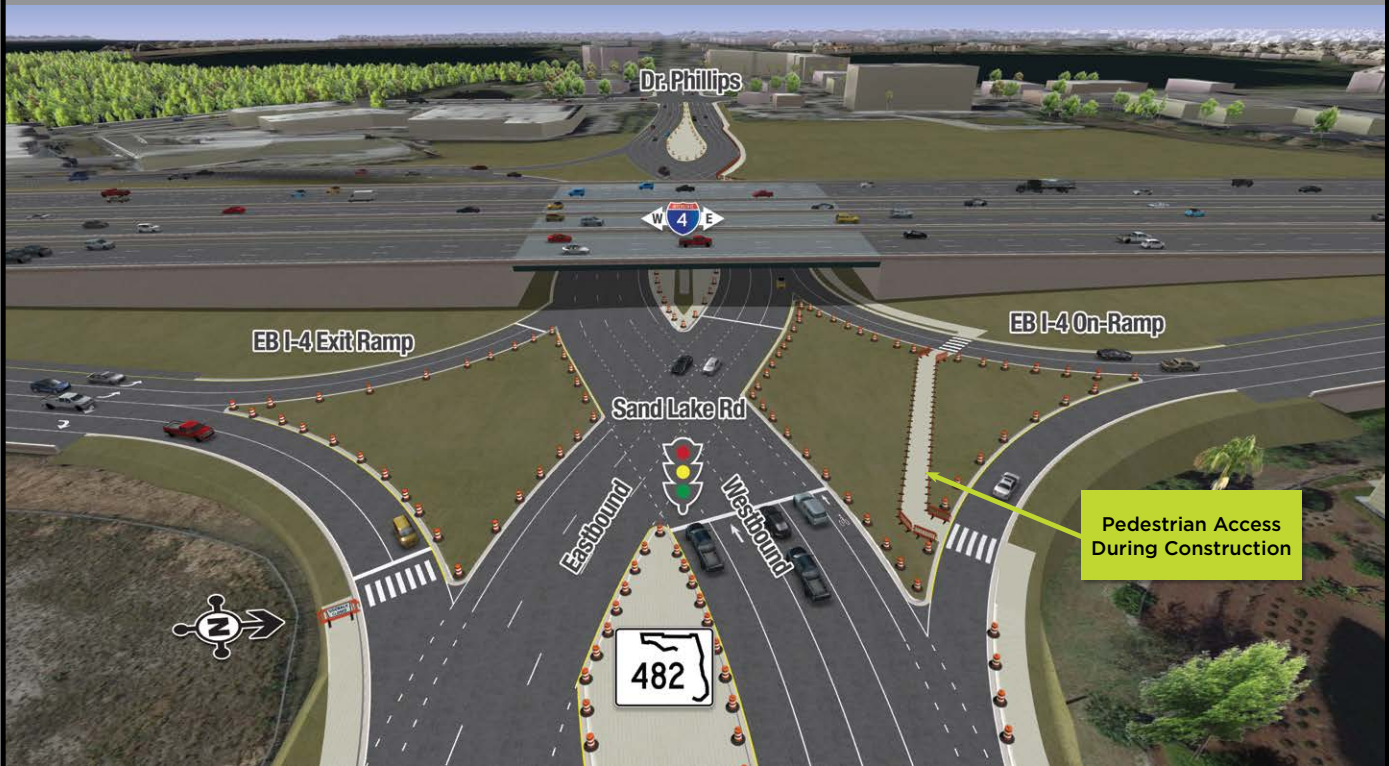
Walking along Sand Lake Road

- 8 When the initial DDI opens, pedestrians walking along Sand Lake Road will be directed use the sidewalk on the northern side of the interchange while crews work on the southern sidewalk.



Preliminary Design of I-4 and Sand Lake Road (State Road 482) Interchange

(view heading west on Sand Lake Road)
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