



International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce

I-4 and Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee

January 28, 2026

Meeting Purpose:	Weekly International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce – I-4 and Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee Meeting #102
Meeting Date/Time:	Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Location:	Zoom Meeting
Attendees:	<p>I-Drive: David Vallillo (Host), Maria Triscari, Brian Small</p> <p>FDOT: Esther Montoya, Seta Koroitamudu</p> <p>HNTB: James Moulton</p> <p>Orange County: Heather Bishop, Krista Taraszewski, Carter Gresham</p> <p>Global-5: Mike Wacht, Tyler McConnell, Crystal Candy</p>

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

Esther: We have used 1,030 days out of the 1,749 in the contract. The last day will keep shifting

1. FDOT to review past 7 days.
 - i. Bridge demolition over Central Florida Parkway
 - ii. Eastbound I-4 sign structure removal
 - iii. Sand Lake Road bridge installation (Area 8)
 - iv. Turkey Lake Road paving
 - v. Sand Lake Road widening and grading (Area 7)
 - vi. Force main installation (Areas 3 and 5)
 - vii. Place and compact lime rock (Area 8)
 - viii. MSE wall construction (Area 8)
 - ix. Median barrier wall grading (Area 8)
 - x. Light pole installation along WB I-4
 - xi. Excavate and grade ponds
 - xii. Utility relocation
 - xiii. Drainage installation (Areas 1, 2, and 3)
 - xiv. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup

Esther: A lot of these dates are what the contractor sends for review. The later slides will show the specific work.

We don't anticipate seeing any impacts for the work this week. Jim, can you confirm what operations they're doing?



Jim: They're not going to do the Ramp J closure, it was an either/or. They are going from north to south, they will affect the right turns from Ramp M. They will be working from Area 3 and going across to Whole Foods. Only the right turns from that, and they'll be back on it next week.

Esther: I remember you telling me they were looking at the weather.

We have seen the CFP demolition that continues today. They are also continuing the Turkey Lake Road paving.

1. Committee's Comments & Suggestions

David: I haven't heard anything this week, we're good to go.

Pertaining back to the safety diversions for those beams, we haven't heard anything about those diversions.

Esther: No we haven't heard anything about those.

And our mowing and cleaning team continue to be working, and now they're moving to the bridge deck.

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2. FDOT to review next 7 days.

- i. Bridge demolition over Central Florida Parkway
- ii. Bridge beam setting over Sand Lake Road (Area 8)
- iii. Sand Lake Road widening and grading (Area 7)
- iv. Turkey Lake Road paving
- v. Place and compact lime rock (Area 8)
- vi. Median barrier wall grading (Area 8)
- vii. Excavate and grade ponds
- viii. Drainage installation (Areas 1, 2, and 3)
- ix. Utility relocation
- x. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup

1. Committee's Comments & Suggestions

Esther: We'll continue working with Central Florida Parkway for the demolition, then come back to do the beams.

We will have some beam operations next week. I believe we'll have one day of a full diversion; the rest will be contraflows.

The rest of the activity in Area 8 will continue with those operations.

3. FDOT to review next 14 – 21 days

- i. Sand Lake Road widening and grading (Area 7)
- ii. Sand Lake Road bridge installation (Area 8)
- iii. Turkey Lake Road paving
- iv. Place and compact lime rock (Area 8)
- v. Median barrier wall grading (Area 8)



- vi. Excavate and grade ponds
- vii. Utility relocation
- viii. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup

Esther: Sand Lake Road widening and grading in Area 7 is mainly toward BP and Checkers. The next pond near Mango's won't happen until the summer.

The drainage work and Turkey Lake Road work will continue.

- 1. Committee's Comments & Suggestions

David: No comments

- 4. Cleanliness Review
 - 1. Committee's observations over past 7 days
- 5. Condition Review
 - 1. Committee's observation over past 7 days (fencing, wraps, barricades, temporary signage)

Esther: As I mentioned, the clean team has continued to be working, no observations the last week. The fencing and the wraps needed to be corrected. Jim, confirm if I'm wrong.

Jim: there was a piece of the screen that had come down off the fence near the Rosen Medical Center, that was corrected.

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

Esther: We have not received many comments; the team has done a great job and we're happy with that.

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

Esther: Wanted to address your questions about the express lanes exits. As a corridor perspective, the exits are functioning, I don't have any edits on that just yet.

We're looking into signage across the corridor. They're also looking at the dedicated exit for International Drive.

As far as the other commitments in the past, Carter, we're looking at that. Our designers need the time to look at that to see what can be done now, or what Orange County can do in the future.

David: And much appreciated, I won't spend an extra amount of time discussing it this week, but it is at the top of the committee's concerns. I would like to ask if you can provide a footnote on this slide so that it stays on our radar.



As far as the Sand Lake signage and the Convention Center, with it having the largest financial impact in the area. While the County is doing a good job indicating it, there's nothing on the interstate that points to the Convention Center.

I see it in every other interstate, I know Florida's are different. But arenas should be marked, and so should the Convention Center.

Carter: The convention center completed their internal study on transportation needs. It's factored into our wayfinding system.

Eastbound traffic, when Epic was open, a lot of signage in the area was re-done. Westbound a lot of the signage is a little older. But we can incorporate with transportation planning and FDOT.

The RFPs are due on Tuesday; we are about a week out from next Tuesday getting the RFPs.

The other two things, in the FDOT memo, want to see if we can include lettering under the medallions or the planters.

I did research on the carp stocking program, from the early 2000s, the results were kind of middling. I have the contact for the County's EPD.

There's different kinds of programs, but our fountains are more substantial. I'm exploring the different options. This area will have a high standard of maintenance, higher than any in the County.

David: If you use Disney as a benchmark, they want some ponds free and clear of weeds, it's visually appealing. They also support that with carp.

Not sure where we fall on that, but let's think about it for budgeting.

Carter: I will send an email to you about this, and I'll loop Maria in on it.

David: I can send you the company that does the major work, very familiar with that.

This is such a massive pond, it really is.

With the fountains being put in, it's what you see as a centerpiece.

7. Safety Diversions

- i. January 28 – 30
 - Westbound I-4 entrance ramp from Sand Lake Road for drainage installation
 - 10 p.m. – 6 a.m.
- ii. February 1 – 5
 - Eastbound and westbound Sand Lake Road under I-4 for beam-setting
 - 11:30 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.
- iii. February 1 – 5
 - All lanes of Central Florida Parkway under I-4 for bridge demolition
 - 11:00 p.m. – 5 a.m.



Esther: Turkey Lake diversion is still tentative pending weather if it drops below 45. We have a link to update.

We have to show the way it's done, southbound vs northbound. From the past operations, it seems to be going smoothly.

February 1st to the 5th, we have beam setting. Correct me if I'm wrong about the detour and contraflow.

Jim: We will do Sunday/Monday contraflow, Tuesday/Wednesday nights for full closure.

The ramps are open to right turn movements, so you can get on eastbound from the east side, and westbound from the west side. The through movements on Sand Lake are closed.

David: For the detour, would they just take I-4 down to S.R. 528. Why don't we just take them there?

Jim: It's an option. That might be shorter distance, but that is a shorter detour compared to going down to Daryl Carter.

Esther: We can look and see if there's more signage, we can put out there.

David: I don't know if that made sense to me, since they have other options, but okay.

8. New Business

1. Next meeting: 2/4/2026

David: Thank you everybody for your time.

Meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.