



International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce

I-4 and Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee

April 22, 2026

Meeting Purpose:	Weekly International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce – I-4 and Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee Meeting #109
Meeting Date/Time:	Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Location:	Zoom Meeting
Attendees:	I-Drive: David Vallillo (Host), Brian Small, Christopher Keller, R. Vallier FDOT: Esther Montoya, Seta Koroitamudu, John Hatfield, Ray Gopal RKK: Lindsey Barnwell Orange County: Heather Bishop, Krista Taraszewski, Carter Gresham Global-5: Tyler McConnell, Crystal Candy

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

Esther: As of the 20th, we have used 1114 days out of the 1753 days we have in the contract.

For the two-week look ahead, it's very similar to what we've seen in the previous weeks, a lot of activities happening.

If you have not visited the area, David, there are a lot of changes that are visible.

David: It's funny, you can drive through there now and you can't even recognize where you're at in some of those areas, it looks so different.

Esther: It is very different.

So, one of the things we talked about from the two-week look ahead from the contractor is the opening of the ramp. Last week we did have a last-minute update to the schedule but this week we are still trending for May 2nd.

We did have a meeting this morning to discuss the opening and other details, but nothing to be concerned about. We're doing a lot of reaching out to the public, and I'll talk a little more about that later.

One of the major changes we now can see is the old bridge is no longer there. We have some good pictures to share, officially the demolition of the bridge over Sand Lake Road has been completed.

There's still additional demo that we have to do on the sides. But the main girders are officially out.

FDOT to review the past 7 days.

- i. Bridge demolition and beam removal over Sand Lake Road (Area 8)
- ii. Force main installation (Areas 3 and 5)



- iii. Sand Lake Road loop ramp tie-in (Areas 1 and 3)
- iv. Turkey Lake Road median grading
- v. Place and compact limerock (Area 8)
- vi. Median barrier wall installation (Area 8)
- vii. Signal and sign structure installation (Areas 1 and 3)
- viii. Excavate and grade ponds
- ix. Utility relocation
- x. Drainage installation (Areas 1, 2, and 3)
- xi. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup

Esther: The contractor has done a lot of work, especially in the loop ramp.

As anything, we still have a lot of details to work out, so there's still a lot of activity happening in those areas.

For Turkey Lake Road, that's another area that there's a lot of work to make sure that once we have that opening, everything will run smoothly.

A lot of activities happening in area eight that you can see happening on I-4.

We have not received any comments for the past seven days; I don't know if David or anyone on the call has received any comments or has any suggestions?

David: No, none at all. Thankfully there's been no severe weather conditions, and it has not led to any complaints or anything, so we're good.

Esther: So, every week we like to share updates on what the crews are doing out there.

This image is an area of I-4 that was previously open to the public and now it's shutdown. The reason behind it was to safely remove that overhead sign. You will see a lot more activities happening on I-4.

This is a very cool picture. We did share that they were doing the demolition of the concrete portion of the bridge. This week, this picture was taken on Monday. Those steel beams are no longer there. They are officially gone; they removed all of them last night.

And this is just another picture when they were doing to removal of those beams.

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Esther: For the next seven days, about a week and a half from today, May 2nd, we're going to be opening the Sand Lake Road loop ramp.

We're going to continue also with the work at the bridge area, there's a lot of miscellaneous work that needs to happen, as well as Sand Lake Road with the loop opening.

We're going to continue to monitor the signals and work on the signage to make sure the public is able to navigate through the changes as soon as possible.

Turkey Lake Road, it's similar to what we have seen in the previous weeks, a lot of work happening.

And work continues with the paving in area eight, which is I-4.

Any comments or suggestions for the next seven days?

Any concerns with the loop ramp opening?

David: No, I'm looking forward to that. There's a lot of discussion about it, so we're really looking forward to it.

John: Crystal, you got ahead of that didn't you with the notifications to those residents in the area and everything, how did that go?

Crystal: I'm happy to report that we've sent teams out there this afternoon for in-person outreach. The PIO department at District Five sent out the traffic advisory around noon today.

We'll be doing in-person outreach today and tomorrow, so you'll see later on in that map we've shown you before, as well as digital outreach into some of the neighborhoods that did not let us in.

We're going to try to hit them from every angle, but yes, I'm happy to say we've started the in-person outreach today.

FDOT to review the next 14 – 21 days

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Esther: For the next 14-21 days, we're going to continue with the miscellaneous work at Sand Lake Road.

For the bridge over Central Florida Parkway, we're doing work in that area, as well as the drainage installation in areas three and five.



We're going to continue, now that we've removed that bridge, doing the force main and testing to it.

For Turkey Lake Road, that's still going to be on our radar for a few more weeks.

Every week, we do have our mowing and litter crew out there with the clean team, making sure that the area is looking up to par.

Do we have any questions or comments for the next 14-21 days?

David: Yea, Esther, for the next 14-21 days are you beginning the installation of any of the overhead beams on the eastbound I-4, or is that further out?

Esther: I believe that's further out, but I'll let Jim or Lindsey confirm that.

Jim: The next step is going to be pile driving for the new bridge. So the foundations, they'll start in the median first.

Esther: I believe the piles will be arriving to our project within the next 21 days, if I'm not mistaken. The installation will happen sometime after that. Jim, I know you sent me an update on that, it may last from six to eight weeks.

We're hoping that it will be less than that, based on the operation from the contractor and the way they're pursuing the work. Once we get to that close to that time, we'll for sure let you know so you can notify everybody that it's happening.

David: Okay great, thank you, appreciate it.

Loop-Ramp Outreach Plans

- **In-person "Good Neighbor Outreach"**
 - i. Planned for 2 days the week before the ramp opening (April 22, 23)
 - ii. Distribute handouts as well as digital outreach to HOAs of gated communities
- 2. Fencer Banner Designs
 - Approved banners have been printed
 - To be placed along Sand Lake Road
- 3. Loop Ramp Video
 - Videos are with PIO for approval
 - To be shared via YouTube and socials
 - PIO approved a targeted, geo-fenced social campaign to increase visibility of the video and announcement

Esther: This is something that Crystal had already mentioned, they have started with the Good Neighbor Outreach in person. So they're doing handouts and they're in the field today and tomorrow I believe, as you said earlier, Crystal.

Crystal: Yes, that's correct.

Esther: And we do have the banners, they're ready to be installed. Can you confirm when they're going to be installed?



Crystal: We will be ready to put them up as soon as you open the loop ramp. We plan to come out that Saturday to put them up.

As far as the video is concerned, just a quick update on that, we've had several rounds of edits. We've got two different versions, and next week we'll definitely be able to share the videos with you. There will be a shorter one for social media, and a longer one that goes into more explanation.

Hopefully we'll get those approved this afternoon.

Esther: This is something that we shared with you last week, it is part of our traffic advisory that was sent out today. As I mentioned, I'm a visual person so this actually tells the story a lot better than just words.

Cleanliness Review

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

Esther: As far as the cleanliness of the project, we did receive the comments from Brian last week and we addressed all of them I believe.

The team is going out every week to ensure that everything is looking good. With construction, there's always areas where we don't always see that people driving in the area do.

If you have any comments or recommendations, please share them with us. But as far as I understand, and in conversations with the project team, we have not received any comments from the public or from the community.

David: I received an email from Brian, actually a little earlier today, it had no comments. I think we're fine.

Old Business

- Public Input or Comments
- Commitments Update
 - i. Fencing and screening
 - ii. Mowing and cleaning
 - iii. Clean Team
 - iv. Express lane signage/access
 - v. Hardscaping and aesthetics
 - vi. Ponds

Esther: For the commitments update, we had a meeting yesterday with our designer to talk about some of the ideas that we presented with the bike lane and aesthetics in the area.

The design is moving in the right direction, we don't have any official updates to give, but we do have a cleaner version of the concept plans that we presented, and I can share that with you via email, or if you want us to have another meeting, please let me know.



I'll be sharing that with you via email, and if you have any questions, please let me know and we can get together.

David: Yea that would be great, please send that over email, and if there's anything that needs to be discussed that's not self-explanatory or anything we'll circle back.

Hopefully that's all we need to do is see that and we'll be fine.

Esther: I know Carter is online, I don't know if you have any updates for us?

Carter: Nothing on my end, we're still on track for the end of the month for the re-solicitation. And then to David, Brian, and Maria, I'll touch base with you all at the end of the week to see if you have any further comments about the memo for the community aesthetics features.

Not trying to pressure you all on that, we can move on that as time permits.

David: Thanks Carter, it's been received and there has been discussion, I promise you.

Carter: I'll follow up in the next couple of days, but that's largely the updates on my end.

Safety Diversions

- i. April 30 – May 1 (nightly)
 - Westbound I-4 exit ramp to Sand Lake Road for sign installation
 - 10 p.m. – 6 a.m.

Esther: As far as safety diversions, we do have one starting April 30 to May 1, and that's for the sign installation for the operation that's going to happen.

That diversion will start at 10 p.m. and end at 6 a.m. I believe that is one we've used in the past, so I don't expect to have any issues with this safety diversion.

Any concerns David?

David: No, none at all.

New Business

1. Next meeting: 4/29/2026

Esther: Our next meeting is April 29, I won't be available, but Jim is ready to present.

If I can join I will, but we have an engagement with industry partners. Jim is ready to present.

David: 4/29 is good with us, we have no issues with that.

I think we're in that stage in construction where we're going through the motions, so I appreciate everyone's focus during this time.

We'll try to keep it as short and sweet as we can in this area.

Esther, if we get somewhere coming up where there's nothing significant going on, maybe shoot us those dates when you're out and we can postpone one of the meetings or something like that, we're happy to do that.



Esther: Okay, will do.

David: With that, I don't think there's any more comments or suggestions, so we'll end today's meeting. Have a great week and we'll see everyone next week.

Meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.