



International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce

I-4 and Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee

April 29, 2026

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| Meeting Purpose: | Weekly International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce – I-4 and Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee Meeting #110 |
| Meeting Date/Time: | Wednesday, April 29, 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: Seta Koroitamudu, John Hatfield, Ray Gopal HNTB: Jim Moulton RKK: Lindsey Barnwell Orange County: Heather Bishop, Krista Taraszewski Global-5: Tyler McConnell, Crystal Candy |

Meeting called to order at 3 p.m.

Jim: Okay, here we are with our time on the job. We're still holding the contract end date of January 19, 2028.

As far as the activities go, a lot of activity this week leading up to the shift, and we'll talk a little bit more about that, and the closing of the left-turns on Sand Lake Road.

Down here at the bottom of the look-ahead schedule is the lane closures associated with getting the rest of the bridge demo done and also getting prepared for pile driving next week.

We'll talk a little more about this too, they're going to actually do the widening of the bridge decks for I-4 and Central Florida Parkway.

Next week, mid-week, they'll start one of them. It's a one-night operation, and then the other one will be done the following Sunday night, so it will go pretty quickly.

This is the aerial from April 20th; this shows eastbound I-4 traffic on the eastbound express lanes. This was taken right before the beam removal of the old bridge over Sand Lake Road.

This actually shows a lot, but I'll let you digest this for a second. The bulk of the work on the job is moving into area eight obviously, but also to areas five and six.

David: You can really see a lot of the good picture of the progress at the ramp to Turkey Lake Road. You can really see that it's fully completed.

Jim: Yes, striping is on here and you can see some of the intricacies that you couldn't see before.



While we're talking about it, we're on schedule to do this Friday night into Saturday morning and we're making some big changes into Monday as far as traffic goes.

Hopefully where area four is, if people make that decision appropriately and they stay to the left, that will alleviate a lot of traffic on Sand Lake Road that doesn't necessarily need to be there.

David: We've always said the stacking of those cars turning south onto Turkey Lake has always been such a choke point for that intersection and all of the traffic. Once everybody gets used to the flow, it's going to be fantastic.

Jim: And people fighting to get from the off-ramp over to there, you should eliminate that right out of the gate.

David: Yes, people get into the box there in the light cycle and they don't allow the rest of the traffic to go down into Doctor Phillips, it just blocks it all up, so yes this will be fantastic.

FDOT to review the past 7 days.

- i. Bridge demolition and beam removal over Sand Lake Road (Area 8)
- ii. Force main installation and testing (Areas 3 and 5)
- iii. Sand Lake Road loop ramp tie-in (Areas 1 and 3)
- iv. Turkey Lake Road median grading and paving
- 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

Jim: So, not telling you anything you don't know already, we finished up the beam removal for the existing eastbound bridge over Sand Lake Road.

The force main work is continuing, we have done some repaving in that area to improve the conditions, so it doesn't ride nearly as rough as it was. It actually rides pretty well right now, but we're continuing towards I-Drive towards the McDonald's with that force main installation.

It's real slow going, it's 20 feet a night, we still have about a month more to go on that.

Turkey Lake Road, we will shift traffic tomorrow night and move traffic in towards the median and work on the outside of Turkey Lake Road.

That will play into the opening of the Sand Lake Sound ramp as well. That will be an improvement that we'll notice come Monday as well.

This photo is in the median of I-4, this is one of the new foundations for the new bridge over Sand Lake Road, this is where the pile driving will take place starting the middle of next week. That is the prep work for the foundations of the median piers.



This is just an aerial view showing one of the light poles about to be installed and then these are two foundations for a sign structure going across Sand Lake Road.

David: Yea I know we've talked about the visual changes as the work has progressed but over the last 45 days the visual changes in this area are amazing.

It really has come out of the ground, I think people really get a sense of the scope of it now that you're putting the lighting up and a lot of the intersection nearing completion.

Jim: Well and at least you can point to the west side and say that what it looks like here is what it will resemble on the east side as well, with the pylons and planter walls.

This is some of the bridge deck that was removed. They're "rubblizing" it and then the material is being hauled off-site and being recycled into new concrete.

FDOT to review the next 7 days.

- i. Sand Lake Road loop ramp opening
- ii. Miscellaneous bridge work at Sand Lake Road (Area 8)
- iii. Sand Lake Road pile deliveries (Area 8)
- iv. Miscellaneous work at Sand Lake Road loop ramp tie-in (Areas 1 and 3)
- v. Force main installation (Area 5)
- vi. Signal and sign structure installation (Areas 1, 3, and 8)
- vii. Paving (Area 8)
- viii. Turkey Lake Road outside widening
- ix. Median barrier wall concrete placement (Area 8)
- x. Excavate and grade ponds
- xi. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup

Jim: Some of this I've already talked about, we talked about the pile deliveries that are going to be coming and the pile driving starting the middle of next week.

We'll have the loop ramp open next week, and we'll be moving forward with all of the work in area eight and areas one and three.

FDOT to review the next 14 – 21 days

- i. Miscellaneous bridge work at Sand Lake Road (Area 8)
- ii. Pile driving at I-4 bridge at Sand Lake Road (Area 8)
- iii. Bridge work over Central Florida Parkway
- iv. Force main installation and testing (Areas 3 and 5)
- v. Sign and signal structure installation (Areas 1, 3 and 8)
- vi. Place and compact lime rock (Area 8)
- vii. Median barrier wall grading (Area 8)
- viii. Turkey Lake Road outside grading
- ix. Excavate and grade ponds
- x. Drainage installation (Areas 1, 2, and 3)
- xi. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup



Jim: We talked a little bit about the work that's taking place at Central Florida Parkway, which is the third bullet on here, getting those bridge decks done.

That will involve two nights, one in each direction to get the work done, but a full closure for two nights of Central Florida Parkway.

It will also impact I-4 in one direction at a time.

Loop-Ramp Outreach Plans

- **In-person "Good Neighbor Outreach"**
 - i. Two days of outreach completed for the ramp opening (April 22, 23)
 - ii. Distributed handouts as well as digital outreach to HOAs of gated communities
 - iii. 4/22 In-person – 246 handouts, 150 businesses/residential areas reached
 - iv. 4/23 In-person – 224 handouts, 148 businesses/residential areas reached
- 2. Fencer Banner Designs
 - Approved banners have been printed
 - To be placed along Sand Lake Road
- 3. Loop Ramp Videos
 - Videos have been approved by PIO and are now live.
 - Began geo-fenced boosted social campaign on Thursday, April 23.

Jim: I'll let Crystal talk a little bit about the outreach.

Crystal: Yes, I'm happy to report our Good Neighbor Outreach went very well. Last week we did two days on the ground visiting 298 businesses and we distributed 470 handouts.

We did electronic outreach to 1800 email addresses. I also mentioned last week for the next slide the videos we produced.

The one shorter one has been boosted on social media. I checked YouTube and for six days, it's now up to 8,000 views.

I haven't checked Twitter, Facebook was giving us a little problem, but we're still in that boosted social campaign as it is now.

We would like to try and show you the longer form video, but it's also on our YouTube page for I-4 Beyond the Ultimate.

(Video plays)

David: Wow, that's fantastic. I know Crystal that your outreach efforts have really made an impact. I've been receiving emails, and a lot of positive emails about looking forward to having this open.

I knew your messages were out there, because people were aware of it.

Crystal: That's great to hear, thank you Jim for playing that video. Like I said the shorter version of that video is about half of that length. We had to be a little creative with our graphics team because we weren't able to drive the ramp.



Come overnight on Friday, we'll have the new post-opening video that will show it all done and people driving and getting quickly where they need to go.

Cleanliness Review

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

Jim: David, I'll just ask, have you or anyone else on the team had any issues to report?

David: No, just positive comments waiting for this ramp and the access to it.

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

Jim: Is Carter on today, I didn't know if he had any updates?

David: No, he's not, so we can skip that.

Safety Diversions

- i. April 29 – May 1 (nightly)
 - Westbound I-4 exit ramp to Sand Lake Road for sign installation
 - 10 p.m. – 6 a.m.

Jim: This is for the closure of the westbound I-4 off ramp that we've used many, many times.

This is to facilitate some sign structures that need to be installed, but then also work the night of.

This is what will be closed, and then there will be some minor lane closures on Sand Lake Road and one on Turkey Lake Road as well the night of.

It's less impactful than what it normally is out here, but there's some signal changes that facilitate these, and then also some striping and sign work that has to be done the night of.

New Business

1. Next meeting: 05/06/2026

Jim: Our next meeting will be next Wednesday.

David: There's no conflicts that I see on our calendar, so I think we're good for that. Thank you so much.



With that, we'll conclude today's meeting, talk to everyone next week.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.