



## International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce

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

May 13, 2026

<b>Meeting Purpose:</b>	Weekly International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce – I-4 and Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee Meeting #111
<b>Meeting Date/Time:</b>	Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
<b>Location:</b>	Zoom Meeting
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p>I-Drive: David Vallillo (Host), R. Vallier, Maria Triscari</p> <p>FDOT: Esther Montoya, Seta Koroitamudu, John Hatfield, Sarely Tejada</p> <p>HNTB: Jim Moulton</p> <p>RKK: Lindsey Barnwell</p> <p>Orange County: Heather Bishop, Krista Taraszewski, Carter Gresham</p> <p>Global-5: Tyler McConnell, Melanie Lamarche</p>

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

**Esther:** As of May 11 we have used 1,135 days of the total contract days of 1,754. We are going in the right direction now that we've gone past the 60 percent mark.

Every week, our contractor provides the two-week look ahead. One item that he has highlighted here in yellow is Memorial Day, the Monday off.

He's not planning to work through the weekend, and on Friday, there's going to be a little bit of work but no impacts to the public, because we know there's going to be a lot of people using the corridor.

And every week, we have our aerial. We should be updating this in the next couple of weeks. I'm sure the next one is going to look a lot different. If you've driven through the project, everything is looking a lot different.

FDOT to review the past 7 days.

- i. Loop ramp system opening – May 2
- ii. Bridge demolition and pile driving at Sand Lake Road (Area 8)
- iii. Bridge work over Central Florida Parkway
- iv. Force main installation and testing (Area 5)
- v. Turkey Lake Road outside grading and widening
- vi. Place and compact limerock (Area 8)
- vii. Median barrier wall installation (Area 8)
- viii. Signal and sign structure installation
- ix. Excavate and grade ponds
- x. Utility relocation



- xi. Drainage installation (Areas 1, 2, and 3)
- xii. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup

**Esther:** Our bigger item, which happened not too long ago, is the loop ramp opening. That was a very successful operation as the team worked through the night to get everything into position safely.

That was our main priority, to ensure the traveling public moved through the new loop ramp safely.

We are monitoring the signals, and we have cameras which are providing a feed to us 24 hours a day. We're monitoring and adjusting as we see things and the behavior of the drivers.

All of the GPS, Google Maps, and Waze platforms are updated. It requires a lot of coordination, and Jim and Lindsey did a great job, they were working through the night.

**David:** And did you notice any impactful changes to traffic or anything? Did it go as planned? Maria, I know you drove out of there, were there any changes?

**Esther:** The traffic flowed pretty good, though a lot of people weren't really paying attention to the signage. We noticed they were going toward Turkey Lake illegally or taking the backroad.

The second thing, one of the things the team has done, is we're checking the traffic counts. Every day we have seen that it's going up. Now, people are starting to use it, and the GPS is live.

That has helped out a lot. We have monitored some of the signals and we did have to implement more of an FHP presence. It was to make sure that people weren't trying wrong movements, because we saw some people try it.

We restricted the [left] turn lanes [from westbound Sand Lake Road to southbound Turkey Lake Road], but we saw a few people trying to go that direction. We have to bring more FHP support. I think we still have some there.

**John:** We have some cameras up, but Jim, if you want to talk about it, you were telling me some great stuff about traffic queueing more at the signal [at the end of the new ramp system].

**Jim:** Yes, to highlight how many vehicles are now using the ramp compared to when we first opened it on that Saturday, yesterday we had 8,500 vehicles use the new ramp to Turkey Lake Road.

That's a tremendous relief from Sand Lake Road. The first day it was in the hundreds, so it's ramped up considerably.

**David:** Yes, 8,500 cars that would otherwise stack up there at Sand Lake Road, it's significant.

**Esther:** And we know that this shows the project is providing exactly what needed to be done since day one.

I know we talk about the loop ramp, but we have done so much other work behind the scenes. Have you heard any suggestions or comments?

**David:** No, I thought it went extremely smoothly. There was no one complaining, there was no one up in arms. With all of the other work going on, nothing at all.



**Esther:** Every week, we show what the teams are doing out there, this operation [pile driving at Sand Lake Road] will stay the same for about four to five weeks. (Slide 7)

The contractor will set it in place, and during the day they will start driving them. There's another picture showing the contractor setting them, they are very large, I believe 130 feet? (Slide 8)

**Jim:** They are 115 feet.

**Esther:** And this is just another beautiful view of when we opened the ramp. (Slide 9)

**David:** Yea, that is a long ramp. Maria was commenting on that in another call, it is a very long ramp now.

FDOT to review the next 7 days.

- i. Miscellaneous bridge demolition work and pile driving at Sand Lake Road (Area 8)
- ii. Bridge work over Central Florida Parkway
- iii. Sand Lake Road pile deliveries (Area 8)
- iv. Force main installation (Area 5)
- v. Signal and sign structure installation (Areas 1, 3, and 8)
- vi. Turkey Lake Road outside widening
- vii. Median barrier wall concrete placement (Area 8)
- viii. Excavate and grade ponds
- ix. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup

**Esther:** For the next seven days, we're going to continue with the piles at Sand Lake Road as well as the bridge work that's happening at Central Florida Parkway.

A lot of movement happening with the piles as we see more deliveries, as well as the force main installation as we move into area five.

There's also a lot of work continuing at Turkey Lake Road. Do you have any comments or suggestions?

**David:** No, I spoke with a few people, nobody had anything.

FDOT to review the next 14 – 21 days

- i. Miscellaneous bridge demolition work and pile driving at Sand Lake Road (Area 8)
- ii. Force main installation and testing (Areas 3 and 5)
- iii. Sign and signal structure installation
- iv. Place and compact limerock (Area 8)
- v. Median barrier wall grading (Area 8)
- vi. Turkey Lake Road outside grading and widening
- vii. Excavate and grade ponds
- viii. Paving (Area 8)
- ix. Drainage installation (Areas 1, 2, and 3)
- x. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup



**Esther:** Very similar for the next 14-21 days, we're going to continue to see some miscellaneous demolition at Sand Lake Road and the force main.

We're going to continue the operations with signals and in area eight, where we're doing a lot of work on I-4.

#### Cleanliness Review

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

**Esther:** Every week, we're driving the project to make sure its condition is as we committed, and we're working with our clean team on that.

We are aware that there is a need for sweeping, and our contractor is doing that, I believe on Thursday. So we're continuously monitoring, although we have not received any comments, I wanted to let you know that we are going to be sweeping this week on Sand Lake Road.

#### 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:** We also have our new video to share. (Slide 12)

**David:** Wow, yes, that is a fantastic video.

**Esther:** The team did a great job putting this new video together.

**David:** So when cars were trying to turn left onto Turkey Lake Road from Sand Lake Road, they were using the through lane?

**Esther:** Correct, FHP was stationed there, and what they did was they started to make sure people were paying attention.

**Esther:** As for the cleanliness of the project, we're doing the sweeping this week. We did look at the banners out there; everything is looking good. We have the new banners sharing about the new loop ramp. I hope that all you have the chance to see that.

**David:** It looked great, everything looked tight. I was through there and everything looked fantastic.

**Esther:** We have not received any new comments or complaints from the public, and I hope that's been the same on your end.



**David:** Absolutely, yes.

**Esther:** As far as commitments are concerned, I shared information for the latest layouts that we were discussing. Once we certify that and there's any changes we'll update, but I don't have any updates.

I believe the Express lane signage, that is something the directors want to share with you directly, I don't know if they've reached out to you.

**David:** I believe they have. We're in the process of coordinating it.

**Esther:** I don't know if Carter has any updates for us.

**Carter:** The RFP went out at the end of April, that was due on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, which was approved at a previous meeting last week.

The other two updates I have, I wanted to touch base with David and Maria on that dimensioned memo on the CIF elements. I may have bought you time on that, I'm going to be on vacation.

We'll have staff to go through updates. I'll follow up on Wednesday to see if there's changes I can make before I'm gone.

#### Safety Diversions

- i. May 14 (nightly)
  - Eastbound/westbound Central Florida Parkway under I-4
  - 12 a.m. – 5 a.m.

**Esther:** The only safety diversion I have is for Central Florida Parkway on May 14. It's the same safety diversion we have used in the past, so we don't expect to see any issues with this.

#### New Business

1. Next meeting: 05/20/2026

**Esther:** Our next meeting is on the 20<sup>th</sup>, and I will be here. Now that we're talking about the summer, a lot of people on our staff are taking off.

We were talking about this and want to run it by you David, maybe over the summer we do every other week meetings. That way if people need to take off, we could do that.

I'll let you think about it, you don't have to say yes now.

**David:** Fantastic, Maria and I will get together, and we'll see what direction we want to go.

Since the 25<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day weekend, we may want to postpone the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, that's when a lot of people will be off. We'll discuss that with everyone, but I will say it's highly likely that we'll be sending out a cancelation for the 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Maria:** Yea I think that makes sense.

**David:** Okay, we'll send out the cancelation for the 27<sup>th</sup>, so the 20<sup>th</sup> will be our last meeting before the break.



We will get back to you about every other week.

**Esther:** Yea it should just be for the summer, maybe we can do it in June or something like that.

**David:** Do you have any major milestones happening or anything significant?

**Jim:** We do not, I will say this, and this is a bit premature, but we will be doing force main work that will cross Turkey Lake Road running parallel with Sand Lake Road in the median of Sand Lake Road, that will cross Turkey Lake Road and go to the west.

That will be challenging work because we'll have traffic on both sides and we'll be working in the median. We'll know more about that in the next week or two on when that will start, but that will be an operation that will take about 30 to 45 days to do.

The other thing is the pile driving will probably wrap up in the next four weeks or five weeks, and that will be a good thing to have behind us.

**David:** With the force main going in, you won't be shutting down all of Turkey Lake Road right, it just will be certain lanes through the night?

**Jim:** Through the night, correct. We may have the eastbound left turn lanes that are dual lanes that go to Turkey Lake Road northbound, we may keep one of those closed long term. Those are not as heavy of movements as other movements there.

**David:** There's no other ramp or lane shifts or anything else over the summer?

**Jim:** No.

**David:** Okay, good. That gives us more information as to what to expect, nothing significant.

**John:** Can you also give us an update on where we'll have FHP stationed?

**Jim:** We have an FHP officer stationed 24/7 at the Sand Lake Road and Turkey Lake Road intersection. We have one at the ramp that ties into Turkey Lake Road at Sand Lake Sound. Just so that nobody goes up that ramp by accident.

Those officers will be out there for two and a half more weeks.

**David:** And is all the signage in place for the no entry?

**Jim:** Correct, and the warning lights are there for wrong way drivers, and the cameras are also there to trigger a warning for it at the ramp.

We're actually keeping FHP out there until May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**John:** We actually extended the time they're out there to give the traffic time to adjust.

**David:** Okay, we have nothing else, thanks everyone for your time, see everyone next week.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.**