



## International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce

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

June 24, 2026

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| <b>Meeting Purpose:</b>   | Weekly International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce – I-4 and Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee Meeting #113                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Meeting Date/Time:</b> | Wednesday, June 24, 2026, 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Location:</b>          | Zoom Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Attendees:</b>         | I-Drive: David Vallillo (Host), R. Vallier, Brian Small, Maria Triscani<br>FDOT: Seta Koroitamudu, Uvendra (Ray) Gopal<br>HNTB: Jim Moulton<br>Orange County: Heather Bishop, Natalie Kunes, Krista Taraszewski<br>Global-5: Tyler McConnell, Melanie Lamarche |

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

**Esther:** As of June 22, we have used 1,177 days out of the total contract, which is 1,779 total days. We're at 67 percent complete.

A big difference from our last meeting is our last contract day, previously we were showing January, now we're showing February. That's because there's been some added work, and that added work added some additional time to the contract. Overall though, nothing to worry about.

[Slides 3 and 4]

Reviewing the contractor's two week look ahead, as you can see highlighted for the holiday is Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup>. That's the official holiday that we have in the contract. The contractor will be working Thursday but will not have any impact from July 2 to Monday the 6<sup>th</sup>.

They will come back Monday but it will not be until late at night.

[Slide 5]

For aerials, we got updated ones since the last time we met, at least I have not seen this until this week. Everything is looking good.

FDOT to review the past 7 days.

- i. Bridge pile driving and bridge work at Sand Lake Road (Area 6)
- ii. Eastbound I-4 entrance ramp shift (Area 5)
- iii. Force main installation and testing (Area 3)
- iv. I-4 median paving (Area 8)
- v. Turkey Lake Road outside grading and widening
- vi. Place and compact lime rock (Area 8)



- vii. Embankment material placement (Area 6)
- viii. Barrier wall installation (Areas 4 and 8)
- ix. Signal and sign structure installation
- x. Excavate and grade ponds
- xi. Utility relocation
- xii. Drainage installation (Areas 1, 2, and 3)
- xiii. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup

**Esther:** As for the past seven days, we've seen a lot of action for the bridge over I-4 in area six. The contractor has completed some of that piling in the median.

I don't know if you have noticed, but the eastbound I-4 entrance ramp had a small shift, and we have a few aerials of that to share with you.

We also have the force main that's going to continue to go through area three, and a lot of work on I-4 obviously.

Any questions for the past seven days?

**David:** No, there were none. We had a pretty large meeting yesterday, an executive team meeting yesterday down on International Drive. We spoke of the projects and got nothing but positive feedback. It was great to not have anyone stand up to complain about something.

So, nothing to complain about.

[Review of photos]

**Esther:** This is the ramp to I-4. The contractor was removing some of the striping overnight in preparation for that traffic shift. [Slide 7]

We have not received any comments or complaints about the area.

**David:** No, none at all.

**Esther:** This is just the aerial where we are showing the eastbound I-4 entrance from Sand Lake Road. This actually happened on June 19, and it's just a good aerial. [Slide 8]

This is just another view of the bridge; we are happy to say that we are getting very close to completing the piles. [Slide 9]

I don't know if you can see this to the right, but we are showing the piles that are remaining. We're hoping that we will be done by the end of this week, if not next week. That's a great milestone I'm sure for a lot of people in the area.

This is just a different view of what the project is looking like. [Slide 10]

**David:** Yea, these are great shots Esther. They really drive home the progress.

**Esther:** Yes, a lot of changes. Even from where the year started, a lot has changed.

**David:** Yea, and it's so nice to not see all of those cars stacked up and turning south onto Turkey Lake that were the source of so much congestion there.



**Esther:** And it seems like it's working perfectly.

**David:** Yes, I don't live there, but I'll let Maria be the expert.

**Maria:** It's phenomenal, it really is.

FDOT to review the next 7 days.

- i. Bridge pile driving at Sand Lake Road (Area 6)
- ii. Force main installation crossing Sand Lake Road/Turkey Lake Road
- iii. Turkey Lake Road outside grading and widening
- iv. Place and compact lime rock (Area 8)
- v. Embankment material placement (Area 6)
- vi. Barrier wall installation (Areas 4 and 8)
- vii. Signal and sign structure installation
- viii. Excavate and grade ponds
- ix. Utility relocation
- x. Drainage installation (Areas 1, 2, and 3)
- xi. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup

**Esther:** As far as the next seven days, as I've mentioned, we're working on completing the piles for that bridge over Sand Lake Road.

One of the things I wanted to talk about a little more, I don't have anything to share with you just yet, but the force main installation is now getting into the area toward Turkey Lake.

We're going to cross that intersection, which means portions of Turkey Lake Road may be shut down for a few nights. Like I said, we don't have a safety diversion visual to share just yet because we're working on the details with the contractor and the team.

As soon as we have that information we'll share it via email with you all.

And as you have noticed, a lot of activities happening and Turkey Lake Road, and I-4 where most of the work is very noticeable right now.

Any questions or suggestions?

**David:** No, none at all.

FDOT to review the next 14 – 21 days

- i. Miscellaneous bridge work at Sand Lake Road (Area 6)
- ii. Force main installation crossing Sand Lake Road/Turkey Lake Road
- iii. Embankment material placement (Area 6)
- iv. Paving (Area 6)
- v. Place and compact lime rock (Area 8)
- vi. Barrier wall installation (Areas 4 and 8)
- vii. Turkey Lake Road outside grading and widening
- viii. Excavate and grade ponds
- ix. Sign and signal structure installation



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

**Esther:** For the next 14-21 days, we're not showing the piles anymore on this part of the schedule, so that's great.

That will take us to the next stage of the bridge where we're going to start seeing a lot of activity, but it's going to be to build the bridge.

That area will still continue to have a lot of action, as well as the force main installation through Turkey Lake Road.

After that we're going to move to the west, but everything is going to be in the median.

We're going to see more paving happening in area six as well. Any comments or suggestions?

**David:** I know next week we canceled the meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup>, and then we have the meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup>. The following four or five meetings have been canceled for the remainder of the summer months so we're in status quo.

On the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, we probably need some updates, and maybe I'll reach out to Carter and you, to see where we stand with the grading of the ponds.

We're going to go out for four or five weeks and we won't be coming back until the end of August. Just wondering, are we moving forward with any of the electrical or other components?

I'm sure we're in that stage with some of those ponds. We've seen everything about fountains and what not. We're starting to get to those points where you're getting buttoned up with your road work.

I'm asking if the preliminary work for those ponds taking place anytime in the next three to five months? Is that the plan?

**Esther:** Well, and I don't want to speak for Carter or the county, but the plan was for them to have a designer work toward what the final landscaping will look like. That way they can tell us where the irrigation system and all other features will need to be installed.

I don't believe they have that yet.

**David:** Esther, not holding you to anything, but when do you believe we're getting close to a drop-dead date that you'd need that information? Is it three months, six months, nine months?

When do you believe that you're saying, "we need to know this since we're butting up against this?" We're having discussions on the side and it's just good to know that so we're in alignment with your dates.

**Esther:** Well, and Jim please go ahead if I'm saying something that is not correct, I believe we can take it as far out as possible.

Everything is dictated by the type of operation. If the contractor is working in the area it's easier for us to say, "go ahead and do it now." If for some reason we don't have the design ready, or the contractor has moved to another area, the type of operation will change.



Maybe it could change to a directional bore. If that's the case, that can still happen as long as we have our contractor on board.

I don't know if Jim, do you want to share anything else?

**Jim:** Just to reiterate what you're saying, a high percentage of this, but not all of it, is going to be done with a directional bore. So the timing of it really doesn't matter.

**David:** So Jim what you're saying is if the electrical needs of the area have to be bored in, it's almost irrelevant, the boring could happen at any given point then? I wasn't sure if that was going to be put in before paving or cement work or something else. Okay, you've answered the question.

**Jim:** Yea, there might become a point in time where some sidewalk areas, or something like that, could be crossed before we bore.

I've said in the past it almost makes more sense for the contractor that will end up using these to be the one that puts them in.

Then they know where they're at and they're not digging for them and looking for them.

**David:** Okay, perfect, thanks for sharing that information that's useful in our future discussions with other parties.

**Esther:** We're waiting, but obviously there's been some challenges on the county side with the procurement part as far as I know, so I'm not sure.

**David:** Okay, understood.

#### 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:** For cleanliness, we're working constantly with our clean team. Jim and I have actually discussed, at the end of September we're going to start discussing extending them for another year.

We're hoping that last year will take us to where we will be working through Sand Lake Road at that time. We will be committed to have them another year.

The fencing and the wraps are looking good. We understand there are some areas that need more care, but we're in a construction zone so there are some areas that are difficult, but so far everything is looking good.

Have you received any comments, I know you mentioned you haven't earlier.

**David:** No, you know the question I've received several times, and there's just a single answer to it, is when is it ending?

When I tell everybody that I'm saying February, or end of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2028, and you may get raised eyebrows.



The real question that comes in is when will the area look completed to some degree?

The last three months or six months most of the heavy lifting is done and most of the roadway is in. In your professional opinion, is that 30 or 90 days out? When does a construction project of this scope look 95 percent done?

When would there not be barrels in the middle of the road, or something like that?

**Esther:** Are you talking more toward the Sand Lake area or the entire project?

**David:** Sand Lake specifically.

**Esther:** Sand Lake I believe we'll be more toward 10 months that we'll be looking about 90 percent done with Sand Lake Road, is that correct?

**Jim:** I would say it could be as much as six months, which would be like fall of 2027. At that point, we may have six months left of time, and we may be doing minor incidental things and so forth.

**David:** Okay, fantastic. You know, to the stakeholders I'd like to say that you have about a year left. You'll see a big improvement in about a year from the end of this summer.

So it seems easier to swallow when you're saying, "by the end of this summer you've got about a year of the heavy construction phase that you're going through." That is good to know Jim that you say fall 2027.

**Esther:** Once we're done with this last bridge, I think we're going to start seeing a lot more work done at Sand Lake Road. Obviously there's still the force main that needs to be completed. With those two milestones completed, then you'll start seeing some more action in the Sand Lake Road area.

#### 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 public input, we have not received anything. David, you have mentioned you have not received anything?

**David:** No, fencing and screening look fine, we've talked about that the other day, and no one had anything to add to that.

**Esther:** For the rest, we're working toward getting our design complete for the other items that we have discussed.

The hardscaping and aesthetics, that's something that we're working on with Orange County. I'm sure when Carter gets back he will have more updates for us.



New Business



1. Next meeting: 07/08/2026

**Esther:** Our next meeting as you said earlier is on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

**David:** And then we're in hiatus. Please everyone as a reminder please pay attention to the calendar, things should have been removed for the consecutive meetings after the 8<sup>th</sup>. Does anyone have any comments?

**Maria:** David, perhaps maybe down the road in the fall we could have a presentation at a board meeting, so everyone is caught up to speed.

If there's so much done, unless you're behind the scenes you don't know all of the great stuff that's been happening. Just something to think about down the road.

**David:** That's a great idea Maria because the last time you all presented at a board meeting it was really well received and put a lot of people at ease and gave them a vision. I think if you can get that same thing toward the end of the summer, you're about a year out.

Then you can be talking about the light at the end of the tunnel, you can walk away with everyone feeling pretty good that the project is concluding by the end of 2027, or at least it will look that way.

Esther, maybe you and Jim start putting your heads together and start looking at dates. Maria, do you want to shoot them some potential dates for that so they can see?

**Maria:** We have some other things going on, but I'm thinking October actually. We have a little time, but we'll make sure there's a good date for everybody.

**David:** Okay, great, and Krista, it's great to see you, do you have anything?

**Krista:** Yea, I can give you a quick update on the landscape and hardscape project. It did go to procurement, and we did get a handful of responses.

By mid-July, they should have reviewed them and got an idea of what consultant they want to go forward with.

**David:** Krista, can I just add, since there was conversation this week about the bidding. There was a lot of discussion earlier about the contractor that received this bid, doesn't it make good sense that they're consistent with the contractor that's awarded doing International Drive as well?

I know there may be some challenges with that but there's a lot of synergies and cost savings if it was the same contractor providing the services on International Drive and this area, because they're all connected.

The schedules would also work more cohesively, and also not knowing the future of who that person is or that company.

**Krista:** When you say what's already on International Drive are you talking about our landscape project?

**David:** Yes, the landscape project that's existing.



**Krista:** So I can give a little bit of insight as to why we did not do that. We're looking at landscape and hardscape, so you need a consultant who can excel on both sides for design and construction.

Now, when it gets to O&M that might be a totally different conversation. When we're doing the operations and maintenance, it may be well suited to piggyback off of what we have.

**David:** Yea, forgive me, it's the O&M side. We put that out there so I'm sure in your position you're on top of that, so it only makes sense with the synergies to have that leverage of having the same individual you can hold accountable for O&M, so it looks the same consistently the whole way through.

So, thank you so much.

**Krista:** That's one of the line items in the design contract. They not only determine what that cost estimate for O&M is, but they determine existing agreements, funding resources, and the best next steps, all of that is wrapped into the design.

**David:** Fantastic, thank you for the updates, that's great news, much appreciated.

So then we can probably talk about something in August once you have a chance to review the bids when we get back from our break, probably mid to end of August.

Maybe there will be something available to know what the thoughts are from the bidding you received, so that will be great.

**Krista:** Probably the beginning of August, we'll know by mid-to-late July.

**David:** Okay, wonderful. Does anyone have anything else?

Okay, that will conclude today's meeting, and we'll see everyone on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.**