



International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce

I-4 and Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee

August 19, 2026

Meeting Purpose:	Weekly International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce – I-4 and Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee Meeting #115
Meeting Date/Time:	Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Location:	Zoom Meeting
Attendees:	I-Drive: David Vallillo (Host), Brian Small, Maria Triscani FDOT: Seta Koroitamudu, Uvendra (Ray) Gopal, Esther Montoya Orange County: Heather Bishop, Krista Taraszewski, Carter Gresham Global-5: Tyler McConnell, Melanie Lamarche

Meeting called to order at 3:04 p.m.

Esther: Welcome back to our August update presentation. As of August 17 we have used 1,233 days out of the 1,784 we have in our contract.

A bigger jump from our last time we met with our last contract day, now we're showing February. Obviously this is due to the weather and other days that have been added to the contract. Hopefully the contractor will be able to complete the job faster.

This two week look ahead seems to be very intense with a lot of information; I'm not going to go into detail because I have a lot of information to share with you later in the presentation.

[Review of aerial on slide 3]

Just to refresh your memory of where everything is at with our aerial. The areas that I want to point out are five, six, and seven. Part of my update will refer to these particular areas.

FDOT to review the past 7 days.

- i. Eastbound I-4 exit ramp paving and barrier wall work (Area 6)
- ii. Eastbound I-4 exit ramp traffic shift (Area 6)
- iii. Bridge support structure work at Sand Lake Road (Areas 5 and 6)
- iv. Force main installation west of Sand Lake Road/Turkey Lake Road
- v. Turkey Lake Road curb/sidewalk widening
- vi. Place and compact lime rock (Area 8)
- vii. Embankment material placement (Areas 5 and 6)
- viii. Barrier wall installation (Areas 4, 6, and 8)
- ix. Excavate and grade ponds
- x. Utility relocation
- xi. Drainage installation (Areas 5 and 6)



xii. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup

Esther: As for the past seven days, a lot of work has happened if you have traveled through the area.

As I mentioned, areas six and five, we're seeing a lot of activities, especially on the eastbound I-4 exit ramp. We had a traffic shift that was opened yesterday morning, and a lot of activities happening on that main bridge structure.

As you've probably seen, we're done with the piles, there's a lot of work happening with the MSE walls, as well as more happening at Turkey Lake Road.

For force main, we're 95 percent complete, we're trending in a very good place right now. The contractor is also working in area four, which is mainly on I-4 in that median area.

So yes, a lot of activities happening.

We have not received any comments or suggestions over the past month. David and Maria, have you all received anything from the committee?

David: You know, we've both been on pause on everything, and I think Brian, I don't know if you've been away, have you seen anything, I haven't been down there in a few weeks actually.

Brian: Yeah same, I haven't heard anything. Normally I get comments from the tenants or team members from the office that drive through the area every day.

The last pile driving there was a comment about the dogs not liking it or something like that. So no, nothing, but I'll get through the area later this week.

David: And Esther there's been nothing of major importance to bring up here from our group.

Esther: Perfect.

[Review of project photos on slides 7-12]

Esther: So, the biggest shift that we have seen, this was implemented like I said yesterday morning. [slide 7]

The traffic was pushed now to this newer ramp. Obviously this is not the permanent condition, this is still a somewhat temporary condition.

This allows the contractor the opportunity to have a lot more space to work. If some of you remember, there's a pond that's going to take some of that space. The contractor is going to start working on that soon.

This, as we like to share what our crews are doing, is our paving crew doing their paving on that particular ramp, which is looking very good. [slide 8]

This is a toll pre-fabricated building that was installed on I-4, like I said there's been a lot of work that's been happening on I-4 as well. [slide 9]



This is our pier for our last bridge. It's going in, and it seems like we are going to start making some progress with the beams coming soon. [slide 10]

This, and it's pretty big, is the spread footer for of the pylons that was already cast. [slide 11]

David: You know, clearly by the size of that, this will be around for some time. All of the rebar that's in there is just mind blowing.

Esther: And that's for the pylon, so it's big.

And this is the force main; this was one of the last pieces that got installed. The last portion of the force main that's going in is by, correct me if I'm wrong Jim, is toward the west of Sand Lake Road toward the McDonald's that they're tying into? [slide 12]

Jim: Yes, the west McDonald's, or past Chick-Fil-A.

Esther: And that will be the last portion that is going in.

David: So when does that system become operable? Is that more toward the end or is that near the actual system?

Jim: All of the line is in now and it's been preliminarily tested by the contractor. They have two valves that they are waiting for delivery on, so in the next four to six weeks it should be cleaned, finished, and transferred over to the new line.

Then they will grout fill the old line and leave it in place.

FDOT to review the next 7 days.

- i. Bridge beam setting over Sand Lake Road (Areas 5 and 6)
- ii. Force main testing west of Sand Lake Road/Turkey Lake Road
- iii. Turkey Lake Road curb/sidewalk widening
- iv. Place and compact lime rock (Area 8)
- v. Embankment material placement (Areas 5 and 6)
- vi. Barrier wall installation (Areas 4, 6, and 8)
- vii. Signal and sign structure installation
- viii. Excavate and grade ponds
- ix. Drainage installation (Areas 5 and 6)
- x. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup

Esther: As for the next seven days as I mentioned, we're going to see more action for the bridge. We're coming back next week starting this Sunday. We're going to have two nights of operations to install the beams.

The first night is going to be three beams and then the second night is four. The contractor will have to come back later to finish the other section, but that is one of the major items that people are going to see.

And then Turkey Lake Road, that's another area where there is a lot of work that we're still doing for the widening and the sidewalk widening, as well as area eight.



There's a lot more going on with the MSE wall and other activities in areas four, six, and eight.

Any questions or comments?

David: No, none at all.

FDOT to review the next 14 – 21 days

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Esther: For the next 14-21 days, again, we're going to see the bridge beams being set. We're going to continue with the force main testing as Jim mentioned.

Turkey Lake Road is a continuous operation until we're done there. And there's a lot more lime work and earth work that's going to happen in areas five, six, and eight.

For barrier wall, this is mostly on I-4, and then the signal and sign structure installation, the contractor is continuing to do that, as well as some of the ponds.

Obviously some of those ponds nobody tends to pay attention to but there's still a lot of work left there.

Any comments or suggestions?

David: No, but now that we're back, maybe we'll start getting some thoughts together. I think we had some unkept conversations about the ponds themselves and the features and what exactly was taking place in there.

I think we're slowly getting to that spot where we need to have some final discussions on that.

Esther: You're talking about more specific to the ponds, right?

David: Yes, the deep-water ponds, the two of them, yes.

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: We are working on getting another year of our clean team. Jim, if this has not been executed, we should be executing the amendment of the contractor getting to have the clean team for another year.



Like I said we have not received any comments from the public. We know some of the areas that we need to pay a little more attention with the weather and the rain, there's a lot more mowing going on that's needed.

We are at the front of it. Construction sometimes takes a little longer, but we are paying close attention, specifically to the Checkers and International Drive area that we need to address.

I think the fencing and the wraps are looking good. Do you have any comments or suggestions?

David: No, I just think the commitment that you've all had with the clean team and the work they've done is made a tremendous difference.

And really it comes in the form of the lack of complaints and the lack of items that people have approached Maria and the Chamber about.

In the past that could be daily and even weekly, and we just have not heard that. I don't want to underestimate the importance of that clean team, and I just think having them there and making sure that things are returned after the wind has blown them over, it's all worked exceptionally well.

You've limited the complaints that we've gotten like on some of the last projects, so thank you. I think it speaks volumes that there's no comments, and there's no comments because you've got the right practices in place, and the right people, and it's making a world of difference, so thank you.

Esther: And that was our commitment, so we appreciate you saying that.

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: No public input or comments. We can go over the commitments. I know David and Maria, you've already brought up the intention of the fencing, especially on Sand Lake Road, but I need to come back later and talk about the other areas with I-4, that had a lot more impact with some of the property owners.

I'm going to send you an email, probably scheduling another meeting to go over those specifics. I know you want to bring additional committee members, so I'll let you decide what day and time works for you the best.

We talked about the clean team. I know that Carter and I were still talking about all the details of the hardscaping and aesthetics that are going to be going in.

We need to also come back and discuss our intention on the ponds, so I'm going to put down a to do list to remind ourselves that we are now getting against the clock.



As we're getting closer to the end we need to start thinking about all of those details.

Carter: Yeah I know Esther, you and I talked about it, and I'll give my update now. I'll get with you probably in a week or two to talk about an update to the MOA as we start to get a better handle of what those final elements will look like.

That's just to make sure that we have everything baked into the MOA.

The one thing, a couple of us did meet as a sidebar about the fencing, I was going to say that the recommendation of award for the final design team, that recommendation is going before the board next Tuesday, so I'll give out an update along with more details after Tuesday I can give a lot more details.

David: Okay, and I can tell you Esther that the Express lane signage, I think we're at a point where we just have to plan around it, but we're about 99 percent there, and that should probably be off our discussion plate in the next 30 days.

So I think it's all coming to fruition, and you can check on that after we have our last meeting.

Esther: Good, I'm glad to hear that.

Safety Diversions

- i. August 16 – 20
 - Eastbound I-4 exit ramp to Sand Lake Road
 - Barrier wall installation and ramp shift
 - 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- ii. August 23–25, 31 and September 1 (overnight)
 - Full diversion of Sand Lake Road under I-4
 - Bridge beam setting for the reconstruction of eastbound I-4
 - 11:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.

Esther: For safety diversions, we're going to have overnights on August 16th to the 20th. This is in particular on the eastbound I-4 exit ramp. There is installation of barrier wall, and it required the traffic shift.

This is going to start at 10 p.m. going to 6 a.m.

The second one is for the bridge beam setting. Starting on August 23rd to the 25th, and then we're coming back from the 31st to September 1st. Again, we hope by then that we will be done with the beams, and then we'll move into the deck.

We're very close to the end of those safety diversions, so I'm very happy with that.

New Business

1. Next meeting: 08/26/2026

Esther: Our next meeting, if everyone's okay, will be August 26th.

David: Yes, perfect. We'll start looking at it, Labor Day comes into play, I believe the following.



We may have a postponement of the meeting I assume on the 9th, since Labor Day falls on the seventh.

We'll shoot an email to you about that Esther; I think that was already in discussion with us, so we'll punt and take off that meeting as well.

Esther: Okay, that sounds good, and that's all I have for my update.

Jim: Yeah I just want to remind the committee that Halloween Horror Nights is starting August 27th, which is a Thursday night, and they have expanded it, so now it runs, at least in September, five nights a week.

So I just wanted to let you all know about that.

Also, the project that the county has on Sand Lake Road from Apopka-Vineland Road to Turkey Lake Road has started. So, if you drive along that area you'll see construction activities, and so forth, going on.

David: And Jim, you don't see any concerns that you have with that project impacting this project or bleeding over into each other?

Jim: No, we've already had some coordination discussions with them, and the reality of it is, our project and their project interface is basically right where that McDonald's is.

In that area they're really not changing anything too much other than milling and resurfacing on the road, and the same for us.

There's no major sidewalk changes there or anything like that, everything is further to the west than that. I think that signal is called Realto or something like that, that goes into the private properties that are on both sides of Sand Lake Road.

David: Okay, wonderful, anyone having anything else?

Okay, with that, we'll end today's meeting. Have yourselves a great rest of the day.

Meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.