



International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce

I-4 and Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee

August 26, 2026

Meeting Purpose:	Weekly International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce – I-4 and Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee Meeting #116
Meeting Date/Time:	Wednesday, August 26, 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, John Hatfield Orange County: Heather Bishop, Krista Taraszewski, Carter Gresham Global-5: Tyler McConnell, Melanie Lamarche

Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Esther: As of August 24, we have used 1,240 days out of the total 1,784 days in the contract. Obviously, as we have updated every week, those days will continue to change based on weather, special events, the holidays, and what not.

The contractor's two-week look ahead, very similar to what we have seen, a lot of crews with a lot of activities happening. The contractor has done a very good job of marking the nights for Halloween Horror Nights that we have.

With the exception of a few Wednesdays, we know now that Universal has Wednesdays also for Horror Nights.

Jim has done a very good job of coordinating with Universal and keeping an eye on that Wednesday to make sure that there's no issues. For what we know now, there's nothing really to be concerned about.

The one area that I typically focus on the most is the safety diversions at the bottom. As you can see we have a lot of operations happening. A lot of it does not require a full diversion, some of it does require the contraflow.

But, we do have a safety diversion that's going to be happening next week, and I'll go over that later in the presentation.

[Review of project aerial on slide 5]

The aerial, if you pay close attention to area six, you will be able to see the new ramp that we shifted to between areas six and seven.

So this is our updated aerial, I think we took this last week.

FDOT to review the past 7 days.



- i. Bridge beam setting over Sand Lake Road (Areas 5 and 6)
- ii. Eastbound I-4 exit ramp barrier wall placement (Area 6)
- iii. Turkey Lake Road curb/sidewalk widening
- iv. Place and compact lime rock (Areas 5, 6, and 8)
- v. Embankment material placement (Areas 5 and 6)
- vi. Barrier wall installation (Areas 4, 6, and 8)
- vii. Excavate and grade ponds
- viii. Utility relocation
- ix. Drainage installation (Areas 5 and 6)
- x. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup

Esther: As far as the past seven days, if you've driven through the area, you've probably seen the new beams set for bridge four.

The contractor was able to complete the first three the night of the 24th to the 25th, and this morning they were able to install the other beams. So, the first span is already completed.

Next week we do have what we hope is the last two nights of beam setting operations.

As far as the other activities, we have a lot going on at Turkey Lake Road, very consistent to what we have seen in the past few weeks.

A lot of activities happening, mostly on I-4 and some of the ramps. We have a few pictures that I'd like to share, but before I move to the next one, do you have any comments David, or Maria?

David: I have none, Brian, Maria, did you have any?

Brian: No, but I drove through it today. Did you guys leave any barrels for any other project? There have to be about 300 barrels out there.

But it's organized, and with the exception of some vines that are growing by the Circle K, it's clean. For what's going on there, it's pretty impressive.

John: Brian, those barrels are channelizing devices to keep traffic where we want it. We learned early on with another DDI near ChampionsGate we had, if you have too much of a gap, motorists will find a way not to follow the path that you laid out for them.

We overkill it to make sure they do what they need to do.

Brian: Yea, well it looks good, it looks good.

Esther: Good, we're glad to hear that. We know there's a few areas that we need to do some very needed clearing.

[Review of photos]

Here are the pictures, as I mentioned, this is probably a version where the contractor was placing the first three beams. Like I said, they completed the rest of the work for this span this morning. [Slide 7]



This is the area where we originally had traffic, if you remember the aerial, the area between areas six and seven. [Slide 8]

Now the contractor is starting to do the demo, they're removing the old paving that's in the area. Over the next few weeks we're going to see more changes happening in that area.

And this is a view of barrier wall being installed along I-4. The crews are working very aggressively in that area. [Slide 9]

And this is a somewhat older picture of when the contractor was installing the cap, they were pouring the cap for the bridge pour. [Slide 10]

As you can imagine, there's a lot of crews working out there.

FDOT to review the next 7 days.

- i. Bridge beam setting over Sand Lake Road (Areas 5 and 6)
- ii. Paving (Area 8)
- iii. Turkey Lake Road curb/sidewalk widening
- iv. Place and compact lime rock (Areas 5, 6, and 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 far as the next seven days, we're currently scheduled to have the nights of August 31st and September 1st for the next operation for the beams.

We're still going to have a backup plan in case one of those nights don't work out for us, that will be on the 8th.

We're hoping that based on the operation that the contractor has done so far, this will be the last nights for that type of operation.

In the meantime, during the week, we still continue to see the contraflow for the other areas on the bridge, where the contractor is installing the forms.

Areas five, six, and eight, we continue to place the lime rock, the embankment material, as well as the barrier wall installation along I-4.

Any comments or suggestions for the next seven days?

David: No, none.

FDOT to review the next 14 – 21 days

- i. Bridge support structure work over Sand Lake Road (Areas 5 and 6)
- ii. Paving (Area 8)
- iii. Turkey Lake Road curb/sidewalk widening



- iv. Place and compact lime rock (Areas 5, 6, and 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 far as the next 14-21 days, very similar. For that week, we'll move from the beams to starting the form work on the bridge.

We're going to see a lot more paving in area eight, which is I-4. We continue to see a lot happening on Turkey Lake Road with the widening. And the other operations we have seen on the project consistently in the past few weeks.

Any comments or suggestions?

David: No, looking good.

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: As for the cleanliness of the project, we do note a few areas, especially at the Checkers.

We know that there is an area there where the contractor has to come back and install a handrail. We're currently working with the Checkers owner.

We know that there's some work that needs to be done by McDonald's on the west and east ends. We're hoping that within the next few weeks we're going to have more progress, especially on the west end where we have a turn lane that's been shut down, to be reopening soon.

The other thing that we have noticed is the fence by Sand Lake Sound Road. There's an area there that we need to do some work, especially in the flume.

There's a flume there, and we're going to have our clean team do a little bit of work there.

David: Where is that specifically at Esther?

Esther: I have here in my notes that it's the flume by Sand Lake Sound. So this is where the new ramp comes in into Turkey Lake Road.

That area is where we have a little bit of work to do, but we are actively addressing the area.

I wanted to bring it up because I don't want them to think that we're not really paying attention, so we are going to do what we need to do there.



We have not received any complaints or comments regarding the condition, other than what you have mentioned, Brian, with Circle K. We're going to get with the team to address that area too.

Is there anything else that they have seen that we need to address, or any comments that you have received from your team?

David: Very quiet, which is good for all of us.

Old Business

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

Esther: As far as public input and comments, as I mentioned, we have not received anything.

For the commitments update, I think David I am going to send you an email. I know I made promises but I need to do it this week.

I'm going to send you an email asking you for your schedule availability between you and Maria, and any other members that want to attend, so we can discuss the area of the I-4 fence, and what we need to do there.

As far as the mowing and cleaning, we are doing, I think I mentioned this in the past meeting, we are currently negotiating another year with the contractor for the clean team. That's moving along very well.

So we're going to address any concerns with the cleaning and mowing of the corridor.

With the Express lanes and signage, I know you're getting conversations with our Traffic Ops. I did see the updates happening, so I put an "in progress" note until it's completed.

David: Yeah, it's like I was saying, I think within the next few weeks we'll be able to close that out.

Esther: And then I know Carter is online, I'll let him give an update on the hardscaping and aesthetics of the project.

Carter: So, now that I can say this and this is out in the open, we did a solicitation back in June and July of the final design team. Now that this has gone before the board I can talk about it.

We did get three proposals, one was Kimley Horn, one was Metric Engineering, and one was VHB.

Kimley was ranked the highest in all of the criteria, Kimley essentially was the top-ranking applicant.

We will essentially go through negotiations with them on a contract over the next two months. If those negotiations are unsuccessful, then it would go to the next successful proposer.



We did a public works review, and Rick reached out to me actually before this meeting. He wasn't able to attend today but he did want to go over the conceptual timeline for this.

Like I said, middle to late October we're done with negotiations, and then we kick off the following month. What we're doing is essentially just to stay on track and stay on schedule.

We're going to do that design completion in essentially nine months, so it'll wrap in August next year, and then we go out for the actual construction solicitation, to essentially kind of dovetail properly, so we can have our construction teams on-site, hopefully the second that FDOT wraps up their scope.

That's our tentative design timeline, but we wanted to use that as our North Star, to kind of reverse engineer it, to make sure that we're ready to go and have shovels in the ground once FDOT's wrapped up their scope.

David: It's so great to see this part of the process for you, Carter, behind you and finally looking forward.

Carter: Absolutely, and I'll talk to Rick a little bit in the future. I'm not sure if Rick is going to be the PM for Public Works or someone else, but like I said in past meetings, I'll remain on as a design liaison until this thing is done.

Esther: That's great. Question for you. Do you think that we're going to have a full design before our construction project is over? Or is that too much of an ask?

Carter: I'll have to look at the scope, but I think you're going to have it close to it.

When I was also looking in our own timing, to make sure that we're ready to have shovels in the ground, we're also going to have a little bit of overlap on our final design with the construction solicitation.

Normally this does take about six months, they can take anything from six to eight months. What I would probably do is when they get to like 80 or 90 percent, which would be summer of next year, we would go out for the request for proposals, out to the construction.

So, my expectation is that you would have, maybe not 100 percent, but very close to it prior to your completion.

I'll get with Rick on that, but I foresee that you would have that. Is there a specific timing that you're thinking, or just before the end of the project?

Esther: No, but what I was looking at was if there was anything being proposed that we don't need to spend the resources on, especially in the aprons where we have the asphalt.

If the design proposes something different where we may not need to place the asphalt there, so I'm just trying to coordinate.

Carter: Yeah it's a great point. I think, and I know you, Jim, and I have had these conversations. In those situations where landscaping is coming in, other than seeding it or sodding it I wouldn't do much beyond that.

When it comes the aprons, and the conversations we had the other day about the fencing, essentially the fencing would be the stopgap measure in the interim while we get a treatment that FDOT would be amenable to.



If they were never amenable to it then the fence, we're comfortable with that fence for a period of time.

Let me get with Rick to look over the internal scope timeline, he's the keeper of that right now. But I'll follow up with you on that.

But, I don't see whether it's the final design or not, as we're going through the design process, if there's ever something that I don't think we need to be spending this capital on, or telling FDOT essentially you don't need to be doing this right now, we're going to be coming in eight months and redo this, I will keep you all abreast of that the second I see it, always.

Esther: Okay, sounds good.

Safety Diversions

- i. August 31 & 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: As far as safety diversions, as I mentioned, August 31st and September 1st, it's overnight happening from 11:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. This hopefully will be our last beam setting operation, obviously we do have a backup date just in case one of those nights doesn't work, but it's going to be from 11:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.

It's a very typical diversion that we have used in the past, so we don't expect to see any issues with this. Do you have any questions or concerns?

David: No, and you said you believe this would be the last in that area, the last one in that area?

Esther: The last bridge basically, the last beams that we have for that particular bridge.

David: It's usually slow, we have a little bit of a lull on the weekend before a holiday, so that's perfect timing.

New Business

1. Next meeting: 09/02/2026

Esther: Our next meeting is September 2nd?

David: Yep, September 2nd, and then we will go ahead and cancel the meeting on the 9th since it's a holiday week, so we'll have one on the 2nd, skip the 9th, and return on the week after.

Thank you so much Esther, does anyone have any questions, concerns, or any comments they'd like to share with the group?

John: I have a comment for David, Maria, and Brian. Esther, she's too humble to say this, but she got accepted into something called FELA, which is the FTBA, which is the Florida Transportation Builder's Association, that's the big umbrella organization for transportation contractors in the state.

They only select two people a year to be a part of that program, and she's one of them.



David: Wow that's really great, congratulations.

Esther: I appreciate that, thank you John.

John: I just want you guys to know that we're bringing top talent to you.

David: You certainly are, and I'm sure they don't just hand those out willy nilly. So, a lot of hard work and effort over the years. Esther, congratulations, well deserved.

Is there someone else that has anything else?

Okay, we'll conclude the meeting, everyone have a great week, and we'll talk again next week.

Meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.