



International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce

I-4 and Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee

September 23, 2026

Meeting Purpose:	Weekly International Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce – I-4 and Sand Lake Road Interchange Oversight Committee Meeting #119
Meeting Date/Time:	Wednesday, September 23, 2026, 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Location:	Zoom Meeting
Attendees:	I-Drive: David Vallillo (Host), Brian Small, Maria Triscari, R. Vallier FDOT: Seta Koroitamudu, Esther Montoya, Sarely Tejada HNTB: Jim Moulton Orange County: Heather Bishop, Krista Taraszewski, Carter Gresham Global-5: Tyler McConnell, Melanie Lamarche

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

Esther: Good afternoon everybody, as of September 21st we have used 1,268 out of the total 1,787 that we have in the contract. This has pushed our last contract day by a little bit, but not by much.

We're hoping that the contractor will finish earlier than what we're showing here.

[Review of look-ahead schedule on slides 3 and 4]

Our contractor's two-week look ahead is consistent to what we have seen the past two weeks. A lot of activities, you know, happening during the day and night.

However, the contractor is not doing any paving operations this week or next week.

[Review of aerial on slide 5]

Esther: This is our newest aerial.

David: Look at that, all of the beams are in, Esther.

Esther: Yes, all of the beams are in. We can see that new grass area; the contractor has done a very good job with stabilizing that bare soil. It's coming along very well.

David: That looks great, that is a nice shot.

Esther: It is, and we have a good picture, Jim's going to talk about it later, but that's a great picture too.

FDOT to review the past 7 days.

- I. Bridge support structure work over Sand Lake Road (Areas 5 and 6)
- II. Drill shaft placement on Sand Lake Road
- III. Westbound I-4 temporary barrier wall construction (Area 8)



- IV. Turkey Lake Road curb/sidewalk widening
- V. Place and compact limerock (Areas 5, 6, and 8)
- VI. Embankment material placement (Areas 5 and 6)
- VII. Barrier wall installation (Areas 4, 6, and 8)
- VIII. Signal and sign structure installation (Area 3)
- IX. Excavate and grade ponds
- X. Drainage installation (Areas 5 and 6)
- XI. Force main work on Sand Lake Road
- XII. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup

Esther: For the past seven days, the contractor had work on the new bridge that's coming up over Sand Lake Road. They did complete an installation of a drilled shaft from Sand Lake Road as well.

A lot of activities happening on I-4, mainly through the barrier wall and the new areas that are getting limerock placed.

The contractor has continued to do some of the grading for the ponds. Some of them are outside of our eyes, but a lot of activities happening. Do you have any comments or suggestions for the past seven days?

David: Maria, do you have any?

Maria: No, all good.

[Review of photos on slides 7-9]

Esther: And this is the amazing picture that we wanted to share, and I'm going to let Jim talk about it. It gives you a very good perspective of what the project looks like. Jim, do you want to talk about what's coming up? [Slide 7]

Jim: The area to the right-hand side of that photo is where the eastbound on ramp is. That is, you can see the red crane that's in that area, that area is where the contractor is focusing most of their work activity.

There's work that'll happen on Sand Lake Road under the bridges that will lead into that, which would be the left-hand or outside lane for eastbound. That lane, and the curb and gutter along the edge of it under the bridges will be worked on.

The new ramp is also what's being constructed and then you have the foundation for the pylon in that area, which is about where the red crane is, and the planter wall that'll go there. And that'll mimic on the south side as well.

They're focused on that area right now because over the previous month, we were working on the eastbound off ramp, which would be on the left-hand side of the photo there. That's where we switched traffic, and then the next traffic shift would be on this on ramp. That's probably in a month or so.

David: Jim, let me ask you about the pylons, the large pylons that are going to go right on Sand Lake, is that in that little island that's got parked grass, and where the four arrows sit?

The pylon goes there doesn't it, do they go that far?



Jim: Yes

David: On both sides, too, where those big islands are right?

Jim: Yes, correct.

Esther: Thank you Jim, any questions David or Maria?

David: No, this is just a great picture. I was wondering Esther, can you just send me this picture?

Maria: Yeah, I was just thinking the same thing.

David: This is great for one of our calls.

Jim: Esther, I can take care of that.

Esther: Perfect, thank you.

This is another great view of the operations happening on the bridge. Obviously, you only see the top of the beams, but within the next month or so, probably at the end of October, we're going to start to see the deck come to life. [Slide 8]

And this is a view where you can see the work on westbound I-4 and I-4 Express. This is the area where the contractor is installing the foundation for the drilled shaft for the cantilever sign, and it's the reason that the express lane is currently in the condition it's at right now. [Slide 9]

We're hoping within the next few days we'll be done with that.

FDOT to review the next 7 days.

- I. Crane removal (Area 6)
- II. Bridge support structure work over Sand Lake Road (Areas 5 and 6)
- III. Turkey Lake Road curb/sidewalk widening
- IV. Place and compact limerock (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. Drainage installation (Areas 5 and 6)
- IX. Force main work on Sand Lake Road
- X. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup
- XI. Drill shaft placement (Area 8)

Esther: For the next seven days, as Jim mentioned, we're going to be removing the crane out of that area, the red one you saw. We're going to continue to do work in the bridge and Turkey Lake Road, very consistent with the operations there.

The same with areas five, six, and eight with the limerock, the barrier wall installation, and the other miscellaneous activities that are happening with the drainage and the excavation of the ponds.

Do you have any questions or suggestions for the next seven days?



Brian: I'm sorry Esther, I do have a question that slipped my mind earlier, sorry to go back to earlier.

When you're going west, I experienced it myself and then a team member in the office brought it up. When you're going west on Sand Lake, let's say you're going to Whole Foods, and actually in both cases we were going to Whole Foods.

There's a turn right before Turkey Lake Road that would take you into that parking lot. I can't remember what the signage is for that, but I know I missed it. When you get to Turkey Lake Road at that point at least, you couldn't make the left.

Maybe with the way these project change, maybe you can now. You had to go down and do a U-turn further down.

Jim: What you want to do is you want to be in the right-hand lane and take the loop ramp and then come back down onto Turkey Lake Road south of the complex, and then you turn right at that light.

That light is considered Sand Lake Sound. Take a right there and then you can go into Phillips Crossing.

Esther: Let me go back to the other image. [Slide 7]

David: Let's go back to the one we love, it's a great aerial.

Jim: You really can't see it very well there. I've got another photo if you want me to share it.

Esther: Yeah if you don't mind.

David: So Brian, you were trying to attempt to make a left to Whole Foods right on Sand Lake. I can see there's a truck park right where that is.

Jim: [Reviewing on-screen photo] See where that white truck is? That's where you want to go on this loop ramp, take it around and then it brings you down over here at Sand Lake Sound. And then you can go northbound on Turkey Lake Road at that point and come into the Whole Foods.

Brian: Wow okay, I got you, I got you. I see why I missed it.

Jim: Yeah, you cannot turn here. It may be shorter, maybe not, but you really don't want to have to go down here and try to make a U-turn. A lot of those U-Turns are prohibited as well.

Brian: Oh yeah, that's what I ended up doing. You have to go a while; you have to go a little distance before you can do that U-turn.

Jim: If you stay here in the outside lane and go on the loop ramp, come around, and come down to the signal over here, and turn right, then you can easily access the complex.

David: And Jim, there's two overhead signs that are right at that exit? Do they say all Turkey Lake traffic north or south should exit there?

Jim: No, because if you want to go northbound on Turkey Lake Road, you'd still continue through here, stay on the right lane, and then turn right at the signal.

David: Does it say southbound from there? Where's the permanent sign there?

Jim: If you give me a minute, I can find out exactly what the verbiage is on that, let me see.



This signage is to try to get you to take the ramp, and I think it says, "South Turkey Lake Road", and then the arrow.

I don't want to give you vertigo either, but I think I might have a picture that shows that a little bit better.

David: Okay, I think maybe we can circle back.

Jim: I can show you what the plans show, I'll send a snippet over.

David: Having a lot of out-of-town guests who, actually, when you think about a lot of the hotel guests who, we send them to the supermarket, it's good to know. And, making sure the signage is correct because they're from out-of-town, that's where they all go to grab groceries for the hotel room, and then workers and stuff like that.

Okay, appreciate it.

Brian: Thank you, appreciate it.

Esther: Thank you Jim. I just want to confirm; do you still see my screen?

David: We can still see your screen.

Esther: Okay, perfect.

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 and Area 6)
- III. Sand Lake Road under I-4 curb/sidewalk work
- IV. Turkey Lake Road curb/sidewalk widening
- V. Place and compact limerock (Areas 5, 6, and 8)
- VI. Embankment material placement (Areas 5 and 6)
- VII. Barrier wall installation (Areas 4, 6, and 8)
- VIII. Signal and sign structure installation
- IX. Excavate and grade ponds
- X. Drainage installation (Areas 5 and 6)
- XI. Ongoing mowing and litter pickup

Esther: For the next 14-21 days, like I said we are very consistent with the level of operations that we are seeing.

The contractor continues to do work on the bridge. As I mentioned, by the end of October we will have a new deck installed. The paving operation is happening on areas eight and six.

Sand Lake Road, we're seeing a lot of curb and sidewalk being done, as well as at Turkey Lake. Again, we have the barrier wall installation on areas four, six, and eight, as well as the limerock.

Any questions or suggestions for the next 14-21 days?



David: No, we have none.

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 far as the cleanliness of the project, everything is looking good. We have observed the fencing and the wraps, and it's in good condition. I don't know if you guys have received any feedback from anybody, but we have not.

David: No, we have not.

Old Business

- Public Input or Comments
- Commitments Update
 - i. Fencing and screening
 - ii. Mowing and cleaning
 - iii. Clean Team
 - iv. Hardscaping and aesthetics
 - v. Ponds

Esther: I know we've been doing some separate meetings, and we're going to continue to do some of those for some of the items here such as the fencing, especially for the one located along I-4.

The mowing and cleaning, as you're aware we have the clean team involved, we're heavily keeping an eye on keeping up a good-looking construction project.

We're working with Orange County on the hardscaping and aesthetics, as well as the ponds. I know Carter sent an email today trying to schedule a meeting, so I'm going to let Carter give us an update too.

Carter: That was just a quick follow up with David and Maria on the CAF stuff, just to get any other comments. As we're kind of wrapping up the negotiations in the next month on the final design, Rick and I are working to make sure that they know, that the design team knows, that irrigation and those types of things need to be prioritized and streamlined as soon as possible, to make sure that still dovetails with your schedule.

But it was more just talking about the next week or two about the CAFs, just to get a little more direction on that, just to make sure that I'm educating the team on that properly.

I know Esther, I think it's still two to three weeks, but I know Esther you and I are meeting on the MOA in October.

Esther: Correct.

Carter: So that's going to run in the background as well.



Esther: Yeah, we're trying to finalize more details in order for us to be ready for more discussion. But yeah, we're talking about updating our MOA.

Carter: Yeah, those were my main updates, I'll probably have a more robust update in the next week or two as we get that negotiation wrapped up in the next couple of weeks.

Safety Diversions

- September 28 and 29 (overnight)
 - Full diversion of westbound I-4 Express from John Young Parkway to west of Kirkman Road (S.R. 435).
 - Motorists on westbound I-4 Express will be directed to exit onto the westbound Interstate 4 (I-4) general-use lanes near John Young Parkway (local exits 78-74AB).
 - No access to or from westbound I-4 Express direct connect ramps at Florida's Turnpike and Grand National Drive.

Esther: Okay, and the only safety diversion that's happening is happening on the 28th and 29th, it's overnight on the Express lanes on I-4. We're going to be diverting all traffic from the Express lane to exit at John Young Parkway, exits 78 to 74AB. After that point, nobody will have access to the ramps at the Turnpike and Grand National Drive.

This is something we've done already due to the operations for the cantilever sign that's going to be installed. We have not seen any major issues with that diversion. Any comments?

David: No, that time of night on the Express lane, the Express lane is empty anyway.

New Business

1. Next meeting: 09/30/2026

Esther: Very good, and then our next meeting is scheduled for September 30th.

David: Yep, the last day of September before we move into the month of Halloween. Okay great, does anyone have any comments, suggestions, or concerns?

Carter: Nothing on my end, Esther I'm going to get with you on a Teams call right after this call, just a heads up.

Esther: Sounds good, yep. And David if you don't mind staying for just a couple of more minutes, I have a question regarding something separate, not this, but something separate.

If you don't mind, Maria can also.

David: Yep absolutely, we'll stay on. With that we'll go ahead and conclude today's call.

Jim: One second David, if you all can see my screen. [Reviewing aerial of loop ramp signage]

David: Yeah I did, and I actually pulled it up, and it's perfectly clear.

Brian: Got it, yeah thanks Jim, I totally missed it.



Jim: That's okay.

David: I think Brian, I think I've done the same thing as soon as it went up. I learned my lesson the same way. I actually made a right at the Drury. I cut back across and went over by the Drury, made a U-turn and came back around. I did the same thing.

Great, thanks so much for sending that out Jim, appreciate it. Alright everyone, we'll talk to you next week, thanks.

Meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.