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To: Board of County Commissioners

From: Teresa Jacobs, Orange County Mayor

Subject Central Florida Expressway Authority

In follow up to the passage of CS/CS/SB 230 by the Florida Legislature and subsequent signature into law last week by Governor Rick Scott, a newly constituted regional transportation authority has been created. This new entity will be known as the Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX), and replaces the now-dissolved Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority (OOCEA). As outlined in the bill language, membership on the new authority will be constituted as follows:

"The governing body of the authority shall consist of nine members: The chairs of the boards of the County Commissions of Seminole, Lake, and Osceola Counties shall each appoint one member, who may be a commission member or chair. The Mayor of Orange County shall appoint a member from the Orange County Commission. The Governor shall appoint three citizen members, each of whom must be a citizen of Orange County, Seminole County, Lake County, or Osceola County The eighth member must the Mayor of Orange County. The ninth member must be the Mayor of the City of Orlando. The executive director of Florida Turnpike Enterprise shall serve as a nonvoting advisor to the governing body of the authority."

In accordance with the legislative directive that I shall appoint a member from our Board of County Commissioners, and to be sensitive to the workload of our individual Commissioners and the demands placed upon them by their current agency, board and task force assignments, I am selecting District 1 Commissioner Scott Boyd to serve as my appointee to the Central Florida Expressway Authority.

Orange County is extremely fortunate to have some of the most dedicated, hardworking and competent Commissioners in the state. Just as our other Commissioners so ably represent us on their current boards, as a staunch advocate of good government, smart planning and fiscal accountability, I know that Commissioner Boyd will represent Orange County admirably in this new capacity. Please join me in thanking him for accepting appointment to the Central Florida Expressway Authority board.

Ajit Lalchandani, County Administrator
Jeffrey Newton, County Attorney
Jim Harrison, Assistant County Administrator