



With Lake County Commissioner Welton Caldwell in the driver's seat of the newly formed Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFE), residents find themselves in the fast lane toward economic benefit.

IN THE LOOP

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Lake County has not seen a major expressway development within its borders since the 1930s. But with a focus on staying with the landscape and economic impact, with the newly formed region of Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFE), CFE is a new member board that includes several officials and the general apparatus, to a location outside Lake County, Ocala, and Seminole Counties, and the agency can now consider other development opportunities.

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While Caldwell is Caldwell's leadership affects the entire county, his own vision as a concept that will impact the region and its economy, the Welton Parkway.

The Welton Parkway State Road 129 is the 25-mile tolled expressway that will connect to State Road 17, essentially closing the gap between US 91 and 14, and connecting the highway to the Metro Orlando. This project is being developed jointly by CFE and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The estimated \$2.5 billion project involves 300 to 400 acres of land in Lake County including a interchange mile of SR 42 in Lake and Seminole Counties, extending the US 44/ SR 42 interchange in Mount Dora, a multi-mile interchange segment of the highway near Lake and Seminole Counties, and adding the SR 42 connector to SR 42 to provide a link. The project also includes several bridges and more than 1,000 acres of water for construction.

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"We are an appealing place to live, and we want to live here. It gives us a voice in the one thing that connects us all and that is that road network."



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