

**Wekiva Parkway (SR 429)/SR 46 PD&E Study  
Public Workshop  
On Preliminary Service Road Concept in East Lake County  
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**Wekiva Parkway Project Development and Environment Study  
Summary of Public Workshop in East Lake County  
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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This document summarizes the activities associated with the Wekiva Parkway (SR 429)/SR 46 Realignment Public Workshop in East Lake County for the review and discussion of the proposed Service Road Concept. The public workshop was sponsored by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 5 with the participation of the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority (Expressway Authority). The public workshop was held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the date and at the location identified below.

### **Meeting Date and Location:**

East Lake County Service Road Concept Public Workshop  
December 17, 2009  
Sorrento Christian Center  
32441 County Road 437  
Sorrento, FL 32776

The public workshop was conducted to afford local residents, property owners, business owners, government officials, media and other interested parties the opportunity to review and express their views concerning the preliminary service road concept as part of the proposed Wekiva Parkway (SR 429)/SR 46 Realignment project and have any questions answered by the project team. The service road concept was developed by FDOT, District 5 and the Expressway Authority in response to requests from area residents and elected officials to provide a non-tolled alternative to the Wekiva Parkway for local trips. The 2-lane service road (1 lane each way) starts on existing SR 46 west of the proposed Wekiva Parkway interchange in the Neighborhood Lakes area and extends eastward for more than 5 miles across the Wekiva River into Seminole County. A substantial portion of the service road concept is located within the previously identified 300 foot-wide Wekiva Parkway right-of-way. The estimated additional cost to provide the service road and the required wildlife bridges is about \$96 million. Handouts with information on the Wekiva Parkway (SR 429)/SR 46 Realignment project and the Preliminary Service Road Concept in East Lake County and Comment Cards were provided to the attendees.

### **Project Team Attendees:**

Representatives from FDOT, District 5, the Expressway Authority, PBSJ, CH2M HILL, QCA and HNTB were available to answer questions and respond to the public's comments and concerns. The project team representatives who attended the meetings included:

- Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority - Mike Snyder, P.E., Joe Berenis, P.E., Lindsay Hodges, Michelle Maikisch
- Florida Department of Transportation - FDOT Secretary Stephanie Kopelousos, FDOT, District 5 Secretary Noranne Downs, P.E., Brian Stanger, P.E., George Lovett, Steve Olson, Lorena Valencia, Carol Brannon, Michael Dollery
- CH2M HILL - Mark Callahan, P.E., Dave Lewis, Kathleen Jorza, Sunsera Dalton, P.E., Ann Mulligan, P.E., Brian Connor, P.E.

- PBSJ - Massoud Moradi, P.E., Keith Jackson, P.E.
- Quest Corporation of America (QCA) Public Information - Brian Hutchings, Karen Kersey, Megan Olivera
- HNTB - Josiah Banet, P.E.

## 2.0 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

A total of 2,554 public meeting invitations were sent to business owners, residents, government officials, and other interested parties in and around the proposed East Lake County Service Road Concept corridor. The public workshop invitation included details about the public workshop and also included a project map of the service road concept. Invitations were also sent to all elected officials in the project area. Copies of the invitations are included in Appendix A.

A breakdown of the recipient list is provided in Table 1.

**Table 1. Public Workshop Invitation Summary**

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Number of Recipients</b>	<b>Invitation Sent</b>
Elected/Appointed Officials	72	December 2, 2009
East Lake County Property Owners	2,374	December 2, 2009
Email Notifications to Wekiva River Basin Commission members	19	December 3, 2009
Email Notifications to Environmental Advisory Commission members	21	December 3, 2009
Email Notifications to Project Advisory Group members	26	December 3, 2009
Door-to-door distribution of invitation letter	42	December 10, 2009
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,554</b>	

## 3.0 MEDIA NOTIFICATION

Legal advertisements were prepared and submitted to local print media outlets prior to the public workshop. Advertisements were run in English and Spanish. A list of the media outlets and advertisement run dates are shown in Table 2.

**Table 2. Legal Advertisements Summary**

<b>Media Outlet</b>	<b>Run Date</b>
Orlando Sentinel	December 11, 2009
El Sentinel	December 12, 2009
La Prensa	December 12, 2009
Apopka Chief	December 11, 2009

Media releases were e-mailed or faxed to local media outlets on December 10, 2009 as described in Table 3. Copies of legal advertisements and media releases can be found in Appendix B.

**Table 3. Media Notification Summary**

<b>Outlet</b>	<b>Contact Method</b>	<b>Attended Meeting</b>
<b>RADIO</b>		
K92 FM	E-mail	No
WLOQ	E-mail	No
WDBO 580 AM	E-mail	No
WMMO 98.9 FM	E-mail	No
WTKS 104.1 FM	E-mail	No
WJRR 101.1 FM	E-mail	No
WHTQ 96.5 FM	E-mail	No
WOMX 105.1	E-mail	No
La Nueva 98.1	E-mail	No
WFLA 540AM	E-mail	No
WMFE 90.7	E-mail	No
<b>TELEVISION</b>		
Fox 35 WOFL	E-mail	No
WB18 WKCF	E-mail	No
WESH TV 2 NBC	E-mail	No
WFTV Channel 9 ABC	E-mail	No
WKMG - TV 6 CBS	E-mail	No
WMFE Channel 24	E-mail	No
Central Florida News 13	E-mail	No
Channel 40 Telemundo	E-mail	No
WRBW UPN - Channel 65	E-mail	No
<b>PRINT</b>		
Orlando Sentinel	E-mail	Yes
La Prensa	E-mail	No
Apopka Chief/Planter	E-mail	No

#### **4.0 AT THE PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

A total of 198 people attended the public workshop on the preliminary service road concept held for the Wekiva Parkway (SR 429)/SR 46 Realignment PD&E Study (excluding project team members).

##### **Meeting Format:**

The meeting was conducted in an open house format. Two identical sets of display boards were set up around the perimeter of the room. The boards included the service road concept, the overall proposed build alternative, typical sections and other project information. Meeting attendees were greeted by receptionists and asked to sign in. The sign-in sheets can be found in Appendix C. Project team representatives assisted attendees and the media by answering questions and addressing concerns about the preliminary service road concept. A Spanish interpreter was available at the workshop to assist in translation, if needed.

**Handouts and Comment Forms:**

Handouts were available at the receptionist table at the entrance of the facility. Handouts included a flyer with information on the proposed service road concept as well as Comment Cards. Drop boxes were provided at the workshop to collect comments. The comment cards contained the fax number, email and mailing addresses to receive comments submitted after the public workshop. See Appendix D for copies of meeting handouts.

**Parking and Signage:**

Ample parking was available to accommodate all of the meeting attendees, including the disabled. Signs were placed at major intersections and side roads around the public workshop location directing participants to parking and to the workshop facility.

**Displays:**

Two sets of the following display boards were set up on easels around the perimeter of the meeting facility:

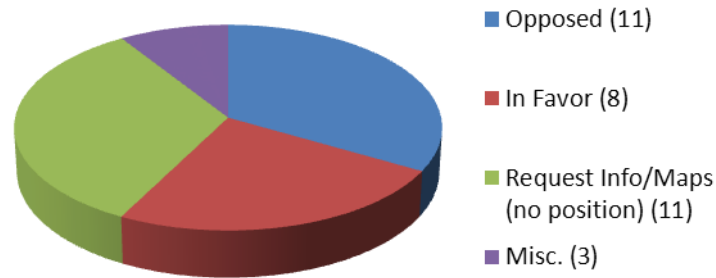
1. Service Road Concept Part A
2. Service Road Concept Part B
3. Service Road Concept Part C
4. Service Road Concept Part D
5. Service Road Concept 600 scale
6. Overall Wekiva Parkway (SR 429)/SR 46 Realignment Preferred Alternative
7. Current East Lake County Preferred Alternative
8. Wekiva Parkway (SR 429) Mainline/Service Road Typical Section
9. Traffic – 2032 AADT and Level of Service
10. Traffic – 2032 PM Peak Hour Volumes and Level of Service
11. PD&E Study Schedule

Copies of the graphics displayed on these boards (in 11"x17" format) are provided in Appendix E.

**5.0 SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED**

A total of 33 completed comment cards were submitted at the workshops or by the conclusion of the January 4, 2010 comment period deadline. Figure 1 shows a general overview of the comments received from the Wekiva Parkway PD&E Study Service Road Concept Public Workshop. Of those, 11 were opposed to the Wekiva Parkway Project, 8 were in favor of the service road proposal and 11 requested copies of maps or other meeting materials. Of those opposed, 7 stated that they wanted SR 46 to remain open while others were concerned about impacts to property value and loss of revenue for businesses along SR 46. A pie chart analysis of these preferences is shown below. "Misc" represents comments that did not fit into a category. Copies of the completed comment cards are provided in Appendix F.

**Figure 1. Comment Summary from the Public Workshop**



At the end of the meeting, it was noted that the proposed alignment for the Wekiva Parkway had yet to be approved and that Public Hearings on the Preferred Alternative would be scheduled in Lake, Orange and Seminole Counties at a later date. Project team members stated that the final design and right-of-way acquisition process would begin once the alignment has been approved and funding identified.

For more information about the  
Wekiva Parkway PD&E Study  
Public Workshop in East Lake County

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