



**COMMENTS AND COORDINATION PACKAGE**  
**for the**  
**WEKIVA PARKWAY (SR 429)/SR 46 REALIGNMENT PD&E STUDY**

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# 1. Summary of Public Involvement Process

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The Wekiva Parkway (SR 429)/SR 46 Realignment Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study commenced in January 2005 under the joint management of the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority (Expressway Authority or OOCEA) and District Five of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The initial tasks of the PD&E Study were to develop a Public Involvement Plan and an Advance Notification Package to inform and involve all interested citizens, public officials, special interest groups, and local, state and federal agencies in the development of the project.

Early and continued coordination with all stakeholders in the proposed project is vital to developing a transportation system that meets the needs of the intended users. The Public Involvement Plan identifies the stakeholders and outlines the various communication methods that will be used to facilitate the exchange of information throughout the course of the PD&E Study.

The purpose of the Comments and Coordination Package is to summarize the public involvement and the local, state and federal government and agency coordination that has occurred throughout the development of the project, and to identify how comments and other information provided has been solicited and considered in the development of the project.

The Wekiva Parkway is unique in that it has been the subject of many studies and extensive coordination between various stakeholders including local and state agencies, citizens, environmental groups, special interest groups, and the business community long before the commencement of the PD&E Study. The environmental community came together and formed the Wekiva Coalition to address the need for the final link in the western beltway around the Orlando Metropolitan area while minimizing impacts to the environmentally sensitive Wekiva River Basin through which it will pass.

The coordination that occurred prior to the PD&E Study, particularly through the efforts of the Wekiva Coalition, the Wekiva Basin Area Task Force, the SR 429 Northwest Extension Working Group, and the Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee, resulted in recommendations for completion of the Wekiva Parkway while protecting the natural resources of the Wekiva River Basin. The recommendations culminated in the legislation known as the *Wekiva Parkway and Protection Act*, Chapter 369, Part III, F.S. The Wekiva Parkway PD&E Study has been conducted in accordance with the requirements of the *Wekiva Parkway and Protection Act*, and the many stakeholders that were involved in getting the project to the PD&E Study phase have continued to be informed and involved throughout the study.

Over the course of the PD&E Study from 2005 through 2011, over 300 meetings with the public and other stakeholders have been held. This includes:

- Meetings with individual citizens, property owners and small groups



- Individual meetings with local, state and federal elected officials
- Presentations to three County Commission boards, two City Councils, two Metropolitan Planning Organization boards, and two Expressway Authority boards
- Meetings and consultation with local, state and federal government agencies
- Meetings with the Project Advisory Group and Environmental Advisory Committee
- Seven Public Workshops
- Three Public Hearing sessions

The means through which project information and opportunities for involvement have been communicated to the public and other stakeholders, and the incorporation of input provided to the PD&E Study Team, are discussed in the following sections. Examples of the community outreach methods and materials are provided.

## 2. Description of the Proposed Action

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The proposed Wekiva Parkway (SR 429)/SR 46 Realignment project would complete the Western Beltway (SR 429) around metropolitan Orlando, improve safety in the SR 46 travel corridor, and provide congestion relief on study area roadways; it includes substantial measures to minimize harm to the environmentally sensitive Wekiva River Basin and enhance the connectivity of existing wildlife habitat corridors within the basin area.

### 2.1 Background

In 2004, the Florida Legislature enacted the *Wekiva Parkway and Protection Act*, Chapter 369, Part III, Florida Statutes (F.S.), in order to address the need for an expressway through the Wekiva River Basin by adopting the recommendations of the Wekiva Basin Area Task Force, the SR 429 Working Group, and the Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee. The legislation was the culmination of more than 20 years of discussions and various actions taken to complete the Western Beltway around metropolitan Orlando while protecting the fragile Wekiva River Basin and springshed. At the bill signing ceremony, the Governor of Florida stated “This legislation represents unprecedented collaboration among diverse interests to safeguard the springs of the Wekiva and make Central Florida a better place to live and work. The parkway strikes a delicate balance between environmental protection and economic growth, providing relief for motorists and protection for Florida’s land and waters.”

The proposed Wekiva Parkway (SR 429) is one component of a comprehensive plan developed through Executive Orders, subsequent task force and committee findings of diverse stakeholders, and the resultant legislation. The strategic priorities address growth management and a sustainable environment, including master stormwater management, water supply protection, land use strategies, and land acquisition for conservation. The stakeholder’s findings and the subsequent legislation recognize the importance of the Wekiva Parkway since it would complete the Western Beltway (SR 429) around the Orlando metropolitan area and provide a safe, high capacity east-west travel facility between Lake County and Seminole County.

The following key steps and related documents have resulted in the Wekiva Parkway (SR 429) reaching the PD&E Study stage:

- **1986:** The Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority (Expressway Authority) and the FDOT conducted a study for the Western Beltway Parts A and B. (Part A from Florida’s Turnpike to US Highway 441 has since been built.) Part B was proposed from US 441 to Interstate 4 (I-4), within portions of northwest Orange County, east Lake County, and Seminole County.
- **Late 1980s:** FDOT prepared a state-level Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) entitled *Northwest Beltway Study, Part B (State Road 417) from U.S. 441 (State Road 500) to Interstate 4 (State Road 400)* and approved a preferred alignment for the previously proposed Western Beltway. Since that time, however, several properties were purchased

by the state for conservation. There was no funding to move the Western Beltway forward, so it was removed from the long-range transportation plans. (Note: The Eastern Beltway is now SR 417, also known as the Central Florida GreeneWay and the Seminole Expressway; the Western Beltway became SR 429 when Part A was built.)

- **September 26, 2002:** Governor Jeb Bush issued Executive Order No. 2002-259 creating the Wekiva Basin Area Task Force to recommend alignment and design features for the route connecting SR 429 in Apopka to I-4 in Seminole County, and to address potential impacts of roadway expansion and growth pressures on the Wekiva River Basin ecosystem. The task force consisted of 16 members representing counties, state and regional agencies, and the business and environmental communities.
- **January 15, 2003:** Wekiva Basin Area Task Force issues its final report, *Wekiva Basin Area Task Force Final Report: Recommendations for Planning and Locating the Wekiva Parkway while Preserving the Wekiva River Basin Ecosystem*. Among the 17 recommendations were five addressing the need for the Wekiva Parkway, specific elements to be included in the Parkway design, and four parcels identified to be acquired as conservation land.
- **July 1, 2003:** Governor Bush signed Executive Order No. 2003-112 creating the Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee to address specific issues related to the definition of the study area. The Coordinating Committee also was charged with identifying land use planning strategies and development standards; reviewing permitting requirements, water supply, surface water protection and land acquisition; and evaluating a funding plan for the implementation of the Wekiva Parkway.
- **January 16, 2004:** The SR 429 NW Extension Working Group, created by the Wekiva Basin Area Task Force, issued its final recommendations. The Working Group had received input from the Mount Plymouth/Sorrento communities that they wanted to maintain existing SR 46 as a two-lane facility (minimizing land use impacts) and provide a southern bypass for through traffic. In response to the communities' desires, the Working Group recommended a revised Wekiva Parkway corridor.
- **March 16, 2004:** Using the corridor location input from the Wekiva Basin Area Task Force and the SR 429 Working Group, the Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee issued its final report, *Wekiva River Coordinating Committee Final Report: Recommendations for Enhanced Land Use Planning Strategies and Development Standards to Protect Water Resources of the Wekiva River Basin* which further refined the Wekiva Parkway corridor.
- **June 29, 2004:** Governor Jeb Bush signed into law Chapter 369, Part III, Florida Statutes, known as the *Wekiva Parkway and Protection Act*, which was essentially based on the recommendations of the Task Force and the Coordinating Committee.
- **September 23, 2004:** As recommended by the Coordinating Committee and in the *Wekiva Parkway and Protection Act*, Governor Bush appointed 19 members to the Wekiva River Basin Commission. This commission was assigned to monitor and ensure the implementation of state, regional and local efforts with regard to the Wekiva Parkway and other area issues consistent with the Coordinating Committee's recommendations.
- **November 10, 2004:** First meeting held of the Wekiva River Basin Commission. FDOT and the Expressway Authority drafted and submitted a preliminary Wekiva Parkway funding plan prior to this meeting, as required by statute.

- **December 2004:** The Expressway Authority began the required acquisition process for buffer/conservation areas along the Wekiva Parkway corridor.
- **January 19, 2005:** Wekiva Parkway (SR 429)/SR 46 Realignment (formerly known as the SR 46 Bypass) PD&E Study was officially kicked off.

## 2.2 Project Overview

The Wekiva Basin Area Task Force was tasked with recommending a study area within which alignment alternatives could be evaluated to connect SR 429 (the Western Beltway) in Apopka to I-4 in Seminole County. The task force issued its final report in January of 2003 which included recommendations addressing the need for the Wekiva Parkway (SR 429) and a suggested study area. The Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee was charged with addressing several specific issues within the study area, including the Wekiva Parkway. The SR 429 Working Group received input from local communities and suggested revisions to the Wekiva Parkway study area, including a SR 46 Bypass to avoid an increase in traffic through the rural communities of Sorrento and Mount Plymouth. Using the study area recommendations from the Wekiva Basin Area Task Force and the SR 429 Working Group, the Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee further refined the Wekiva Parkway study area in its March, 2004 final report.

The *Wekiva Parkway and Protection Act* is based in large part on the recommendations of the Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee and the previous task force. The study area for the Wekiva Parkway and SR 46 Bypass was established by that legislation and served as the starting point for the alternatives analysis conducted during the Wekiva Parkway (SR 429)/SR 46 Realignment PD&E Study. The project study area is depicted in **Exhibit 2-1**.

The Wekiva Parkway (SR 429) is proposed as a limited access expressway that will complete the Western Beltway (SR 429), a regional transportation corridor around the Orlando metropolitan area, linking SR 400 (I-4) in Osceola County to SR 400 (I-4) in Seminole County. The project is located in Orange, Lake, and Seminole Counties, Florida. Portions of the project are located within the jurisdictions of the City of Apopka in Orange County, the City of Mount Dora in Lake County, and the City of Sanford in Seminole County. A partial realignment of SR 46 in Lake County is integrated with the Wekiva Parkway (SR 429) project.

## 2.3 Project Description

The purpose of the Wekiva Parkway PD&E Study is to select the most appropriate alternative for the roadway to serve the community's needs while minimizing potential impacts to the environment, surrounding homes and businesses. The proposed components of the project are as follows:

- **The Wekiva Parkway**, a four-lane divided (expandable to six-lane divided) and six-lane divided limited access toll facility, which would begin in Orange County at the planned terminus of the SR 429/SR 414 John Land Apopka Expressway at US 441 just west of CR 437 and extend to the north/northeast into Lake County, turning east and crossing the Wekiva River into Seminole County and terminating at I-4. The approximate length of the Wekiva Parkway is 20.94 miles, with 8.16 miles in Orange County, 7.37 miles in Lake County and 5.41 miles in Seminole County.







- **SR 46 Reconstruction and Realignment**, which would begin at the SR 46/US 441 interchange in Lake County and extend along the existing SR 46 corridor to the east, then turning southeast on a new alignment and entering Orange County with a systems interchange connection at the Wekiva Parkway. It is expected that the SR 46 improvements would provide six-lane divided controlled access along the existing alignment from US 441 to east of Round Lake Road, while the remaining alignment to the southeast connecting to Wekiva Parkway is expected to be four-lane (expandable to six-lane) limited access. The approximate length of the SR 46 Reconstruction and Realignment is 4.79 miles, with 4.01 miles in Lake County and 0.78 mile in Orange County.
- **CR 46A Realignment**, a two-lane rural (expandable to four-lane rural) roadway, which would begin on existing CR 46A in east Lake County and extend to the south on a new alignment and tie into existing SR 46 with an access connection to the Wekiva Parkway. The approximate length of the CR 46A realignment is 2.72 miles.
- **Wekiva Parkway Access Improvements** would be required between the realignment of CR 46A in Lake County and Orange Boulevard in Seminole County to allow access to the private property along existing SR 46. A two-lane, non-tolled service road would be parallel to the Wekiva Parkway from north of the Wekiva Parkway interchange near Neighborhood Lakes to just east of the Wekiva River in Seminole County. Two-lane, one-way non-tolled frontage roads would be parallel to the Wekiva Parkway from east of the Wekiva River to Orange Boulevard in Seminole County. Those service and frontage roads would provide access to properties while also providing a non-tolled alternative for local trips.

The logical termini for the Wekiva Parkway (SR 429) are the planned SR 429/SR 414 John Land Apopka interchange with US 441 in Orange County and an interchange with I-4 at the existing SR 417/I-4 interchange in Seminole County. The SR 46 Realignment portion of the project includes reconstruction of existing SR 46 from the existing US 441/SR 46 interchange in Mount Dora to a realigned section of SR 46 that would begin west of the communities of Mount Plymouth and Sorrento and would connect with the Wekiva Parkway (SR 429) at the proposed Wekiva Parkway (SR 429)/SR 46 Realignment Systems Interchange in Orange County.

## 2.4 Project Purpose and Need

The deliberations of the Task Force and Coordinating Committee referenced previously involved technical assessments to support development of a purpose and need for the project. The technical components of this effort were led by FDOT and OOCEA officials in a manner consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Also, opportunity for input on the purpose and need by all stakeholders and the public was offered at every meeting of the Task Force and Coordinating Committee.

The following provides the stated purpose and need for the Wekiva Parkway.

- **Complete the Western Beltway (SR 429) around metropolitan Orlando**

The proposed Wekiva Parkway, extending approximately 21 miles from near the current terminus of SR 429 at US 441 in Apopka in Orange County to I-4 near Sanford in Seminole County, would complete the Western Beltway (SR 429) around metropolitan Orlando; it is the only segment of the entire eastern and western beltway system from I-4 in Osceola County through Orange County to I-4 in Seminole County that remains to be completed. Construction of the Wekiva Parkway would follow completion of the SR 429/SR 414 John Land Apopka Expressway in northwest Orange County. Traffic projections indicate the proposed Wekiva Parkway would provide relief to congested I-4, SR 46, US 441 and other heavily traveled roads in northwest Orange County, east Lake County and west Seminole County, as well as provide a continuous beltway and systems connection for regional travelers.

A map of the regional transportation network with the current and future congested SIS facilities is shown in **Exhibit 2-2**. Improvements to these facilities are identified in the FDOT Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) 2030 Unfunded Needs Plan for highway improvements needed by 2015 and 2030. SR 429 (the Western Beltway) is a designated SIS facility. In March 2007, the Wekiva Parkway was added to the Florida Intrastate Highway System, which is a prerequisite for the addition of a highway to the SIS. Florida's SIS is a transportation network consisting of statewide and regionally significant transportation facilities and services. The SIS was established to focus limited state resources on transportation facilities that are critical to Florida's economy and quality of life. The SIS integrates individual facilities, services, modes of transportation and linkages into a single, integrated transportation network.

- **Provide a higher capacity east-west travel facility in east Lake County and west Seminole County**

Most of the existing roadways within the study area consist primarily of local and collector roads. SR 46, the only east-west connection between Lake County and Seminole County within the study area, is a two-lane rural roadway which was constructed prior to current design standards. The majority of SR 46 through Lake and Seminole Counties consists of two 12-foot travel lanes with varying shoulder widths.

A safer, higher capacity east-west travel facility is needed. Many roads in the study area are currently operating at conditions below level of service "C". However, for SR 46 in east Lake County and west Seminole County in a portion the study area, the existing level of service is "F", with annual average daily traffic of 23,700.

These level of service conditions, especially for SR 46, are projected to worsen significantly under the No Build scenario. Growth in residential population and employment opportunities has contributed to an increasing travel demand in northwest Orange County, north and east Lake County, and west Seminole County. Population and employment projections indicate that travel demand will continue to increase in the area for the foreseeable future. In the 2032 design year for the proposed Wekiva Parkway project, the projected No-Build condition for SR 46 over a nine mile section in the study area in east Lake County and west Seminole County is a further deteriorated level of service "F", with annual average daily traffic of 37,440. That would be a 58% increase in traffic on a facility that is currently operating at level of service "F".





The proposed project is a needed link between urbanized areas. Modes of transportation within the Wekiva Parkway study area are generally limited to personal vehicles and vehicles for hire. There are currently no public bus service routes within the study area. Much of the study area traverses rural residential and conservation lands; however, the corridor connects the urbanized areas of Apopka in Orange County, Mount Dora in Lake County, and Sanford in Seminole County. The proposed Wekiva Parkway project would meet increased travel demand from population growth in an environmentally sensitive and compatible manner.

- **Improve safety to reduce vehicle crash fatalities**

Many of the study area roadways are two-lane local and arterial roads that do not meet the current design standards for safety and capacity. That is a major contributing factor in the high crash and fatality rates, especially for SR 46 through Lake and Seminole Counties. According to FDOT Crash Data Reports from 2000 to 2004, there were 27 fatalities resulting from vehicle crashes on the 18.5 mile segment of SR 46 from US 441 near Mount Dora in Lake County to I-4 near Sanford in Seminole County. FDOT data indicates that in 2004 alone there were 10 fatalities and 117 injuries resulting from 95 vehicle crashes on that section of SR 46.

Public awareness of this safety issue has been raised through media attention, such as an *Orlando Sentinel* article on September 28, 2005 which described SR 46 in Lake County as “Central Florida’s Deadliest Road”. The *Sentinel* stated that, according to their analysis of regional crash data from FDOT and the Florida Highway Patrol, on a per mile basis the section of SR 46 through Lake County is the most dangerous roadway in Central Florida, and the section of SR 46 through Seminole County was described as the region’s second most dangerous roadway. While such media reports are not the basis for decision-making, they have heightened public interest in the need for a safer travel facility in east Lake County and west Seminole County.

As traffic volumes grow on these unimproved local roadways, it is reasonable to expect that a similar increase in traffic incidents would occur. The proposed Wekiva Parkway and the widened and realigned sections of SR 46 would be designed and constructed in accordance with all current standards and would be available to those regional motorists desiring to bypass local traffic. A modern facility, coupled with the opportunity for segregation of trip types, would help to reduce the potential for traffic incidents and fatalities when compared to existing conditions.

- **Develop a transportation facility that minimizes impacts to the Wekiva River Basin Area resources and that specifically improves wildlife habitat connectivity between conservation lands and reduces vehicle-wildlife conflicts**

The proposed project traverses the Wekiva River Basin, recognized as one of Florida’s most valuable resources. The Wekiva River and its tributaries have been designated an Outstanding Florida Water, a National Wild and Scenic River, a State Wild and Scenic River, and a Florida Aquatic Preserve. In 1988, the *Wekiva River Protection Act*, Chapter 369, Part III, F.S. was enacted to protect the resources of the basin. In 1994, four Florida Forever projects were combined and renamed the Wekiva-Ocala Greenway Project. State acquisition of lands in Lake, Orange, Seminole, and Volusia Counties with Florida Forever funds is intended to

preserve an important natural corridor linking the Ocala National Forest and the extensive state holdings along the Wekiva River, including Seminole State Forest, Rock Springs Run State Reserve, and Lower Wekiva River Preserve State Park within the study area for the Wekiva Parkway. The corridor provides habitat for many rare species, including the Florida Black Bear, and includes a large number of springs with direct connection to the Floridan Aquifer.

The recognition of the importance of the Wekiva River Basin, its habitat, wildlife, conservation and recreation values, the associated spring systems, and the connection to the Ocala National Forest elevates the protection of this resource to a primary component of the purpose and need for the Wekiva Parkway. Vast areas of floodplains and wetlands, including the Wekiva Swamp south of SR 46 and the Seminole Swamp north of SR 46, are located west of the Wekiva River. The natural environment includes the Wekiva River Basin ecosystem, springshed, and an expansive wildlife habitat area that connects to the Ocala National Forest.

An additional safety concern in the study area is vehicle-wildlife conflict. Since much of the study area consists of sparsely populated rural residential areas and large tracts of state conservation land, there have historically been many conflicts between vehicles and wildlife on roadways, particularly SR 46 in east Lake County. Over the past 20 years, more than 50 Florida Black Bears, a state-listed threatened species, have been killed by collisions with vehicles on a six mile segment of SR 46 adjacent to the state conservation lands. From 1994 to 2005 on that same section of SR 46, 23 bears were killed by vehicles. Two wildlife crossings were constructed along SR 46 (in 1994 and 2004) through the Wekiva River Protection Area in an effort to reduce the high occurrences of vehicle-bear collisions and the bear mortality rate.

The proposed project will improve the connectivity of the existing wildlife corridor by providing enhanced wildlife bridging and by leaving open only those sections of SR 46 and CR 46A needed for local access as recommended by the Wekiva Basin Area Task Force and incorporated into the *Wekiva Parkway and Protection Act*. CR 46A will be realigned to connect with SR 46 west of the interchange with Wekiva Parkway on the Neighborhood Lakes property. Both the proposed Wekiva Parkway and a parallel service road in Lake County East incorporate three wildlife bridges to enhance wildlife habitat connectivity between state conservation lands, which will greatly reduce the number of vehicle-wildlife conflicts.

### 3. Advance Notification

Advance Notification (AN) is the means through which federal, state, and local agencies are informed of the proposed actions. It also gives notice of FDOT's intent to apply for federal aid on a project. The AN process provides for early agency involvement in the project development phase and allows them to share information and/or concerns for a proposed action. This process is required pursuant to Presidential Executive Order 12372 and Gubernatorial Executive Order 95-359.

On February 23, 2005, the AN package was distributed to over 100 federal, state, regional, and local agencies having interest or direct involvement in the project. A copy of the AN package, including a complete mailing list of those elected officials, agencies and organizations that received the AN package, is provided in **Appendix A**.

The comments received as a result of the AN distribution and the responses provided are summarized in **Table 3-1**. Copies of each comment received are included in **Appendix A**.

TABLE 3-1. AGENCY COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO THE ADVANCE NOTIFICATION

Date of Response	Agency	Agency Representative	Summary of Comments Received	Summary of Responses Provided
<b>Federal</b>				
April 5, 2005	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	Paul Joe, Medical Officer	No specific project comments. Request that the following be considered during the NEPA process: air quality; water quality/quantity; wetlands & floodplains; hazardous materials/wastes; non-hazardous solid waste/other materials; noise; occupational health & safety; land use & housing; and environmental justice.	No response required. The NEPA process requires consideration of the environmental, social, and physical areas of concern as requested by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
April 11, 2005	Federal Aviation Administration	Vernon P. Rupinta, Program Manager	The FAA interposes no objection with the proposed development from an airspace standpoint. Any use of construction equipment that exceed FAR Part 77 will need to be coordinated and reviewed by the FAA.	No response required. All applicable Best Management Practices included in the FDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction will be used on this project. Specific problems will be field reviewed and alternative controls developed and provided as needed on a site specific basis.
April 15, 2005	U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Miles Croom, Assistant Regional Administrator	Requested more information in reference to wetlands, essential fish habitat, mitigation plans, Stormwater Management Plan, and disclosure of anticipated or likely hydrological alteration within the Wekiva River, upstream and downstream of the existing bridge and new bridge.	Coordination with NOAA and NMFS, a division of NOAA, determined that the project will have no impact on EFH. In addition, meeting the OFW quality treatment criteria for the Wekiva River Basin will meet the requirements for NMFS.

Date of Response	Agency	Agency Representative	Summary of Comments Received	Summary of Responses Provided
March 25, 2005	U.S. Coast Guard, Seventh District	W. Gwin Tate III, Associate Bridge Management Specialist	Requested a Bridge Project Questionnaire be completed.	The BPQ form and required attachments were transmitted to the Coast Guard for processing. On July 19, 2007 the Coast Guard sent a response letter which stated "A Coast Guard bridge permit will not be required for the proposed bridge construction".
April 6, 2005 and September 5, 2008	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV	E. Stallings Howell, Chief, Ground Water/Drinking Water Branch	Originally determined that the project lies within the boundaries of the Volusia Floridan Regional Aquifer, which is a designated Sole Source Aquifer (SSA).	The proposed project does not lie within the boundaries of a SSA. After further discussing the issue with USEPA, a revised letter was provided by USEPA stating that the project does not lie within the boundaries of a SSA.
March 22, 2005	Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida	Steve Terry, NAGPRA & Section 106 Representative	We have no direct knowledge of any cultural, religious, or traditional sites at the proposed project location. We suggest that a cultural resources survey be conducted of the project area. We further request that we be kept informed of this project and receive a copy of the cultural resources survey.	A copy of the final CRAS report has been provided as requested.
<b>State</b>				
May 23, 2005	East Central Florida Regional Planning Council	Not available - Comment submitted to Florida State Clearing House (FDEP) and provided to FDOT Environmental Management Office in letter dated May 23, 2005.	The proposed project, as presented for review and when considered in its entirety, is consistent with the adopted Goals, Policies and Objectives of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council.	No response required.
May 23, 2005	State of Florida Office of Policy and Budget, Environmental Policy Unit	Not available - Comment submitted to Florida State Clearing House (FDEP) and provided to FDOT Environmental Management Office in letter dated May 23, 2005.	No comment.	No response required.
May 9, 2005	Florida Department of Community Affairs	Valerie J. Hubbard, Director, Division of Community Planning	Determined the project is not inconsistent with Florida Statutes.	No response required.
April 25, 2005	Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry	Forrest Watson	Road design should not reduce the number or alter the location of access points to Seminole State Forest; any road design should increase the area for safe wildlife crossings; suggest the project comply with the Florida Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund Linear Facilities Policy.	The proposed alignment does not reduce the number or alter the location of access points to SSF. The alignment was developed based on the "Guiding Principles for Corridor Location" and the "Guiding Principles for the Wekiva Parkway Design Features and Construction" as defined by the Wekiva Basin Area Task Force, and

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				incorporated into the Wekiva Parkway and Protection Act, which addresses the concerns of the Division of Forestry with regard to SSF lands. Coordination with the Division of Forestry has been ongoing throughout the study.
April 27, 2005	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	Steve Lau	No comment.	No response required.
May 23, 2005	Florida Department of State	Not available - Comment submitted to Florida State Clearing House (FDEP) and provided to FDOT Environmental Management Office in letter dated May 23, 2005.	No comment/Consistent.	No response required.
May 23, 2005	Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)	Sally B. Mann, Director, Florida State Clearing House, Office of Intergovernmental Programs	An Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) will be required for any construction in surface water, wetlands or state lands. The proposed alignment must be based upon avoidance and minimization criteria to reduce potential impacts to resources.	FDEP will be the permitting agency for the project. During the final design phase of the project, an ERP application will be submitted to FDEP.  Coordination with FDEP regarding avoidance and minimization to surface waters, wetlands, and state lands has occurred throughout the PD&E Study.
<b>Local</b>				
April 7, 2005	City of Lake Mary	John C. Litton, City Manager	No comments	No response required.
April 20, 2005	City of Mount Dora	Christopher Dille, City Engineer	Requested to be included on information distribution list, specifically meetings regarding planning, design, engineering, widening and access management of SR 46.	The Director of Public Works was included on the project mailing list. Other City of Mount Dora officials on the project mailing list included the Mayor, City Manager, Council members, and the Director of Planning and Development. Several meetings with city officials have occurred during the course of the PD&E Study.
April 26, 2005	Orange County, Environmental Protection Division	Elizabeth R. Johnson, Environmental Supervisor	Requested study be developed so that it is consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan.	Coordination with Orange County officials during the development of alternatives has occurred throughout the PD&E Study.
April 11, 2005	Seminole County, Public Works and Engineering	Jerry McCollum, County Engineer	Requested the corridor be contained to the current SR 46 right-of-way and to maintain access to properties along the SR 46 corridor; requested the study adhere to the SR 46 Scenic Corridor Overlay District and the County Comprehensive Plan.	Coordination with Seminole County officials during the development of alternatives has occurred throughout the PD&E Study.

## 4. Public Involvement Plan

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Public involvement is integral during the initial stages of the project to provide awareness of community values and concerns and to gain insight on existing constraints and issues that may affect the development of alternatives. Therefore, early and continual opportunities for public participation have been provided throughout the project. During the Wekiva Parkway PD&E Study, opportunities for public involvement have been provided through public meetings, public workshops, newsletters, and through the Expressway Authority website. All these public involvement techniques have been used to gather information essential to the transportation decision-making process.

### 4.1 Public Involvement Plan and Program

A Public Involvement Program was developed in accordance with Part 1, Chapter 8 of the FDOT Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Manual in March 2005. The Public Involvement Program is being carried out as an integral part of this project. The purpose of this program is to establish and maintain communication with the public at-large and individuals and agencies concerned with the project and its potential impacts. To ensure open communication and agency and public input, an Advance Notification package was provided to the Florida State Clearing House for distribution to the appropriate State and Federal agencies, Water Management Districts, Regional Planning Councils, local governments and the Governor's Office of Planning and Budgeting early in the project process. In addition, in an effort to resolve all issues identified, the Expressway Authority and FDOT have conducted an extensive interagency coordination and consultation effort, and public participation process. This section of the document details the Expressway Authority and FDOTs' program to fully identify, address, and resolve all project-related issues identified through the Public Involvement Program. A copy of the Public Involvement Plan is provided in **Appendix B**.

### 4.2 Special Public Involvement Requirements: Wekiva River Basin Commission

Consistent with Recommendation 19 of the Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee, the Wekiva River Basin Commission was created by the June 2004 *Wekiva Parkway & Protection Act* to monitor and ensure implementation of the recommendations of the Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee for the Wekiva Study Area. The Commission consists of nineteen members appointed by the Governor, including nine voting members and ten ad-hock non-voting members. The Commission reports annually to the Governor, the Florida Legislature and the Department of Community Affairs. The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council provides support staff to the Commission and also serves as the clearinghouse of modeling and simulation studies regarding the Wekiva River surface and groundwater basin and its impact on the Wekiva River and springs. The Florida Department of Community Affairs provides funding assistance. The Wekiva River Basin

Commission has held formal meetings two to three times per year since its inception in 2004. FDOT and the Expressway Authority have presented updates on the status of the PD&E Study and the proposed project at each meeting. Meeting summaries, presentations, and documents are available through the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council website at the following web address:

<http://www.ecfrpc.org/Programs-and-Projects/Environmental/Wekiva-Commission.aspx>

## 5. Communication Methods

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This section outlines the communication methods used to notify the public about the project, upcoming meetings and ways to provide input including:

- Public Information Officer
- Project Mailing List
- Project Newsletters
- Expressway Authority Website
- Advertisements and Notices
- Public Comment Forms

### 5.1 Public Information Officer

A public information officer (PIO) was designated at the commencement of the PD&E Study to provide coordination for all communication with the public. All project information materials including newsletters, website, and invitations provide the telephone, fax, email, physical address, and website address for the public information officer. The public information officer is continuously updated on the project status and is able to direct comments to the appropriate PD&E Study Team members, answer questions regarding the project status, respond to public concerns and requests, and coordinate public and stakeholder meetings.

### 5.2 Project Mailing List

A project mailing list was developed to ensure that affected or interested individuals are notified of the study progress. This was a dynamic mailing list, with requested changes made throughout the study. The mailing list, containing approximately 18,300 names, consists of property owners located within the project study area, project stakeholders, elected officials (local, state, and federal delegations), and federal, state, and local agency representatives affected or interested in the project. The property owner data were obtained from the Orange, Seminole and Lake County property appraisers. Individuals could also request to be added to the project mailing list at public meetings, through the project website, or by contacting the public information officer.

### 5.3 Project Newsletters

Newsletters were distributed at various key points during the study to discuss the project status and provide information about the project. Newsletters were mailed to all of the individuals on the project mailing list and distributed at public meetings. **Table 5-1** shows the dates and purpose of the newsletters distributed during the PD&E Study.



TABLE 5-1. COMMUNICATION METHODS: PROJECT NEWSLETTERS

Date	Purpose
Spring 2005	Project Study Kick Off
Fall 2005	Notification of Public Workshops (Initial Alternatives)
Summer 2006	Notification of Public Workshops (Viable Alternatives)
Summer 2007	Project Status Update
Winter 2009	Notification of Public Workshop (Service Road)
October 2010	Notification of Public Hearing

## 5.4 Project Website

A section of the Expressway Authority website is dedicated to the Wekiva Parkway PD&E Study to provide project information, the current schedule and the status of the study. Maps of alignment alternatives, PD&E Study engineering/environmental documents, and the preliminary plans were posted. Advance notice of all public meetings and the Public Hearing was provided on the website; after the public meetings and the Public Hearing, the materials presented were posted. Contact information was also provided to submit comments or questions. The website address for Wekiva Parkway PD&E Study information is: [www.wekivaparkway.com](http://www.wekivaparkway.com).

## 5.5 Advertisements and Notices

Notice of public meetings and the Public Hearing was provided in local newspapers within the study area. Display advertisements for the public meetings and the Public Hearing were printed in the *Orlando Sentinel*, *El Sentinel*, *Apopka Chief/Planter*, *Seminole Herald*, *Daily Commercial* and *La Prensa*. Additionally, notices for all public meetings, including Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) and Project Advisory Group (PAG) meetings, and the Public Hearing sessions were posted on the project website and the Expressway Authority public bulletin board. Notices for the Public Hearing sessions were also posted on the FDOT public meeting notification website.

Media notifications were e-mailed or faxed to local media outlets, as shown in **Table 5-2**.

TABLE 5-2. COMMUNICATION METHODS: MEDIA NOTIFICATIONS

Media Outlet	Contact Method
<b>RADIO</b>	
K92 FM	E-mail
WDBO 580 AM	E-mail
WMMO 98.9 FM	E-mail
WTKS 104.1 FM	E-mail
WOMX 105.1	E-mail

TABLE 5-2. COMMUNICATION METHODS: MEDIA NOTIFICATIONS

WMFE 90.7	E-mail
<b>TELEVISION</b>	
Fox 35 WOFL	E-mail
WKMG - TV 6 CBS	Fax
Central Florida News 13	E-mail
WESH TV 2 NBC	E-mail
<b>PRINT</b>	
Orlando Sentinel	Email
La Prensa	Email
Sanford Herald	Email
Apopka Chief/Planter	Email

## 5.6 Public Comment Forms

Public Comment forms were available at the public meetings for the public to provide written statements, comments and/or questions. Completed comment forms were able to be dropped off at the meetings in designated drop-boxes. The comment forms also had contact information (fax, mailing address and email address) so that comments could be received after the meeting. Also, comment forms were placed on the Wekiva Parkway website so that comments could be submitted on-line.

Public comments and questions were solicited over the course of the PD&E Study. Copies of the comments received from the public by the PIO during the study that were not directly related to the Public Workshops or the Public Hearing sessions are provided on a CD in **Appendix I**.

## 6. Public Information Meetings

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### 6.1 Coordination during the Initial Alternatives Phase

During the process of developing the initial alternatives, extensive project coordination was undertaken with the public, local and state government agencies, advisory groups, and other entities. The following is a summary listing of meetings and/or presentations which provided study updates, specific information, and opportunities for feedback on the initial alternatives:

- 12/01/04 - Sierra Club (Keith Schue)
- 02/03/05 - Wekiva River Basin Commission (presentation)
- 03/11/05 - Seminole County Engineer Jerry McCollum
- 04/28/05 - Easter Seals (Camp Challenge) Vice President Sue Ventura
- 05/10/05 - Seminole County Expressway Authority Board (presentation)
- 06/02/05 - The Nature Conservancy (Keith Schue)
- 06/03/05 - PD&E Study Project Advisory Group
- 06/03/05 - PD&E Study Environmental Advisory Committee
- 07/18/05 - Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority Board (presentation)
- 08/09/05 - Easter Seals (Camp Challenge) Vice President Sue Ventura
- 08/18/05 - The Glades Homeowners Association
- 09/13/05 - City of Apopka Chief Administrative Officer Richard Anderson
- 09/14/05 - FDOT Executive Board (presentation)
- 09/19/05 - Lake County Public Works Director Jim Stivender
- 09/20/05 - City of Mount Dora Planning/Development Director Mark Reggentin
- 09/22/05 - Wekiva River Basin Commission (presentation)
- 09/23/05 - Seminole County Engineer Jerry McCollum
- 09/30/05 - Orange County Public Works/Transportation Planning Staff (Renzo Nastasi, Joe Kunkel, et al)
- 10/03/05 - Lake County Water Authority Executive Director Mike Perry and Staff
- 10/13/05 - Lake County Commissioner Catherine Hanson
- 10/14/05 - PD&E Study Project Advisory Group
- 10/14/05 - PD&E Study Environmental Advisory Committee
- 10/26/05 - Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority Board (presentation)
- 10/26/05 - Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization Board
- 11/02/05 - Orange County Commissioner Bob Sindler
- 11/03/05 - Seminole County Commissioner Randy Morris

- 11/07/05 - Seminole County Commissioner Brenda Carey
- 11/08/05 - Orange County Commissioner Teresa Jacobs
- 11/22/05 - Seminole County Commissioner Bob Dallari
- 11/22/05 - Lake Mary Commissioner Gary Brender
- 11/28/05 - Seminole County Commissioner Carlton Henley
- 12/01/05 - Orange County Environmental Protection Division Manager Lori Cunniff and Staff
- 12/08/05 - City of Sanford Commissioner Art Woodruff
- 12/09/05 - Seminole County Commissioner Dick Van Der Weide
- 12/13/05 - State Senator Lee Constantine
- 12/15/05 - Wekiva River Basin Commission (presentation)
- 12/20/05 - Seminole County Expressway Authority Board (presentation)
- 01/24/06 - Neighborhood Lakes (Nancy Rossman and Bob Cole)
- 01/25/06 - Lake County Public Works Director Jim Stivender
- 02/07/06 - Lake County Water Authority Executive Director Mike Perry and Staff
- 02/21/06 - FDOT, District Five Secretary George Gilhooley and Staff
- 02/22/06 - Lake County Water Authority Board (presentation)
- 02/28/06 - Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority Board (presentation)

## 6.2 Initial Alternatives Public Workshops

After development of the initial alternatives and refinement of them based on the feedback received at many of the above listed meetings, three workshops were held (one each in Orange, Lake and Seminole Counties) in November 2005 to present the Initial Alternatives to the public for review, discussion and comment. The public workshops were conducted in an open house format, with two identical sets of display boards showing the alignment alternatives, typical sections, and other project information set up around the perimeter of the room. Members of the PD&E Study Team assisted attendees by answering questions and addressing concerns. A continuously looping PowerPoint presentation was provided for viewing on a large screen. Copies of the displays were made available on the project website and, on request, by mail.

A total of 1,147 attendees signed in at the three workshops and 285 comment forms were submitted after the workshops. All public comments were reviewed and responded to in writing. Many of the comments expressed opinions in favor of or against specific alignment alternatives or interchange concepts. The public comments on the Initial Alternatives were analyzed by county and utilized by the project team in the evaluation and assessment of alternatives. A summary of the Initial Alternatives Public Workshops is provided in **Appendix E**.

Some of the meetings and presentations after November of 2005 listed above, particularly those with decision makers, were to provide information on the public feedback received at

and after the initial alternatives workshops. That also provided opportunities for those decision makers to give their comments on the alternatives. Thereafter, the project team began the process of alternatives refinement and identification of viable alternatives.

## 6.3 Coordination during the Viable Alternatives Phase

As with the Initial Alternatives phase of the PD&E Study, extensive project coordination was undertaken with the public, local and state government agencies, advisory groups, and other entities during the process of identifying the viable alternatives. The following is a summary listing of meetings and/or presentations which provided study updates, specific information, and opportunities for feedback on the viable alternatives:

- 03/06/06 – Scott Taylor (Landowner) and Sue Ventura (Easter Seals Camp Challenge)
- 03/07/06 – Florida Audubon Society, The Nature Conservancy, and Friends of Wekiva River (Charles Lee, Keith Schue, Walt Thompson, and Nancy Prine)
- 03/08/06 – Orange County Commissioner Bob Sindler
- 03/21/06 – Seminole County Director of Public Works Gary Johnson and Seminole County Engineer Jerry McCollum
- 03/24/06 – Orange County Public Works/Transportation Planning (Brian Sanders and Joe Perez)
- 03/28/06 – Lake County Public Works Director Jim Stivender and Engineering Director Fred Schneider
- 04/05/06 – Lake County Commissioner Catherine Hanson
- 04/10/06 – Sanford Mayor Linda Kuhn and City Manager Sherman Yehl
- 04/10/06 – City of Apopka Chief Administrative Officer Richard Anderson and Community Development Director Nicole Guillet-Dary
- 04/13/06 – Seminole County Commissioner Bob Dallari
- 04/17/06 – FDOT District Five Secretary George Gilhooley
- 04/20/06 – Seminole County Commissioner Randy Morris
- 04/20/06 – Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) District Director Vivian Garfein
- 04/21/06 – St. Johns River Water Management District Executive Director Kirby Green
- 04/25/06 – Orange County Commissioner Teresa Jacobs
- 05/02/06 – Seminole County Commissioner Brenda Carey
- 05/03/06 – City of Mount Dora Mayor James Yatsuk, City Manager Mike Quinn and Planning/Development Director Mark Reggentin
- 05/09/06 – Seminole County Expressway Authority Board (presentation)
- 05/11/06 – State Representative Fred Brummer
- 05/30/06 – Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority Board (presentation)
- 06/05/06 – FDEP, Wekiva River Basin State Parks Manager John Fillyaw
- 06/13/06 – State Representative Dean Cannon

- 06/26/06 – State Representative Alan Hays
- 06/29/06 – Florida Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry Supervisor Joe Bishop (Seminole State Forest)
- 07/06/06 – State Senator Carey Baker
- 07/07/06 – PD&E Study Project Advisory Group
- 07/07/06 – PD&E Study Environmental Advisory Committee
- 07/11/06 – State Senator Lee Constantine
- 07/18/06 – Mount Dora City Council (presentation)
- 07/28/06 – Wekiva River Basin Commission (presentation)

## 6.4 Viable Alternatives Public Workshops

After development of the viable alternatives and refinement of them based on the feedback received at many of the above listed meetings, three workshops were held (one each in Orange, Lake and Seminole Counties) in July/ August 2006 to present the Viable Alternatives to the public for review, discussion and comment. The public workshops were conducted in an open house format, with two identical sets of display boards showing the alignment and interchange alternatives, typical sections, and other project information set up around the perimeter of the room. PD&E Study Team members assisted attendees by answering questions and addressing concerns. A continuously looping PowerPoint presentation was provided for viewing on a large screen. Copies of the displays were made available on the project website and, on request, by mail.

A total of 1,201 attendees signed in at the workshops and 573 comment forms were submitted after the workshops. All public comments were reviewed and responded to in writing. Many of the comments expressed opinions in favor of or against specific alignment alternatives or interchange concepts/locations. The public comments on the Viable Alternatives were analyzed by county and utilized by the project team in further evaluation and assessment of the alternatives. A summary of the Viable Alternatives Public Workshops is provided in **Appendix F**.

After the Public Workshops, the project team began attending a series of meetings with homeowners associations, property owners, and others to discuss possible refinements to the viable alternatives in specific areas. There were numerous meetings in August, September, and October of 2006, particularly with homeowners near the alignment alternative for connecting Wekiva Parkway to the SR 417/I-4 interchange. As a result, refinements and additional alignment alternatives were developed and evaluated. This was also the case in Lake County East for the CR 46A realignment and in northern Orange County for the Wekiva Parkway alignment north of Haas Road and east of Plymouth Sorrento Road. The following is a summary listing of those and other meetings:

- 08/16/06 – Heathrow Country Estates Homeowners Association near Mount Plymouth
- 08/22/06 – Tall Trees Homeowners Association in Sanford
- 08/25/06 – Seminole County Engineer Jerry McCollum
- 08/28/06 – Capri Cove Homeowners Association in Sanford

- 09/18/06 – Seminole County Schools Administration Representatives and Principal Barry Liebovitz at Wilson Elementary School in Sanford
- 09/28/06 – Orange County Environmental Protection Division Manager Lori Cunniff and Staff with State Representative Fred Brummer
- 10/10/06 – Estates of Wekiva Park Homeowners Association in Sanford
- 10/11/06 – Tom Vellanti, Owner of the Twelve Oaks RV Resort in Sanford
- 10/16/06 – Lake County Commission Candidate Linda Stewart
- 10/17/06 – Lakeside Fellowship United Methodist Church Pastor Cameron Lashbrook and Members in Sanford
- 10/17/06 – Wilson Place Homeowners Association in Sanford
- 11/02/06 – Zellwood Station Homeowners Association in Zellwood
- 11/07/06 – Seminole County Expressway Authority Board (presentation)
- 11/08/06 – Sunset Pond Homeowners Association in Mount Dora
- 11/15/06 – Dennis Benbow, Owner of Wekiva River Mitigation Bank property in Lake County
- 12/04/06 – Markham Wood Homeowners Association in Sanford
- 12/05/06 – FDOT, District Five Director of Transportation Development George Lovett and Project Management Staff
- 12/18/06 – Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority Board Meeting (presentation)
- 01/12/07 – Wekiva River Basin Commission Meeting at ECFRPC (presentation)
- 01/18/07 – Meeting in DeLand with George Lovett, FDOT District Five Director of Transportation Development, and FDOT project management staff
- 01/29/07 – Meeting in Sanford with Seminole County Commissioner Brenda Carey
- 01/30/07 – Meeting in Sanford with Seminole County Commissioner Mike McLean
- 01/31/07 – Meeting in Orlando with Orange County Public Works/Transportation Planning staff
- 02/02/07 – Environmental Advisory Committee Project Update Meeting in OOCEA Boardroom
- 02/02/07 – Project Advisory Group Project Update Meeting in OOCEA Boardroom
- 02/07/07 – Apopka City Council Meeting at Apopka City Hall (re: Route Approval)
- 02/09/07 – Meeting at Sanford City Hall with City Manager Sherman Yehl
- 02/13/07 – Meeting in Eustis with Lake County Public Works Director Jim Stivender
- 02/20/07 – Meeting in Sanford with Seminole County Commissioner Carlton Henley
- 02/21/07 – Meeting in Eustis with Lake County Commissioner Linda Stewart
- 02/22/07 – Meeting at FDOT Orlando Urban Area Office with FHWA District Representative Manu Chocka
- 02/22/07 – Meeting in Sanford with Seminole County Commissioner Bob Dallari

- 02/23/07 – METROPLAN Orlando Transportation Technical Committee (presentation)
- 02/23/07 – Meeting at Apopka City Hall with City of Apopka Chief Administrative Officer Richard Anderson
- 02/27/07 – Meeting in Mt. Plymouth with Heathrow Country Estates Homeowners Association
- 02/28/07 – METROPLAN Orlando Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (presentation)
- 03/14/07 – METROPLAN Orlando MPO Board Meeting (presentation)
- 03/15/07 – Meeting at Sanford City Hall with City Commissioner Art Woodruff
- 03/15/07 – Meeting in Sanford with Tall Trees Homeowners Association
- 03/16/07 – Meeting at Mount Dora City Hall with Mayor James Yatsuk, City Manager Mike Quinn, and Planning/Development Director Mark Reggentin
- 03/20/07 – Meeting in Orlando with FDEP District Director Vivian Garfein and District/Tallahassee Staff.

## 6.5 Coordination on the Proposed Build Alternative

Based upon comparative assessment of the results of the engineering/environmental analysis and the evaluation of impacts/costs and after extensive coordination with stakeholders, the Expressway Authority and FDOT, District Five identified a Proposed Build Alternative for the Wekiva Parkway (SR 429) and SR 46 Realignment project in April 2007. Subsequent coordination with state and local agencies, residents, homeowners associations, and other stakeholders resulted in some refinements to or further evaluation of portions of the overall alternative, as discussed below.

### 6.5.1 Seminole County Alternative Evaluation

In May of 2008, the Seminole County Expressway Authority (SCEA) Board asked FDOT to analyze and evaluate several Wekiva Parkway alignment alternatives in Seminole County proposed by a group of homeowners and others called the Wekiva Parkway Community Coalition (WPCC). Initially, the WPCC proposed nine alternative alignments which FDOT analyzed and evaluated for several months. After a meeting with FDOT to review the results of the alignment analyses, the WPCC then requested that only one specific alignment alternative (referred to as the Northern Alternative or Map G) be further evaluated. The WPCC requested that FDOT perform a detailed assessment of the Map G alternative, including environmental and social impacts, traffic operations, construction costs, etc. After the evaluation was completed, FDOT met again with the WPCC to advise them of the estimated additional costs and substantial environmental impacts of the Map G alternative, as well as the undesirable traffic operations of the concept, compared to the Proposed Build Alternative. FDOT indicated to the WPCC that because of those factors, as well as environmental justice issues, the Map G concept could not be considered a viable alternative. FDOT recommended to the SCEA Board in November 2008 that the Map G concept be eliminated from further consideration and the Proposed Build Alternative was maintained in Seminole County.



### 6.5.2 Lake County East Alternative Revision

Following the identification of the Proposed Build Alternative for the overall project, extensive discussions on funding options reached a crucial decision point in early 2009. Due to declining transportation dollars available to FDOT, it was determined that the preliminary estimated cost of the project (\$1.8 billion) would not be financially feasible to fund without tolls on the Wekiva Parkway in Lake and Seminole Counties.

As stated in the purpose and need for the Wekiva Parkway, a higher capacity east-west facility is needed in east Lake County and west Seminole County. The PD&E Study initially assumed that Wekiva Parkway would be a non-tolled expressway upgrade for SR 46 through the Wekiva River Protection Area, and in compliance with the *Wekiva Parkway and Protection Act*, only those sections of SR 46 needed for local access would remain open to traffic. As such, this was the only area within the proposed project where an alternative route to the expressway would not be provided.

In response to residents in the east Lake County area who expressed concerns over paying a toll for a local trip, FDOT and the Expressway Authority analyzed options to provide a non-tolled alternative for local trips. After several meetings during mid to late 2009 with area residents, local government officials, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and representatives of the environmental stakeholder community, a two-lane, two-way service road concept parallel to the Wekiva Parkway was developed. To minimize impacts, the service road is proposed to be within the previously identified Wekiva Parkway right-of-way. The service road would extend from just north of the Wekiva Parkway interchange near Neighborhood Lakes to just east of the Wekiva River in Seminole County; that concept was presented at a Public Workshop in Lake County on December 17, 2009. Public comments resulting from the workshop were reviewed and incorporated into the preliminary design of the service road and the Wekiva Parkway mainline.

### 6.5.3 Meetings on Refinement of the Proposed Build Alternative

The following is a list of meetings at which the Proposed Build Alternative, refinements and further evaluations were discussed during the period from April 2007 to August 2010:

- 04/05/07 – Meeting at Lake Mary City Hall with City Commissioner Gary Brender
- 04/10/07 – Meeting in Orlando with Landowner Scott Taylor and George Lovett of FDOT, District Five
- 04/10/07 – Meeting in Sanford with Representatives of Rock Church
- 04/10/07 – Meeting in Sanford with Representatives of Lakeside Fellowship United Methodist Church
- 04/26/07 – Meeting in Sanford with Seminole County Commissioner Dick Van Der Weide
- 04/30/07 – Meeting at Turnpike Headquarters with FDOT District Five Project Management Staff
- 05/08/07 – Seminole County Expressway Authority Board Meeting (presentation)
- 05/09/07 – Meeting at FDOT, District Five in DeLand with FHWA District Representative Manu Chocka

- 05/11/07 – Meeting in Apopka with State Representative Bryan Nelson
- 05/15/07 – Mount Dora City Council Meeting (presentation)
- 05/21/07 – Meeting in Umatilla with State Representative Alan Hays
- 05/29/07 – Meeting in Tavares with Lake County Commissioner Elaine Renick
- 05/29/07 – Meeting in Winter Park with State Representative Dean Cannon
- 05/30/07 – Meeting in Eustis with State Senator Carey Baker
- 06/01/07 – Meeting in Maitland with State Senator Lee Constantine
- 06/01/07 – Wekiva River Basin Commission Meeting at ECFRPC (presentation)
- 06/04/07 – Meeting in Tavares with Lake County Commissioner Welton Cadwell
- 06/05/07 – Lake County Board of County Commissioners Meeting (presentation)
- 06/18/07 – Meeting in DeLand with FDOT District Five Project Team (presentation)
- 06/25/07 – Meeting in DeLand with FDOT District Five Secretary Noranne Downs and senior staff on the Proposed Build Alternative in Lake and Seminole Counties
- 07/02/07 – Meeting in Eustis with Lake County Public Works Director Jim Stivender on CR 46A Realignment Alternatives and SR 46/CR 46A Intersection Concepts
- 07/17/07 – Meeting in Tallahassee with FDEP senior staff on the Proposed Build Alternative in Lake and Seminole Counties
- 07/24/07 – Meeting with FDOT staff and representatives of Lake, Seminole and Orange Counties on Multi Use Trail interface with Wekiva Parkway and SR 46 reconstruction
- 08/02/07 – Meeting at FDOT in DeLand with District Five Director of Transportation Development George Lovett, OOCEA Executive Director Mike Snyder, Lake County Commissioner Linda Stewart, and Heathrow Country Estates residents on CR 46A Realignment Alternatives
- 08/06/07 – Meeting at FDOT in DeLand with District Five Secretary Noranne Downs, George Lovett, and other senior staff regarding a decision on the Proposed Build Alternative in Lake and Seminole Counties
- 08/24/07 – Meeting at FDOT in DeLand on Access Management in Lake and Seminole Counties
- 08/28/07 – Lake County Board of County Commissioners Meeting in Tavares
- 08/30/07 – Project Update Meeting in Winter Park with Rep. Ric Keller’s Aide
- 10/16/07 – Wekiva River Basin Commission Meeting at ECFRPC (presentation)
- 10/19/07 – Meeting with Lake County’s consultant on trails coordination
- 10/22/07 – Meeting with OOCEA and Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise at FTE offices
- 10/23/07 – Lake County Board of County Commissioners Meeting in Tavares
- 10/24/07 – Orlando-Orange Co. Expressway Authority Board Meeting (presentation)
- 11/13/07 – Seminole County Expressway Authority Board Meeting (presentation)
- 12/04/07 – Meeting at FDOT in DeLand with FHWA District Representative Leslie McCarthy

- 12/04/07 – Meeting in Sanford with Sylvan Lake Reserve Homeowners Association
- 01/04/08 – Meeting in Orlando with Heathrow Country Estates Homeowners Association Representative
- 01/15/08 – Mount Dora City Council Meeting in Mount Dora (presentation)
- 01/17/08 – Meeting in Sanford with Sylvan Lake Reserve Homeowners Association
- 02/13/08 – METROPLAN Orlando MPO Board Meeting in Orlando (presentation)
- 02/19/08 – Meeting at FDOT in DeLand on Multi-Use Trail Accommodation
- 02/27/08 – Wekiva River Basin Commission Meeting at ECFRPC (presentation)
- 02/28/08 – Meeting at FDOT in DeLand on Section 106 and Section 4(f) Issues
- 03/10/08 – Meeting at OOCEA with Executive Director on Section 4(f) Matters
- 03/19/08 – Meeting at FDOT in DeLand to Discuss LRE and Engineer’s Cost Estimate
- 03/20/08 – Meeting in Orlando with Wekiva River Mitigation Bank Consultant
- 04/17/08 – Met with PBSJ on Engineer’s Construction Cost Estimate
- 04/21/08 – Section 106 Consultation & Review Meeting in Apopka with OOCEA, FDOT, SHPO, Property Owners of Boch House and Strite House, Historical Societies, et al
- 04/30/08 – Meeting in Sanford with Wekiva Parkway Community Coalition
- 05/06/08 – Seminole Co. Expressway Authority Board Meeting in Sanford (presentation)
- 05/09/08 – Environmental Advisory Committee Update Meeting at OOCEA
- 05/29/08 – Meeting at FDOT District Five to Discuss Alternatives Proposed by Wekiva Parkway Community Coalition (WPCC)
- 05/29/08 – Meeting at FDOT District Five to Review and Discuss Second Draft PER
- 06/02/08 – Project Update Meeting at FDOT District Five in DeLand with FHWA District Engineer Chad Thompson
- 06/20/08 – Project Advisory Group Update Meeting at OOCEA
- 07/03/08 – Meeting in Sanford with Seminole County Commissioner Bob Dallari
- 07/08/08 – Meeting at OOCEA on Project Schedule leading to public hearing
- 07/09/08 – METROPLAN Orlando MPO Board Meeting in Orlando (presentation)
- 07/09/08 – Mount Plymouth-Sorrento Planning Advisory Committee Meeting in Sorrento (presentation)
- 07/11/08 – Wekiva River Basin Commission Meeting at ECFRPC (presentation)
- 07/15/08 – Meeting in DeLand at FDOT District Five with DIRC and FHWA on the MLOU for the IMR
- 07/15/08 – Rescheduled Meeting with WPCC in DeLand at FDOT District Five
- 07/23/08 – Lake-Sumter MPO Board Meeting in Tavares (presentation)
- 08/07/08 – Meeting in Tallahassee with FHWA, OOCEA, and FDOT
- 09/02/08 – Meeting in Sanford with Seminole County Commissioner Brenda Carey and OOCEA Executive Director Mike Snyder

- 09/02/08 – Meeting in Sanford with Seminole County Commissioner Bob Dallari, Deputy County Manager Joseph Forte, and OOCEA Executive Director Mike Snyder
- 09/10/08 – Meeting in Orlando with Seminole County Public Works Director Gary Johnson and County Engineer Jerry McCollum on WPCC Map G Alternatives Analysis
- 09/17/08 – Wekiva Parkway/SR 46 Realignment Project Area Field Review with George Hadley and Linda Anderson of the FHWA, Florida Division Office (Environmental Programs) and Brian Stanger, FDOT District Five Environmental Management Engineer
- 09/19/08 – Meeting in Orlando with OOCEA Executive Director Mike Snyder, Charles Lee of the Florida Audubon Society, and Keith Schue of The Nature Conservancy
- 09/19/08 – Meeting in Orlando with Trails Stakeholders from Orange, Lake & Seminole Counties, Mount Dora, State of Florida, MPOs, RPC, and Interest Groups
- 09/25/08 – Meeting in Sanford with Seminole County Environmental Services Director John Cirello on Impact of WPCC Map G Alternative on Yankee Lake Wastewater Treatment Facility
- 10/13/08 – Meeting in Lake Mary with Lake Mary City Commissioner Gary Brender on WPCC Map G Alternatives Analysis
- 10/15/08 – Meeting in Sanford with Seminole County Commissioner Carlton Henley on WPCC Map G Alternatives Analysis
- 10/15/08 – Meeting in Sanford with Sanford City Commissioner Art Woodruff on WPCC Map G Alternatives Analysis
- 10/16/08 – Meeting in Sanford with Seminole County Commissioner Bob Dallari on WPCC Map G Alternatives Analysis
- 10/20/08 – Meeting in Sanford with Seminole County Commissioner Brenda Carey on WPCC Map G Alternatives Analysis
- 10/21/08 – Meeting in Sanford with Seminole County Commissioner Michael McLean on WPCC Map G Alternatives Analysis
- 10/27/08 – Meeting in DeLand at FDOT District Five with WPCC representatives to discuss the Map G Alternatives Analysis
- 11/05/08 – Wekiva River Basin Commission Meeting at ECFRPC (presentation)
- 11/18/08 – Meeting with attorneys from Winderweedle, Haines, Ward & Woodman in Winter Park concerning Pine Plantation Acquisition
- 11/18/08 – Seminole County Expressway Authority Board Meeting in Sanford (presentation)
- 11/24/08 – Meeting at OOCEA with PBS&J engineers and attorney from Broad & Cassel concerning Neighborhood Lakes and FDEP
- 12/10/08 – Meeting at FDOT in DeLand with FHWA District Engineer
- 12/10/08 – Meeting with FDOT and OOCEA in DeLand on FHWA review comments received to date on Environmental Assessment and Section 4(f) documents
- 12/23/08 – Meeting in Orlando with FDOT and owner of 12 Oaks RV Resort in Sanford

- 02/05/09 – Wekiva Parkway Project Area Site Visit at Wekiva River with National Park Service
- 02/09/09 – Meeting in Sorrento with Residents along SR 46 in East Lake County
- 02/27/09 – Wekiva River Basin Commission Meeting at ECFRPC
- 03/16/09 – FHWA, OOCEA and FDOT Meeting in Tallahassee
- 03/26/09 – Meeting in DeLand with OOCEA and FDOT on the revised Individual Section 4(f) Evaluation
- 04/14/09 – Meeting in Sorrento with east Lake County SR 46 area residents, their attorney, and FDOT District Five Right-of-Way Department staff
- 04/23/09 – Meeting in DeLand with OOCEA and FDOT concerning the FHWA comments on the Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation for public lands
- 05/18/09 – PD&E Study update meeting with Seminole County Commission Chairman Bob Dallari in Sanford
- 06/09/09 – Meeting with URS to assist them in starting the Trails Feasibility Study for FDOT
- 06/10/09 – PD&E Study update meeting with Representative Alan Hays in Umatilla
- 06/11/09 – PD&E Study update meeting with Representative Bryan Nelson in Apopka
- 06/12/09 – Participated in a meeting/video conference with the FHWA Florida Division Administrator, Central Office, District Five and OOCEA about Section 4(f) documents
- 06/15/09 – Met with OOCEA Deputy Executive Director and PBSJ on preliminary Lake County East traffic circulation concepts
- 06/23/09 – Met at Mount Dora City Hall with City Manager and Director of Planning on results of the US 441/SR 46 Area Traffic Simulation Modeling
- 06/23/09 – Met with land owner Lou Fabrizio and developer Nathan Sanders concerning access to the Orange Commons LLC parcel on SR 46 in Seminole County
- 06/29/09 – Wekiva River Basin Commission meeting at ECFRPC (presentation)
- 06/30/09 – Meeting with Progress Energy substation site team on future parcel access
- 07/21/09 – Lake County Board of County Commissioners meeting in Tavares
- 07/21/09 – Meeting with OOCEA and District Five EMO in DeLand on CEMO review comments on Section 4(f) documents and to review plots of preliminary frontage roads concept in Lake County East project area
- 08/12/09 – OOCEA and FDOT District Five meeting with FDEP in Tallahassee
- 08/13/09 – Meeting at OOCEA with PBSJ to review plots of additional preliminary frontage roads concepts in Lake County East project area
- 08/25/09 – Project update meeting with Lake County Commissioner Linda Stewart and Lake County Sheriff Gary Borders in Tavares
- 09/01/09 – Mount Dora City Council Meeting (presentation)
- 09/08/09 – Meeting with Sen. Lee Constantine at his Altamonte Springs district office

- 09/16/09 – Meeting at OOCEA with Charles Lee of Audubon Society and FDOT District Five staff
- 09/24/09 – Meeting with Sen. Carey Baker in Eustis
- 09/24/09 – Meeting with Jim Stivender, Lake County Public Works Director, in Eustis
- 09/24/09 – Meeting with Lake County Commissioner Linda Stewart in Eustis
- 09/28/09 – Meeting with Rep. Alan Hays in Umatilla
- 09/28/08 – Meeting with Capt. Todd Luce at the Lake County Sheriff's Department in Tavares in advance of a public meeting that evening in Sorrento
- 09/28/09 – Night meeting in Sorrento with citizens from east Lake County, Rep. Alan Hays, Mike Snyder, Noranne Downs, and FDOT Secretary Stephanie Kopelousos
- 10/02/09 – Meeting with Gary Johnson, Seminole County Public Works Director, and Jerry McCollum, Seminole County Engineer, with Mike Snyder at OOCEA
- 10/08/09 – Meeting at OOCEA with Mike Snyder and Joe Berenis concerning info for upcoming FDEP meeting on mitigation measures and programmatic 4(f) concurrence
- 10/13/09 – Meeting at Broad & Cassel with OOCEA regarding mitigation measures for 4(f)
- 10/22/09 – Meeting in Sanford with Seminole County Commissioner Dick Van Der Weide on the east Lake County frontage road concepts and traffic projections for Seminole County
- 10/30/09 – Meeting at OOCEA with Deputy Executive Director Laura Kelley to review a draft PowerPoint presentation on Wekiva Parkway for a transportation symposium
- 11/02/09 – Meeting at CH2M HILL with OOCEA Executive Director Mike Snyder to discuss materials and information for the meeting on the following day with FDEP
- 11/03/09 – Meeting at OOCEA with Laura Kelley to finalize symposium presentation
- 11/09/09 – Attended OOCEA/FDOT meeting with SCEA Board member Lake Mary City Commissioner Gary Brender in Lake Mary
- 12/08/09 – Project Team meeting on East Lake County Public Workshop preparation and materials
- 12/17/09 – OOCEA Board Meeting (presentation)
- 12/17/09 – Public Workshop in Sorrento on Preliminary Service Road Concept in East Lake County
- 01/12/10 – Presentation on Service Road Concept at East Lake County Chamber of Commerce Meeting in Sorrento
- 01/19/10 – Wekiva Parkway Coordination Meeting with OOCEA and FDOT in DeLand
- 01/19/10 – Wekiva Parkway Meeting (Video Conference) on Section 4(f) Issues with OOCEA, FDOT and FHWA in DeLand
- 01/25/10 – Wekiva River Basin Commission Meeting in Lake Mary (presentation)
- 02/05/10 – Meeting with Mike Snyder and Bob Gleason in DeLand on Section 4(f) Issues
- 02/08/10 – Conference call with FDOT D5 EMO on Status of Section 4(f) Issues

- 02/22/10 – FDOT D5/OOCEA Video Conference with FHWA Florida Division Office
- 03/04/10 – Conference call with National Park Service at FDOT D5
- 03/09/10 – Conference call with SHPO staff at FDOT D5
- 03/29/10 – Coordination meeting with OOCEA General Engineering Consultant (PBSJ) on preliminary bridge profiles
- 04/02/10 – Meeting with Seminole County Engineer, Jerry McCollum, on preliminary concepts for layout of Wekiva Park Drive/Service Road intersection
- 04/06/10 – Coordination meeting at OOCEA prior to meeting with FHWA and NPS
- 04/07/10 – FDOT/OOCEA meeting in DeLand with FHWA and NPS on Wild & Scenic River Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation
- 04/07/10 – FDOT/OOCEA presentation on Wekiva River bridges to NPS and the Wekiva River System Advisory Management Committee in Sanford
- 04/26/10 – Meeting at FDOT in DeLand with OOCEA to discuss next steps in process of coordination/consultation with FHWA and NPS on Section 4(f) concurrence.
- 05/04/10 – Coordination Meeting with OOCEA and FDOT D5 in Advance of FHWA Conference Call
- 05/05/10 – OOCEA/FDOT D5 Conference Call with FHWA
- 05/07/10 – OOCEA/FDOT D5 Conference Call with FDOT CEMO
- 06/02/10 – Meeting on Project Right-of-Way in Orange County with PBSJ
- 06/10/10 – FDOT/OOCEA Conference Call in DeLand with FHWA
- 06/22/10 – Meeting with Two Seminole County Property Owners on Project Impacts
- 07/14/10 – Meeting with Seminole County Assistant Fire Chief and County Engineer on Proposed Fire Station near Yankee Lake and Requested Revisions to Preliminary Plans
- 07/15/10 – FDOT/OOCEA Teleconference with FHWA
- 08/11/10 – Wekiva River Basin Commission Meeting at ECFRPC
- 08/16/10 – Site Visit to Bock House and Strite House Properties with SHPO Staff
- 08/16/10 – Second Section 106 Consultation Meeting with Stakeholders in Apopka

#### 6.5.4 Meetings Prior to and After the Public Hearing

On August 20, 2010, FHWA approved the draft *Environmental Assessment* for public availability, which allowed FDOT and the Expressway Authority to schedule the Public Hearing. The following meetings were held just prior to and after the Public Hearing sessions.

- 09/22/10 – Lake-Sumter MPO Board Meeting in Leesburg
- 09/27/10 – FDOT D5/OOCEA Teleconference with FHWA
- 10/04/10 – Meeting with WPCC at FDOT D5 in DeLand
- 10/22/10 – METROPLAN ORLANDO Transportation Technical Committee Meeting (presentation)
- 10/26/10 – Wekiva Parkway Public Hearing – Session 1 in Apopka

- 10/27/10 – METROPLAN ORLANDO Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting (presentation)
- 10/27/10 – Wekiva Parkway Public Hearing – Session 2 in Mount Dora
- 10/28/10 – Wekiva Parkway Public Hearing – Session 3 in Sanford
- 11/02/10 – Meeting with Harold Barley of METROPLAN ORLANDO on Wekiva Parkway Proposed Build Alternative
- 11/09/10 – Seminole County Expressway Authority Board Meeting/Public Hearing (presentation)
- 11/10/10 – METROPLAN ORLANDO MPO Board Meeting (presentation)
- 12/07/10 – Lake County Board of County Commissioners Meeting (presentation)
- 12/14/10 – Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority Board Meeting (presentation)
- 01/04/11 – Field Visit to Bock House Property with Janus Research for Meeting with Property Owner’s Representative
- 01/04/11 – Mount Dora City Council Meeting (presentation)
- 01/06/11 – OOCEA/FDOT Conference Call with the National Park Service and FHWA on the Conceptual Design Charette Process for the Wekiva River Bridges
- 01/26/11 – Wekiva River Basin Commission Meeting at ECFRPC (presentation) – approvals of the Proposed Build Alternative by the Lake County Board of County Commissioners, the Seminole County Expressway Authority Board, and the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority Board were noted
- 03/02/11 – Wekiva River Bridges Conceptual Design Charette Meeting with the National Park Service, FHWA, and the Wekiva River System Advisory Management Committee at Wekiva Falls RV Resort in Sorrento (half-day meeting)
- 03/03/11 – Wekiva River Bridges Conceptual Design Charette Meeting with the National Park Service, FHWA, and the Wekiva River System Advisory Management Committee at Wekiva Falls RV Resort in Sorrento (full-day meeting)
- 04/19/11 – OOCEA/FDOT Conference Call with the National Park Service to Coordinate in Advance of Wekiva River Bridges Conceptual Design Charette No. 2
- 04/20/11 – Wekiva River Bridges Conceptual Design Charette Meeting No. 2 with the National Park Service, FHWA, the Wekiva River System Advisory Management Committee and Other Stakeholders at Wekiva Falls RV Resort in Sorrento
- 05/11/11 – Meeting with the Seminole County Engineer and the OOCEA Executive Director on Alternative Concepts and Adjustments to the Wekiva Parkway (SR 429) Mainline and Service Road Bridges over the Wekiva River
- 05/19/11 – Meeting at FDOT District Five in DeLand with FHWA District Engineer on Responses to Interchange Modification Report Review Comments
- 05/31/11 – OOCEA/FDOT Conference Call with National Park Service to Coordinate on Arrangements for Wekiva River Bridges Conceptual Design Charette No. 3
- 06/07/11 – Wekiva River Basin Commission Meeting at ECFRPC



- 07/13/11 – Wekiva River Bridges Conceptual Design Charette Meeting No. 3 with the National Park Service, FHWA, the Wekiva River System Advisory Management Committee and Other Stakeholders at Wekiva Falls RV Resort in Sorrento
- 11/10/11 – Wekiva River Basin Commission Meeting at ECFRPC
- 01/12/12 – Meeting in Sanford with Seminole County Commissioner Dallari and OOCEA Interim Executive Director Crumit
- 01/17/12 – Metroplan Orlando MPO Board Meeting on Wekiva Parkway
- 02/10/12 – Wekiva River Basin Commission Meeting at ECFRPC
- 02/22/12 – Meeting in Tavares with OOCEA Interim Executive Director Crumit and Lake County BCC Chairwoman Campione, County Manager Gray, and Public Works Director Stivender
- 03/13/12 – Lake County Board of County Commissioners Meeting in Tavares
- 06/05/12 – Wekiva River Basin Commission Meeting at ECFRPC

## 6.6 Small Group Meetings

In order to focus on individual concerns and issues, the PD&E Study Team was available to meet with individuals, agencies, civic groups, and neighborhood associations as requested. The meetings listed in Sections 6.1 through 6.5 include many small group meetings that have been held over the course of the PD&E Study from 2005 through 2011.

# 7. Advisory Committees

## 7.1 Environmental Advisory Committee

An Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) was formed early in the PD&E Study process to provide an opportunity for the study team to share project information while receiving input from federal, state and local environmental agencies, technical experts, environmental interest groups/stakeholders, and the public. Representatives of these groups and the public were invited to attend meetings as shown below.

TABLE 7-1. ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meeting Name	Date	Time	Location	Purpose
Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting #1	06/03/05	1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority Board Room	Project Introduction
Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting #2	10/14/05	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority Board Room	Initial Conceptual Alternatives
Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting #3	07/07/06	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority Board Room	Viable Alternatives
Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting #4	02/02/07	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority Board Room	Viable Alternatives Comparative Assessments
Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting #5	05/09/08	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority Board Room	Recommended Preferred Alternative

The following agencies and organizations have been represented at the EAC meetings:

- City of Apopka
- City of Eustis
- City of Lake Mary
- City of Mount Dora
- City of Winter Garden
- Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)
- FDEP Parks and Recreation
- FDEP Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas
- Friends of Wekiva River
- Lake County
- Northwest Orange County Improvement Association
- Orange County Environmental Protection Division
- Orange County Planning Division
- Florida Audubon Society
- Orange Audubon Society
- Seminole Audubon Society
- South Florida Water Management District

- St. John's River Water Management District
- The Nature Conservancy
- Mitigation Marketing, LLC (Wekiva River Mitigation Bank)

A list of EAC members and other EAC meeting attendees is provided in **Appendix C**.

## 7.2 Project Advisory Group

A Project Advisory Group (PAG) was formed early in the PD&E Study process so the study team could provide information about the project to federal, state and local transportation agencies and other governmental entities, process stakeholders, and members of the public. The purpose of this group was to provide input and technical assistance to the study team, and to identify potential issues and how to address those issues. Representatives of these groups and the public were invited to attend meetings as shown below.

TABLE 7-2. PROJECT ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS

Meeting Name	Date	Time	Location	Purpose
Project Advisory Group Meeting #1	06/03/05	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority Board Room	Project Introduction
Project Advisory Group Meeting #2	10/14/05	1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority Board Room	Initial Conceptual Alternatives
Project Advisory Group Meeting #3	07/07/06	1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority Board Room	Viable Alternatives
Project Advisory Group Meeting #4	02/02/07	1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority Board Room	Viable Alternatives Comparative Assessments
Project Advisory Group Meeting #5	06/20/08	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority Board Room	Recommended Preferred Alternative

The following agencies and organizations have been represented at the PAG meetings:

- City of Apopka
- City of Eustis
- City of Lake Mary
- City of Mount Dora
- East Central Florida Regional Planning Council
- FDEP
- Lake County Growth Management
- Lake County Public Works
- Lake-Sumter MPO
- Metroplan Orlando MPO
- Orange County Engineering
- Orange County Environmental Protection Division
- Orange County Planning
- Seminole County Expressway Authority

- Seminole County Engineering
- St. John's River Water Management District
- The Nature Conservancy

A list of PAG members and other PAG meeting attendees is provided in **Appendix D**.

## 8. Public Hearing

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The Wekiva Parkway (SR 429)/SR 46 Realignment PD&E Study Environmental Assessment (EA) was signed and approved for public availability by FHWA on August 20, 2010. Public involvement activities in preparation for the public hearing commenced immediately upon receipt of the signed EA.

The public involvement activities prior to the public hearing included preparation of newspaper, television and radio, and Florida Administrative Weekly notifications of the October 2010 public hearing sessions in Orange, Lake and Seminole Counties. In addition to information on the dates, times, and locations of the public hearing sessions, the notifications also included the notice of availability of the EA and supporting documents at eight locations in Orange, Lake, Seminole and Volusia Counties and on the Expressway Authority and FDOT websites. The documents were available for public review on October 1, 2010, more than 21 days prior to the public hearing to afford all stakeholders and other interested persons the opportunity to review the project and prepare questions and comments for the project study team.

After updating the project mailing lists, letters of invitation were prepared for elected and appointed officials, members of the Wekiva River Basin Commission, Environmental Advisory Committee and Project Advisory Group, property owners, interested persons, and other stakeholders.

Three public hearing sessions were sponsored by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 5 and the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority (Expressway Authority). The three public hearing sessions were held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the dates and at the locations identified below.

### Public Hearing Dates and Locations:

- **Session 1 – Orange County (sponsored by the Expressway Authority)**  
Tuesday, October 26, 2010  
VFW Post No. 10147  
519 South Central Avenue  
Apopka, FL 32703
- **Session 2 – Lake County (sponsored by FDOT)**  
Wednesday, October 27, 2010  
Lake Receptions  
4425 North Highway 19A  
Mount Dora, FL 32757
- **Session 3 – Seminole County (sponsored by FDOT)**  
Thursday, October 28, 2010  
Sanford Civic Center  
401 East Seminole Boulevard  
Sanford, FL 32771

The public hearing sessions were 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 Proposed Build Alternative and the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed project. These public hearing sessions presented formal opportunities for members of the public to review information about the Wekiva Parkway PD&E Study, to discuss that information with the project team, and to provide their comments for the public hearing record.

A total of 1,327 people signed-in at the three public hearing sessions held for the Wekiva Parkway PD&E Study, including 401 attendees in Orange County, 455 in Lake County and 471 in Seminole County. The attendees were greeted at the entrance of the facility and asked to sign-in at one of two sign-in tables staffed by several greeters. Attendees were provided with a Public Hearing brochure which detailed the evening's agenda and provided maps, pertinent project and other information including methods for submitting comments and information on the right-of-way acquisition process. A Noise brochure was also available, which explained the criteria for noise abatement and the traffic noise evaluation process. Copies of FDOT brochures on the right-of-way acquisition process were also available.

All sessions of the public hearing consisted of an open house period from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM, during which time the public was able to review maps, drawings, and pertinent project information. The study team was available to answer project-related questions. The open house was followed by a formal presentation at 6:00 PM. At the conclusion of the presentation, a ten minute intermission was provided, followed by a formal public comment period.

Two court reporters were in attendance at each of the three sessions. One court reporter was available all evening to record verbatim comments provided by the attendees. The second court reporter was available for the first hour to record attendee comments, and was responsible for recording the formal presentation and formal speaker comments for the remainder of the evening. A total of 39 comments were recorded by the court reporters (of these, 34 were speaker comments provided after the formal presentation and 5 were given directly to the court reporters).

The public comment period extended to November 8, 2010. Comments collected prior to, during, and after the public hearing up to and including November 8, 2010 are part of the public record for the project. The following summarizes the comments most commonly heard.

A total of 232 comments were submitted during the public hearing comment period. Of that total, 30 duplicate comments (such as attendees providing comments at all three meetings, faxing and then mailing a comment card, etc.) were received. Of the comment forms received, 12 were submitted at the Orange County public hearing, 21 in Lake County, 53 in Seminole County, 39 were recorded by the court reporters (of these, 34 were speaker comments provided after the formal presentation and 5 were given directly to the court reporter), 36 were received by mail, 1 verbal comment was received by a member of the study team, and 70 were received via email. In addition, the Wekiva Parkway Community Coalition (WPCC) submitted a petition of 543 individuals objecting to the Proposed Build Alternative in Seminole County and advocating an alternative proposed by the coalition. A copy of the WPCC petition received at the Seminole County Public Hearing session is provided on a CD in **Appendix I**.

With the exception of the WPCC petition, the comments suggest general support for or acceptance of the Wekiva Parkway Proposed Build Alternative. A total of 86 comments were received that specifically noted the project was needed and should be completed as soon as possible, while 30 responses expressed outright opposition to the project.

Those in favor of the project mentioned the exhaustive planning and coordination that went into developing the Proposed Build Alternative and how it will improve regional mobility in Central Florida by completing the beltway around Orlando. Many speakers noted the support of the environmental community for the project and how “doing nothing” will cause greater environmental harm to the sensitive Wekiva River Basin. But the most common position of support was to “hurry up and build it.” On the other hand, many of those expressing opposition to the parkway were concerned about noise issues, property value concerns and concerns about access. The Public Hearing Summary, included in **Appendix H**, provides a detailed discussion of the comments received during the formal Public Hearing comment period. Copies of the comments received and the responses provided are included in **Appendix H**. Copies of the public hearing transcripts are also provided in **Appendix H**.

FHWA requirements state that following the public availability period, the *Environmental Assessment* should be revised or an attachment provided, as appropriate, to reflect changes in the proposed action or mitigation measures resulting from comments received on the *Environmental Assessment* or at the public hearing and any impacts of the changes. The sole change to the proposed action that occurred was, as a result of further coordination with FHWA and the National Park Service in 2011, the project sponsors made commitments that the proposed bridges over the Wekiva River would clear span the waters of the river, that final design coordination would be undertaken with the National Park Service through their Wekiva River System Advisory Management Committee, and that the final bridge plans would not be approved before obtaining a Section 7(a) determination from the National Park Service. As a result, FHWA determined that no impacts to recreational activities on the Wekiva River are anticipated as a result of this project.

## 9. Public Notification of LDCA and Availability of EA/FONSI

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FHWA approved and signed the Environmental Assessment (EA)/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Proposed Build Alternative on May 11, 2012 and granted Location and Design Concept Acceptance (LDCA). Thereafter, FDOT and the Expressway Authority advertised receipt of LDCA and availability of the EA/FONSI for public review in the following print media on the publication dates shown below:

- Florida Administrative Weekly – May 25, 2012
- Orlando Sentinel – May 20, 2012
- El Sentinel (Spanish language) – May 19, 2012
- Apopka Chief – May 18, 2012
- Apopka Planter – May 24, 2012
- Sanford Herald – May 20, 2012
- Leesburg Daily Commercial – May 20, 2012
- La Prensa (Spanish language) – May 24, 2012

Copies of the publication affidavits and/or the published advertisements from the above print media are provided in **Appendix J**. A sample copy of the wording contained in the public notification advertisements is shown in **Exhibit 9-1**. The same public notification that LDCA had been granted and the EA/FONSI was available for public review was posted on the project website at [www.wekivaparkway.com](http://www.wekivaparkway.com).



**Exhibit 9-1. Sample Advertisement for Public Notification of LDCA and EA/FONSI Availability**

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Wekiva Parkway (S.R. 429)/  
S.R. 46 Realignment Project  
Development & Environment Study**

**Notice of  
Location and Design Concept Acceptance  
and  
Availability of Finding of No Significant Impact**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority (OOCEA) hereby announce that on May 11, 2012, the Federal Highway Administration granted location and design concept acceptance for the following Federal-Aid project:

Financial Project Numbers: 238275-1-22-01 and 240200-1-22-01

Federal-Aid Project Numbers: TCSP-025-U and TCSP-024-U

Project Description: **Wekiva Parkway**, a limited access toll facility, which will begin in Orange County at the terminus of S.R. 429/S.R. 414 (John Land Apopka Expressway) at U.S. 441 and extend to the north/northeast into Lake County, turning east and crossing the Wekiva River into Seminole County and terminating at I-4. Project includes **C.R. 46A Realignment** which will begin on existing C.R. 46A in east Lake County and extend to the south on a new alignment and tie into existing S.R. 46 with an access connection to the Wekiva Parkway, and **S.R. 46 Reconstruction and Realignment** which will begin at the S.R. 46/U.S. 441 interchange in Lake County and extend along the existing S.R. 46 corridor to the east, then turning southeast on a new alignment and entering Orange County with a systems interchange connection at the Wekiva Parkway.

This project will now proceed to the next phase of development.

Copies of the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and the Environmental Assessment (EA) are available for public review at the following locations:

FDOT District Five Office  
719 South Woodland Blvd.  
DeLand, FL 32720

FDOT Orlando Urban Office  
133 South Semoran Blvd.  
Orlando, FL 32807

OOCEA  
4974 ORL Tower Road  
Orlando, FL 32807

# **Appendix A**

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## **Advance Notification**



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## Florida Department of Transportation

JEB BUSH  
GOVERNOR

719 South Woodland Boulevard  
Deland, FL 32720-6834  
Mail Station 501

JOSÉ ABREU  
SECRETARY

February 23, 2005

Florida State Clearinghouse  
Department of Environmental Protection  
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 47  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

ATTN: Lauren P. Milligan, Environmental Consultant

Subject: Advance Notification for Wekiva Parkway Project Development and  
Environment Study  
Orange, Seminole and Lake Counties, Florida  
Financial Project ID: 238275 1 22 01 (FDOT Only)  
240200 1 22 01 (FDOT Only)

The attached Advance Notification Package is forwarded to your office for processing through appropriate State agencies in accordance with Executive Order 95-359. Distribution to local and Federal agencies is being made as noted.

Although more specific comments will be solicited during the permit coordination process, we request that permitting and permit reviewing agencies review the attached information and furnish us with whatever general comments they consider pertinent at this time.

This is a Federal aid action and the Florida Department of Transportation and the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority, with input from the Federal Highway Administration, will determine what degree of environmental documentation will be necessary. The determination will be based upon in-house environmental evaluations and comments received through coordination with other agencies. Please provide a consistency review for this project in accordance with the State's Coastal Zone Management Program. In addition, please review this improvement's consistency, to the maximum extent feasible, with the approved Comprehensive Plan of the local government jurisdictions pursuant to Chapter 163, Florida Statutes.

We are looking forward to receiving your comments on the project within 45 days. Should additional review time be required, a written request for an extension of time must be submitted to our office within the initial 45-day comment period.

Your comments should be addressed to:

Ms. Anne Brewer, P.E.  
District Project Development and Environment Engineer  
Florida Department of Transportation, District 5  
719 S. Woodland Boulevard, MS 501  
Deland, FL 32720

Your expeditious handling of this notice will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Brewer', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Anne Brewer, P.E.  
District Project Development and Environment Engineer  
Florida Department of Transportation, District 5

Attachments:

Advance Notification Fact Sheet  
Mailing List  
Application for Federal Assistance

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Mailing List (Attached)

# Wekiva Parkway Project Development and Environment Study Advance Notification Mailing List

Orange, Lake and Seminole Counties

## **STATE:**

- Florida Department of Community Affairs, Division of Community Planning
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Intergovernmental Programs
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida State Clearinghouse Coordinator
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Division of State Lands, Bureau of Submerged Lands and Preserves
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Office of Land Use Planning and Biological Services
- Florida Department of State, Division of Historic Resources
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Northeast Regional Office
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Office of Environmental Services
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Marine Fisheries
- Florida Department of Transportation – Federal Aid Programs Coordinator
- Florida Department of Transportation – Environmental Management Office
- Florida Inland Navigation District
- Florida Marine Fisheries Commission

## **FEDERAL:**

- Federal Highway Administration, Division Administrator
- Federal Highway Administration, District Transportation Engineer
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Federal Railroad Administration
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Federal Transit Administration
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Regulatory Branch, District Engineer
- U.S. Coast Guard, Seventh District
- U.S. Department of Agriculture – Southern Region
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Centers for Disease Control
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Regional Environmental Officer
- U.S. Department of the Interior – Fish and Wildlife Service, Field Supervisor
- U.S. Department of the Interior – Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Department of the Interior - Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
- U.S. Department of the Interior – U.S. Geological Survey, Environmental Affairs Program
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region IV, Regional Administrator
- U.S. Department of Commerce – National Marine Fisheries Service
- U.S. Department of Interior – National Park Service
- U.S. Department of Commerce – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- U.S. Department of Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida
- Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma
- Poarch Band of Creek Indians of Alabama
- Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
- Seminole Tribe of Florida



- Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

## **REGIONAL:**

- St. Johns River Water Management District
- East Central Florida Regional Planning Council
- Center for Urban Transportation Research
- Central Florida MPO Alliance
- METROPLAN ORLANDO
- Seminole County Expressway Authority

## **PUBLIC OFFICIALS:**

- Governor Jeb Bush
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## **LOCAL:**

### **Orange County**

- Community and Environmental Services, Environmental Protection Division
- Growth Management Department, Planning Division
- Public Works Director
- School Board
- Mayor Richard T. Crotty
- Commissioner Teresa Jacobs District 1
- Commissioner Robert B. "Bob" Sindler District 2
- Commissioner Mildred Fernandez District 3
- Commissioner Linda Stewart District 4
- Commissioner Bill Segal District 5
- Commissioner Homer L. Hartage District 6
- Ajit Lalchandani, County Administrator

### **Seminole County**

- Public Works Director
- Planning and Development Director
- Jerry McCollum, P.E., County Engineer
- School Board
- Chairman Carlton D. Henley District 4
- Commissioner Bob Dallari District 1
- Commissioner Randall C. Morris District 2
- Commissioner Dick Van Der Weide District 3
- Commissioner Brenda Carey District 5
- J. Kevin Grace, County Manager

### **Lake County**

- Public Works Director
- Planning and Development Services
- Engineer Division Director
- School Board
- Chairman Debbie Stivender District 3
- Commissioner Jennifer Hill District 1
- Commissioner Robert Pool District 2
- Commissioner Catherine Hansen District 4
- Commissioner Welton Cadwell District 5
- William Neron, County Manager

### **City of Apopka**

- Public Services Department
- Community Development Director
- City Engineer
- Mayor John Land
- Commissioner Billie Dean
- Commissioner Marilyn Ustler-McQueen
- Commissioner Kathy Till
- Commissioner J.W. Arrowsmith
- City Administrator Jack Douglas
- City Administrator Richard Anderson

### **City of Sanford**

- Public Works Department
- Department of Planning and Community Development
- Mayor Brady Lessard
- Commissioner Art Woodruff District 1
- Commissioner Velma Williams District 2
- Commissioner Randy Jones District 3
- Commissioner Kevin Hipes District 4
- Al Grieshaber, City Manager

### **City of Eustis**

- Public Works Department
  - Mayor – Frank E. Royce
  - Vice Mayor Jonnie C. Hale
  - Commissioner Evelyn H. Smith
  - Commissioner Gwendolyn M. Manning
  - Commissioner James T. Rotella
  - Michael G. Stearman, City Manager
- Seat 1  
Seat 5  
Seat 3  
Seat 2  
Seat 4

### **City of Mt. Dora**

- Public Services Department
  - Planning and Development Department
  - Mayor – James E. Yatsuk
  - Vice Mayor Ryan Donovan
  - Councilman Robert A. Maraio
  - Council Member Judy Smathers
  - Councilman Christopher Shipley
  - Councilman James Homich
  - Councilman Larry Baker
  - Bernice Brinson, City Manager
- District 1  
District 2  
District 3  
District 4  
At Large  
At Large

### **City of Lake Mary**

- Public Works Department
  - Community Development Department
  - Mayor – Thomas C. Greene
  - Deputy Mayor Janet M. Jernigan
  - Commissioner Gary L. Brender
  - Commissioner George F. Duryea
  - Commissioner Michael J. McLean
  - John Litton, City Manager
- At Large  
At Large  
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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
ORLANDO-ORANGE COUNTY EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY**

**WEKIVA PARKWAY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT STUDY  
ADVANCE NOTIFICATION FACT SHEET**

**1. Need for Project**

The central Florida region has experienced tremendous growth over the past few decades that has resulted in increasing demands on the region's transportation system and rising development pressures on the land surrounding the Wekiva River Protection Area. The combined growth rate in Orange County, Seminole County and Lake County exceeded 30 percent between 1990 and 2000, compared to approximately 24 percent for the state. The growth rate in the tri-county area is expected to slow over the next two decades to 18 percent between 2000 and 2010 (4 percent higher than the state rate) and 24 percent between 2010 and 2020 (8 percent higher than the state rate). Population growth projections in Orange, Lake, and Seminole Counties indicate that travel demand will continue to increase beyond the year 2020.

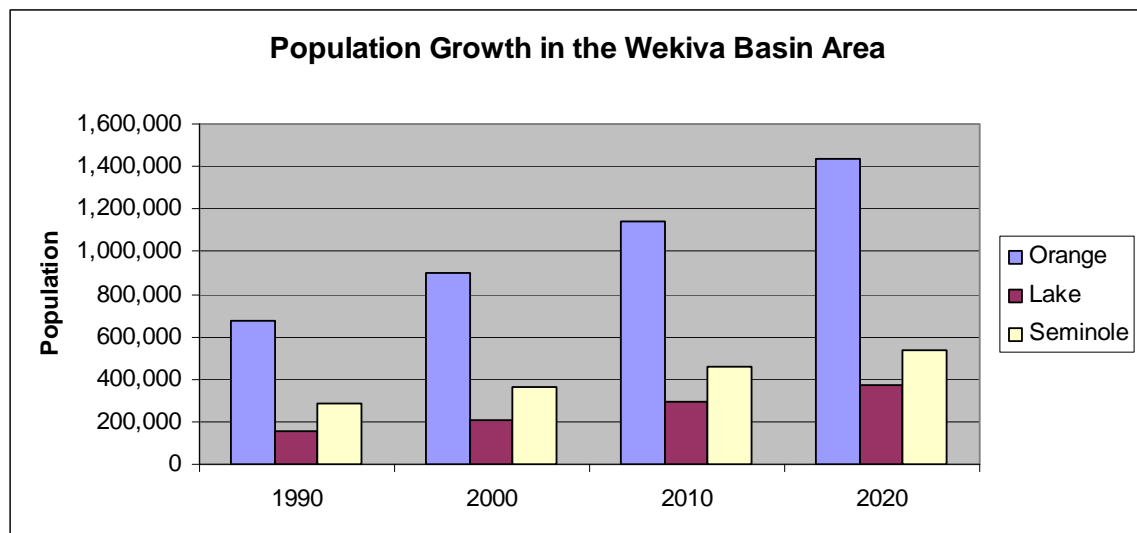


Figure 1. Population Growth in the Wekiva Basin Area

The region is currently served by Florida's Turnpike and Interstate 4, both of which are heavily traveled. A primary component of the regional transportation system is an eastern beltway around Orlando and a portion of a western beltway located between Interstate 4 on the south and US 441 in Apopka, which serve as bypasses for Interstate 4. Completing the beltway connector is an essential component of meeting the growing regional transportation demand.

Previous plans to complete the northwest portion of the beltway were deferred in response to both environmental and community concerns. Alternate plans to address the connector – including widening State Road 46 and building a northwest arterial –have been studied, however stalled due to environmental and community concerns. Existing transportation studies also document that the traditional widening of SR 46 will not alleviate the constrained traffic on Interstate 4 and that the existing roadway network is inadequate to serve travel demand.

The Wekiva Parkway is necessary to:

- Improve regional connectivity – only three east-west travel options exist in a 25-mile envelope;
- Improve safety – From 1997 to 2001, SR 46 has been the location of 14 traffic fatalities and more than 30 bear kills;
- Address increased growth – both population and economic growth as forecasted in local comprehensive plans; and
- Address increased travel demands – the capacity for SR 46 is 24,900 vehicles per day; with historical traffic volume growth exceeding seven percent per year, by 2025, SR 46 would have to support more than 33,000 vehicles per day.

## 2. **Description of Project**

The purpose of the Wekiva Parkway Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study is to determine the most appropriate alignment for the Wekiva Parkway that serves the community while minimizing costs and potential impacts to surrounding homes, businesses and the environment. The study area includes the following components:

- **The Wekiva Parkway** which begins in Orange County at US 441 just west of CR 437 and extends to the north/northeast into Lake County, turning east and crossing the Wekiva River into Seminole County and terminating at I-4. The approximate length of the Wekiva Parkway is approximately 21 miles, with approximately 9 miles in Orange County, 7 miles in Lake County and 5 miles in Seminole County.
- **SR 46 Reconstruction and Realignment** which begins at the SR 46/US 441 interchange in Lake County extending east to a point just east of Round Lake Road then turning southeast on a new alignment entering Orange County with an interchange connection at the Wekiva Parkway. It is expected that the SR 46 improvements will provide controlled-access along the existing alignment from US 441 to the point east of Round Lake Road, while the remaining alignment is expected to be limited-access. The approximate length of the SR 46 Reconstruction and Realignment is approximately 5 miles, with 4 miles in Lake County and 1 mile in Orange County.

- **CR 46A Realignment** which begins on CR 46A in Lake County near the new Heathrow Gatwick Development and extends to the south-southeast on a new alignment and ties into existing SR 46 with an access connection to the Wekiva Parkway. The approximate length of the CR 46A realignment is approximately 3 miles.
- **Wekiva Parkway Access Improvements** are required in Lake County between the realignment of CR 46A and the Wekiva River to allow access to the private property along existing SR 46. It is proposed that the Wekiva Parkway will carry all traffic crossing between Seminole and Lake Counties and provisions for access are required for several properties in this area of Lake County.

The Wekiva Parkway has been the focus of significant community attention within the State of Florida. The Governor of Florida assembled the Wekiva Basin Task Force (Task Force) and the Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee (Coordinating Committee) through Executive Orders. These committees considered a full array of issues associated with the Wekiva River Basin. One of the key recommendations that resulted from these significant efforts was the support for development of the Wekiva Parkway. Through the efforts of the Task Force and Coordinating Committee, the Wekiva Parkway Protection Act was signed into law on June 29, 2004. The PD&E study efforts shall take into consideration the legislative direction of the Wekiva Parkway Protection Act, including consideration and implementation of the Guiding Principles referenced in the Act.

The Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority (OOCEA) and the Florida Department of Transportation – District 5 (FDOT) are providing management services for the PD&E study. FDOT is the lead agency for the Lake County and Seminole County portions of the study. OOCEA is the lead agency for the Orange County portion of the study. The PD&E study is fully funded by OOCEA and FDOT. Funding for the final design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction phases of the Wekiva Parkway project has not been programmed. The project will follow NEPA requirements in anticipation of federal funding assistance.

The Wekiva Parkway will be designed as a four-lane limited-access divided expressway, and be expandable to six-lanes. The preferred alignment and location of interchanges will be determined during the PD&E study. A portion of the Wekiva Parkway is expected to be tolled.

The project is located in quadrangles F5 (Apopka), G3 (Sanford), G4 (Sanford), G5 (Sorrento) and G6 (Eustis). Figure 2, located at the end of the fact sheet, presents the study corridor.

### 3. **Environmental Information**

#### a. **Land Uses**

The majority of the study area falls within unincorporated portions of Orange, Seminole and Lake Counties. The Cities of Apopka, Mt. Dora, Eustis, Lake Mary and Sanford are within or adjacent to the study area. Other unincorporated communities and/or major developments include: Plymouth, Tangerine, Sorrento, Mt. Plymouth, Zellwood Station, Errol Estates, Spring Hollow, and Rock Springs Ridge.

The predominate land uses currently within the study area include rural/agricultural land uses interspersed by numerous suburban land uses. The Task Force and Coordinating Committee realized that the proposed Wekiva Parkway, associated interchanges, and other roadways in the area will improve access and thereby increase development pressure in the project study area. The protection of groundwater recharge to springs in and around the project study area that feed the Wekiva River is crucial to the long-term health of the Wekiva Basin Ecosystem. To balance the objectives of improving the highway corridors while protecting the Wekiva Basin Ecosystem, the Task Force and Coordinating Committee formulated recommendations to protect the springshed, along with the wildlife and habitat, while preserving the rural character of the area.

#### b. **Wetlands**

The project study area includes a number of wetland areas ranging from open water lakes to forested systems. The Wekiva River Basin and the Lake Apopka Conservation Area are located in the study area. The Wekiva River Protection Act was enacted by the Florida Legislature in 1988 to protect the resources of the Wekiva River Basin. The Act declared the Wekiva River a natural resource of state and regional importance and delineated an area comprising portions of Lake, Seminole and Orange Counties as the Wekiva River Protection Area. The Lake Apopka Conservation Area contains land that has been acquired by the state as part of the Lake Apopka Restoration Project. The land is primarily old muck farms that will be converted into filter marshes to improve water quality in Lake Apopka.

The study area lies within the Lake Harris and Lake Apopka planning units of the Ocklawaha River Basin, and within the Wekiva River and Lake Monroe planning units of the Middle St. Johns River Basin, as defined by the St. Johns River Management District. The St. Johns River Management District requires that special standards and criteria be met before construction within the Lake Apopka and Wekiva River Basins.

A wetland evaluation will be conducted for the project. Potential wetland impacts are anticipated and will be evaluated during the study. Impacts to wetlands and critical uplands will be avoided and minimized where possible based on safe and sound engineering and construction practices. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the St. John's River Water Management District have regulatory jurisdiction of the wetlands in the study area.

The amount and type of mitigation required for the project related wetland impacts will be based on further analysis of the wetlands' functional values during subsequent project development phases and the permitting process.

**c. Floodplains**

According to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps, the proposed project will involve work in areas of the 100-year floodplain. The proposed study will evaluate any impacts to the floodplains. The proposed improvements are not anticipated to impact any regulated floodways.

**d. Wildlife and Habitat**

A complete wildlife and habitat assessment will be conducted to evaluate the potential for any adverse impacts to listed species during the PD&E study. The assessment will include measures necessary to mitigate for any impacts to listed species. The Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority and the Florida Department of Transportation will coordinate with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) during the Wekiva Parkway PD&E study.

A list of species, listed by the USFWS as endangered (E) or threatened (T), and believed to potentially inhabit or migrate within the study area is listed in Table 1.

**TABLE 1. PROTECTED WILDLIFE SPECIES IN THE WEKIVA PARKWAY STUDY CORRIDOR**

Protected Wildlife Species known to occur, or have the potential to occur in the project area based on known ranges and habitat preferences. List is not all-inclusive.

			Status	
	Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal	State
Mammals	Florida Black Bear	<i>Ursus americanus floridanus</i>		T
	Sherman's Fox Squirrel	<i>Sciurus niger shermani</i>		SSC
	Florida Mouse	<i>Podomys floridanus</i>		SSC
Birds	Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	T	T
	White Ibis	<i>Eudocimus albus</i>		SSC
	Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>		SSC
	Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>		SSC
	Tricolored Heron	<i>Egretta tricolor</i>		SSC
	Florida Sandhill Crane	<i>Grus canadensis</i>		T
	Crested Caracara	<i>Caracara cheriway</i>	T	T
	Red-cockaded Woodpecker	<i>Picoides borealis</i>	E	SSC
	SE American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius paulus</i>		T
	Burrowing Owl	<i>Speotyto cunicularia</i>		SSC
	Scrub Jay	<i>Aphelocoma coerulescens</i>	T	T
	Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>		SSC
Amphibian	Gopher Frog	<i>Rana capito</i>		SSC
Reptiles	Eastern Indigo Snake	<i>Dymarchon corais couperi</i>	T	T
	Sand Skink	<i>Neoseps reynoldsi</i>	T	T
	Short-tailed Snake	<i>Stilosoma extenuatum</i>		T
	Florida Pine Snake	<i>Pituophis melanoleucus mugitus</i>		SSC
	Gopher Tortoise	<i>Gopherus polyphemus</i>		SSC
	American Alligator	<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	T (S/A)	SSC
Plants	Florida Bonamia	<i>Bonamia grandiflora</i>	T	E
	Hand Fern	<i>Cheiroglossa palmata</i>		E
	Beautiful Pawpaw	<i>Deeringothamnus pulchellus</i>	E	E
	Scrub Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum longifolium</i> var. <i>gnaphalifolium</i>	T	E
	Scrub Lupine	<i>Lupinus westianus</i> var. <i>aridorum</i>	E	E
	Britton's Beargrass	<i>Nolina brittoniana</i>	E	E

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	Paper-like Nailwort	<i>Paronychia chartacea ssp. chartacea</i>	T	E
	Lewton's Polygala	<i>Polygala lewtonii</i>	E	E
	Small's Jointweed	<i>Polygonella myriophylla</i>	E	E
	Scrub Plum	<i>Prunus geniculata</i>	E	E
	Clasping Warea	<i>Warea amplexifolia</i>	E	E

Federal = US Fish and Wildlife Service

State = Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

E = Endangered

T = Threatened

T(S/A) = Threatened due to similarity of appearance

SSC = Species of Special Concern

Note: No known Wood Stork Colony within 18 miles of project.

#### e. **Outstanding Florida Waters**

The Wekiva River is an Outstanding Florida Water and is located in the project study area. Special precautions will be taken to avoid and/or minimize impacts to any areas within the special designations of the Outstanding Florida Water.

#### f. **Aquatic Preserves**

The Wekiva River is an Aquatic Preserve and is located in the project study area. Special precautions will be taken to avoid and/or minimize impacts to any areas within the special designations of the Aquatic Preserve.

#### g. **Coastal Consistency Determination**

This project is not located in or near a coastal barrier resource as defined by the Governor's Executive Order 81-105 and the Federal Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA).

#### h. **Cultural Resources**

As part of the study, a cultural resource survey will be conducted to identify all historic and archaeological sites that are eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. FDOT and the Expressway Authority will seek to minimize any impacts to cultural resources within the project vicinity.

A Section 4(f) evaluation will be conducted to identify any parks, public recreation areas, and wildlife and waterfowl areas located within the project study area. FDOT and the Expressway Authority will seek to minimize any impacts to Section 4(f) resources within the project vicinity.

There are numerous public and private schools, community centers, churches, and cemeteries in the study area. In addition, there are several parks and conservation areas located in or near the study area. The Wekiva River and its tributaries, along with the St. Johns River and associated lands in Central Florida, have been recognized as one of the state's most valuable assets. The Wekiva Basin ecosystem is an outstanding natural resource: the Wekiva River and its tributaries have been designated an Outstanding Florida Water, a National Wild and Scenic River, a Florida Wild and Scenic River and a Florida Aquatic Preserve. Other parks in the study area include the Lake Apopka Conservation Area, Kelly Park/Rock Springs Park, Roosevelt Nichols Park, and the Oklawaha Basin Recreation and Water Conservation area in Lake County.

**i. Coastal Barrier Resources**

There are no Coastal Barrier Resources in the study area.

**j. Contamination**

The proposed project improvements are not expected to significantly impact contaminated properties within the project study area. A Contamination Screening Evaluation Report (CSER) will be prepared for the project. The CSER will rank each site with regard to the risk of contamination per the methodology identified in Chapter 22 of the FDOT *PD&E Manual*.

**k. Sole Source Aquifer**

There are no sole source aquifers located within or near the project study area.

**l. Noise**

There are several potential noise sensitive receivers along the project. These include single-family residences and churches. A detailed Noise Analysis Report will be completed during the PD&E Study.



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**m. Other Comments**

An air quality evaluation will be conducted during the project study. It is not anticipated that the project will have any significant impacts to the air quality.

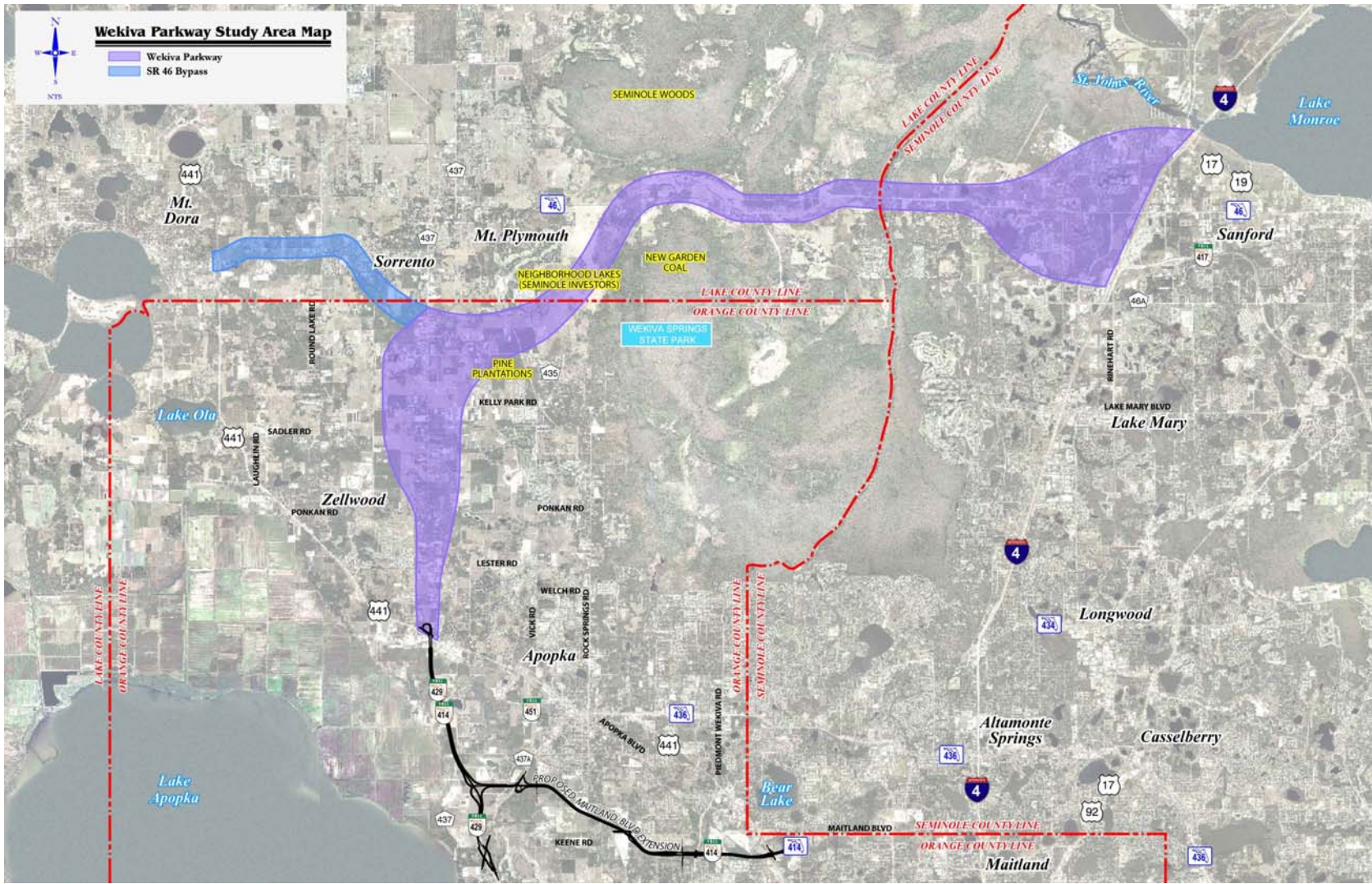
The study area contains two regional watersheds, the Ocklawaha River Basin and the Wekiva River Hydrologic Basin, as defined by the SJRWMD. Approximately one-third of the study area is within the Ocklawaha River Basin. SJRWMD requires special standards and criteria be met before construction within these Basins.

4. **Navigable Waterway Crossing?**       Y                      X  N

5. **Permits Required (and associated Agency)**

Federal Dredge and Fill Permit (filed jointly with ERP)	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE)
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)
Environmental Resource Permit (ERP)	St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD)
Incidental Take Permit (State)	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FFWCC)
Incidental Take Permit (Federal)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

Figure 2 - Study Area Map





# APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

OMB Approval No. 0348-0043

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		<b>4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY</b>	<b>Federal Identifier</b>
<b>5. APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>			
<b>Legal Name:</b> Florida Department of Transportation		<b>Organizational Unit:</b> Ofc. of Design State Trans. Planners Office	
<b>Address (give city, county, State, and zip code):</b> 605 Suwannee Street, Leon County Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450		<b>Name and telephone number of person to be contacted on matters involving this application (give area code)</b> Anne Brewer, P.E., District PD&E Engineer (386) 943-5391	
<b>6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN):</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">             5 9 — 6 0 0 1 8 7 4           </div>		<b>7. TYPE OF APPLICANT: (enter appropriate letter in box)</b> <div style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 10px;">A</div> <div style="clear: both;"></div> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;">A. State</div> <div style="width: 50%;">H. Independent School Dist.</div> <div style="width: 50%;">B. County</div> <div style="width: 50%;">I. State Controlled Institution of Higher Learning</div> <div style="width: 50%;">C. Municipal</div> <div style="width: 50%;">J. Private University</div> <div style="width: 50%;">D. Township</div> <div style="width: 50%;">K. Indian Tribe</div> <div style="width: 50%;">E. Interstate</div> <div style="width: 50%;">L. Individual</div> <div style="width: 50%;">F. Intermunicipal</div> <div style="width: 50%;">M. Profit Organization</div> <div style="width: 50%;">G. Special District</div> <div style="width: 50%;">N. Other (Specify) _____</div> </div>	
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<b>10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER:</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">             2 0 — 2 0 5           </div> TITLE: Highway Planning and Construction		<b>11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT:</b> Financial Project ID No: 238275 1 22 01 240200 1 22 01 Wekiva Parkway from US 441 in Orange County, west of CR 437, north into Lake County and east to I-4 in Seminole County.	
<b>12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):</b> Orange, Lake and Seminole Counties, Florida			
<b>13. PROPOSED PROJECT</b>		<b>14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:</b>	
Start Date 1/10/05	Ending Date 1/10/07	a. Applicant b. Project Congressional Districts 3, 7, 8 and 24	
<b>15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:</b>		<b>16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?</b>	
a. Federal	\$ 510,000,000.00	a. YES. THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON: DATE 03/07/05 b. No. PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E. O. 12372 OR PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED BY STATE FOR REVIEW	
b. Applicant	\$ .00		
c. State	\$ 170,000,000.00		
d. Local	\$ .00		
e. Other	\$ .00		
f. Program Income	\$ .00	<b>17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If "Yes," attach an explanation. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
g. TOTAL -	Preliminary Construction Cost Est. \$680,000,000.00		
<b>18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS AWARDED.</b>			
a. Type Name of Authorized Representative Anne Brewer, P.E.		b. Title District PD&E Engineer	c. Telephone Number (386) 943-5391
d. Signature of Authorized Representative 		e. Date Signed 3/15/05	

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## **Appendix A**

### **Advance Notification Responses**

#### **Federal**

- A-1 United States Coast Guard (USCG)
- A-2 U.S. Department of Health & Human Services – Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
- A-3 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)
- A-4 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- A-5 U.S. Department of Commerce – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- A-6 Miccosukee Tribe of Indians

#### **State**

- A-7 Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) – Florida State Clearinghouse (includes compilation of comments from:
  - East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC)
  - Environmental Policy Unit
  - Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS)
  - State of Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA)
  - Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)
  - Florida Department of State
  - Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)
  - St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD)
- A-8 Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), Division of Forestry (DOF)
- A-9 State of Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

#### **Local**

- A-10 City of Lake Mary
- A-11 Seminole County – Public Works Department
- A-12 City of Mount Dora - Public Services Department
- A-13 Orange County Environmental Protection Division (OCEPD)

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Ms. Anne Brewer, P.E.  
District Project Development and Environment Engineer  
Florida Dept. of Transportation, District 5  
719 S. Woodland Blvd, MS 501  
Deland, FL 32720

Dear Ms. Brewer:

Enclosed is a Bridge Project Questionnaire (BPQ) for your Advance Notification for Wekiva Parkway Development and Environment Study.

Please complete the BPQ and return it to this office with required photographs at your earliest convenience. Completion of this report will facilitate a Coast Guard jurisdictional determination for this waterway and determine whether a Coast Guard bridge permit is required.

If you have any questions concerning the BPQ or Coast Guard permitting policy, you may contact me at (305) 415-6747 or email wtate@d7.uscg.mil.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Gwin Tate III".

W. GWIN TATE III  
Associate Bridge Management Specialist  
U.S. Coast Guard  
By direction

Enclosure



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
U.S. COAST GUARD  
Form D7-1103 (Rev. 5-02)

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## BRIDGE PROJECT QUESTIONNAIRE

The Coast Guard must determine whether or not a Bridge Permit is required for your project. By providing full and accurate information on this form, you will assist in our decision making process. Errors or misstatements may require redesigning of your bridge, and may subject you to civil penalty sanctions. If you have any questions regarding this form, do not hesitate to contact the Bridge Administration Branch at the letterhead address or phone number. Regarding the site of your proposed bridge, please provide the following information:

### NAVIGATION DATA:

1. Name of waterway: \_\_\_\_\_
- 1a. At proposed site, mileage along waterway measured from mouth or confluence \_\_\_\_\_
- 1b. Waterway is a tributary of \_\_\_\_\_ at mile \_\_\_\_\_
2. Geographical Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Road Number, City, County, State)
3. Township, section and range, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Is the waterway tidally influenced at proposed bridge site? \_\_\_\_ Range of tide? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Depth and width of waterway at proposed bridge site:
 

	Depth	Width
At Mean High Tide	_____	_____
At Mean Low Tide	_____	_____
6. Check the type(s) of present vessel traffic on the waterway:  
 Canoe \_\_\_\_\_ Rowboat \_\_\_\_\_ Small Motorboat \_\_\_\_\_ Cabin Cruiser \_\_\_\_\_  
 Houseboat \_\_\_\_\_ Pontoon Boat \_\_\_\_\_ Sailboat \_\_\_\_\_ Tug and tow \_\_\_\_\_ None \_\_\_\_\_
- 6a. Provide the vertical clearance required for the largest vessel using the waterway \_\_\_\_\_
- 6b. Provide a photograph of each type vessel using the waterway.
7. Are these waterways used to transport interstate or foreign commerce? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
- 7a. Are these waters susceptible to use in their natural condition, or by reasonable improvement, as a means to support interstate or foreign commerce? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
- 7b. To your knowledge, are there any planned waterway improvements to permit larger vessels to navigate? \_\_\_\_\_. If so, what are they? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Are there any natural or manmade obstructions, bridges, dams, weirs, etc. downstream or upstream? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

8a. If yes, provide upstream/downstream location with relation to the proposed bridge.

\_\_\_\_\_

8b. If the obstruction(s) are bridges, provide vertical clearance at mean high water and mean low water and horizontal clearance normal to axis of the waterway. Vertical Clearance: MHW \_\_\_\_\_ MLW \_\_\_\_\_ Horizontal clearance \_\_\_\_\_

8c. Provide a photograph of the bridge(s) from the waterway showing channel spans.

9. Will the proposed structure replace an existing bridge? \_\_\_\_\_

9a. Provide permit number and issuing agencies of permits for the bridge(s) to be replaced.

\_\_\_\_\_

9b. Provide the vertical clearance above mean high water and mean low water and the horizontal clearance normal to axis of waterway. Vertical Clearance: MHW \_\_\_\_\_ MLW \_\_\_\_\_ Horizontal Clearance \_\_\_\_\_

9c. Provide a photograph of the to-be-replaced bridge from the waterway, showing the channel span(s).

10. List the names and addresses of persons whose property adjoins the bridge right of way.

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\_\_\_\_\_

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11. List names and addresses/location of marinas, marine repair facilities, public boat ramps, private piers/docks along waterway within ½ mile of site.

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

12. Attach a location map and plans for the proposed bridge; show the vertical clearances above mean high water and mean low water and the horizontal clearance normal to axis of the waterway.

13. Attach three (3) photographs taken at the proposed bridge site: one looking upstream, one looking downstream, and one looking along the alignment centerline across the bridge site.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Bridge Owner or Agent

ATTACHMENTS: Location Map  
Bridge Plans  
Photographs  
Additional pages of names and addresses (if necessary)



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Centers for Disease Control  
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Atlanta GA 30341-3724

April 5, 2005

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FDOT  
Environmental Management

Ms. Anne Brewer, P.E.  
District Project Development and Environment Engineer  
Florida Department of Transportation, District 5  
719 S. Woodland Boulevard, MS 501  
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Dear Ms. Brewer:

This is in response to your Advance Notification request for Wekiva Parkway Project Development and Environment Study, Orange, Seminole, and Lake Counties, Florida. We are responding on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), U.S. Public Health Service.

While we have no project specific comments to offer at this time, we do recommend that the topics listed below be considered during the NEPA process along with other necessary topics, and addressed if appropriate. Mitigation plans which are protective of the environment and public health should be described in the DEIS wherever warranted.

**AREAS OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERN:****I. Air Quality**

- dust control measures during project construction, and potential releases of air toxins
- potential process air emissions after project completion
- compliance with air quality standards

**II. Water Quality/Quantity**

- special consideration to private and public potable water supply, including ground and surface water resources
- compliance with water quality and waste water treatment standards
- ground and surface water contamination (e.g. runoff and erosion control)
- body contact recreation

**III. Wetlands and Flood Plains**

- potential contamination of underlying aquifers
- construction within flood plains which may endanger human health
- contamination of the food chain

**IV. Hazardous Materials/Wastes**

- identification and characterization of hazardous/contaminated sites
- safety plans/procedures, including use of pesticides/herbicides; worker training
- spill prevention, containment, and countermeasures plan

**V. Non-Hazardous Solid Waste/Other Materials**

- any unusual effects associated with solid waste disposal should be considered



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VI. Noise

- identify projected elevated noise levels and sensitive receptors (i.e. residential, schools, hospitals) and appropriate mitigation plans during and after construction

VII. Occupational Health and Safety

- compliance with appropriate criteria and guidelines to ensure worker safety and health

VIII. Land Use and Housing

- special consideration and appropriate mitigation for necessary relocation and other potential adverse impacts to residential areas, community cohesion, community services
- demographic special considerations (e.g. hospitals, nursing homes, day care centers, schools)
- consideration of beneficial and adverse long-term land use impacts, including the potential influx of people into the area as a result of a project and associated impacts
- potential impacts upon vector control should be considered

IX. Environmental Justice

- federal requirements emphasize the issue of environmental justice to ensure equitable environmental protection regardless of race, ethnicity, economic status or community, so that no segment of the population bears a disproportionate share of the consequences of environmental pollution attributable to a proposed project. (Executive Order 12898)

While this is not intended to be an exhaustive list of possible impact topics, it provides a guide for typical areas of potential public health concern which may be applicable to this project. Any health related topic which may be associated with the proposed project should receive consideration when developing the draft and final EISs. Please furnish us with one copy of the draft document when it becomes available for review.

Sincerely yours,



Paul Joe, DO, MPH  
Medical Officer  
National Center for Environmental Health (F16)  
Centers for Disease Control & Prevention



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 Deland, FL 32720

**SUBJ: Advance Notification for Wekiva Parkway Project Development and Environment Study - Orange, Seminole, and lake Counties, Florida**

Dear Ms. Brewer:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received your request to review the above-referenced project, and it has been reviewed pursuant to Section 1424(e) of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The project is determined to lie within the boundaries of the Volusia Floridan Regional Aquifer, which is a designated Sole Source Aquifer (SSA), i.e., it is the sole or principal water source for an area which, if contaminated, would create a significant hazard to the public.

After review of the information provided for this project, I conclude that the necessary precautions to prevent contamination of the underlying aquifer will be taken. It is my understanding that plans for storm water, accidental hazardous spills, and best management practices for erosion control will be adhered to along with state and local permits. It is also requested that EPA, and other permitting agencies, be notified prior to any project changes or alternative plans.

Thank you for your concern with the environmental impacts of the project. If you should have any further questions or concerns in regards to this or other water matters, please do not hesitate to contact me at 404-562-9329 or by email at [howell.stallings@epa.gov](mailto:howell.stallings@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

*E. Stallings Howell*

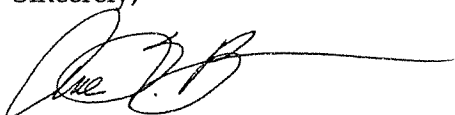
E. Stallings Howell, Chief  
 Ground Water/Drinking Water Branch

Your comments should be addressed to:

Ms. Anne Brewer, P.E.  
District Project Development and Environment Engineer  
Florida Department of Transportation, District 5  
719 S. Woodland Boulevard, MS 501  
Deland, FL 32720

Your expeditious handling of this notice will be appreciated.

Sincerely,



Anne Brewer, P.E.  
District Project Development and Environment Engineer  
Florida Department of Transportation, District 5

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Attachments:

Advance Notification Fact Sheet  
Mailing List  
Application for Federal Assistance



Mailing List (Attached)

4/11/2005

Ms. Brewer:

The FAA interposes no objection with the proposed development from an airspace standpoint. Any use of construction equipment that exceed FAR Part 77 will need to be coordinated and reviewed by the FAA. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Vernon P. Rupint  
Vernon P. Rupinta  
Program Manager





**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
 NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

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Ms. Anne Brewer, P.E.  
 District Project Development and Environment Engineer  
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 719 S. Woodland Boulevard, MS 501  
 Deland, Florida 32720

Dear Ms. Brewer:

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has reviewed the information provided in the Development and Environment Study Advance Notification (AN) for the proposed Wekiva Parkway Project (FIN: 238275-1-22-01) in Lake, Orange, and Seminole counties, Florida. According to the information provided in the AN, palustrine emergent, prairie, scrub-shrub, and forested wetlands; lacustrine open water (lakes, canals, and road side swales); and riverine wetlands are present within the project area.

In order to evaluate the potential impacts to wetland communities located within and adjacent to the project corridor, NMFS requests that the following information be provided for our review:

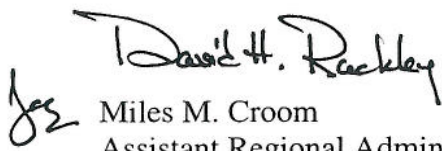
- 1) A habitat characterization of the wetlands within the project corridor, including the size and location of wetlands that would be directly impacted by the proposed project.
- 2) Information on measures to avoid and/or minimize adverse impacts to essential fish habitat (EFH) within the overall impact zone of the project.
- 3) An EFH assessment that includes a description of the proposed action; an analysis of anticipated direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the proposed action on EFH, federally managed species, and associated species by life history state; and the FDOT's views regarding the effects of the proposed project on EFH.
- 4) A sequential mitigation plan that includes compensate for unavoidable impacts to wetland communities that would be degraded or eliminated by the proposed project.
- 5) Once an alternative is decided, conservation and avoidance measures (i.e., best management practices for water quality and erosion control) should be included in the project design and description, and implemented during construction activities. This may be included in the EFH assessment.



- 6) A Stormwater Management Plan should be developed and provided to assure that the additional surface and stormwater runoff from the new impervious surface will be properly treated disposed according to the EPA's and/or DEP's stormwater/NPDES standards. This may be included in the EFH assessment or as a separate document.
- 7) Disclosure of anticipated or likely significant hydrological alteration within the Wekiva River, upstream and downstream of the existing bridge and new bridge.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments. Please direct related questions or comments to the attention of Ms. Madelyn T. Martinez in our Southeast Regional Office, 263 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701. She may be reached by telephone at (727) 824-5317 or by fax at (727) 824-5300.

Sincerely,

  
Miles M. Croom  
Assistant Regional Administrator  
Habitat Conservation Division

cc:  
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# Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida

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Ms. Anne Brewer, P.E.  
District Project Development & Environmental Engineer  
FDOT - District 5  
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RE: Wekiva Parkway PD&E Study, Financial Project Ids: 238275 1 22 01 & 240200 1 22 01

Dear Ms. Brewer:

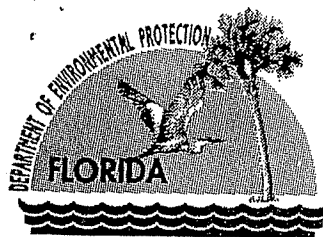
The Miccosukee Tribe received your letter concerning the above referenced proposed project. The Tribal Chairman referred your letter to me as I am the Tribal Representative for Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation and Section 106 Consultation. Mr. Fred Dayhoff is a Tribal Consultant on these matters. Please direct all future correspondence to me.

We have no direct knowledge of any cultural, religious, or traditional sites at the proposed project location. We suggest that a cultural resources survey be conducted of the project area. We further request that we be kept informed of this project and receive a copy of the cultural resources survey.

Thank you for consulting with us. Please call me at (305) 223-8380, Ext. 2244, if you require further information.

Sincerely,

Steve Terry  
NAGPRA & Section 106 Representative



Jeb Bush  
Governor

# Department of Environmental Protection

Marjory Stoneman Douglas Building  
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

Colleen M. Castille  
Secretary

May 23, 2005

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Ms. Anne Brewer, P.E.  
District Project Development & Environment Engineer  
Florida Dept. of Transportation, District V  
719 Woodland Boulevard, MS 501  
DeLand, Florida 32720-6834

RE: Department of Transportation – Advance Notification – Wekiva Parkway PD&E Study –  
Financial Project ID Nos. 238275-1-22-01 and 240200-1-22-01 – Orange, Lake and  
Seminole Counties, Florida

SAI # FL200503210609C

Dear Ms. Brewer:

The Florida State Clearinghouse, pursuant to Presidential Executive Order 12372, Gubernatorial Executive Order 95-359, the Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1451-1464, as amended, and the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321, 4331-4335, 4341-4347, as amended, has coordinated a review of the referenced advance notification.

The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has determined that this project is not inconsistent with Florida Statutes or the goals, objectives and policies of the subject local government comprehensive plans. The DCA notes, however, that the project is not currently addressed in those local plans. Prior to consideration for future advancement in the Florida Department of Transportation's Five Year Work Program, the project should be included in each of the local governments' comprehensive plans. The DCA is currently working with the local governments to update their comprehensive plans to include the Wekiva Parkway on their respective Future Transportation Maps. Please refer to the enclosed DCA comments for additional information.

The Florida Department of Agriculture's Division of Forestry (DOF) has several recommendations regarding the PD&E Study. Please find those suggestions in the enclosed DOF comments.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) states that an Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) will be required for any construction in surface water, wetlands, or state

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lands. In accordance with the operating agreement between the DEP and water management district, DEP will process and review the application in accordance with Chapters 373 and 403 of the Florida Statutes (F.S.), Chapters 18-20 and 18-21 of the *Florida Administrative Code* (F.A.C.), and the applicable district MSSW handbook. The DEP notes that the proposed alignment must be based upon avoidance and minimization criteria to reduce potential impacts to resources. The DEP recommends that all mitigation funding provided to the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) be applied to mitigation activities located within the Wekiva basin.

Constructing the Wekiva Parkway will impact forested wetlands of the Wekiva River Riparian Habitat Protection Zone. The Wekiva River is an Aquatic Preserve and a National Wild and Scenic River. The information provided in the Advance Notification does not provide details regarding anticipated impacts on sovereign submerged lands. Additional details will be required regarding the types of wetlands being traversed, the type of construction, construction access, amount of dredging and filling proposed for wetlands and an explanation of how impacts to wetlands have been minimized or avoided. The applicant is advised to contact Mr. Aaron Watkins of the DEP Central District at (407) 893-7870 for further information.

The DEP notes that a public easement will be required for any portion of the roadway that crosses the Wekiva River. This proprietary authorization should be acquired from the SJRWMD. The applicant is advised to contact Mr. Wilbert Holliday of the DEP Central District at (407) 893-3997 for further information.

Any water main extension or modification will require a permit from the DEP, in accordance with Chapter 62-555, F.A.C. Additionally, any water mains crossing over or under surface water bodies (rivers) must meet the requirements found in Item 8.7 of the DEP's Recommended Standards for Water Works. The applicant is advised to contact Mr. Richard Lott of the DEP Central District at (407) 893-3325 for further information.

The DEP states that the Wekiva River is situated within the Middle St. Johns River, a Group 2 basin for purposes of establishing Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for waters identified as being impaired (i.e. not meeting state water quality standards). Stormwater may require greater treatment in sub-basins where surface waters are impaired. Until TMDLs are developed and implemented, however, the ramifications of TMDLs on projects such as this cannot be better defined. The applicant is advised to contact Ms. Barbara Bess of the DEP Central District (407) 893-3984 for additional information.

Based on the information contained in the advance notification and the enclosed state agency comments, the state has determined that, at this stage, the allocation of federal funds for the above-referenced project is consistent with the Florida Coastal Management Program (FCMP). The applicant must, however, address the concerns identified by the reviewing

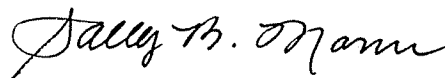


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agencies prior to project implementation. The state's continued concurrence with the project will be based, in part, on the adequate resolution of any issues identified during this and subsequent reviews. The state's final concurrence of the project's consistency with the FCMP will be determined during the environmental permitting stage.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Suzanne E. Ray at (850) 245-2172.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sally B. Mann".

Sally B. Mann, Director  
Office of Intergovernmental Programs

SBM/ser

Enclosures

cc: Geoffrey Sample, SJRWMD  
Barb Bess, DEP Central District  
Forrest Watson, DACS Div. of Forestry  
Ray Eubanks, DCA



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Project Information	
<b>Project:</b>	FL200503210609C
<b>Comments Due:</b>	04/20/2005
<b>Letter Due:</b>	05/20/2005
<b>Description:</b>	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - ADVANCE NOTIFICATION - WEKIVA PARKWAY PD&E STUDY - FINANCIAL PROJECT ID NOS. 238275-1-22-01 AND 240200-1-22-01 - ORANGE, LAKE, AND SEMINOLE COUNTIES, FLORIDA.
<b>Keywords:</b>	DOT - WEKIVA PARKWAY PD&E STUDY - ORANGE, LAKE, AND SEMINOLE CO.
<b>CEQA #:</b>	20.205
Agency Comments:	
<b>E. CENTRAL FL RPC - EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL</b>	
The proposed project, as presented for review and when considered in its entirety, is consistent with the adopted Goals, Policies and Objectives of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council.	
<b>LAKE - LAKE COUNTY</b>	
<b>ORANGE - ORANGE COUNTY</b>	
<b>SEMINOLE -</b>	
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY UNIT - OFFICE OF POLICY AND BUDGET, ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY UNIT</b>	
No Comment	
<b>AGRICULTURE - FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES</b>	
Comments were e-mailed to Lauren Milligan. Among other comments included with e-mail, we suggest that this project comply with the Florida Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund Linear Facilities Policy on natural resource lands, which addresses avoidance, minimization of impacts, and compensation for impacts to natural resources, natural resource lands, and related appurtenances.	
<b>COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS</b>	
Based on the information contained within the advance notification package, DCA has determined that this project is not inconsistent with Florida Statutes or the goals, objectives and policies of the plans. However, this project is not currently addressed in the local governments' comprehensive plan. For future advancement in the FDOT's Five Year Work Program, this project should be included in each of the local governments' comprehensive plans. DCA is currently working with the local governments to update their comprehensive plans to include the Wekiva Parkway on the Future Transportation Map.	
<b>FISH and WILDLIFE COMMISSION - FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>	
No comment by Steve Lau 4-27-05	
<b>STATE - FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE</b>	
No comment/Consistent	
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION - FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION</b>	
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**ST. JOHNS RIVER WMD - ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

The submittal indicates that an Environmental Resource Permit will be required from SJRWMD. However, it is our understanding that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection will handle this permit review, not SJRWMD.

For more information please contact the Clearinghouse Office at:

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-3000  
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**Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
Division of Forestry**

**Memorandum**

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**TO:** Florida State Clearinghouse

**FROM:** Forrest Watson

**DATE:** April 28, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Department of Transportation – Advance Notification – Wekiva Parkway PD&E Study – Financial Project ID Nos. 238275-1-22-01 and 240200-1-22-01 – Orange, Lake, and Seminole Counties, Florida.  
SAI # FL200503210609C

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The Florida Division of Forestry offers the following comments regarding the FDOT Wekiva Parkway Study:

Road design should not reduce the number or alter the location of access points to Seminole State Forest (SSF). Currently there are four access points along SR 46 and eight along CR 46A.

It is our understanding regarding the current road design that portions of SR 46 would be elevated adjacent to SSF to provide wildlife crossings. It is important that any road design increase the area for safe wildlife crossings.

We suggest that this project comply with the Florida Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund Linear Facilities Policy on natural resource lands, which addresses avoidance, minimization of impacts, and compensation for impacts to natural resources, natural resource lands, and related appurtenances. Road and construction area footprints should be minimized on SSF. Any impacts should be mitigated directly on SSF. The proposed parkway route appears to only affect the existing SR 46 right-of-way or areas immediately adjacent to the right-of-way.

The CR 46A realignment should tie the existing CR 46A to SR 46, west of the Design Homes Parcel of SSF. Limiting traffic on the existing CR 46A, east of the Design Homes Parcel, to local use would aid forest management and provide improved wildlife crossing areas.

## POLICY

Use of Natural Resource Lands by Linear FacilitiesAs Approved ByBoard of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fundon January 23, 1996**(A) Purpose and Scope.**

(1) This policy applies only to linear facilities, including electric transmission and distribution facilities, telecommunications transmission and distribution facilities, pipeline transmission and distribution facilities, public transportation corridors, and related appurtenances.

(2) While it is appropriate to discourage and prohibit most kinds of intrusions on natural resource lands, the Trustees recognize that the expanding ownership of lands by the state and the need to provide services to a growing population through linear facilities and related appurtenances will from time to time require crossings and location on such lands. The goal of this policy is to avoid and minimize conflicts between the acquisition and management of natural resource lands for conservation, recreation, and preservation and activities necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of linear facilities and related appurtenances.

**(B) Definitions.**

(1) "Natural Resources" include but are not limited to wetlands, lakes, rivers, streams, estuaries and other surface and ground water resources, flora, fauna, fish and wildlife, natural communities, historical and archaeological resources, scenic vistas and aesthetic values.

(3) "Natural Resource Lands" are those lands owned by the Trustees and which: were acquired with funds from the P2000 or Save Our Coast Bond Program; or were acquired with funds from the CARL or LATF Trust Fund; or are managed for natural resources by the Division of Recreation and Parks, Division of Marine Resources, Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, Division of Forestry, or Secretary of State.

(3) "Related Appurtenances" include those support facilities necessary to the operation of linear facilities. (Examples include but are not limited to substations and pump-stations.)

(4) "Trustees" means the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.

**(C) Avoidance.**

Owners and operators of linear facilities must avoid location on natural resource lands unless no other practical and prudent alternative is available and all steps to minimize impacts as set forth below are implemented. The test of practicality and prudence will compare the social, economic, and environmental effects of the alternatives.

**(D) Minimizing Impacts.**

Applicants must minimize adverse impacts to natural resource lands through reasonable measures where applicable: locating the project in areas where less adverse impacts are expected, such as areas which have already been impacted and are less sensitive than other areas; avoiding significant wildlife habitats, natural aquatic areas, wetlands, or other valuable natural resources; selecting areas to minimize damage to existing aesthetically-pleasing features of the lands; employing best management practices in construction and operation activities; designing access roads and site preparation to avoid interference with hydrologic conditions that benefit natural resources and reduce impacts on other natural resources and public use and enjoyment; and; generally selecting areas that will not increase undesirable human activities on the natural resource lands; and generally, not adversely impacting the management of such lands. However, human activities may be encouraged where linear facility corridors are designated as part of a greenway or trail.

**(E) Compensation.**

(1) The applicant will pay the Trustees an amount not to exceed the fair market value of the interest acquired in the parcel on which the linear facility and related appurtenances will be located.

(2) In addition to the amount in (E) (1) above, the applicant will provide to the managing agency that measure of additional money, land, or services necessary to offset the actual adverse impacts reasonably expected to be caused by the construction, operation and maintenance of the linear facility and related appurtenances. Such impact compensation will be calculated from the land managing agency's timely presentation of documented costs which will result from the impacts of the proposed project.



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RE: SAI# FL200503210609C  
 Project: Wekiva Parkway Project Development & Environmental Study  
 Location: Orange, Seminole & Lake Counties

Dear Ms. Milligan:

On March 23, 2005, the Department received Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Advance Notification Package regarding the Project Development and Environment application for the Wekiva Parkway which runs through Orange, Seminole, and Lake Counties as well as the City of Apopka.

The Department has reviewed the submitted application package for consistency with the comprehensive plans of Orange, Seminole, and Lake Counties and the City of Apopka. Based on the information contained within the advance notification package, we determined that this project is not inconsistent with Florida Statutes or the goals, objectives and policies of the plans. However, this project is not currently addressed in the local governments' comprehensive plan. For future advancement in the FDOT's Five Year Work Program, this project should be included in each of the local governments' comprehensive plans. The Department is currently working with the local governments to update their comprehensive plans to include the Wekiva Parkway on the Future Transportation Map.

Department staff will be available to assist the local governments in amending their transportation element in order to include this planned regional transportation project. Please feel free to contact Paul DiGiuseppe, Principal Planner at (850) 922-1823 for assistance.

Sincerely,

Valerie J. Hubbard, AICP

Director, Division of Community Planning

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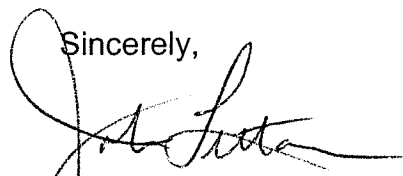
**RE: Advance Notification for Wekiva Parkway Project Development  
and Environmental Study**

Dear Ms. Brewer:

I am in receipt of the Advance Notification package dated February 23, 2005, regarding the above referenced subject. At this point in time the City of Lake Mary has no comments, however, that may change as the project moves forward.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



John C. Litton  
City Manager

cc: John Omana, Community Development Director  
Bruce Paster, Public Works Director

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RE: Advance Notification for Wekiva Parkway /     ect Development and Environment Study

Dear Ms. Brewer:

Thank your for providing Seminole County with the "Advance Notification Fact Sheet" regarding the Wekiva Parkway Project Development and Environment Study. We have completed our review of the subject Fact Sheet and, at your request, offer the following comments for your consideration.

Wekiva Parkway Design

As the Department is aware, Seminole County's position on the Wekiva Parkway within our County is that we believe that the corridor should be contained within or adjacent to the current State Road 46 right-of-way and that all efforts should be exerted to maintain access to properties along the State Road 46 corridor. We understand that by minimizing the amount of limited access right-of-way within the County that frontage road concepts, especially from a point west of Orange Boulevard to the Wekiva River, probably would be necessary. However, the County understands that the Department, by law, must look at all viable corridors within the County.

State Road 46/Interstate 4 Interchange Plan

The Wekiva Parkway and Protection Act require local governments hosting an interchange on the Wekiva Parkway to adopt an interchange land use plan. The requirement for interchange plans was initiated by the Task Force's Recommendation 7; however, Recommendation 2 of the Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee's Final Report, dated March 16, 2004, recommended excluding the I-4 interchange from this requirement. Moreover, the Florida Legislature is currently reviewing a "glitch" bill (Senate Bill 908 attached) that would exempt Seminole County from adopting an interchange plan at I-4/State Road 46.

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### State Road 46 Scenic Corridor Overlay District

The Land Development Code of Seminole County contains a roadway corridor overlay district for State Road 46, extending from the Wekiva River, east to Orange Boulevard. In general, this overlay is intended to:

1. Maintain existing vegetation along the State Road 46 corridor within the Wekiva River Protection Area of Seminole County;
2. Provide for safe and efficient traffic flow by minimizing individual property curb cuts; and
3. Maintain the State Road 46 Scenic Corridor in accordance with the provisions set forth within the LDC (Part 62, State Road 46 Scenic Corridor Overlay District, Section 30.1181, Land Development Code).

### Wekiva River Protection Area and Wekiva Study Area

The proposed Wekiva Parkway corridor traverses the Wekiva River Protection Area (created in 1988) and the Wekiva Study Area (created in 2004), set forth in Parts II and III, Chapter 369, Florida Statutes. The Seminole County Comprehensive Plan, known as "Vision 2020-A Guide to the Journey Ahead" (the "SCCP") and the Land Development Code of Seminole County include extensive policies (i.e., policies previously found compliant with Florida Law by the Department of Community Affairs) and regulations concerning the Wekiva River Protection Area. These policies and regulations are intended to ensure the maintenance of the character of this area, protect natural resources and ensure the long term viability of the Wekiva River Protection Area.

The County is currently drafting comprehensive plan amendments for the Wekiva Study Area required by the Wekiva Parkway and Protection Act. These amendments are intended to assure protection of groundwater and surface water; protect recharge areas and sensitive upland habitats; and promote the continuity of effective and innovative planning and development within the Wekiva Study Area. This effort is due for completion by January 1, 2006. The County is also mandated to adopt land development regulations, by January 1, 2007, to implement the provisions of the Wekiva Parkway and Protection Act. As required by this Act, the County will include an exhibit in the SCCP that depicts the proposed Wekiva Parkway corridor as recommended by the Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee (Part III, Section 369.321(1), Florida Statutes).



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For your information, Public lands, both County and State, are shown in the attached exhibit titled "Seminole County Natural Lands and Public Lands."

Population Projections

As a supplement to the graphic titled "Population Growth in the Wekiva Basin Area", located in the Fact Sheet, the following population data is provided:


In 2003, the population of Seminole County was estimated at 394,900. The population for 2020 is projected to be 458,200 (low end projection) or 632,700 (high end projection) (Florida Statistical Abstract 2004, 28th Edition, University of Florida, page 42).

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the above project. We may, of course, have additional comments throughout the course of the PD&E Study process. Seminole County looks forward to this opportunity to work with the Department in the ongoing development of the regional transportation system of Central Florida.

If you have questions, or if we can be of further assistance, please contact feel free to contact me at (407) 665-5651.

Sincerely,

SEMINOLE COUNTY



Jerry McCollum, P.E.  
County Engineer

JM/TM/dr

Attachments: Seminole County Natural Lands and Public Lands Map  
Senate Bill 908 (Wekiva Glitch Bill)

c: Gary Johnson, Executive Director, Seminole County Expressway Authority  
Alice Gilmartin, Principal Coordinator/Transportation Specialist/Planning Division  
Tony Matthews, Principal Planner/Planning Division

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*Wekiva Glitch Bill*

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By Senator Constantine

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1 A bill to be entitled  
 2 An act relating to the Wekiva Parkway and  
 3 Protection Act; amending ss. 369.319 and  
 4 369.320, F.S.; clarifying that requirements for  
 5 a local government to develop a master  
 6 stormwater management plan and a wastewater  
 7 facility plan apply only to that portion of the  
 8 local government located within the Wekiva  
 9 Study Area; amending s. 369.321, F.S.;  
 10 requiring local governments hosting an  
 11 interchange on the Wekiva Parkway to adopt an  
 12 interchange land use plan within 1 year after  
 13 the interchange location is established;  
 14 exempting interchanges located on Interstate 4  
 15 from the requirement for an interchange land  
 16 use plan; revising the date local governments  
 17 are required to adopt a 10-year water supply  
 18 facility work plan; clarifying that the  
 19 Department of Community Affairs reviews  
 20 comprehensive plan amendments for the Wekiva  
 21 Study Area under ch. 163, F.S.; amending s.  
 22 369.324, F.S.; correcting a reference to the  
 23 East Central Florida Regional Planning Council;  
 24 providing an effective date.  
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26 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 28 Section 1. Section 369.319, Florida Statutes, is  
 29 amended to read:  
 30 369.319 Master stormwater management plan.--Each local  
 31 government within the Wekiva Study Area shall develop a master

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1 stormwater management plan that: assesses existing problems

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2 and deficiencies in the community; identifies projects to meet  
 long-range needs; establishes priorities to address existing  
 deficiencies; establishes measures to address redevelopment;  
 5 establishes a schedule to complete needed improvements;  
 6 evaluates the feasibility of stormwater reuse; and includes  
 7 requirements for inspection and maintenance of facilities. The  
 8 plan shall also identify a funding source, such as a  
 9 stormwater utility fee, to fund implementation of the plan and  
 10 maintenance program. In addition, the local government shall  
 11 establish a water reuse and irrigation program that allows for  
 12 reuse of stormwater on a site basis for development over a  
 13 size threshold to be determined by the local government or on  
 14 a jurisdiction-wide basis to minimize pumpage of groundwater  
 15 for nonpotable usage. For those local governments located  
 16 partially within the Wekiva Study Area, this section applies  
 17 only to that portion located within the Wekiva Study Area.

18 Section 2. Subsection (3) is added to section 369.320,  
 19 Florida Statutes, to read:

20 369.320 Wastewater facility plan.--

21 (3) For those local governments located partially  
 22 within the Wekiva Study Area, this section applies only to  
that portion located within the Wekiva Study Area.

24 Section 3. Section 369.321, Florida Statutes, is  
 25 amended to read:

26 369.321 Comprehensive plan amendments.--Except as  
 27 otherwise expressly provided, by January 1, 2006, each local  
 28 government within the Wekiva Study Area shall amend its local  
 29 government comprehensive plan to include the following:

30 (1) Within 1 year after the establishment of the  
 31 interchange locations, local governments hosting an

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1 interchange on the Wekiva Parkway shall adopt an interchange  
 2 land use plan into their comprehensive plans. Each interchange  
 3 land use plan shall address: appropriate land uses and  
 compatible development; secondary road access; access  
 5 management; right-of-way protection; vegetation protection and  
 6 water conserving landscaping; and the height and appearance of  
 7 structures and signage. Local governments within which the



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8 Wekiva Parkway is planned shall amend their local government  
 comprehensive plan to include the Wekiva Parkway. Interchanges  
 10 located on Interstate 4 are exempt from this subsection.

11 (2) Local governments shall amend the appropriate  
 12 elements of the comprehensive plan, including the capital  
 13 improvements element, to ensure implementation of the master  
 14 stormwater management plan.

15 (3) Local governments shall amend their comprehensive  
 16 plans to establish land use strategies that optimize open  
 17 space and promote a pattern of development on a  
 18 jurisdiction-wide basis that protects the most effective  
 19 recharge areas, karst features, and sensitive natural habitats  
 20 including Longleaf Pine, Sand Hill, Sand Pine, and Xeric Oak  
 21 Scrub. Such strategies shall recognize property rights and the  
 22 varying circumstances within the Wekiva Study Area, including  
 23 rural and urban land use patterns. Local comprehensive plans  
 24 shall map, using best available data from the St. Johns River  
 25 Water Management District and the Fish and Wildlife  
 26 Conservation Commission, recharge areas and sensitive upland  
 27 habitats for this purpose. Local governments shall have  
 flexibility to achieve this objective through comprehensive  
 29 plan strategies that may include, but are not limited to:

- 30 (a) Coordinated greenway plans;  
 31 (b) Dedication of conservation easements;

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- 1 (c) Land acquisition;  
 2 (d) Clustering of development;  
 3 (e) Density credits and density incentives which  
 4 result in permanent protection of open space; and  
 5 (f) Low to very low density development.  
 6 (4) By December 1, 2006, an up-to-date 10-year water  
 7 supply facility work plan for building potable water  
 8 facilities necessary to serve existing and new development and  
 9 for which the local government is responsible as required by  
 s. 163.3177(6)(c).  
 11 (5) Comprehensive plans and comprehensive plan  
 12 amendments adopted by the local governments to implement this  
 13 section shall be reviewed by the Department of Community

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14 Affairs pursuant to s. 163.3184, and shall be exempt from the  
provisions of s. 163.3187(1).

16 (6) Implementing land development regulations shall be  
17 adopted no later than January 1, 2007.

18 (7) During the period prior to the adoption of the  
19 comprehensive plan amendments required by this act, any local  
20 comprehensive plan amendment adopted by a city or county that  
21 applies to land located within the Wekiva Study Area shall  
22 protect surface and groundwater resources and be reviewed by  
23 the Department of Community Affairs, pursuant to chapter 163  
24 and chapter 9J-5, Florida Administrative Code, using best  
25 available data, including the information presented to the  
26 Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee.

27 Section 4. Subsection (4) of section 369.324, Florida  
28 Statutes, is amended to read:

29 369.324 Wekiva River Basin Commission.--

30 (4) To assist the commission in its mission, the East  
31 Central Florida ~~Coast~~ Regional Planning Council, in

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1 coordination with the applicable regional and state agencies,  
2 shall serve as a clearinghouse of baseline or specialized  
3 studies through modeling and simulation, including collecting  
4 and disseminating data on the demographics, economics, and the  
5 environment of the Wekiva Study Area including the changing  
6 conditions of the Wekiva River surface and groundwater basin  
7 and associated influence on the Wekiva River and the Wekiva  
8 Springs.

9 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
10 law.

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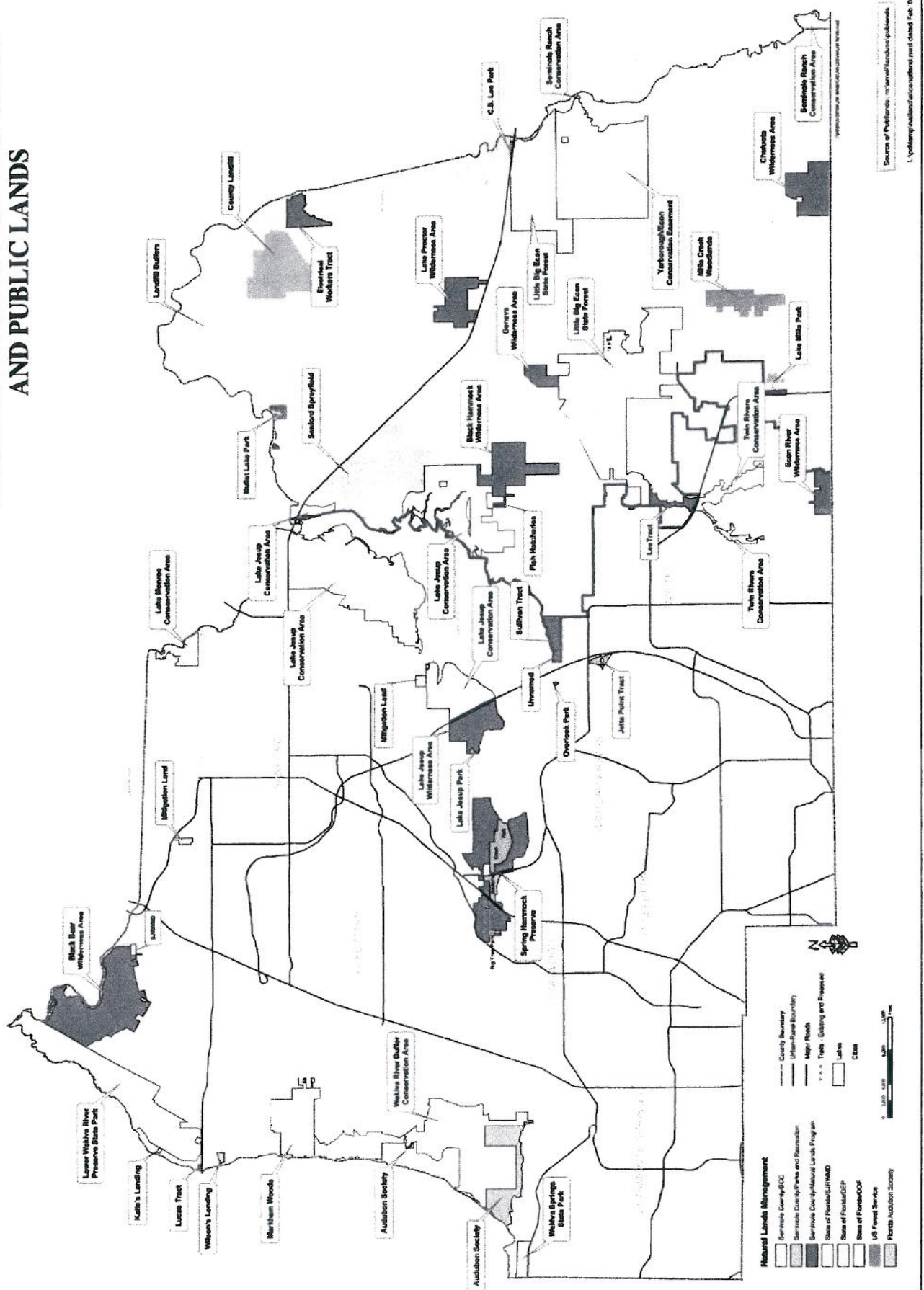
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## 13 SENATE SUMMARY

14 Adds clarification to the Wekiva Parkway and Protection  
15 Act. Specifies that provisions requiring a local  
government to develop a master stormwater management plan  
and a wastewater facility plan apply only to that portion  
of the local government located within the Wekiva Study  
Area. Requires local governments hosting an interchange  
on the Wekiva Parkway to adopt an interchange land use  
plan within 1 year after the location for the interchange  
is established. Exempts interchanges on Interstate 4 from  
the requirement. Requires local governments to adopt a  
10-year water supply facility work plan by December 1,  
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**Subject: Request for Comments Concerning the Advance Notification Package for the Wekiva  
Parkway Project Development and Environment Study  
(FDOT Financial Project IDs: 238275 1 22 01 & 240200 1 22 01)**

Dear Ms. Brewer:

The City of Mount Dora has reviewed the package received for the above subject matter. At this very preliminary stage in the project, the City has limited, but pertinent, comments to submit.

**Comment**

1. Mount Dora requests being added to an information distribution list in to receive copies of decisions from pertinent project planning, design, and engineering meetings. Mount Dora also desires the opportunity to attend meetings affecting any construction within our Utility District.
2. Mount Dora has significant existing utility lines along the SR 46 corridor and predicts additional utility connections will be necessary resulting from new development. Therefore, the City requests notification of all meetings concerning widening of SR 46.
3. Mount Dora requests notification of any discussions involving access management of SR 46.
4. As the Advance Notification Package notes, Mount Dora is also concerned that this project include appropriate measures to protect wetlands, surface water quality, and wildlife along the SR 46 corridor.
5. It is Mount Dora's understanding that the NPDES General Permit required by this project will be issued and will have oversight provided by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), not the EPA. Mount Dora has a DEP NPDES/MS4 permit in place for surface water discharges into its municipal system. The Public Services Department

Comments to FDOT concerning the Wekiva Parkway Project Development & Environment Study

requests a copy of the project NOI filed with the DEP, and copies of any surface water quality reports.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the City's comments.  
Please contact me with any questions at (352) 735-7155.

*Christopher Dilley*

Christopher Dilley,  
City Engineer



cc: Bernice Brinson, City Manager  
Marcus Collins, Director of Public Services  
Nicholas Mcray, Project Administrator

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**Subject: Advance Notification**  
**Wekiva Project Development and Environment Study**

Dear Ms. Brewer:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment on the referenced report. To that end, I offer the following:

The proposed Wekiva Parkway project PD&E study needs to ensure that the Parkway is developed so that it is consistent with the following Orange County Comprehensive Plan GOALS, OBJECTIVES and POLICIES:

**GOAL2:** "Orange County's goal is to protect, enhance and maintain the unique and irreplaceable values, functions, diversity and benefit of the natural resources within the Econlockhatchee River Basin, Wekiva River Protection Area and the Lake Apopka Drainage Basin."

**OBJECTIVE 2.2:** "The natural resources of the Wekiva River shall be protected. This objective shall be made measurable by implementing the following policies."

## **POLICIES:**

**2.2.4:** "Where endangered, threatened plants and animals or species of special concern are known to be present, or are likely to be present, the developer of any subdivision or planned development, shall be required to as part of the development review process to liaise with the Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission in order to protect the above plants and animals within the Wekiva River Protection Area."

**2.2.5:** "Within the 100 Year Floodplain of the Wekiva River developments shall be required to minimize the clearance of native vegetation."

**OBJECTIVE 2.4:** "Orange County shall help restore, protect and preserve the surface water quality and quantity, wildlife population and habitat, aesthetics, open space, historical and archeological resources, floodplains, wetland areas, native upland areas and recreational land of the Lake Apopka River Basin by implementing the following policies."

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The Florida State Clearinghouse references that Incidental take permits will need to be obtained from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission and The Federal Fish and Wildlife Service. Every effort should be made to relocate the threatened, endangered and species of special concern plant and animal species located in the layout of the Wekiva Parkway, and its accessory structures.

Lastly, any activities that are to occur should meet all water quality standards (PLRGS, TMDL"S) established or proposed within the layout of the Wekiva Parkway and its accessory structures.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to offer our preliminary comments on the proposed activities. If you have any questions regarding my comments, please contact Beth Jackson at (407) 836-1581 or [Beth.Jackson@ocfl.net](mailto:Beth.Jackson@ocfl.net).

Sincerely,

  
Elizabeth R. Johnson  
Environmental Supervisor

BJ/ERJ:rb

c: Beth Jackson, Program Manager-Green PLACE, Environmental Protection Division

# **Appendix B**

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## **Public Involvement Plan**



**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM**  
**WEKIVA PARKWAY**  
**PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT STUDY**

This Public Involvement Program has been prepared in accordance with Part 1, Chapter 8 of the "Project Development and Environment Manual" and is submitted to the Deputy Executive Director of the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority and to the District Project Development and Environment Engineer, Florida Department of Transportation – District 5, for their review and approval.

Date: March 16, 2005

Submitted by:



Mark S. Callahan, P.E.  
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Date:

March 16, 2005

Approved by:



Joseph A. Berenis, P.E.  
Deputy Executive Director  
Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority

Date:

March 16, 2005

Approved by:



Anne Brewer, P.E.  
District Project Development and Environment Engineer  
Florida Department of Transportation, District 5

Date:

March 17, 2005

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM**  
**WEKIVA PARKWAY**  
**PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT STUDY**

This Public Involvement Program (PIP) complies with the “Project Development and Environment Manual”, Section 339.155, Florida Statutes, Executive Orders 11990 and 11988, CEQ Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, and 23 CFR 771.

The Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority (Expressway Authority) and the Florida Department of Transportation - District 5 (FDOT) recognize that the success of any transportation improvement is dependent upon a successful public outreach effort. As such, the Expressway Authority and FDOT are committed to conducting a pro-active public involvement program that focuses on educating the public and soliciting the community’s assistance in identifying community needs and developing alternative solutions, thereby increasing the community’s understanding and acceptance of the project.

The Public Involvement Program is a continuing work in process and will be updated and amended throughout the study process as needs are identified. The purpose of the PIP is to outline the study’s public involvement approach and to identify contact persons, including members of the media, public officials and local, state and federal agencies that will be involved in the study.

**I. Description of Proposed Improvement**

Financial Project ID Numbers:	238275 1 22 01 240200 1 22 01
Federal-Aid Project Numbers:	TBD
Project Description:	Multi-lane facility from SR 500 (US 441) to SR 400 (I-4) with an approximate length of 20.54 miles – <i>Orange County, Lake County and Seminole County.</i> SR 46 from SR 500 (US 441) to systems interchange at Wekiva Parkway with an approximate length of 4.23 miles – <i>Lake County and Orange County.</i>
Class of Action:	Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact

## **II. Background**

In July 2003, Governor Jeb Bush created the Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee as a forum to identify land use planning strategies and development standards that balance new growth and future transportation needs with environmental protection in the Wekiva Basin Area. Population growth in and around the Orlando Metropolitan Area has placed an ever-increasing demand on the transportation network in the Basin. It was concluded by the Coordinating Committee that there was a need for a route to link State Road (SR) 429 to Interstate 4 in Seminole County to improve regional connectivity, improve safety, and accommodate increased growth and travel demands in the area.

## **III. Project Goals**

The goal of the Project Development and Environment Study (PD&E) is to identify and select the most appropriate alignment for the Wekiva Parkway. The PD&E study is a systematic process that includes developing a reasonable range of improvement alternatives, completing detailed evaluations of the benefits and impacts (including socioeconomic, natural environment, and physical) of the alternatives, soliciting input from the general public through an extensive public outreach program, and ultimately selecting the “preferred” alignment, which balances a number of competing objectives (such as cost, community impacts, environmental impacts, etc.). All activities executed in relation to the study will be completed in accordance with the FDOT PD&E Manual.

## **IV. Identification of Concerned Public**

The following list of local, regional, state and federal agencies are responsible for jurisdictional review or are potentially impacted by the findings of the PD&E study and will be contacted through the Advance Notification coordination process at the outset of the project in accordance with Part 1, Chapter 2 of the PD&E Manual. Other concerned public agencies will be added to the list and contacted as they are identified during the study.

### **STATE:**

- Florida Department of Community Affairs, Division of Community Planning
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Intergovernmental Programs
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida State Clearinghouse Coordinator
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Division of State Lands, Bureau of Submerged Lands and Preserves
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Office of Land Use Planning and Biological Services
- Florida Department of State, State Division of Historic Resources
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Northeast Regional Office
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Office of Environmental Services
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Marine Fisheries
- Florida Department of Transportation – Federal Aid Programs Coordinator
- Florida Department of Transportation – Environmental Management Office
- Florida Inland Navigation District
- Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise

**FEDERAL:**

- Federal Highway Administration, Division Administrator
- Federal Highway Administration, District Transportation Engineer
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Federal Railroad Administration
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Federal Transit Administration
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Regulatory Branch, District Engineer
- U.S. Coast Guard, Seventh District
- U.S. Department of Agriculture – Southern Region
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Centers for Disease Control
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Regional Environmental Officer
- U.S. Department of the Interior – Fish and Wildlife Service, Field Supervisor
- U.S. Department of the Interior – Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Department of the Interior - Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
- U.S. Department of the Interior – U.S. Geological Survey, Environmental Affairs Program
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region IV, Regional Administrator
- U.S. Department of Commerce – National Marine Fisheries Service
- U.S. Department of Interior – National Park Service
- U.S. Department of Commerce – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- U.S. Department of Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida
- Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma
- Poarch Band of Creek Indians of Alabama
- Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
- Seminole Tribe of Florida

**REGIONAL:**

- St. Johns River Water Management District
- East Central Florida Regional Planning Council
- Center for Urban Transportation Research
- Central Florida MPO Alliance
- METROPLAN ORLANDO
- Lake-Sumter MPO
- Seminole County Expressway Authority

**LOCAL:****Orange County**

- Community and Environmental Services, Environmental Protection Division
- Growth Management Department, Planning Division
- Public Works Department
- School Board

**Seminole County**

- Public Works Department
- Planning and Development Department
- County Engineer
- School Board

**Lake County**

- Public Works Department
- Planning and Development Services
- Engineering Division Director
- School Board

**City of Apopka**

- Public Services Department
- Community Development Director
- City Engineer

**City of Sanford**

- Public Works Department
- Planning and Community Department

**City of Lake Mary**

- Public Works Department
- Community Development Department

**City of Mount Dora**

- Public Services Department
- Planning and Development Department

**City of Eustis**

- Public Works Department

The following local, state and national representatives and public interest groups having a direct or expressed interest in the project study and will be contacted at the project outset.

- *Governor Jeb Bush*
- *United States Senate:*
  - Senator Mel Martinez
  - Senator Bill Nelson

- *United States House of Representatives:*
  - Congressman Corrine Brown District 3
  - Congressman John Mica District 7
  - Congressman Tom Feeney District 24
  - Congressman Ric Keller District 8
  
- *Florida State Senate:*
  - Senator Daniel Webster District 9
  - Senator Gary Siplin District 19
  - Senator Carey Baker District 20
  - Senator Lee Constantine District 22
  
- *Florida State House of Representatives:*
  - Representative Alan Hayes District 25
  - Representative David Simmons District 37
  - Representative Fred Brummer District 38
  - Representative Bruce Antone District 39
  - Representative Randy Johnson District 41
  
- *Wekiva River Basin Commission*
  - Senator Lee Constantine
  - Mr. Allan Keen
  - Mr. Charles Aller
  - Mr. Gary Johnson
  - Mr. Harold Barley
  - Commissioner Teresa Jacobs
  - Mr. William Battaglia
  - Mayor John Land
  - Mr. Thaddeus Cohen
  - Mr. Charles Lee
  - Ms. Vivan Garfein
  - Mr. Dennis David
  - Mr. George Gilhooley
  - Ms. Bonita Sorensen
  - Mr. Kirby Green
  - Commissioner Steve Wolfram
  - Commissioner Catherine Hanson
  - Mayor James Yatsuk
  - Commissioner Brenda Carey



- *Orange County:*
  - Mayor Richard T. Crotty District 1
  - Commissioner Teresa Jacobs District 2
  - Commissioner Robert B. “Bob” Sindler District 3
  - Commissioner Mildred Fernandez District 4
  - Commissioner Linda Stewart District 5
  - Commissioner Bill Segal District 5
  - Commissioner Homer L. Hartage District 6
  - County Administrator, Ajit Lalchandani
  
- *Seminole County:*
  - Chairman Carlton D. Henley District 4
  - Commissioner Bob Dallari District 1
  - Commissioner Randall C. Morris District 2
  - Commissioner Dick Van Der Weide District 3
  - Commissioner Brenda Carey District 5
  - J. Kevin Grace, County Manager
  
- *Lake County:*
  - Chairman Debbie Stivender District 3
  - Commissioner Jennifer Hill District 1
  - Commissioner Robert Pool District 2
  - Commissioner Catherine Hanson District 4
  - Commissioner Welton Cadwell District 5
  - William Neron, County Manager
  
- *City of Apopka:*
  - Mayor John Land
  - Commissioner Billie Dean
  - Commissioner Marilyn Ustler-McQueen
  - Commissioner Kathy Till
  - Commissioner J.W. Arrowsmith
  - City Administrator Jack Douglas
  - City Administrator Richard Anderson
  
- *City of Sanford:*
  - Mayor Brady Lessard
  - Commissioner Art Woodruff District 1
  - Commissioner Velma Williams District 2
  - Commissioner Randy Jones District 3
  - Commissioner Kevin Hipes District 4
  - Al Grieshaber, City Manager

- *City of Mount Dora:*
  - Mayor – James E. Yatsuk District 1
  - Vice Mayor Ryan Donovan District 2
  - Councilman Robert A. Maraio District 3
  - Council Member Judy Smathers District 4
  - Councilman Christopher Shipley At Large
  - Councilman James Homich At Large
  - Councilman Larry Baker
  - Bernice Brinson, City Manager
  
- *City of Eustis:*
  - Mayor – Frank E. Royce Seat 1
  - Vice Mayor Jonnie C. Hale Seat 5
  - Commissioner Evelyn H. Smith Seat 3
  - Commissioner Gwendolyn M. Manning Seat 2
  - Commissioner James T. Rotella Seat 4
  - Michael G. Stearman, City Manager
  
- *City of Lake Mary:*
  - Mayor – Thomas C. Greene
  - Deputy Mayor Janet M. Jernigan At Large
  - Commissioner Gary L. Brender At Large
  - Commissioner George F. Duryea At Large
  - Commissioner Michael J. McLean At Large
  - John Litton, City Manager
  
- *Chambers of Commerce:*
  - Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce
  - Sanford/Seminole County Chamber of Commerce
  - Apopka Chamber of Commerce
  - West Orange Chamber of Commerce
  - East-Lake County Chamber of Commerce
  - Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Metro Orlando

- *Environmental Interest Groups:*
  - 1000 Friends of Florida
  - Alliance to Protect Resources
  - Defenders of Wildlife
  - Audubon of Florida
  - Florida Audubon Society
  - Friends of Wekiva River
  - League of Environmental Organization
  - Marine Resource Council
  - The Nature Conservancy
  - Rails to Trails Conservancy
  - Sierra Club
  - Lake County Conservation Council
  - Orange Audubon Society
  - Seminole Audubon Society
  - Friends of Kelly Park of Rock Springs
  - Florida Trail Association – Central Chapter
  
- *Civic and Professional Associations*
  - Habitat for Humanity
  - AARP
  - Progressive Seniors Club of Plymouth
  - Seniors Resource Alliance of Central Florida
  - League of Women Voters
  - NW Orange County Coalition of Communities
  - Seminole Soccer Club
  - Florida Farm Bureau Federation
  - Fla. Realtors Association
  - Fla. Retail Federation
  - Fla. Association of Community Developers
  - Fla. Association of Home Builders
  - Fla. Restaurant Association
  - Floridians for Better Transportation
  - Fla. Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association

## **V. Outreach Activities**

A number of techniques will be used to notify, educate and solicit feedback from the public regarding the Wekiva Parkway PD&E Study. Outreach activities will include:

- Invitational letters
- Informational newsletters – Newsletters will include project updates and will be distributed to property owners in and around the project corridor. Newsletters will typically be distributed prior to public meetings and at other important junctures of the PD&E study.
- Expressway Authority Navigator Newsletter
- News releases to the media
- Public notices - legal and display
- Public announcements
- Internet web page
- Direct information telephone line
- Direct mailing list - the following will be contacted by direct mail in order to obtain input into the project development process and/or in order to provide project information:
  - a) Those whose property lies, in whole or part, within 3000 feet of the initial project corridor as defined by the recommendations from the Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee.
  - b) In addition, those whose property lies, in whole or part, within 300 feet on either side of the centerline of each project alternative. (Section 339.155 F.S.)
  - c) Area Homeowners Associations
  - d) Local elected and appointed public officials for affected Counties and Cities as listed above
  - e) Affected County Constitutional Officers
  - f) Florida Senators
  - g) Florida House Representatives
  - h) U.S. Senators
  - i) U.S. House of Representatives
  - j) Local elected or appointed officials or individuals who request to be placed on the mailing list for this project
  - k) Public and private groups, organizations, agencies or businesses that request to be placed on the mailing list for this project

The public involvement program will make an effort to involve the traditionally underserved, including but not limited to:

- Transit dependent individuals
- Low-income groups
- Physically challenged/handicapped individuals
- Ethnic groups and minorities
- Youth and elderly
- Rural residents

To accomplish this, the Program will include close coordination with groups or organizations which provide services and assistance to the traditionally underserved (e.g., Goodwill Industries, group homes, public assistance agencies, retirement homes/villages, etc).

To aid getting project information to diverse interest groups, the Program will evaluate the use of alternative media and techniques, and implement those where appropriate. Some techniques that may be evaluated include:

- Mall, rest area and airport kiosks
- Variable message boards
- Radio & TV talk shows
- Billboards
- Message boards on buses
- Computer-generated presentations

Numerous mass media outlets were identified to carry public notices, news releases, public service announcements, news items and interviews. These include:

**NEWSPAPERS:**

<b>Publication</b>	<b>Circulation Frequency</b>	<b>Publishing Times for Public Meetings</b>
Orlando Sentinel 633 North Orange Avenue Orlando, FL 32801 407-420-5629	Daily	Thursday – Three weeks prior to meeting Sunday – One week prior to meeting
El Sentinel (Spanish) 633 North Orange Avenue Orlando, FL 32801 407-420-5411	Weekly	Thursday
Apopka Chief 439 W. Orange Blossom Trail Apopka, FL 32712 407-886-2777	Every Wednesday	Three weeks prior to meeting One week prior to meeting
The Apopka Planter 439 W. Orange Blossom Trail Apopka, FL 32712 407-886-2777	Every Friday	Three weeks prior to meeting One week prior to meeting
Seminole Herald 300. N. French Ave. Sanford, FL 32771 407-322-2611	Wednesday and Saturday	Three weeks prior to meeting One week prior to meeting
Daily Commercial P. O. Box 490007 Leesburg, FL 34749	Daily	Three weeks prior to meeting
La Prensa Newspaper 685 S. County Road 427 Longwood, FL 32750 407-767-0070	Every Thursday	Three weeks prior to meeting One week prior to meeting



In addition to the display advertisements described above, news releases will be distributed to radio stations, television stations and newspapers serving the local area. This list, which is presented below, will be updated as new outlets are identified.

**Radio**

K92 FM  
4192 John Young Parkway  
Orlando, FL 32804

WKCB Star 94.5 FM  
4192 John Young Parkway  
Orlando, FL 32804

WAJL 1190AM  
1160 S. Semoran Boulevard  
Orlando, FL 32807

WDBO 580 AM  
4192 John Young Parkway  
Orlando, FL 32804

WHTQ – 96.5 FM  
200 South Orange Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32801

WLOQ 103.1 FM  
170 W. Fairbanks Avenue  
Winter Park, FL 32789

WMMO 98.9 FM  
200 S. Orange Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32801

WNUE La Nueva 98.1 FM  
337 S. North Lake Blvd., Ste.1024  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

WOMX, WOCL & WJHM FM  
1800 W. Pembroke Drive  
Orlando, FL 32810

WXXL 106.7 FM  
1800 W. Pembroke Drive  
Orlando, FL 32810

WONQ Spanish Radio  
1033 Semoran Boulevard  
Casselberry, FL 32707

WJRR 101.1 FM  
2500 Maitland Center Parkway  
Maitland, FL 32751

WTKS 104.1 FM  
2500 Maitland Center Parkway  
Maitland, FL 32751

WMGF 107.7 FM  
2500 Maitland Center Parkway  
Maitland, FL 32751

WWNZ 740 AM  
2500 Maitland Center Parkway  
Maitland, FL 32751

WSHW 100.3 FM  
2500 Maitland Center Parkway  
Maitland, FL 32751

WMFE 90.7 FM  
11510 E. Colonial Drive  
Orlando, FL 32817

WFLA 540 AM  
2500 Maitland Center Parkway, Suite 401  
Maitland, FL 32751

**Newspapers**

County Watch  
4206 Inwood Landing Drive  
Orlando, FL 32812

Inside Seminole.com  
PO Box 520117  
Longwood, FL 32752  
O 407-260-0565, F 407-260-0488

West Orange Times  
720 S. Dillard Street  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

**Television**

Channel 40 Telemundo  
1650 W. Sand Lake Road  
Orlando, FL 32809

Fox 35 WOFL  
35 Skyline Drive  
Lake Mary, FL 32746

WB 18 WKCF TV  
21 Skyline Drive  
Lake Mary, FL 32746

WESH TV 2 NBC  
1021 North Wymore Road  
Eatonville, FL 32789

WFTV Channel 9 ABC  
490 E. South Street  
Orlando, FL 32801

WKMG – TV 6 CBS  
4466 John Young Parkway  
Orlando, FL 32804

CFN 13  
64 E. Concord St.  
Orlando, FL 32801-1331

WMFE TV Ch. 24  
11510 E. Colonial Dr.  
Orlando, FL 32817-4605

A public announcement will be posted on local government television at least three weeks prior to the Public Information Meeting. The Public Announcement will contain information such as meeting date, time, location and contact information. The following local government television stations were identified in Orange and Seminole Counties:

Orange County TV  
777 East Princeton Street  
Orlando, FL 32803

SGTV (Seminole County TV)  
Patti Michel  
Director  
130 San Carlos  
Sanford, FL 32771  
(407) 665-7488

## **VI. Public Outreach Activity Schedule**

The following information meetings will be held to involve the public and interested agencies in the project development process and to inform interested parties of the project's current status.

- A. Elected Officials/Agency Project Kickoff – Early in the study process, a letter will be mailed to the appropriate local government officials and environmental agencies to indicate that the Wekiva Parkway PD&E Study is underway.
- B. Coordination Meeting with Local Officials – Meetings with local elected officials are held just prior to the Public Information Meetings and Public Hearing to provide updates of the project status, schedule, and specific location and design concepts, and to receive feedback.
- C. Initial Alternatives Meeting - The purpose of the Initial Alternatives Meeting is to present a study update, to entertain questions from members of the public, and to gather feedback on the initial alternatives that have been developed. The meeting will be in an open house format. Visual displays will be available for review and a brief presentation will be made which will be followed by a public question and answer period. This meeting will take place at locations in all three counties.
- D. Viable Alternatives Public Information Meeting - The purpose of the Viable Alternatives Meeting is to present a study update, to entertain questions from members of the public, and to gather feedback on the viable alternatives that have been developed. The meeting will be in an open house format. Visual displays will be available for review and a brief presentation will be made which will be followed by a public question and answer period. This meeting will take place at locations in all three counties.
- E. Public Hearing – A Public Hearing, as required by Federal regulation and State law, will be held to present the recommended alternative. This Hearing may be held once the draft environmental document has been approved by the FHWA, or as directed by the District Environmental Management Office. This meeting will take place at locations in all three counties.
- F. Project Advisory Group and Environmental Advisory Group – A Project Advisory Group (PAG) will be formed early in the study process. The PAG will be made up of “stakeholders” such as large landowners, governmental agencies, environmental agencies, homeowner representatives and others. The purpose of this group is to provide input and technical assistance to the project team and to identify potential “roadblocks” and help establish a plan to overcome those issues.

The Expressway Authority established the Environmental Advisory Group (EAG) in the mid-1980's to assist in expressway planning activities. The EAG continues to meet periodically to discuss environmental issues associated with Expressway Authority project. The Wekiva Parkway PD&E Study Team will facilitate EAG meetings to present up-to-date information and receive input from the EAG members.

There will be six PAG and EAG meetings tentatively scheduled as follows: (1) following the mailing of the kickoff letter, (2) prior to the initial alternatives/public kick-off meeting, (3) prior to the viable alternatives public information meeting, (4) prior to the public hearing, (5) prior to the submittal of the final PER and the final EA/FONSI, (6) following Location Design Concept Approval (LDCA).

- G. Informal Meetings - Meetings, as required and approved by the Expressway Authority and FDOT, will be held with civic groups, homeowners associations and concerned individuals.

## **VII. Coordination with Orange, Seminole and Lake Counties**

Copies of maps depicting all alignment and design concepts under consideration, along with draft copies of any engineering and environmental study documentation, will be furnished to METROPLAN ORLANDO, all affected County MPOs, and Orange, Seminole and Lake Counties for their review and written comments. Coordination meetings with Orange, Seminole and Lake Counties will occur periodically during the study on an as needed basis, or as requested by County officials.

Similarly, updated information will be sent to METROPLAN ORLANDO and all affected County MPOs prior to the scheduled Public Hearing for their review and comments.

## **VIII. Coordination with Wekiva River Basin Commission**

The project team will attend all Wekiva River Basin Commission meetings and will be available to provide updates as requested.

## **IX. Analysis and Summary of Public Comments**

Monthly progress reports and a Comment and Coordination Report will be developed to summarize the public meeting/workshop results and recommendations. The report will also contain the overall input provided through the other public involvement techniques utilized in the project development process.

## **X. Public Hearings**

In compliance with the “Project Development and Environment Manual”, 23 CFR 771, Section 339.115, F.S. and District Five Public Hearing guidelines, a Public Hearing will be held. This meeting will take place at locations in all three counties. The PD&E Public Hearing checklist will be prepared prior to holding the Public Hearings.

*PUBLIC HEARING SITE:* A public facility within the project vicinity.

*PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT:* Legal Advertisement Department will be noticed in the:

- Orlando Sentinel  
633 North Orange Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32801  
407-420-5629
- El Sentinel (Spanish)  
633 North Orange Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32801  
407-420-5411
- Apopka Chief  
439 W. Orange Blossom Trail  
Apopka, FL 32712  
407-886-2777
- The Apopka Planter  
439 W. Orange Blossom Trail Apopka, FL 32712  
407-886-2777
- La Prensa Newspaper  
685 S. County Road 427  
Longwood, FL 32750  
407-767-0070
- Seminole Herald  
300. N. French Ave.  
Sanford, FL 32771  
407-322-2611
- The (Leesburg) Daily Commercial  
P.O. Box 490007  
Leesburg, FL 34749-0007

*LETTERS OF INVITATION:* Letters will be written to all property owners as required by Section 339.155, F.S. and to local government officials to notify them of the upcoming Public Hearing.

*HEARING PREPARATION:* A Power Point (or comparable) presentation, graphics and handouts will be prepared to supplement the oral Public Hearing presentation. Meeting coordination, including location arrangements, equipment supply, set up of outdoor signs, tables, chairs and other equipment, preparation of letters, handouts and slide presentation materials, will be the responsibility of the project team. All work products will be reviewed by the Expressway Authority and FDOT.

*TRANSCRIPT:* A verbatim transcript of the Public Hearings will be developed, to include written comments received at the hearing and written comments received within ten (10) days after the hearing. The transcript will then be forwarded to the FHWA Division Office.

*ENVIRONMENTAL/ENGINEERING DOCUMENTS FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION:*

- EA/FONSI
- Preliminary Engineering Report
- Preliminary Concept Plans and Profiles
- Supporting Environmental Reports including:
  - Noise Study Report
  - Air Quality Report
  - Geotechnical Report
  - Contamination Screening Evaluation Report
  - Cultural Resource Assessment
  - Wetlands Evaluation Report
  - Endangered Species Biological Assessment
  - Essential Fish Habitat Report
  - Location Hydraulic Report
  - Pond Siting Report

*LOCATION OF DOCUMENTS FOR PUBLIC REVIEW:* Public notice will be provided in the Public Hearing advertisements and by mail as to where the study documents are located for public review.

Public review sites are:

- Orange County Site – CH2M HILL Offices  
225 East Robinson Street, Suite 505  
Orlando, FL 32801
- Locations in Seminole and Lake Counties will be selected at a later date.
- Orlando-Orange County Express Authority  
525 S. Magnolia Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32801
- Florida Department of Transportation - District Five  
Project Development and Environment Office  
719 S. Woodland Boulevard, MS 501  
DeLand, FL 32720

*TITLE VI AND TITLE VIII CIVIL RIGHTS ACTS:* Notification during the Public Hearing will be provided in the presentation, by handout, signage and through availability of personnel on the Title VI Program and the Relocation Assistance Program which complies with Title VIII.

*AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANCE:* Notification of the Department's intent to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act will be provided in the public advertisements for the Public Hearing, by invitational letters to property owners and local officials, by handout, and by selection of a Public Hearing site that meet all ADA requirements.

## **XI. Public Hearing Follow-Up**

The following procedures will occur after the Public Hearing:

*RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:* Questions and comments received from the public, but not answered at the hearing, will be followed up after the hearing. The study team will prepare all letters of response for review and concurrence by the Expressway Authority and FDOT prior to being mailed to the person or group who posed the question or comment. A copy of all responses will be included in the project files and within the *Comments and Coordination Report*.

*NEWSLETTER:* A final project newsletter will be prepared upon completion of the Public Hearing. The newsletter will present the results of study. It will also serve to notify the public that the project is near completion and to expect the announcement of the final approval for the project from FHWA.



*RECOMMENDATION NOTICE:* A legal notice announcing the FHWA's approval of the final document and recommendations will be published in the local media. In addition, a press release detailing recommendations made to FHWA will be provided to the local media.

*PUBLIC HEARING TRANSCRIPT PACKAGE:* A booklet containing the verbatim transcript, proofs of publication, sign-in sheet, Public Hearing certification, submitted comment forms, and letters from the public will be prepared.

*PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY:* A *Comments and Coordination Report* summarizing the overall input provided by the public at the hearing and through other public involvement techniques will be developed. This report summarizes the response to comments received from the public involvement and Advance Notification processes.

## **XII. Evaluation of Public Involvement Program**

The public involvement activities will be monitored and evaluated throughout the course of the PD&E Study to gauge the effectiveness of the program. The evaluation techniques to be employed will include informal discussions with public meeting attendees, formal reviews with local government staffs, project team debriefings, written public comment reviews, and other pertinent methods. The Public Involvement Program will remain flexible, and may be adjusted during the PD&E Study in response to changes in the project and/or community.

## **XIII. Public Information During Design**

Public information techniques will be employed during the design process. The public involvement team will be established by the lead agencies at the beginning of the design phase.

# Appendix C

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## Environmental Advisory Committee

## **EAC Members and Other Meeting Attendees**

Mr. Charles Pattison  
1000 Friends of Florida  
926 East Park Avenue  
P.O. Box 5948  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Mr. Peter Brandt  
City of Eustis  
4 N. Grove St.  
Eustis, FL 32726

Mr. Russ Wagner, Director  
City of Ocoee  
Community Development/Planning  
150 N. Lakeshore Dr.  
Ocoee, FL 34761

Mr. Alan Oyler  
Director  
City of Orlando  
Public Works Department  
400 S. Orange Ave.  
Orlando, FL 32801

Mr. Fernand Tiblier  
City of Winter Garden  
8 N. Highland  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Mr. Jim Thomas  
Clean Lakes Coalition  
14908 Tilden Rd.  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Mr. Carl Salafrio  
Vice President  
Creative Environmental Solutions, Inc.  
1425 N.W. 6th Street  
Gainesville, FL 32601

Ms. Jennifer McMurtray  
Defenders of Wildlife  
8175 Imber St.  
Orlando, FL 32825

Mr. Bill Hoebeke  
ECOBANK  
1555 Howell Branch Road  
Winter Park, FL 32789

Mr. Charles Lee  
Florida Audubon Society  
1101 Audubon Way  
Maitland, FL 32751

Ms. Vivian Garfein  
District Director  
Florida Department of Environmental  
Protection  
3319 Maguire Blvd., Suite 232  
Orlando, FL 32803

Mr. Lou Ley  
Geographic Information Systems &  
Springs Coordinator  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
3319 Maguire Blvd., Suite 232  
Orlando, FL 32803

Ms. Debra Laisure, P.E.  
Manager  
Florida Department of Environmental  
Protection  
Stormwater Engineering  
3319 Maguire Blvd., Suite 232  
Orlando, FL 32803

Mr. Joe Bishop  
Supervisor  
Florida Dept. of Agriculture, Division of Forestry  
9610 County Road 44  
Leesburg, FL 34788

Mr. Jack Amon  
Friends of Lake Apopka  
P.O. Box 721  
Oakland, FL 34760

Mr. Terry Irwin  
Butler Chain Conservation Association  
PO Box 405  
Windermere, FL 34786

Mr. Egor Emory  
President  
Lake County Conservation Council  
33325 E. Lake Joanna Drive  
Eustis, FL 32726

Ms. Sheri Ford Lewin  
Mitigation Marketing, Inc.  
P.O. Box 540285  
Orlando, FL 32854

Ms. Nancy Prine  
Friends of Wekiva River  
P.O. Box 536815  
Orlando, FL 32853

Ms. Lori Cunniff  
Manager  
Orange County Environmental Protection  
Division  
800 Mercy Dr., Suite 4  
Orlando, FL 32808

Ms. Joan Brown-Bachmeier  
Seminole Audubon Society  
10151 University Blvd., Suite 145  
Orlando, FL 32817

Mr. Stephen Lau  
Florida Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission  
255 154th Avenue  
Vero Beach, FL 32968

Mr. Jay Exum  
President  
Friends of the Wekiva River  
33 E. Pine St.  
Orlando, FL 32801

Ms. Blanche Hardy  
Lake County  
315 West Main St.  
P.O. Box 7800  
Tavares, FL 32778

Mr. John Ryan  
League of Environmental Organizations  
2215 Avenue A, Northwest  
Winter Haven, FL 33880

Ms. Victoria Kerensky  
Mitigation Marketing, Inc.  
P.O. Box 540285  
Orlando, FL 32854

Ms. Loretta Satterthwaite  
Orange Audubon Society  
6330 Plymouth-Sorrento Rd.  
Apopka, FL 32712

Mr. John Post  
PBS&J/Turnpike District  
Building 5315, Mile Post 263  
P.O. Box 613069  
Ocoee, FL 34761

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Ms. Susan Elfers  
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Mr. Alan Leavens  
Engineering Specialist  
South Florida Water Management District  
1707 Orlando Central Parkway, Suite 200  
Orlando, FL 32809

Mr. Ayouna Riddick  
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**Appendix E**

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**Initial Alternatives  
Summary of Public Workshops  
November 2005  
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# **Wekiva Parkway Project Development and Environment Study**

## **Initial Alternatives Summary of Public Meetings November 2005**

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

This document summarizes the activities associated with the public meetings for the initial alternatives identified in the Wekiva Parkway Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. The public meetings were sponsored by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District 5 and the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority (Expressway Authority). Three public meetings were held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the dates and at the locations identified below.

### **Meeting Dates and Locations:**

Orange County Public Meeting (Sponsored by Expressway Authority)

November 9, 2005

Apopka High School

555 West Martin Street

Apopka, FL

Lake County Public Meeting (Sponsored by FDOT)

November 10, 2005

Lake Receptions

4425 North Highway 19-A

Mount Dora, FL

Seminole County Public Meeting (Sponsored by FDOT)

November 14, 2005

Sanford Civic Center

401 East Seminole Boulevard

Sanford, FL

The public meetings were 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 conceptual alignment alternatives and the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed project. These public meetings presented the first formal opportunities for members of the public to review information about the Wekiva Parkway PD&E Study and to discuss that information with the project team. Viable alternatives public meetings and public hearings are scheduled to take place in the future.

**Project Team Attendees:**

Representatives from the Expressway Authority, FDOT, 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:

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## 2.0 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Approximately 9,000 project newsletters and 9,000 public meeting invitations were sent to business owners, residents, government officials, and other interested parties in and around the project corridor. The newsletters described the project history and status, and included a map of the project corridor and provided public meeting information. The public meeting invitation included details about the public meetings and also included a project corridor map. Invitations were also sent to all elected officials in the project area. A copy of the newsletter and examples of the invitations are included in Appendix A.

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

**Table 1. Newsletter and Invitation Summary**

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Number of Recipients</b>	<b>Invitation Sent</b>	<b>Newsletter Sent</b>
Elected/Appointed Officials	142	October 21, 2005	October 31, 2005
Orange County Property Owners	2446	October 26, 2005	October 31, 2005
Seminole County Property Owners	3897	October 26, 2005	October 31, 2005
Lake County Property Owners	1875	October 26, 2005	October 31, 2005
Interested Parties	584	October 26, 2005	October 31, 2005
<b>Total</b>	<b>8944</b>		

### **Website:**

The project website (located at [www.expresswayauthority.com](http://www.expresswayauthority.com) or [www.oocsa.com](http://www.oocsa.com)) was updated on September 21, 2005, October 6, 2005 and again on October 14, 2005 with the most current information about the public meetings. The website included the study corridor, project schedule and the latest project newsletter. Following the public meetings, a link to files (in PDF format) of the display boards shown at the meetings and a copy of the public meeting PowerPoint presentation was posted on the website.



### 3.0 MEDIA NOTIFICATION

Legal advertisements were prepared and submitted to local print media outlets prior to the public meetings. 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	October 20, 2005 and November 3, 2005
El Sentinel	October 27, 2005
Apopka Chief	October 26, 2005
Apopka Planter	October 28, 2005
Seminole Herald	October 30, 2005
Daily Commercial	October 30, 2005
La Prensa	October 27, 2005

Media releases were e-mailed or faxed to local media outlets on October 21, 2005 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
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WHTQ 96.5 FM	E-mail	No
WOMX 105.1	E-mail	No
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## **4.0 AT THE PUBLIC MEETINGS**

A total of 1,147 people signed in at the three public workshops held for the Wekiva Parkway PD&E Study. That includes 408 attendees in Orange County, 259 in Lake County, and 480 in Seminole County.

### **Meeting Format:**

All three public meetings followed a similar format. The meetings were conducted in an open house format with two identical sets of display boards showing the initial alignment alternatives, typical sections and other project information set up around the perimeter of the room. Meeting attendees were greeted by receptionists and asked to sign in prior to being directed to the county section of their interest. The sign-in sheets can be found in Appendix C. Several tables and chairs were located at the center of the room for attendees to rest and write comments. Project team representatives assisted attendees and the local media by answering questions and addressing concerns about the alternative roadway alignments. Maricelle Venegas of QCA and Libertad Acosta-Anderson of CH2M HILL were available as Spanish interpreters for the event. At each meeting, an attached room was set-up with a continuously looping PowerPoint presentation with narration. The presentation is shown in Appendix D.

### **Parking and Signage:**

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 meeting locations directing attendees to parking and to the meeting facility.

### **Handouts and Comment Forms:**

Handouts were available at the receptionist table and on tables throughout the meeting facility. Handouts included the Fall 2005 Wekiva Parkway PD&E Study newsletter and a project information sheet. Comment Cards were available throughout the meeting space and drop boxes were provided to collect responses. A Court Reporter was present at all three meetings to record verbal comments. See Appendix E for copies of meeting handouts.

### **Displays:**

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

1. Project corridor
2. Project schedule
3. Overall project corridor – initial alternatives
4. Orange County – initial alternatives
5. Systems interchange concept
6. West Lake County - initial alternatives
7. US 441/SR 46 interchange concept
8. US 441/SR 46 interchange with flyover concept
9. East Lake County – initial alternatives

10. Seminole County – initial alternatives
11. Seminole County - with expressways north and south of SR 46
12. Seminole County - limited access with frontage roads to Lake Markham Road
13. Seminole County - limited access with frontage roads to Orange Boulevard
14. Seminole County - limited access with frontage roads to I-4
15. Expressway typical section
16. 6-lane controlled access typical section
17. Limited access at-grade with frontage roads typical section
18. Limited access elevated with frontage roads typical section
19. 2-lane rural typical section
20. Traffic fatalities
21. Traffic board – existing conditions
22. Traffic board – 2025 no-build
23. Traffic board – 2025 build alternative with 4-lane SR 46
24. Traffic board – 2025 build alternative with SR 417 connection

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

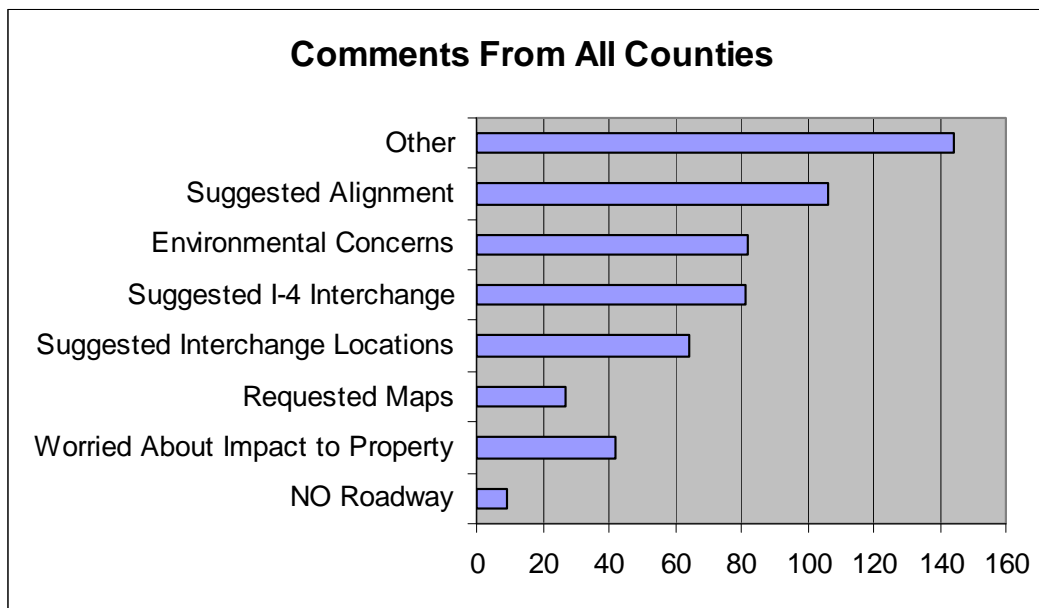
## 5.0 SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED

A total of 285 comment forms were submitted at the workshops or shortly after the workshops. Of the comment forms received, 89 were submitted at the Orange County workshop, 69 in Lake County and 128 in Seminole County.

The responses suggest general support for or acceptance of the Wekiva Parkway. Nine responses expressed opposition to the Wekiva Parkway.

Figure 1 shows a general overview of the comments received from all of the counties. Over 190 comments were received suggesting a preferred alignment, interchange location or interchange concept. A detailed analysis of these preferences can be found in Section 6.0 Comment Analysis. “Other” represents comments that did not fit into a category. A more detailed summary, including the dissection of the “other” category, can be found in Appendix G.

**Figure 1: Comment Summary from All Counties**

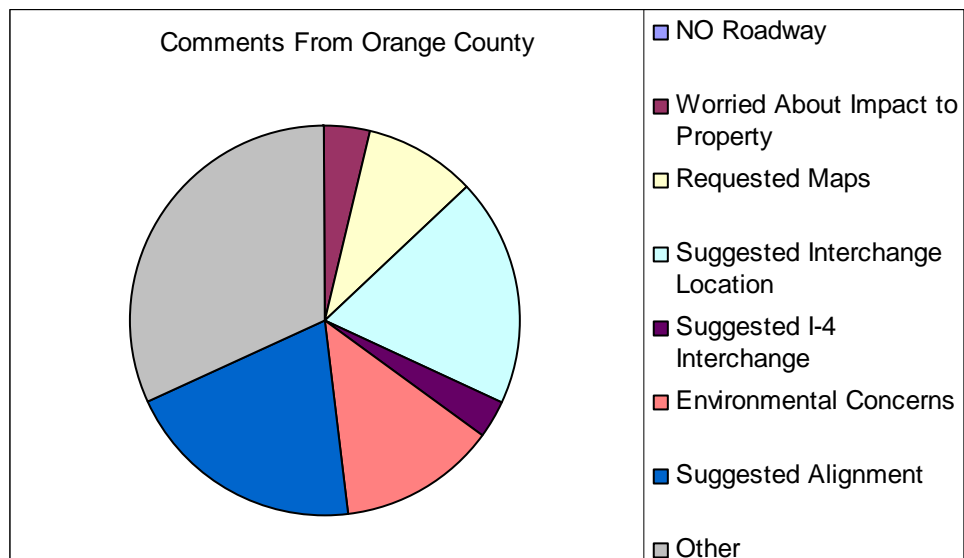


The following table explores the comments by county. Some opposition to the roadway is found in comments submitted in Lake and Seminole Counties. Interchange locations were a major focus in Orange and Seminole Counties. Environmental concerns were a central focus in Lake County.

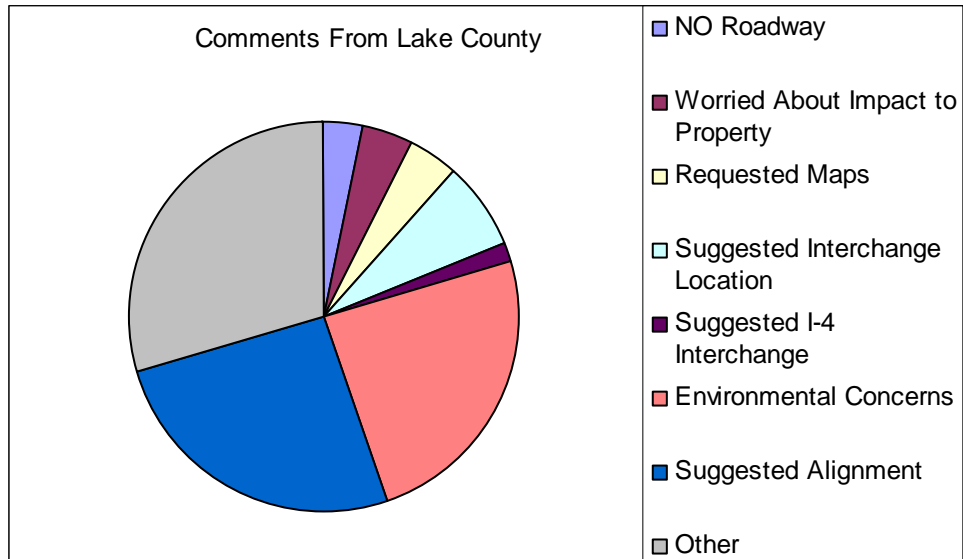
**Table 4. Comment Summary by County**

	Orange County	Lake County	Seminole County	Total
NO Roadway	1	4	4	9
Worried About Impact to Property	13	11	18	42
Requested Maps	11	5	11	27
Suggested Interchange Locations	31	19	14	64
Suggested I-4 Interchange	8	3	70	81
Environmental Concerns	21	33	28	82
Suggested Alignment	32	41	33	106
Other	51	45	48	144
Total	168	161	226	555

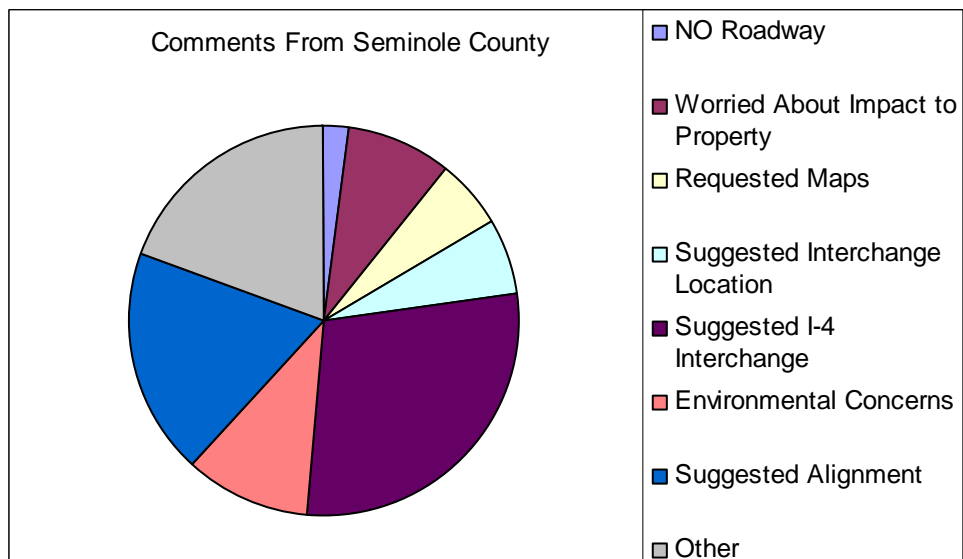
**Figure 2. Graph of Comments from Orange County**



**Figure 3. Graph of Comments from Lake County**



**Figure 4. Graph of Comments from Seminole County**





## **6.0 COMMENT ANALYSIS**

A comprehensive analysis of the public comments showed several preferences among the workshop attendees. The analysis examined portions of the roadway, interchange locations, interchange concepts and other characteristics of the study. Much of the analysis indicated conflicting preferences or inconclusive evidence to support an alternative. Alternatives showing a clear preference are highlighted below. The number in parentheses indicates the number of supporting comments from the public. The three letter acronym followed by a number indicates the roadway segment which can be found on the display boards in Appendix F.

The comments in Orange County show a preference for the Kelly Park Road interchange location (9) over the Ponkan Road interchange location (2) and no interchange at all (2). In West Lake County, the public was somewhat evenly split between the Wolf Branch Sink option (alternative LCW-3) and the alternative that continues east on SR 46 (LCW-4). However there was a preference for alternative LCW-7 (9) which branches south from the Wolf Branch Sink alternative over all of the other options (1 each).

Environmental concerns in East Lake County tilted the preferences in favor of the western alternatives (41) that run through the Neighborhood Lakes property over the eastern alternatives (0). There was a strong preference to place the interchange further away from the Rock Springs Run State Reserve on the Neighborhood Lakes property (49) over the other interchange options (0). Many comments reflected the desire to elevate the roadway through wildlife areas and state lands (14) and to comply with the Wekiva Parkway and Protection Act with regard to land acquisition (27).

In Seminole County, the majority of the public supported the alternative that connects to the SR 417/I-4 interchange (40) over the alternatives that follow SR 46 (25) and the alternative that ties in to the US 17-92/I-4 Interchange (19).

The complete analysis of these and other public comments is included in Appendix G.

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**Viable Alternatives**  
**Summary of Public Workshops**  
**July/August 2006**  
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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This document summarizes the activities associated with the public meetings for the viable alternatives identified in the Wekiva Parkway Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. The public meetings were sponsored by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District 5 and the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority (Expressway Authority). Three public meetings were held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the dates and at the locations identified below.

### Meeting Dates and Locations:

Seminole County Public Meeting (Sponsored by FDOT)

July 25, 2006

Sanford Civic Center

401 East Seminole Boulevard

Sanford, FL

Orange County Public Meeting (Sponsored by Expressway Authority)

July 26, 2006

Apopka High School

555 West Martin Street

Apopka, FL

Lake County Public Meeting (Sponsored by FDOT)

August 1, 2006

Lake Receptions

4425 North Highway 19-A

Mount Dora, FL

The public meetings were 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 viable alignment and concept alternatives and the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed project. These public meetings presented the second formal opportunities for members of the public to review information about the Wekiva Parkway PD&E Study and to discuss that information with the project team. Public hearings are scheduled to take place in the future.



### **Project Team Attendees:**

Representatives from the Expressway Authority, FDOT, 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, Joe Berenis
- Florida Department of Transportation - Tom Percival, Brian Stanger, Steve Homan, Mac McGough, Tina Pollard, Terri Hannah, Teresa Hensley, Elise Laubach, Carol Brannon, Paul Horn, Jim Clark
- CH2MHILL - Mark Callahan, Dave Lewis, Brian Connor, Carol Barker, Patty Perkins, Kathleen Jorza, Melaina Petit, Didier Menard, Ann Marie Mulligan, Libertad Acosta-Anderson, Aaron Johnson
- PBSJ - Gary Skaff, Keith Jackson
- Quest Corporation of America (QCA) Public Information - Mary Brooks, Maricelle Venegas, Brian Hutchings
- HNTB - Josiah Banet, Matthew Matin

## 2.0 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Approximately 9,000 project newsletters were sent to business owners, residents, government officials, and other interested parties in and around the project corridor. The newsletters described the project history and status, and included a map of the overall viable alternatives in the project corridor and provided public meeting information. Public meeting invitations were sent to all elected officials in the project area. A copy of the newsletter and an example of the elected officials' invitations are included in Appendix A.

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

**Table 1. Newsletter and Invitation Summary**

Recipient	Number of Recipients	Invitation Sent	Newsletter Sent
Elected/Appointed Officials	146	July 5, 2006	July 5, 2006
Orange County Property Owners	2,458		July 5, 2006
Seminole County Property Owners	3,924		July 5, 2006
Lake County Property Owners	1,889		July 5, 2006
Interested Parties	587		July 5, 2006
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,004</b>		

### Website:

The project website (located at [www.expresswayauthority.com](http://www.expresswayauthority.com) or [www.oocsa.com](http://www.oocsa.com)) was updated on July 5, 2006 and July 31, 2006 (first workshop photos added) with the most current information about the public meetings. The website included overall viable alternatives, project schedule and the latest project newsletter. Following the public meetings on Aug. 2, 2006, an FTP link to files (in PDF format) of the display boards shown at the meetings and a copy of the public meeting PowerPoint presentation were posted on the website.

### 3.0 MEDIA NOTIFICATION

Legal advertisements were prepared and submitted to local print media outlets prior to the public meetings. 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**

Media Outlet	Run Date
Orlando Sentinel	July 5, 2006 and July 19, 2006
El Sentinel	July 8, 2006 and July 15, 2006
Apopka Chief	July 6, 2006
Apopka Planter	July 7, 2006
Seminole Herald	July 5, 2006
Daily Commercial	July 5, 2006
La Prensa	July 6, 2006

Media releases were e-mailed or faxed to local media outlets on July 24, 2006 as described in Table 3. Copies of legal advertisements and media releases can be found in Appendix B.

**Table 3. Media Notification Summary**

Outlet	Contact Method	Attended Meeting
<b>RADIO</b>		
K92 FM	E-mail	No
WDBO 580 AM	E-mail	7/25/2006
WMMO 98.9 FM	E-mail	No
WTKS 104.1 FM	E-mail	No
WOMX 105.1	E-mail	No
WMFE 90.7	E-mail	No
<b>TELEVISION</b>		
Fox 35 WOFL	E-mail	No
WKMG - TV 6 CBS	Fax	No
Central Florida News 13	E-mail	No
WESH TV 2 NBC	E-mail	7/26/2006
<b>PRINT</b>		
Orlando Sentinel	Fax	7/25/2006 & 8/1/2006
La Prensa	Fax	No
Sanford Herald	Fax	No
Apopka Chief/Planter	Fax	7/26/2006

## 4.0 AT THE PUBLIC MEETINGS

A total of 1,201 people signed in at the three public workshops held for the Wekiva Parkway PD&E Study. That includes 376 attendees in Orange County, 470 in Lake County, and 355 in Seminole County.

### **Meeting Format:**

All three public meetings followed a similar format. The meetings were conducted in an open house format with two identical sets of display boards showing the viable alignment alternatives, typical sections and other project information set up around the perimeter of the room. Meeting attendees were greeted by receptionists and asked to sign in prior to being directed to the county section of their interest. The sign-in sheets can be found in Appendix C. Several tables and chairs were located at the center of the room for attendees to rest and write comments. Project team representatives assisted attendees and the local media by answering questions and addressing concerns about the alternative roadway alignments. Maricelle Venegas of QCA and Libertad Acosta-Anderson of CH2MHILL were available as Spanish interpreters for the event. At each meeting, an attached room was set-up with a continuously looping PowerPoint presentation with narration. The presentation is shown in Appendix D.

### **Parking and Signage:**

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 meeting locations directing attendees to parking and to the meeting facility.

### **Handouts and Comment Forms:**

Handouts were available at the receptionist table and on tables throughout the meeting facility. Handouts included the Summer 2006 Wekiva Parkway PD&E Study newsletter and a project information sheet. Comment Cards were available throughout the meeting space and drop boxes were provided to collect responses. A Court Reporter was present at all three meetings to record verbal comments. See Appendix E for copies of meeting handouts.

### **Displays:**

Two sets of the following display boards, most of them on aerial base maps, were set up on easels around the perimeter of the meeting facility:

1. Overall Wekiva Parkway/SR 46 Realignment Viable Alternatives
2. PD&E Study Schedule  
Orange County -
3. Ponkan Road Interchange Alternative Alignment with East-West Alignment Alternatives in north Orange County
4. Kelly Park Road Interchange Alternative Alignment with East-West Alignment Alternatives in north Orange County
5. Wekiva Parkway/SR 46 Realignment Systems Interchange Alternative 1 with East-West Alignment Alternative 1
6. Wekiva Parkway/SR 46 Realignment Systems Interchange Alternative 2 with East-West Alignment Alternative 1

7. Wekiva Parkway/SR 46 Realignment Systems Interchange Alternative 3 with East-West Alignment Alternative 1
8. Wekiva Parkway/SR 46 Realignment Systems Interchange Alternative 4 with East-West Alignment Alternative 2
9. Wekiva Parkway/SR 46 Realignment Systems Interchange Alternative 5 with East-West Alignment Alternative 2
10. Wekiva Parkway/SR 46 Realignment Systems Interchange Alternative 6 with East-West Alignment Alternative 2
- Lake County West -
11. US 441/SR 46 Interchange Modification Alternative 1
12. US 441/SR 46 Interchange Modification Alternative 2
13. US 441/SR 46 Interchange Modification Alternative 3
14. SR 46 North and South Widening Options from US 441 to east of Round Lake Road with SR 46 Realignment Alternatives
15. SR 46/SR 46 Realignment Intersection Alternative 1
16. SR 46/SR 46 Realignment Intersection Alternative 2
- Lake County East -
17. Neighborhood Lakes Alignment Alternatives (West, Central, East)
18. CR 46A Realignment Alternative 1
19. CR 46A Realignment Alternative 2
20. 3 Alignment Alternatives from Neighborhood Lakes to the Wekiva River (Green, Blue, Red)
21. Split Diamond Interchange Access Concept on Red Alignment, Alternative 1
22. 3 Full Interchanges Access Concept on Red Alignment, Alternative 2
23. 3 Full Interchanges Access Concept on Red Alignment, Alternative 3
24. Split Diamond Interchange Access Concept on Green Alignment, Alternative 4
25. 3 Full Interchanges Access Concept on Green Alignment, Alternative 5
- Seminole County -
26. Wekiva Parkway to SR 417/I-4 Interchange Modification with 6 Lane SR 46 to I-4
27. Wekiva Parkway to SR 46/I-4 Interchange Modification
28. Wekiva Parkway to Orange Blvd. with 6 Lane SR 46 to I-4
29. 6 Lane SR 46 from Wekiva River to I-4
30. Wekiva Parkway with Frontage Roads from Wekiva River to Florida Power Easement – Widening to the North
31. Wekiva Parkway with Frontage Roads from Wekiva River to Florida Power Easement – Widening to the South
32. Wekiva Parkway/SR 417/I-4 Interchange Modification
33. Wekiva Parkway/SR 46/I-4 Interchange Modification Alternative 1
34. Wekiva Parkway/SR 46/I-4 Interchange Modification Alternative 2
- Typical Sections -
35. Wekiva Parkway 4 Lane Divided (4LD) Expressway
36. Wekiva Parkway 6 Lane Divided (6LD) Expressway
37. Wekiva Parkway 4LD Expressway with Frontage Roads
38. Wekiva Parkway 6LD Expressway with Frontage Roads
39. SR 46 6 Lane Divided Urban
40. CR 46A 2 Lane Rural
41. CR 46A 4 Lane Rural

Traffic -

- 42. Existing Conditions
- 43. No-Build 2032 with 2 Lane SR 46
- 44. No-Build 2032 with 4 Lane SR 46
- 45. Build 2032
- 46. Build 2032 (Seminole County Alternatives only)

Other -

- 47. Traffic Fatalities in Project Corridor

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

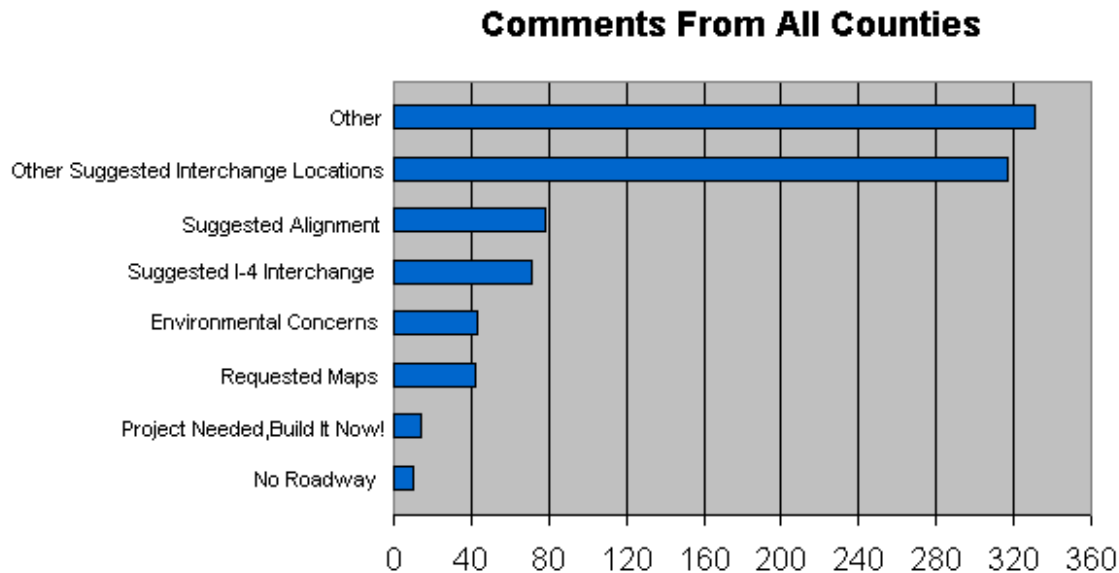
## 5.0 SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED

A total of 573 comment forms were submitted at the workshops or shortly after the workshops. Of the comment forms received, 108 were submitted at or after the Orange County workshop, 122 at or after the Lake County workshop, and 343 at or after the Seminole County workshop.

The responses suggest general support for or acceptance of the Wekiva Parkway. Fourteen (14) responses specifically noted the project was needed and should be completed as soon as possible. Ten (10) responses expressed outright opposition to the project.

Figure 1 shows a general overview of the comments received from all of the counties. More than 460 comments suggested a preferred alignment, interchange location or interchange concept. An analysis of these preferences can be found in Section 6.0 Analysis of Comments. "Other" represents an array of comments touching on issues such as traffic signals, local road plans or concerns, pedestrian & bike trails, drainage & floodplain, increasing growth and development, construction impacts and meeting format or materials, to name a few.

Figure 1: Comment Summary from All Counties



The following table explores the comments by county. Some opposition to the roadway is found in comments submitted in Lake and Seminole Counties. Interchange locations were a major focus in Orange and Seminole Counties, with impacts to properties or property values being a central concern in Seminole County. Environmental concerns were a central focus in Lake County.



**Table 4. Comment Summary by County**

	Seminole County	Orange County	Lake County	Total
No Roadway	4	0	6	10
Project Needed; "Build it now!"	2	5	7	14
Impacts to Property / Values	35	12	10	57
Requested Maps	19	15	8	42
Suggested I-4 Interchange	70	8	3	81
>SR 417 & I-4+	42	3	7	52
>SR 46 & I-4+	14	1	4	19
Suggested Other Interchange Locations	210	67	40	317
>OC: Kelly Park Rd.+	197	44	0	241
>OC: Ponkan Rd.+	4	7	7	18
Environmental Concerns	19	6	18	43
Suggested Alignment	20	5	53	78
Other	222	39	70	331
<b>Total</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>973*</b>

\*It should be noted that the number of comments exceeds the number of comment forms as many forms covered multiple topics.

+Totals for bulleted (>) sub-items are already included in the main item heading above.

Figure 2. Graph of Comments from Seminole County

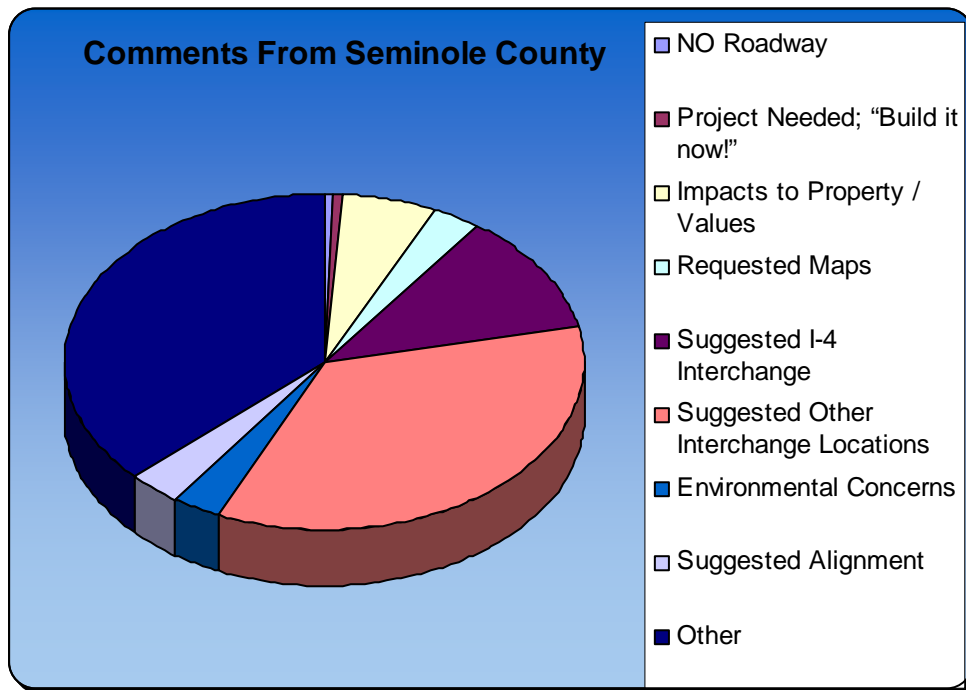


Figure 3. Graph of Comments from Orange County

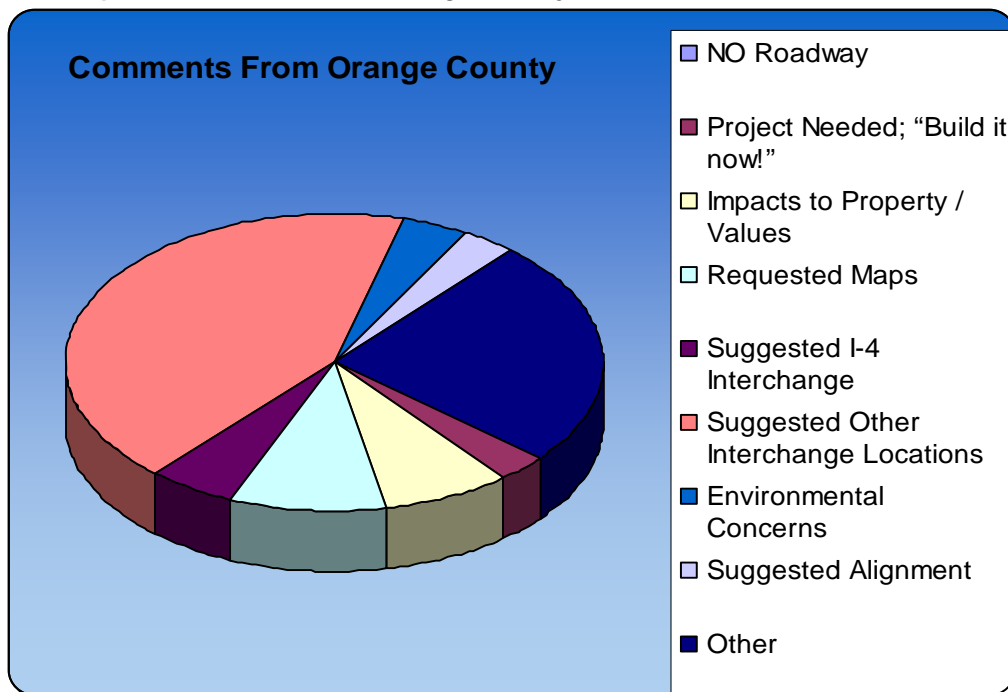
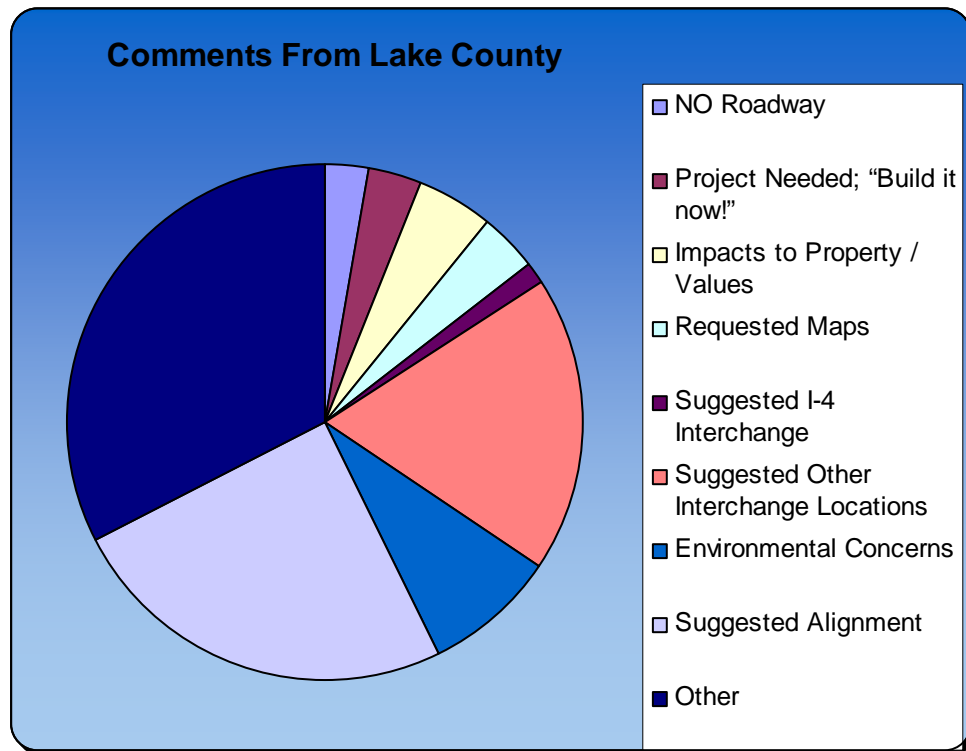


Figure 4. Graph of Comments from Lake County

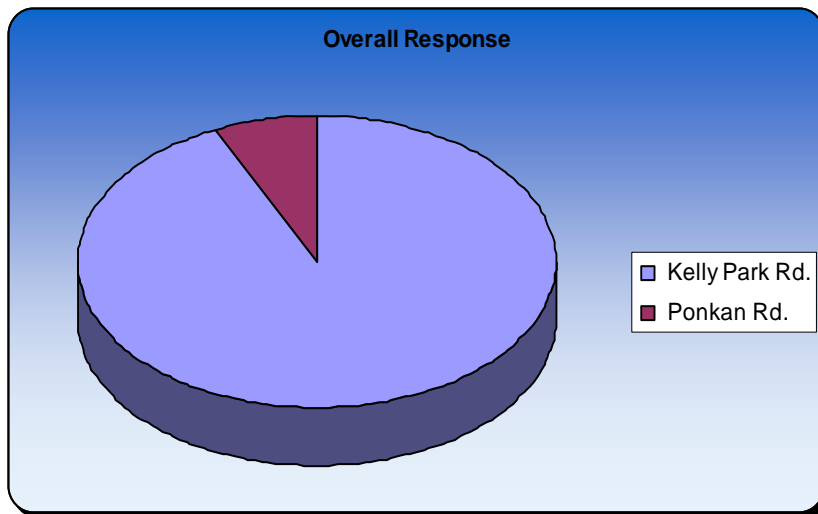


## 6.0 ANALYSIS OF COMMENTS

A comprehensive analysis of the public comments showed several preferences among the workshop attendees. The analysis examined portions of the roadway, interchange locations, interchange concepts and other characteristics of the study. Much of the analysis indicated conflicting preferences or inconclusive evidence to support an alternative. Alternatives showing a clear preference are highlighted below. The number in parentheses indicates the number of supporting comments from the public.

The comments in Orange County show a preference for the Kelly Park Road interchange location (44) over the Ponkan Road interchange location (7). An unexpectedly high number of Seminole County forms also dealt with the Orange County interchange, with Seminole comments favoring the Kelly Park option (197) vs. Ponkan (4).<sup>\*</sup> Overall, 241 of those commenting favored the Kelly Park interchange location over Ponkan Road (18).

Many of those in the three counties supporting the Kelly Park Road interchange (76) cited concerns about impacts to school traffic and student safety, and the road's narrow, curvy nature if the interchange were placed at Ponkan Road. Those favoring the Ponkan Road location cited concerns about an interchange at Kelly Park Road encouraging development to move north into the more rural area.



The total number of comments for the Orange-Lake County Systems Interchange (24) was inconclusive, with Alternative 5 garnering the most support (7). Five comments suggested that within the systems interchange, the Orange County Alternative 2 should be shifted north onto county public lands.

In West Lake County, the public preferred Alternative 1, the north widening of SR 46, (10) compared to Alternative 2, the southern widening (2). The comments preferred the US 441/SR 46 Interchange Alternative 1 (7), with Alternatives 2 and 3 both garnering three (3) supportive comments each.

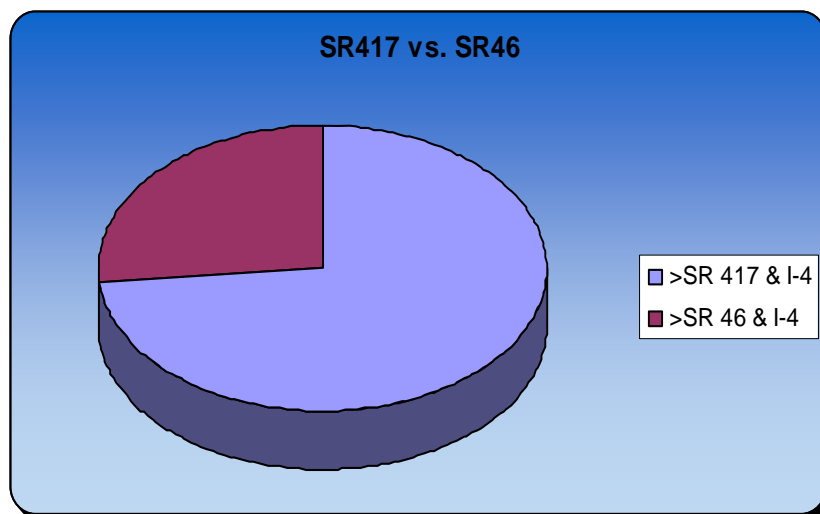
East Lake County comments regarding the alternatives that run through the Neighborhood Lakes property were inconclusive, with only seven members of the public weighing in on that issue. Local access alternatives in east Lake County garnered more interest (26), with Alternative 2 registering 11 comments, Alternative 5 (7), Alternative 1 (5), Alternative 3 (3) and none (0) for Alternative 4.

The majority of those commenting on the Lake County-County Road 46A Realignment (11) requested the alternatives be moved farther east. Otherwise, the realignment Alternative 1 received one (1) supportive comment, and Alternative 2 received four (4).

There was an organized comment form effort opposing the SR 46 Bypass involving a modified comment form at the top of which was typed a statement from a property owner. There was a dotted line below the statement and the regular comment form with a similar pre-set comment already typed in. There were 15 such either modified forms or forms that had been handwritten but with the same text. Those sending in these comments stated they wanted SR 46 to remain as it is.

Overall environmental concerns (43) included protecting wildlife, ensuring the acquisition of conservation lands, wetland and water quality concerns, protecting the rural character of particular areas and preventing encroachment on existing public lands.

In Seminole County, the majority of the public supported the alternative that connects to the SR 417/I-4 Interchange (42) over the alternatives that follow SR 46 (14). Overall, comments supporting the SR 417 Interchange location (52) over the SR 46/I-4 connection (19) cited better traffic flow, fewer residential impacts and a direct beltway connection.



The majority of the public supported widening SR 46 to the north in Seminole County (26) to accommodate the parkway in order to minimize residential impacts. Of those comments, 12 each stemmed from Lake and Seminole counties, and two (2) from Orange County. The six (6) overall comments supporting the south widening cited protection of the Lower Wekiva Preserve. There were also eight (8) comments overall supporting one-lane frontage roads in the area of the Preserve to minimize impacts.

There were 32 overall comments regarding noise concerns and/or requesting noise abatement, 24 comments overall regarding drainage or floodplain concerns and 11 comments overall with concerns about the visibility or appearance of the Parkway.

It should perhaps be noted that numerous citizens submitted multiple comment forms, covering either similar or different topics.

*\*It should also be noted that at least two organized comment form "campaigns" appear to have taken place during the public involvement process. One endeavor involved more than 100 Seminole County workshop forms being submitted that dealt only with supporting the Kelly Park Road Interchange in Orange County. Although all of these forms and envelopes were hand-addressed by different individuals from throughout Central Florida, the postage meter stamp on all of the envelopes indicated they were all mailed from the same ZIP code – 32810.*

*The other organized effort involved opposition to the SR 46 Bypass as previously noted.*

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## **Appendix G**

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# **Summary of Public Workshop on Preliminary Service Road Concept in East Lake County December 17, 2009 (Appendices on Attached CD)**

Wekiva Parkway (SR 429)/SR 46 PD&E Study  
Public Workshop  
On Preliminary Service Road Concept in East Lake County  
December 17, 2009

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February, 2010



Wekiva Parkway (SR 429)/SR 46 Realignment  
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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, Sunserea 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**

Recipient	Number of Recipients	Invitation Sent
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**

Media Outlet	Run Date
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:

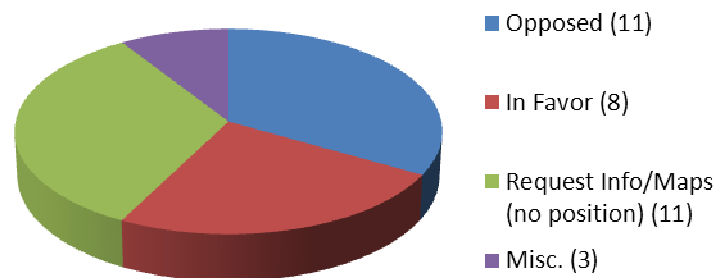
1. Service Road Concept Part A
2. Service Road Concept Part B
3. Service Road Concept Part C
4. Service Road Concept Part D
5. Service Road Concept 600 scale
6. Overall Wekiva Parkway (SR 429)/SR 46 Realignment Preferred Alternative
7. Current East Lake County Preferred Alternative
8. Wekiva Parkway (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.

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**Appendix H**

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**Summary of Proposed Build Alternative  
Public Hearing Sessions  
October 26, 27 and 28, 2010  
(Appendices on Attached CD)**





## **Wekiva Parkway (SR 429)/SR 46 Realignment Project Development and Environment Study**

### **Summary of Proposed Build Alternative Public Hearing Sessions October 26, 27 and 28, 2010**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This document summarizes the activities associated with the public hearing for the proposed build alternative identified in the Wekiva Parkway Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. Three public hearing sessions were sponsored by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 5 and the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority (Expressway Authority). The three public hearing sessions were held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the dates and at the locations identified below.

### Public Hearing Dates and Locations:

- **Session 1 – Orange County (sponsored by the Expressway Authority)**  
Tuesday, October 26, 2010  
VFW Post No. 10147  
519 South Central Avenue  
Apopka, FL 32703
- **Session 2 – Lake County (sponsored by FDOT)**  
Wednesday, October 27, 2010  
Lake Receptions  
4425 North Highway 19A  
Mount Dora, FL 32757
- **Session 3 – Seminole County (sponsored by FDOT)**  
Thursday, October 28, 2010  
Sanford Civic Center  
401 East Seminole Boulevard  
Sanford, FL 32771

The public hearing sessions were 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 proposed build alternative and the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed project. These public hearing sessions presented formal opportunities for members of the public to review information about the Wekiva Parkway PD&E Study, to discuss that information with the project team, and to provide their comments for the public hearing record.

### Project Team Attendees:

Representatives from the Expressway Authority, FDOT District 5, PBS&J, CH2M HILL, Quest Corporation of America Inc. (QCA), Kittelson & Associates Inc. (KAI), and HNTB were available at each of the public hearing sessions to answer questions. All project team representatives wore nametags. Project team representatives who attended included:

- Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority – Executive Director Mike Snyder, P.E., Joe Berenis, P.E., Lindsay Hodges, Michelle Maikisch and Glenn Pressimone, P.E.

- Florida Department of Transportation – District 5 Secretary Noranne Downs, P.E., Brian Stanger, P.E., Steve Olson, Michael Dollery, Jim Clark, Jorge Colon, Diane Taylor, Teresa Hensley and Laura Waters
- CH2MHILL (PD&E Study Consultant) – Mark Callahan, P.E., Dave Lewis, Kathleen Jorza, Sunsera Dalton, P.E., Ann Mulligan, P.E., Tara Jones, P.E., Melanie Koffler, Carol Barker, P.E., Scott Bear, P.E., Eddie Vidal, Eileen LaSeur, Ken Wooten, P.E. and Amy Windom, P.E.
- QCA (Public Information) – Brian Hutchings, Megan Olivera, Karen Kersey, Nicole Colone and Sharlene Lairscey
- PBS&J (Expressway Authority General Engineering Consultant) – Massoud Moradi, P.E., Keith Jackson, P.E. and Deborah Keeter
- KAI (Access Management Consultant) – Jack Freeman, P.E.
- HNTB (Traffic Consultant) – Josiah Banet, P.E. and Kacia Monts

## 2.0 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

A total of 18,320 public hearing notification letters were sent to residents, property owners, business owners, government officials and agencies, and other interested parties in and around the study corridor. Additionally, approximately 1,600 emails were sent to individuals from the Wekiva Parkway contact database. The letters provided information on the dates, times and locations of the public hearing sessions. A copy of the public hearing advertisement, a map of the hearing locations, project limits and other information about the hearing was included with the letter. Public hearing invitations were also sent to all local, state and federal elected officials within the project area. Examples of the notifications are included in Appendix A.

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

**Table 1. Notification Letter Summary**

Recipient	Number of Invitations Sent to Recipients
Elected and Appointed Officials	76
Federal, State and Local Agencies	244
Orange County Property Owners	4,262
Seminole County Property Owners	6,076
Lake County Property Owners	4,658
Other Interested Parties	3,004
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,320</b>

## Website:

On October 4, 2010, three weeks prior to the public hearing sessions, information about the upcoming hearing and PDFs of project documents including the Environmental Assessment were posted on the project website (located at [www.wekivaparkway.com](http://www.wekivaparkway.com) or [www.ooccea.com](http://www.ooccea.com)). Information about the public hearing sessions was also posted on the FDOT Public Meetings notification website. The project website was updated throughout the process leading up to the public hearing sessions. The website included maps of the overall proposed build alternative, individual proposed build alternative maps for specific areas, the project schedule and a project information flyer. Following the final public hearing session on October 28, 2010, electronic copies of the display boards shown at the public hearing, a copy of the public hearing PowerPoint presentation and handout materials were also posted on the project website.

## 3.0 MEDIA NOTIFICATION

Legal advertisements were prepared and submitted to local print media outlets for publication well in advance of the public hearing. Advertisements were published in English and Spanish. In addition to information on the public hearing sessions, these advertisements provided Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for public review at eight locations in the study area. A list of the media outlets and advertisement run dates is shown in Table 2.

**Table 2. Legal Advertisements Summary**

Media Outlet	Run Date
Florida Administrative Weekly	October 1, 2010
Orlando Sentinel	October 3, 2010 and October 17, 2010
El Sentinel	October 2, 2010 and October 16, 2010
Apopka Chief	October 1, 2010 and October 15, 2010
Apopka Planter	September 29, 2010 and October 13, 2010
Sanford Herald	October 3, 2010 and October 17, 2010
Daily Commercial	October 3, 2010 and October 17, 2010
La Prensa	October 7, 2010 and October 21, 2010

Media releases were e-mailed or faxed to local media outlets on October 25, 2010 as described in Table 3. Copies of legal advertisements and media releases are provided in Appendix B.

**Table 3. Media Notification Summary**

Outlet	Contact Method	Attended Meeting
<b>RADIO</b>		
K92 FM	E-mail	
WDBO 580 AM	E-mail	
WMMO 98.9 FM	E-mail	
WTKS 104.1 FM	E-mail	
WOMX 105.1	E-mail	
WMFE 90.7	E-mail	

<b>TELEVISION</b>		
Fox 35 WOFL	E-mail	Yes
WKMG - TV 6 CBS	E-mail	
Central Florida News 13	E-mail	Yes
WESH -TV 2 NBC	E-mail	Yes
WFTV – TV 9 ABC	E-mail	Yes
<b>PRINT</b>		
Orlando Sentinel	E-mail	Yes
La Prensa	E-mail	
Sanford Herald	E-mail	
Apopka Chief/Planter	E-mail	Yes
Daily Commercial	E-mail	Yes
Leesburg Daily Commercial	E-mail	Yes

## 4.0 AT THE PUBLIC HEARING SESSIONS

A total of 1,327 people signed-in at the three public hearing sessions held for the Wekiva Parkway PD&E Study, including 401 attendees in Orange County, 455 in Lake County, and 471 in Seminole County.

### Public Hearing Format:

All three public hearing sessions followed the same format. The hearing sessions began with an informal open house for review of displays and documents, followed by a formal presentation and public comment period. Two identical sets of display boards showing the proposed build alternative, typical sections and other project information were set up around the perimeter of the room. Hearing attendees were greeted by receptionists and asked to sign-in prior to being directed to the county section of their interest. Attendees were given project information handouts and speaker request cards. Copies of the sign-in sheets are provided in Appendix C. Several tables and chairs were provided for attendees to rest and write comments. Comment forms and pens were provided. Persons requiring special accommodations were provided contact information in the public notice materials in order to be accommodated. No requests were made. Project team representatives assisted attendees and the local media by answering questions and addressing concerns about the alternative roadway alignments. Tables were provided for right-of-way and access personnel to answer questions and provide written information on the right-of-way acquisition process and access management. Brochures were also available to explain the traffic noise evaluation process and criteria for noise abatement. Several members of the project team were available as Spanish interpreters for those attendees who needed that assistance. At each session, a PowerPoint presentation with narration was presented to the attendees, followed by a public comment period. The presentation is provided in Appendix D.



#### **Parking and Signage:**

Ample parking was available to accommodate attendees, including those with disabilities. Signs were placed at major intersections and along roadways around the public hearing locations directing attendees to parking and the public hearing facility.

#### **Handouts and Comment Forms:**

Handouts with information on the Wekiva Parkway project were provided to attendees at the reception table. Handouts included project information and a map of the proposed build alternative. Comment cards were available throughout the meeting space and drop boxes were provided to collect responses. Two Court Reporters were present at all three hearing locations to record verbal comments. See Appendix E for copies of the public hearing handouts.

#### **Displays:**

Two sets of the following display boards were set up on easels around the perimeter of the meeting facility. Those display boards which depicted alternatives were on aerial base maps. The display boards ranged in size from 22" x 34" up to 34" x 56" for ease of viewing.

- Welcome Board
- Title VI/Title VIII Board
- Interpretive Services Board
- PD&E Study Schedule
- Project Study Area
- Initial Alternatives – Overall for Orange County, Lake County West, Lake County East and Seminole County



- Viable Alternatives – Overall for Orange County, Lake County West, Lake County East and Seminole County
- Proposed Build Alternative – Overall Layout
- Proposed Build Alternative – Orange County
- Proposed Build Alternative – Lake County West
- Proposed Build Alternative – Lake County East
- Proposed Build Alternative – Seminole County
- Proposed Build Alternative – Key Sheet and Concept Plans (Complete Set at 200 Scale)
  - Proposed Build Alternative Concept Plan Sheets (Orange County)
  - Proposed Build Alternative Concept Plan Sheets (Lake County West)
  - Proposed Build Alternative Concept Plan Sheets (Lake County West)
  - Proposed Build Alternative Concept Plan Sheets (Seminole County)
- Proposed Build Alternative – Typical Sections
  - Wekiva Parkway (Orange County – From US 441 North to Lake County)
  - SR 46 Reconstruction (Lake County West – From US 441 to East of Round Lake Road)
  - SR 46 Realignment (Lake County West – From East of Round Lake Road to Systems Interchange)
  - Wekiva Parkway (Lake County East – From Orange County to Neighborhood Lakes Interchange)
  - CR 46A Realignment (Lake County East – From SR 46 to Arundel Way)
  - Wekiva Parkway (Lake County East – From Neighborhood Lakes Interchange to East of Wekiva River)
  - Wekiva Parkway with Frontage Roads (Seminole County – From Wekiva River to West of Orange Boulevard)
  - Wekiva Parkway to I-4 (Seminole County – From SR 46 to SR 417/I-4 Interchange)
  - SR 46 Reconstruction (Seminole County – From West of Orange Boulevard to I-4)
- Proposed Build Alternative – Evaluation Matrix
- Proposed Build Alternative – Noise Analysis
- Traffic Boards
  - 2032 Proposed Build Alternative (Lake and Orange Counties)
  - 2032 Proposed Build Alternative (Seminole County)
  - 2032 No-Build Alternative (Lake and Orange Counties)
  - 2032 No-Build Alternative (Seminole County)
  - Existing Conditions (Lake and Orange Counties)
  - Existing Conditions (Seminole County)

PDFs of the graphics and information displayed on these boards are on a CD provided in Appendix F.

#### **Documents:**

Two hard copies of all engineering and environmental reports prepared in the PD&E Study were on display and readily available for review at the public hearing sessions. Those documents included the Environment Assessment, the Preliminary Engineering Report, and the Preliminary Plans. Preliminary right-of-way maps and property indexes were also available for review.

## 5.0 SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED

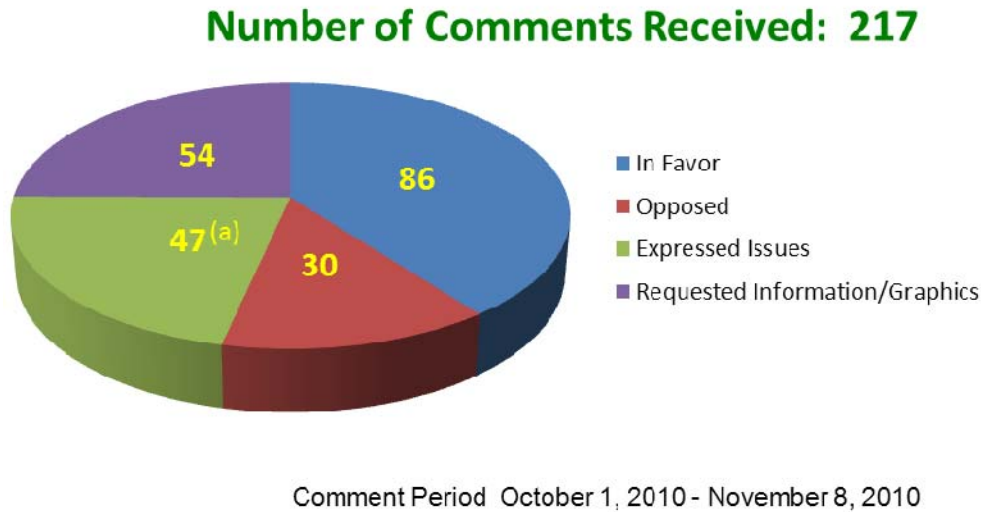
A total of 248 comments were submitted during the public hearing comment period (between approximately October 1, 2010 and November 8, 2010). That includes oral presentations provided at the public hearing sessions, comment forms submitted at the public hearing sessions and emails and mail received during the public hearing comment period. Of that total, 31 duplicate comments\* (such as attendees providing comments at all three meetings, faxing and then mailing a comment card, etc.) were received. Since those comments were the same or very similar, we have included only one of those comments in the following summary calculations. For example, if the same person spoke in favor of the project at each of the three public hearing sessions, the three comments are included in the 248 total above, but only one of those comments is included in the "In favor" total in the Figure 1 chart below.

Of the comment forms received, 12 were submitted at the Orange County public hearing, 21 in Lake County, 53 in Seminole County, 39 were recorded by the court reporters (of these, 34 were speaker comments provided after the formal presentation and 5 were given directly to the court reporter), 36 were received by mail, 1 verbal comment was received by a member of the study team, and 70 were received via email. In addition, the Wekiva Parkway Community Coalition (WPCC) submitted a petition of 543 individuals objecting to the proposed build alternative and advocating an alternative proposed by the coalition\*\*.

The comments suggest general support for or acceptance of the Wekiva Parkway Proposed Build Alternative. A total of 86 comments were received that specifically noted the project was needed and should be completed as soon as possible, while 30 responses expressed opposition to the project.

Figure 1 shows a general overview of the comments received from all of the counties. A total of 86 comments suggested or approved the proposed build alternative and 30 were opposed. A total of 47 comments were received requesting specific changes to the proposed parkway but did not state a position either for or against, while 54 requested information and/or graphics. An analysis of these preferences can be found in Section 6.0 Comment Analysis. "Other" represents an array of comments touching on issues such as traffic signal requests, funding concerns and requests to meet with the project team. See Appendix G for a spreadsheet of all comments received during the public hearing process as well as responses provided. In Appendix H, a CD is provided that contains the transcripts from the three public hearing sessions. All responses received during the public hearing process were responded to by December 14, 2010.

Figure 1: Comment Summary from All Counties



(a) For example: some who provided comments did not express opposition to the project, but requested modifications/refinements in the area near them.

\*This chart does not reflect duplicate comments (31).

\*\*In addition, the study team received a petition from the Wekiva Parkway Community Coalition (WPCC)

The following table outlines the comments received by county. The vast majority of those with general comments expressed support for the roadway. Many of those expressing support for the roadway cited benefits that the road would bring such as: improved access for the region; better protection for wildlife in the environmentally sensitive Wekiva River Basin area; reduced traffic congestion on SR 46; and greater employment opportunities. The majority of those expressing opposition to the roadway stated concerns about roadway noise in quiet rural areas and worries that their property values would erode with the construction of a new roadway near their property (a central concern in Seminole County). In Lake and Seminole Counties, especially in areas where SR 46 would be realigned or removed, concerns over access were expressed (having to go out of the way to make local trips or access the parkway, fear that emergency vehicle response times might be impacted with a limited access roadway system, etc.). Environmental concerns were also a focus in Seminole County. Several property owners requested that their property be purchased during the right-of-way acquisition process.

**Table 4. Comment Summary by County+**

	Orange County	Lake County	Seminole County	Total
Access Concerns	1	6	4	11
Noise Issues	2	5	10	17
General Comments	11	13	40	64
Support Project	10	10	28	48
Oppose Project	1	3	12	16
Request Info/Maps	4	7	8	19
Drainage Concerns			5	5
Environmental Concerns		1	5	6
Aesthetics/Design			3	3
Other	1	2	3	6
Alignment		1	2	3
Property Value Concerns	1	1	5	7
Property Acquisition	1	2	2	5
Request for Trail		1		1
Keep SR 46 Open		4	1	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>152*</b>

\*It should be noted that the number of comments exceeds the number of comment forms as many forms covered multiple topics.

+Note that the Comment Summary by County table only reflects comments received at the public hearings, not comments received via mail or email.

## 5.1 Orange County Session Overview

General comments expressed in Orange County are depicted in Figure 2. Despite the strong turnout at the Orange County Public Hearing Session, only 18 comments were submitted at the meeting (12 written and 6 verbal). Of those, 11 expressed support for the proposed build alternative while 1 stated that they were against the proposed project (see Figure 3). Noise abatement (2 comments) was stated as a concern followed by property de-valuation and concerns over limited access (1). Three requests for additional information were also received.

Figure 2. Chart of Comments Received from Orange County

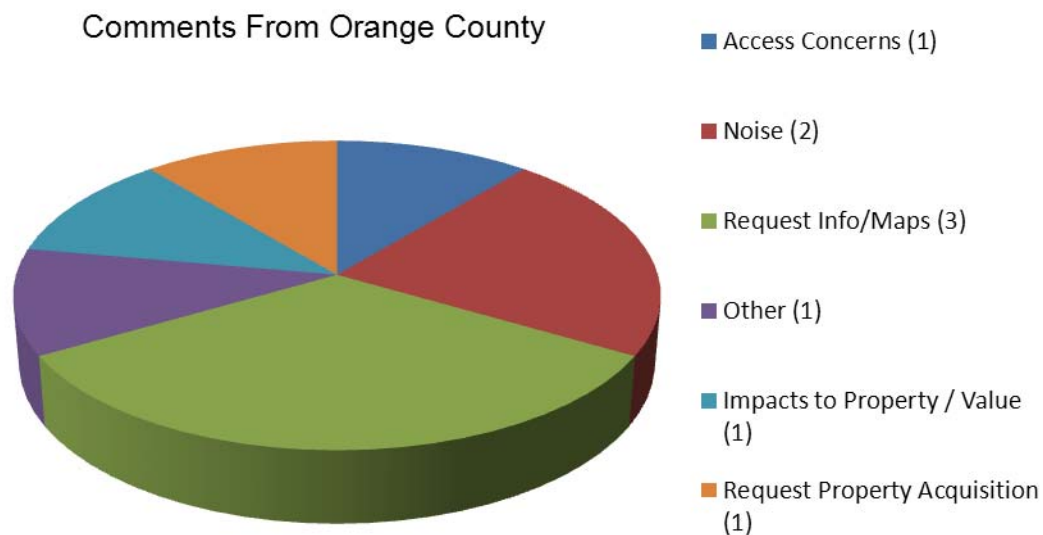
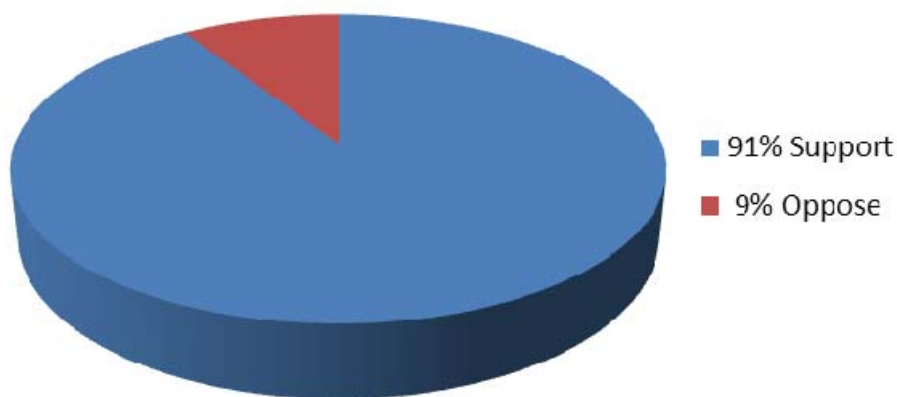


Figure 3. Chart of Support and Opposition from Public Hearings, Orange County



## 5.2 Lake County Session Overview

General comments expressed in Lake County are depicted in Figure 4. A total of 34 comments were submitted at the Lake County Public Hearing Session (21 written and 13 verbal). Of those, 10 expressed support for the proposed build alternative while 3 stated they were against the proposed project (see Figure 5). Access concerns (6 comments) and noise abatement concerns (5 comments) were submitted. The possible impact to property value (1) and concern over the alignment (1) were also noted in Lake County. Four comments urged that SR 46 remain open as-is. There were also several (7) requests made for additional information such as requests for copies of project maps.

Figure 4. Chart of Comments Received from Lake County

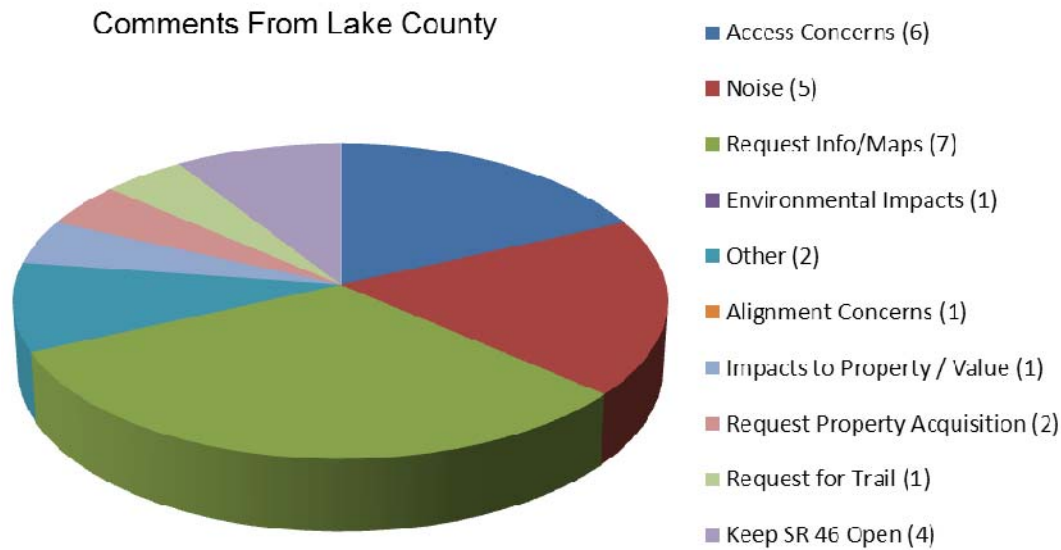
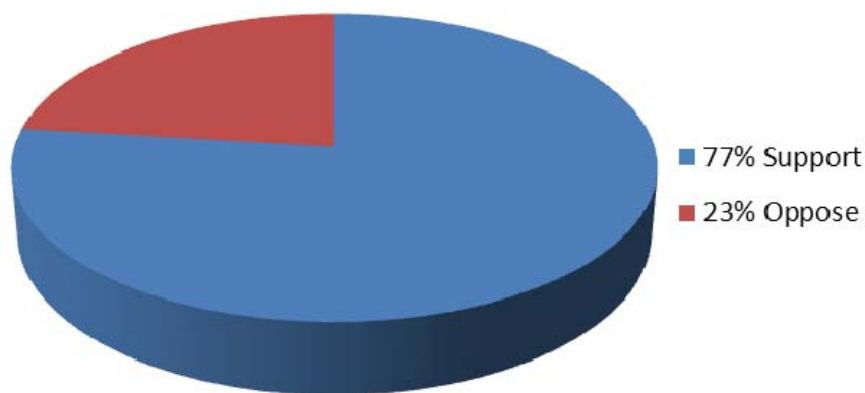


Figure 5. Chart of Support and Opposition from Public Hearings, Lake County



### 5.3 Seminole County Session Overview

As shown in Figure 6, a total of 73 comments were submitted at the Seminole County Public Hearing Session (53 written and 20 verbal). Of those, 28 expressed support for the proposed build alternative while 12 stated they were against the proposed project (see Figure 7). Noise abatement concerns were a primary concern with 10 comments received, followed by drainage and environmental concerns (5 each). The possible impact to property value also ranked as a concern for those in Seminole County (5 comments) as did concerns about access (4 comments). Some of the comments (8) were requests for additional information such as copies of project maps.

Figure 6. Chart of Comments Received from Seminole County

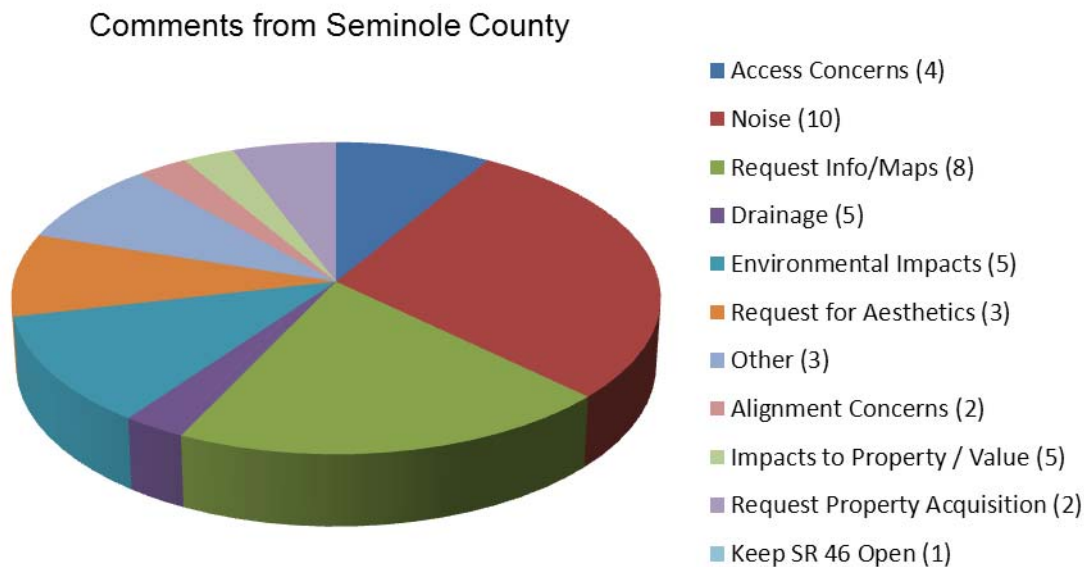
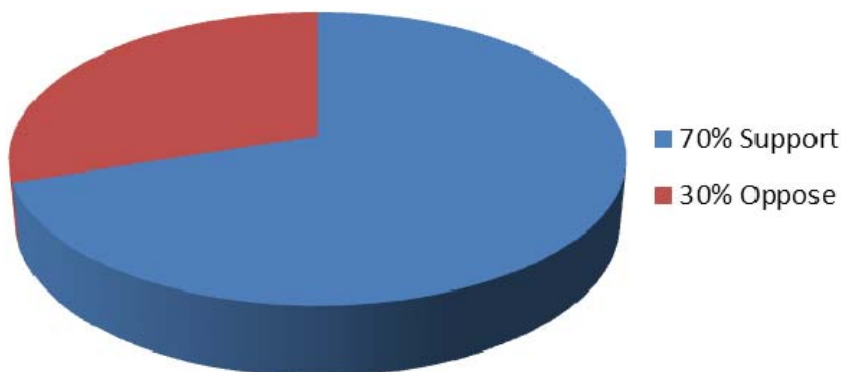


Figure 7. Chart of Support and Opposition from Public Hearings, Seminole County



## 6.0 COMMENT ANALYSIS

A comprehensive analysis of the public comments (with the exception of the WPCC petition) showed support for the proposed build alternative and a desire for the project to proceed as quickly as possible.

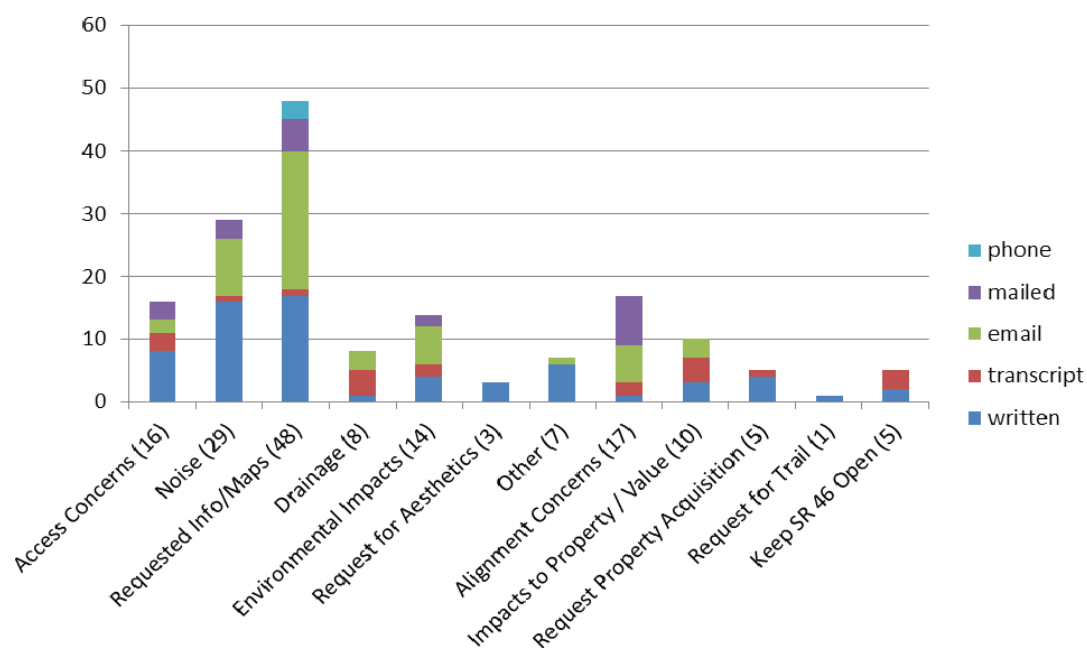
Of the total number of comments received (248)\*, most commonly noted were comments regarding roadway noise and requests for noise abatement (29 comments). Concerns over the proposed build alternative and/or requesting alignment changes (17 comments) and how the project may impact property value (10 comments) were concerns expressed in all three counties. Despite the proposed project receiving strong support from the environmental community, 14 comments were received stating concerns over how the project might have a negative impact on the environment and wildlife. These concerns included the

desire to protect wildlife, ensuring the acquisition of conservation lands, wetland and water quality concerns, protecting the rural character of particular areas and fears of encroachment on existing public lands. Concerns that the elevated parkway may cause flooding issues with nearby properties were noted (8 comments).

There were 54 overall comments requesting additional information such as copies of specific display boards, or extra copies of the public hearing handouts.

Public comments were received in a variety of methods: written comments provided at the public hearings, verbal comments made to a court reporter during the public hearing sessions, verbally communicated to the attendees during the public comment period after the formal presentation, email, mail, and fax. The public comment period opened with the first notice on October 1, 2010 and closed as noticed November 8, 2010. The following graph shows the various methods by which comments were received and the various concerns stated in the comments.

**Figure 8. Graph of How Comments Were Received**



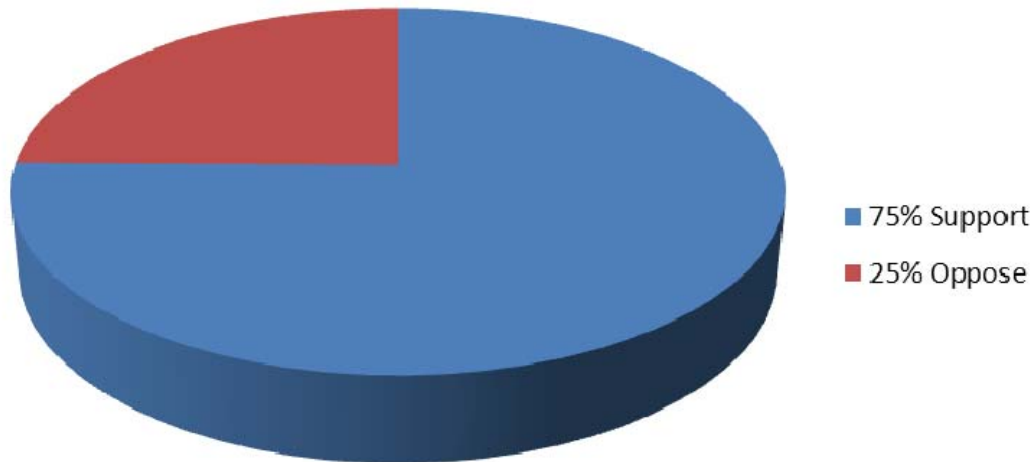
\*It should be noted that the summary of comments includes numerous citizens that submitted multiple topics.



## 7.0 CONCLUSION

Figure 9 depicts the overall support and opposition to the Wekiva Parkway proposed build alternative taken from all comments received during the comment period. The analysis clearly shows overwhelming support for both the parkway and the proposed build alternative.

Figure 9. Chart of Overall Support and Opposition from Public Hearings



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# **Appendix I**

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## **Comments Not Directly Related to Public Workshops or Public Hearing Sessions (Appendix on Attached CD)**

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**Appendix J**  
**Public Notification**  
**Advertisements and Affidavits:**  
**LDCA and EA/FONSI Availability**

# Notice of Emergency Action

On May 10, 2012, the State Surgeon General issued an Order of Emergency Suspension Order with regard to the registration of Christopher Thomas Duffy, R.P.T., License #RPT 26171. This Emergency Suspension Order was predicated upon the State Surgeon General's findings of an immediate and serious danger to the public health, safety and welfare pursuant to Sections 456.073(8) and 120.60(6), Florida Statutes (2011). The State Surgeon General determined that this summary procedure was fair under the circumstances, in that there was no other method available to adequately protect the public.

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR WAIVER TO CERTAIN PORTIONS OF 7 CFR §226

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Florida Department of Health has prepared a request for waiver for certain federal regulations regarding the Childcare Food Program activity at certain public schools. The Department has requested waiver of the requirements of 7 CFR §226 as they apply to Childcare Food Program operations at public schools in favor of those federal regulations applying to the same or similar activity under the National School Lunch Program governed by 7 CFR §210; §220; §225; and §245. If the waiver is granted, the designated sections of the National School Lunch Program regulations would replace those requirements of 7 CFR §226 and would be enforced by the Florida Department of Agriculture at the public school venues.

A copy of that waiver request can be obtained by contacting: Agency Clerk, Department of Health, Office of the General Counsel, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #A02, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1703, Fax: (850)410-1448.

## FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

### NOTICE OF FILINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Office of Financial Regulation, Division of Financial Institutions, has received the following application. Comments may be submitted to the Division Director, 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0371, for inclusion in the official record without requesting a hearing. However, pursuant to provisions specified in Chapter 69U-105, Florida Administrative Code, any person may request a public hearing by filing a petition with the Agency Clerk as follows:

### By Mail or Facsimile

Agency Clerk  
Office of Financial Regulation  
P. O. Box 8050  
Tallahassee, Florida  
32314-8050  
Phone: (850)410-9800  
Fax: (850)410-9548

### OR

### By Hand Delivery

Agency Clerk  
Office of Financial  
Regulation  
General Counsel's Office  
The Fletcher Building  
Suite 118  
101 East Gaines Street  
Tallahassee, Florida  
32399-0379  
Phone: (850)410-9896

The Petition must be received by the Clerk within twenty-one (21) days of publication of this notice (by 5:00 p.m., June 15, 2012):

### APPLICATION AND PLAN FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN ASSETS AND ASSUMPTION OF CERTAIN LIABILITIES

Acquiring Entity: Alive Credit Union (Formerly Healthcare's Cooperative Credit Union), Jacksonville, Florida

Selling Entity: Space Coast Credit Union, Melbourne, Florida

Received: May 14, 2012

Notice is hereby given that the Office of Financial Regulation, Division of Financial Institutions, has received a written withdrawal of the following application:

### APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

Application to Acquire Control

Financial Institution to be Acquired: Citizens Bancorp of Oviedo, Inc. (Citizens Bank of Florida), Oviedo, Florida

Proposed Purchasers: United Group of Central Florida II, LLC, Longwood, Florida

Received: February 27, 2012

Withdrawn: May 9, 2012

## QUEST CORPORATION OF AMERICA, INC.

### Notice of Location and Design Concept Acceptance and Availability of Finding of No Significant Impact

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority (OOCEA) hereby announce that on May 11, 2012, the Federal Highway Administration granted location and design concept acceptance for the following Federal-Aid project:

Financial Project Numbers: 238275-1-22-01 and 240200-1-22-01.

Federal-Aid Project Numbers: TCSP-025-U and TCSP-024-U.

Project Description: Wekiva Parkway, a limited access toll facility, which will begin in Orange County at the terminus of S.R. 429/S.R. 414 (John Land Apopka Expressway) at US 441 and extend to the north/northeast into Lake County, turning east and crossing the Wekiva River into Seminole County and terminating at I-4. Project includes C.R. 46A Realignment which will begin on existing C.R. 46A in east Lake County and extend to the south on a new alignment and tie into existing S.R. 46 with an access connection to the Wekiva Parkway, and S.R. 46 Reconstruction and Realignment which will begin at the S.R. 46/U.S. 441 interchange in Lake County and extend along the existing S.R. 46 corridor to the east, then turning southeast on a new alignment and entering Orange County with a systems interchange connection at the Wekiva Parkway.

This project will now proceed to the next phase of development.

Copies of the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and the Environmental Assessment (EA) are available for public review at the following locations:

FDOT, District Five Office

719 South Woodland Blvd.

DeLand, FL 32720

FDOT, Orlando Urban Office

133 South Semoran Blvd.

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Dear Ms. LeSeur

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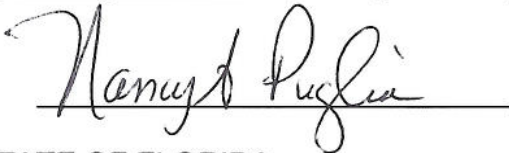
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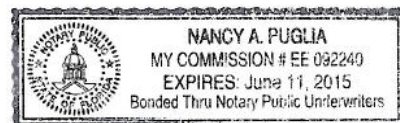
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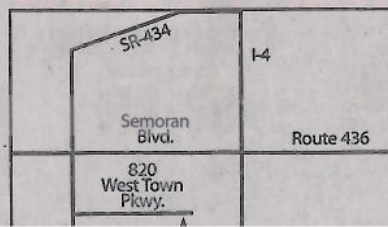
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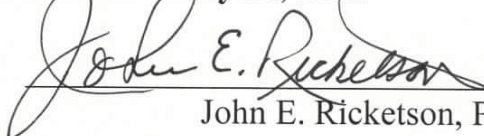
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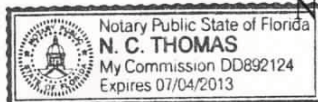
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# Airport: Oakland and Montverde have passed resolutions opposing airport

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impact the airport expansion would have on the birds and concentrate only on the financial value of the land.

Hank Largin, a spokesman for the district, denied that St. Johns would react to political pressure.

"To this point, we have had interactions with the West Orange Airport Authority regarding the land appraisal of the proposed land swap parcels," Largin said. "If this is deemed a dollar-for-dollar swap, then step two of the evaluation process would be to evaluate the water resource value of the properties. Any decisions made by the district will be consistent with our objectives to restore Lake Apopka."

The towns of Oakland and Montverde, located south and west of Lake Apopka, respectively, recently passed resolutions to voice their disapproval of the airport expansion that must be approved by the Lake County Commission.

The Montverde resolution stated: "A resolution of the town council of the town of Montverde, Florida, opposing any expansion of the existing runway located at the proposed Central Florida Business and Aviation Center, requesting the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County to deny approvals that will allow for expansion of the existing runway."

Montverde City Commissioner Glenn Burns was passionate in his opposition to the expansion.

"The proposed jetport is ill conceived and poorly planned," Burns said. "In order for the proposed jetport to comply with FAA regulations concerning jet powered aircraft, wildlife will need to be managed across nearly the entire North Shore Restoration Area. The

only way to manage the huge number of birds found on the North Shore is to manage the habitat. The only way to manage the habitat is to drain the marshlands that have been restored at great expense and effort. This also means pumping phosphorous laden water back into the lake, feeding the algae, reducing water quality and putting us back to where we started, 14 years and \$150 million ago. We know this because we have been through this before. When the Water Management District first flooded the fields and birds began dying from the residual pesticides found in the soil, the district was forced to pump the water off the farmlands and kept dry until the pesticide-laden soil was remediated."

Burns said the wildlife found on the North Shore Restoration Area is a national resource that attracts birding enthusiasts from far and wide, and is in a perfect position to become one of the leading nature based tourism destinations in North America.

"What is particularly galling is that FAA regulations consider the same birds that attract birders as 'Hazardous Wildlife,' and the marshlands that have been restored at such expense are known as 'Hazardous Wildlife Attractants,'" he said.

Mona Phipps, a city of Oakland commissioner, vice president of the Friends of Lake Apopka and director of the Oakland Nature Preserve, said the city is aware of the role Lake Apopka plays in the quality of life for Oakland citizens.

"We have historic, economic and recreational ties to the lake and have always supported the restoration of this important ecosystem," Phipps said. "The 14,000 acres of former wetlands on the north shore of Lake Apopka are in various stages of restoration. Referred to as the North Shore Restoration Area, this area is a critical component of the 50,000-acre Lake Apopka ecosystem. In turn, the restoration of the

marshes is significant to the management of the birding area on the north shore of Lake Apopka. In order to maintain and encourage a large number of bird species, habitat diversity must also be maintained and created for waterfowl, wading birds and shorebirds."

Phipps said birding on the north shore of Lake Apopka has the potential to become one of the premier birding locations in the country and is an area already designated as an important bird area of regional significance.

"At this time, as the restoration continues, the area has the highest number of bird species of any site in Florida and the highest species total for any inland U.S. Christmas bird count in the 111-year history of the bird count," she said. "With so much to offer, it is a very unique opportunity to have a positive effect on the economic environment of the region without having a negative effect on the natural environment. Every part of the master plan for the Lake Apopka Basin that was initiated by FOLA in 2002, and developed and adopted by all eight jurisdictions in the basin, draws and plays on another and connects to the critical sustainable economic engine in the center – the North Shore Restoration Area. After 10 years, we are close. A great deal of time, and more than \$150 million tax dollars have been spent to get us right to the edge of where we want to be. The proposed expansion of the airport to allow for jet planes will kill this extraordinary economic opportunity to generate a sustainable economy while restoring the marshes and lake. Eco-tourism could be our future – a future that supports our quality of life, the restoration of Lake Apopka, and our local economy."

Friends of Lake Apopka has research that documents the economics of similar wildlife areas in Florida and show the potential for jobs and income for the local economy, Phipps said. The group said they also have numerous proofs regard-

ing the costs and dangers associated with bird strikes with aircraft.

"The expansion of the existing airport to allow for jet planes in the middle of an aviary has the potential to become very dangerous and costly," Phipps said. "The birds on the north shore of Lake Apopka flock in the thousands. It is a beautiful sight to behold from the ground."

Haggard, the airport authority chairman, said he is truly working to make the situation a win-win with both the airport and the birds.

"I have had several more meetings and communications with Charles Lee (Audubon Florida) and Jim Thomas (Friends of Lake Apopka) and will report on progress at our upcoming WOA meeting," Haggard said. "On Oakland and Montverde, I nor anyone from WOA was present, nor were we even told of the meetings, so the information was obviously presented one-sided by the environmentalists. Three airports have existed in this area for more than 50 years without a single recorded bird strike. Statistically, then, the risk of a bird strike in the area of the existing airport is close to nil."

Haggard insists that the three-mile buffer between Lake Apopka and the airport is sufficient to protect the birds, especially since the airport is located on high and dry land.

"The airport will not have any effect on the Lake Apopka Restoration efforts," Haggard said. "Claims that the airport will have an impact on the restoration of Lake Apopka are without any basis in fact or science. Our plans are for a small community and business general aviation airport, not a commercial jet port. The aircraft that have used this airport and will use it in the future are small four- to six-seat aircraft, not airliners. This will be a significant economic engine to the area and will not have any adverse impact on the environment."

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One bride-to-be came into Ashby's office and asked if a certain date was open. When she answered to the affirmative, the young woman said she wanted to book it, handed Ashby a check and turned to walk away, Gunter said. The woman paused, then turned and asked Ashby if she wanted to know why she came in and booked the date in such a rapid fashion. Ashby admitted that

she was stunned, since most brides may take weeks to make the decision. The woman admitted she had sneaked into an event on a weekend to see how things really were, and was so impressed that she knew that any concerns she had would be addressed properly, and could be ironed out at a later date.

Dubsread pays a user fee to the city every time the building is used and takes only the catering costs, Gunter said. The decision to stay was only made recently, so bookings are leaner, since many weddings are now booked a year in advance. Gunter said he expects fall weddings will be steady in the old home.

Richard Anderson, city of Apopka

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chief administrative officer, said nothing has been signed at this point.

"I met Steve Gunter a few weeks ago and we talked, but there has been no formalized agreement," he said. "We still would like to see a restaurant there that would fit in with our theme of a town center."

Anderson said as the economy has improved, the city has begun talks again with Pizzutti developers about the proposed town center.

"We are trying to see new development," Anderson said. "We see Panera Bread and the Waffle House are almost finished (in other areas of the city). We are still plugging away doing what we can."

## Greenbrier to hold fundraiser

Greenbrier, afterlife pet care specialists, will hold a summer gala to support the retirement fund of the Apopka Police K-9 officers on Friday, June 22, from 6-11 p.m. at the Apopka Community Center/VFW, 519 S. Central Avenue.

Tickets are \$50 per person and include appetizers, dinner, and a drink.

"Unfortunately, these devoted canines have no provisions set aside for their care once active duty is complete; their handlers/owners are left not only with their daily expenses but medical care, as well," said Debbie Mulrine, vice president of Greenbrier.

The Apopka K-9 Retirement Fund was established last year at the annual Paws for a

Cause festival by Greenbrier. A 2012 Apopka Police Calendar was also published with the money of the sales adding to the fund.

"With the retirement fund, the police dogs will be able to have provided for them food, veterinary care and other necessities, when needed, in order to live out their days in the comfort they deserve," Mulrine said. "We are proud of our contributions to the community and hope that you will share in your generosity for this endeavor."

It is the first dinner fundraiser held by Greenbrier.

"This is our first charity dinner and we anticipate a sold-out event," Mulrine said. "We live in a very supportive close-knit community."

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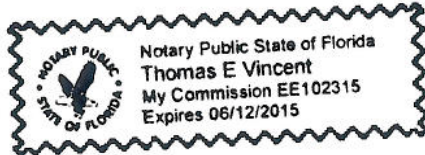
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Leesburg, Lake County, Florida

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Rich Pinder, President

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8 day of

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(Seal)

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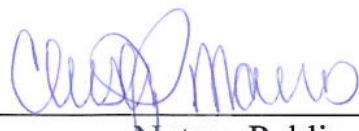
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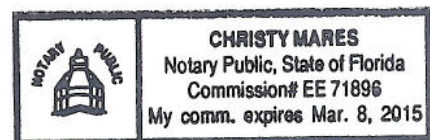
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