



EAST LAKE COUNTY WEKIVA PARKWAY PROJECT INFORMATION

Background

Based upon a cooperative effort between the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority (OOCEA), a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study of the Wekiva Parkway (SR 429)/SR 46 Realignment Project began in 2005. The Public workshops on Initial Roadway Alternatives for the proposed Wekiva Parkway project were held in Lake, Orange and Seminole Counties in the Fall of 2005. After further analysis and evaluation, public workshops on Viable Alternatives (potential routes) were conducted in each of the three counties in the Summer of 2006. Throughout 2007 and 2008, the study team worked to identify and further refine a roadway alignment for the overall project that now is known as the Recommended Preferred Alternative.

More recently, citizens in the east Lake County area who live and work along existing SR 46 expressed concerns over having to pay a toll for making a local trip. In mid 2009, FDOT and OOCEA began analyzing options to provide a toll free service road in east Lake County along the Wekiva Parkway route. Discussion of the preliminary results of that evaluation by FDOT and OOCEA is the primary purpose of this workshop.

Brief Description of Service Road Concept in East Lake County

The service road concept in east Lake County has been developed adjacent to the Wekiva Parkway route. It provides local residents a non-tolled alternative to the Wekiva Parkway when traveling between Mount Dora and the Sanford area. Traffic and road access from Neighborhood Lakes to and across the Wekiva River would be similar to the existing SR 46. The preliminary concept has the service road north of and running parallel to the Wekiva Parkway. In order to remain environmentally sensitive and compatible, the preliminary service road concept is elevated in sections and includes wildlife bridges at the same locations as the Wekiva Parkway. Please see the display boards which show the service road concept. A member of the study team will assist you with further information.

Preliminary Schedule

The PD&E Study schedule currently envisions completion of the study in approximately 18 months. Estimated dates for public hearings in Lake, Orange and Seminole Counties on the Recommended Preferred Alternative is the Summer of 2010. It is estimated that the PD&E Study may be complete, with all required federal, state and local approvals, in late 2010. Final design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction are not fully funded at this time, so the start and completion dates for those activities are currently undetermined.

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