## CENTRAL FLORIDA EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY

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## CFX KICKOFF PUBLIC MEETING FOR CONCEPT STUDIES SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 5

(ORLANDO, FL) – The <u>Central Florida Expressway Authority</u> (CFX) will hold the last of three Kickoff Public Meetings for its <u>Concept, Feasibility and Mobility Studies</u> on Thursday, October 5. The meeting will be held at Lake Nona High School in the Cafeteria, located at 12500 Narcoossee Road, Orlando FL 32832.

Those attending the meeting should use the Weldon Boulevard entrance to the school, and park in the lot behind the cafeteria.

The Kickoff Public Meetings are being held in an open house format and have presented identical information. Community members may come at any point within the advertised time to view the exhibits, to ask questions of study staff and to provide comments. A looping audio-visual presentation providing an overview of the study corridors will be available for viewing throughout the meeting.

The agency is taking a fresh look at four corridors that were previously studied to determine if they are viable and fundable in accordance with CFX policies and procedures. The corridors are in Osceola County, with small portions in Orange and Polk Counties.

The four corridors are: the Poinciana Parkway Extension / I-4 Connector, the Southport Connector Expressway, the Northeast Connector Expressway and the Osceola Parkway Extension.

As part of an interlocal agreement, CFX has incorporated portions of the Osceola County Expressway Authority (OCX) 2040 Master Plan into the CFX 2040 Master Plan. CFX began the concept studies in April 2017 and is scheduled to complete them in 12 months.

The overall goals of these study corridors are to: improve roadway connections from I-4/SR 429 to Florida's Turnpike, to US 192, and to SR 417; provide additional traffic capacity within the study area; enhance mobility of the area's growing population and economy; reduce congestion and delays on local roads by providing a new limited-access transportation option; provide for the incorporation of transit options; and promote regional connectivity.

The work includes the evaluation and documentation of the physical, natural, social and cultural environment within the corridors and the potential impacts associated with the various mobility alternatives. Transportation demands for each corridor will be determined and a range of transportation mobility options and programs will be developed to adequately meet the future demands. Public involvement and interagency coordination are an integral part of the assessment process, and multiple opportunities for participation are being provided.

For additional information concerning these studies, please contact Mary Brooks, Public Involvement Coordinator, by phone at 407-802-3210, or by email at <a href="mailto:ConceptStudies@CFXway.com">ConceptStudies@CFXway.com</a>, or visit the website at <a href="mailto:https://www.cfxway.com/agency-information/plans-studies/project-studies/concept-studies/">https://www.cfxway.com/agency-information/plans-studies/project-studies/concept-studies/</a>.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services, free of charge, should contact Ms. Brooks as noted above at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

## About the Central Florida Expressway Authority

The Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX) is an independent agency of the state that operates and maintains a regional network of expressways for 2.3 million residents and more than 60 million visitors in Lake, Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties. Created by the Florida Legislature in 2014, CFX's 118-mile user-funded system includes 815 center lane miles, 69 interchanges, 14 mainline toll plazas, 74 ramp toll plazas and 335 bridges and seven named expressways. On average, more than 1 million toll transactions are recorded daily, 85 percent of them electronically. CFX operates E-PASS, the first electronic toll collection system in Florida, which supports more than 300,000 E-PASS accounts.

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