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## CFX STUDIES FOUR TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS FOR FEASIBILITY

**(ORLANDO, FL)** – The <u>Central Florida Expressway Authority</u> (CFX) is conducting <u>Concept, Feasibility and</u> <u>Mobility Studies</u> of four, previously studied transportation corridors 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.

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

The four corridors include (see attached map):

- Poinciana Parkway Extension / I-4 Connector 5 miles
- Southport Connector Expressway 13 miles
- Northeast Connector Expressway 25 miles
- Osceola Parkway Extension 9 miles

The concept studies will include 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 will be an integral part of the assessment process, and multiple opportunities for participation will be provided.

If one or more of the corridors are found to be feasible as a result of these concept studies, they would then proceed to a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to create and evaluate alternative alignments. From there, projects subsequently approved would move into design for eventual construction.

The overall goals of these projects 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 the incorporation of transit options; and promote regional connectivity.

For additional information concerning these projects, please contact Mary Brooks, Public Involvement Coordinator, by calling 407-802-3210, by emailing <u>ConceptStudies@CFXway.com</u>, or click <u>here</u> to visit the study webpage.

## 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. <u>Created by the Florida Legislature in 2014</u>, CFX's 109-mile user-funded system includes 767 center lane miles, 64 interchanges, 13 mainline toll plazas, 71 ramp toll plazas and 301 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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