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Northeast Connector Expressway

Project Advisory Group Meeting No. 1

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AGENDA

I. Introductions
II. Study History
III. Study Corridor Overview
IV. Project Goals
V. Study Methodology & Schedule
VI. PAG Roles
VII. Study Corridor Details
VIII. Open Discussion
IX. Next Steps
X. Action Items
December 19, 2005: Osceola County Comprehensive Plan adopted, proposed several new corridors to meet the county’s anticipated growth.

2012: Osceola County Expressway Authority (OCX) began creating its first long-range expressway plan.

August 13, 2013: OCX Master Plan 2040 finalized, defining the county’s expressway needs and providing for a program of projects to implement the plan.

September 8, 2016: CFX Board approved an interlocal agreement with Osceola County and OCX to transfer the lead for developing the remainder of the OCX 2040 Master Plan to CFX. CFX incorporated the OCX master plan segments into the CFX master plan.

March 9, 2017: CFX Board approved consultant contracts to conduct the Concept, Feasibility and Mobility studies.

April 2017: CFX commenced four concept, feasibility, and mobility studies to determine if any of the corridors are viable and fundable in accordance with CFX policies and procedures.
Each of the four corridor segments has been previously studied to varying degrees of detail. Our consultant teams will summarize the previous studies of each corridor segment in individual presentations.

- **Poinciana Parkway Extension / I-4 Connector**  
  *Alternative Corridor Evaluation Report (ACER) - November 2015*

- **Southport Connector Expressway**  
  *Alternative Corridor Evaluation Report (ACER) – October 2015*

- **Northeast Connector Expressway**  
  *(Southport Connector East, from Canoe Creek Road to SR 528)*  
  *Preliminary Alignment Evaluation – June 2010*

- **Osceola Parkway Extension**  
  *Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study – May 2017*
The four corridors lie within Osceola, Polk, and Orange Counties and encompass approximately 60 miles of primarily new-location highway.

- Poinciana Parkway Extension / I-4 Connector
  *Approximately 13 miles*

- Southport Connector Expressway
  *Approximately 13 miles*

- Northeast Connector Expressway
  *Approximately 25 miles*

- Osceola Parkway Extension
  *Approximately 9 miles*
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Legend:
- Purple: Existing CFX System
- Green: Existing Florida's Turnpike System
- Red: Existing Osceola Parkway
- Black: County Lines
- Pink: Poinciana Parkway Extension/I-4 Connector
- Blue: Southport Connector Expressway
- Red: Northeast Connector Expressway
- Orange: Osceola Parkway Extension

Note: The corridor alignment locations depicted are conceptual only and may shift as the evaluation study progresses.
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Overall Goals of the Project Corridors

- Improve roadway connections from I-4/SR 429 to Florida’s Turnpike, to US 192 and SR 417;

- Promote regional connectivity and enhance mobility of the area’s growing population and economy via a high-speed expressway;

- Provide additional traffic capacity within the study area;

- Reduce congestion and delays on local roads by providing a new limited-access transportation option;

- Provide for the incorporation of transit options.

Input from both the EAG and PAG will contribute to the development of the Purpose & Need for each corridor segment.
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Study Methodology

The analysis will consist of incorporating and building upon the previous work and coordination achieved from the preceding studies, while conducting a “fresh-look” at the proposed corridor segments and researching recent information that could influence the current decision-making.

- Documentation of the physical, natural, social and cultural environment, and assessment of potential impacts.

- Transportation demands will be determined and range of transportation mobility options and programs will be developed and evaluated.

- If corridor(s) are found to be feasible, would proceed to a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study.
Proposed Schedule Concept, Feasibility & Mobility Studies

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Public Involvement

Public involvement and stakeholder coordination will be an integral part of the study and multiple opportunities for participation will be provided. CFX anticipates holding several public meetings throughout the corridors during the studies, as well as other community engagement opportunities.

- Environmental Advisory Group & Project Advisory Group
- Public Meetings
  - Kick-off – August 2017
  - Draft Concept Report – January / February 2018
- Board Presentations – Osceola, Orange and Polk Board of County Commissioners
- Meetings with additional stakeholders
  (land owners, business owners, community groups, etc.)
- CFX Study Webpage
  [https://www.cfxway.com/agency-information/plans-studies/project-studies/concept-studies/](https://www.cfxway.com/agency-information/plans-studies/project-studies/concept-studies/)
- Study Facebook Page
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Advisory Group Roles

**Environmental**
- Important component of the natural environment analysis;
- Special advisory resource to CFX and the consultant teams;
- Assists in providing environmental impact input in the evaluation of the feasibility of the project corridors;
- Informs the project team of local knowledge, issues and concerns within the study limits regarding environmental impacts.

**Project**
- Important component of the mobility analysis;
- Special advisory resource to CFX and the consultant teams;
- Assists in providing input in the evaluation of the feasibility of the project corridors;
- Informs the project team of local knowledge, issues and concerns within the study limits.
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Previous Studies / History


• Preliminary Alignment Evaluation for Southport Connector East from Canoe Creek Road to SR 528, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (KHA), June 2010

• Northeast Connector Expressway Preliminary Alignment Feasibility Study Tier 1 Corridor Analysis Memorandum, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB), February 2016
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Previous Studies Evaluation and Recommendations

- Both alignments identified in the KHA report should be carried forward – with further refinements and shifts.

- Alternative alignments should be developed within the OCX Master Plan Northeast Connector Corridor.

- Alternative alignments should be developed outside of the OCX Master Plan Northeast Connector Corridor.
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