



NORTHEAST CONNECTOR EXPRESSWAY PROJECT ADVISORY GROUP (PAG)

MEETING SUMMARY

Date/Time: Thursday, July 20, 2017, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Narcoossee Elementary School, 2690 N Narcoossee Rd, St. Cloud 34772

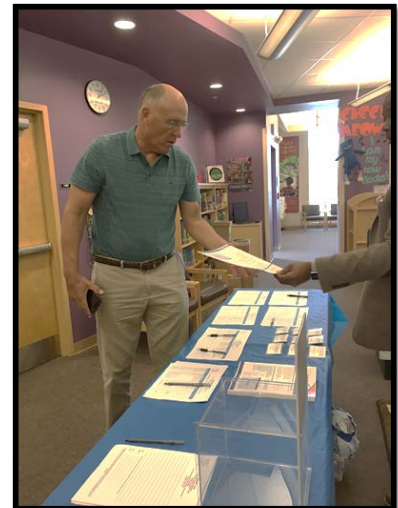
Attendees: There were 15 attendees and five staff members – See sign-in sheets attached

I. Notifications

Invitation letters were emailed to 40 members of the PAG on June 23, 2017. Reminder invites were emailed to PAG members on July 18, 2017.

II. Welcome

Mary Brooks, Public Involvement Coordinator, Quest Corporation of America (QCA), called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She gave a brief introduction about the meeting and provided safety, housekeeping and Title VI information. Attendees introduced themselves and the organization they represent.



III. Study Overview and Background

The purpose of this PAG meeting was to review the project and present an update on the status of potential impacts. The corridors are under re-evaluation by CFX after previous studies reached various levels of approvals.

In 2005, Osceola County adopted a Comprehensive Plan that proposed several new corridors to meet the county's anticipated growth. The Osceola County Expressway Authority (OCX) Master Plan 2040 was finalized in 2013, defining the county's expressway needs and providing a program of projects to implement the plan. In September 2016, an interlocal agreement was approved, transferring the lead for developing the remainder of the OCX 2040 Master Plan to CFX. CFX then incorporated the OCX Master Plan segments into its Master Plan.

In March 2017, the CFX Board approved consultant contracts to conduct Concept, Feasibility and Mobility Studies, which commenced in April. The four corridors under study are:



- Poinciana Parkway Extension / I-4 Connector (13 miles);
- Southport Connector Expressway (13 miles);
- Northeast Connector Expressway (25 miles); and
- Osceola Parkway Extension (9 miles).

The corridors are primarily in Osceola County, but there are small portions in Orange and Polk counties. The studies encompass 60 total miles of roadway (mileage breakdown above).

The overall goals of the study corridors are to:

- 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; and
- Provide for the incorporation of transit options.

researching recent information that could influence the current decision making. Data is collected continuously with public involvement starting in September. The proposed schedule of Concept, Feasibility and Mobility Studies was discussed.

An overview of past, current and ongoing public involvement and stakeholder opportunities for participation was discussed. 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 – EAG met July 11, 2017; PAG’s meeting July 19 & 20.
- Public Meetings
 - Kick-off – September 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/>

- Study Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CFXConceptStudies/about/>

The Advisory Group roles were defined:

- Environmental Advisory Group
 - 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 Advisory Group
 - 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.

IV. Northeast Connector Expressway Presentation:

- Alex Hull of Inwood presented the following:
 - a. Project study history
 - b. Wilbur, Smith and Associates (WSA) Report in 2008
 - Received pushback from the community
 - Looked at corridors south of Lake Gentry
 - c. Kimley-Horn & Associates (KHA) Report
 - Orange County and Lake Gentry expressway alignments were reviewed.
 - i. Both deemed viable alternatives.
 - d. Vanasse, Hangen, Brustlin (VHB) Report
 - Osceola County Study – Alligator Lake area study
 - Looked at the development at Harmony
 - Pushed alignments farther east to east of Alligator Lake
 - Chain Alliance concerned
 - e. General Assessments – The study team recommended the KHA alternatives for further study and refinements. The intent was to keep the master plan in mind, but to not be constrained by it.



Alex then discussed the study area and land suitability map. Basically, the darker the shade on the land suitability map, the more impacts there are. The lighter the area, the more opportunities there are to consider an alignment there. Then they could start getting feedback from the public and other planning stakeholders. The alignments were discussed in more detail.

This concluded Mr. Hull's presentation.

V. Open Discussion:

Tim St. Gordon, Alligator Lake Alliance:

- The Alligator Lake Alliance is concerned about studying the primary user and the probability that the Northeast Connector will appeal to, and be used by, commercial truck drivers as a shortcut. They oppose the yellow and green alignments.

Alex Hull, Inwood:

- Traffic studies are in progress. The traffic mix will most likely be similar to SR 417. This corridor will be used as a regional connector. There might be a Central Florida corridor study for northbound and southbound traffic farther east, and another near Nova Road to connect to Interstate 95. Longer term studies are underway.



Richard Levey, Sunbridge-Tavistock:

- Please take a closer look at a future interchange farther south of Sunbridge.

Joseph Sanchez, Florida Gas Transmission:

- Please be aware of pipe that crosses all alignments. These are main trunk lines that split North and South Florida.

Alex Hull:

- Thank you. We already have that information.

Mary Moskowitz, Osceola County:

- The Florida National Scenic Trail alignment needs to be shown on the maps.



Alex Hull:

- Thank you. We are aware of it and are making provisions.

Richard Levey, Tavistock:

- There are some approved easements. Please review the approved corridor.

JD Humphreys, Suburban Land (SL) Reserve:

- He's concerned about the previous work to the east, referenced the Governor's Task Force work including Nova Road. There is long-term interest.
- The modeling needs to include the timeline.
- He doesn't mind the blue alignment, but he didn't like the red one, as previously discussed.

Stan Pietkiewicz, Titan Properties:

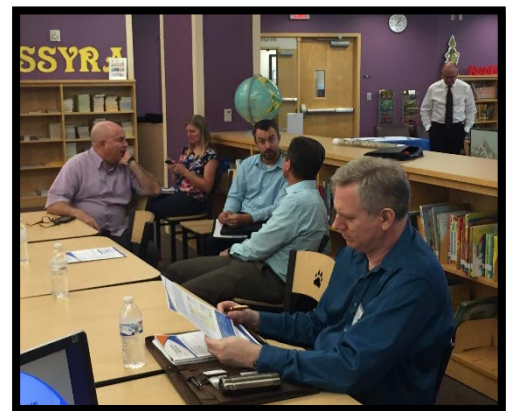
- Favored the blue alignment.

JD Humphreys, SL Reserve:

- Opposed the yellow alignment.

Alex Hull:

- We have to look at all options and talk about them to reach an agreement.



Tim St. Gordon, Alligator Lake Alliance:

- Concerned about how the toll is determined. Is there an income matrix or an environmental priority?

Alex Hull:

- All of those things are considered, as well as cost and impacts.

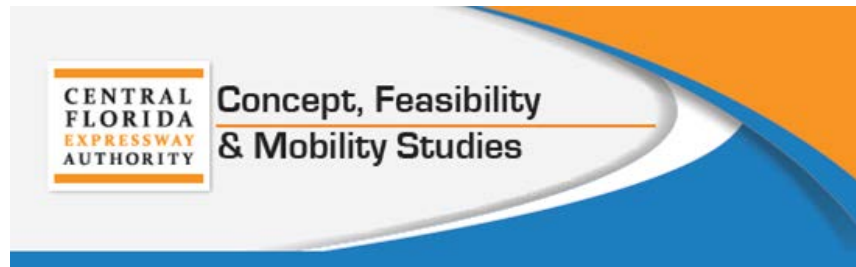
Stan Pietkiewicz, Titan Properties:

- When will a corridor be picked?

Alex Hull:

- Referred to schedule including public meetings.

Richard Levey, Tavistock:



- Could there be a spur to US 192 that terminates to serve local traffic similar to the Wekiva Spur?

Chris Webb, Tramell Webb:

- Concerned yellow alignment would affect Harmony in the future.

Jonathan Williamson and Mary Brooks:

- Discussed reducing the corridor for the Northeast Connector, other roads in Osceola County and CFX's role, as well as multimodal considerations.

Mary Brooks:

- Anyone have anything you want to add before moving into action items?

VI. Next Steps:

Comments will be reviewed and incorporated into the concepts for further study.

VII. Action Items

Everyone will receive a copy of the presentation and the exhibits, which will be posted on the study webpage.

The Public Meetings will be in September and the next PAG is scheduled for January of 2018.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.



END OF MEETING SUMMARY

This meeting summary was prepared by Mary Brooks, Public Involvement Coordinator at QCA. It is not verbatim, but is a summary of the meeting activities and overall discussion. If you feel something should be added or revised, please contact Mary Brooks by email at mary.brooks@qcausa.com or by telephone 407-694-5505 within five (5) days of receipt of this summary.

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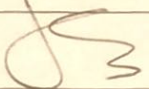
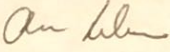
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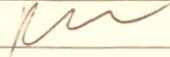


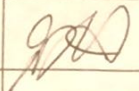
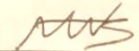
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