

SOUTHPORT CONNECTOR EXPRESSWAY PROJECT ADVISORY GROUP (PAG)

MEETING SUMMARY

Date/Time: Wednesday, July 19, 2017, 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Location: Church of St. Luke and St. Peter, 2745 Canoe Creek Rd, St. Cloud 34772

Attendees: There were nine attendees and eight staff members – See sign-in sheets attached.

I. Notifications

Invitation letters were emailed to 56 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, of Quest Corporation of America, 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 the Central Florida Expressway Authority (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, with small portions in Orange and Polk counties. The studies encompass 60 total miles of new 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.



The studies underway provide a "fresh look" at the proposed corridor segments including 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 (EAG) & Project Advisory Group (PAG) The EAG met July 11, 2017; the PAG's are 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
 - o 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
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 - Special advisory resource to CFX and the consultant teams;
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IV. Southport Connector Expressway Presentation:

- Dan Kristoff of RS&H presented the following:
 - a. Project background and a breakdown of the FDOT Alternative Corridor

Evaluation (ACE) Study.

- ACE Study included 13 corridors; three were recommended for further evaluation.
- ii. Evaluation process explained
- b. ACE Study Area defined.
- c. ACE Recommended Corridors explained.
- d. ACER Evaluation Review Technical Memorandum (ACER TECH MEMO)
 - i. Reviewed all ACE documents.





- ii. Identified any changed conditions.
- iii. In-depth evaluation of the ACE findings, recommendations and commitments
- e. Corridor Characteristics
 - i. Poinciana Parkway to Reedy Creek (Cypress Parkway Segment) urban
 - ii. Reedy Creek to Turnpike rural
- f. South Lake Toho Master Plan discussed.
 - i. Adopted, mixed-use and special industry
- g. Green Island DRI on east end
- h. Corridor Alternatives
 - i. All corridors share a common eastern terminus at Cypress Parkway. The 300 feet of right of way extends across Reedy Creek. This will minimize impacts, and provides connectivity to residents and businesses.

V. Open Discussion:

• Mike Cambron, Realtor:

 Inquired about the status of the Green Island DRI and if it had ever been designated by another name.

Dan Kristoff, RS&H:

 Explained the developer has maintained the legal status, though nothing has yet occurred on the property yet.

• Mike Cambron:

 Are there going to be utilities available on the rights of way, or will you provide a means to deliver utilities to these communities?

Dan Kristoff:

The project team is taking inventory of existing utilities along Cypress
 Parkway and some of the utilities might need to be relocated.

• Mike Cambron:

 What role does the Florida Department of Transportation have during this project?

Brian Stanger, Florida Department of Transportation, FDOT:

 FDOT just finished the ACER on this area. We are in a holding pattern to see what evolves from this feasibility study.



Cyn Zeller, Grove 40:

- o Will the proposed access to Florida's Turnpike be both north and south?
- Currently, access in the area is only northbound.

Dan Kristoff:

- The location of the interchange has been discussed with the Turnpike. It will be a full interchange.
- The slide with the Osceola County Master Plan shows the interchange location.

Rax Jung, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise:

The answer is yes, currently St. Cloud only has northbound access to the Turnpike. The proposed options would have a full interchange with the Turnpike.



Cyn Zeller:

- As the owner of large orange groves, I am interested in the timeline for potential construction as the proposed corridors seem to go through or close to my property.
- Orange trees take five years to grow. Should we pull the trees and replant? How
 do you decide the land value?

Jonathan Williamson, Dewberry:

- This study started four months ago and it will end next year.
- If the connector is found to be feasible, it would proceed to a Project Development and Environment Study and then, possibly, to design. The whole process means construction is at least five to six years away.



Jay Jarvis, Polk County:

 Inquired about the timeline because the county is considering improvements to Cypress Parkway and Marigold Avenue. He would not want to invest in improvements that might be changed or affected by the connector.

Mary Brooks, Quest:

What is the timeline for the Polk County projects?

Jay Jarvis:

- Cypress Parkway is a design-build project scheduled for October 2017.
- Marigold is still undecided; we're looking at the traffic and need.
- He noted they have an Aug. 15 meeting to review the CIP with their Board.

Mary Brooks:

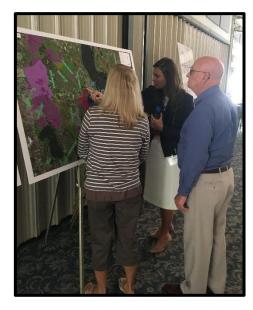
 Offered to present study information to the Polk County Board of County Commissioners prior to their Aug. 15 meeting.

• Dan Kristoff:

 We would be happy to attend that meeting.

• Jay Jarvis:

- We are looking for a comprehensive solution.
- Solivita is developing fast and we need a solution.



No further comments or questions were raised.

VI. Next Steps:

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



VII. Action Items:

All attendees will receive a copy of the presentation and it will be posted on the project webpage as well as the exhibits.

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

The meeting adjourned just after 9:30 a.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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