## CENTRAL FLORIDA EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY

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## CFX HOLDS SECOND ROUND OF PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR CONCEPT STUDIES

**(ORLANDO, FL)** – The <u>Central Florida Expressway Authority</u> (CFX) is holding the second round of public meetings to share information and gather feedback on four <u>Concept, Feasibility and Mobility Studies</u> currently underway. CFX 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.

DATE	Tuesday, Feb. 13	Thursday, Feb. 15	Wednesday, Feb. 21
TIME	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION	St. Cloud High School	Lake Nona Middle School	Association of Poinciana
	Cafeteria	Cafeteria	Villages Community Center
ADDRESS	2000 Bulldog Lane,	13700 Narcoossee Road	445 Marigold Avenue,
	St Cloud, FL 34769	Orlando, FL 32832	Poinciana, FL 34759

The public meetings are scheduled as follows:

The public meetings will be held in an open house format and will present 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 audiovisual presentation providing an overview of the study corridors will be available for viewing throughout the meetings.

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 are being determined and a range of transportation mobility options and programs are being 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 continue to be provided.

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

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. <u>Created by the Florida Legislature in 2014</u>, 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.

For more information, visit <u>CFXway.com</u>.

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