ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY GROUP MEETING NO. 2
Lake / Orange County Connector (US 27 to SR 429)
Feasibility/Project Development & Environment Study
— February 12, 2019 —
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Environmental Advisory Group (EAG)

EAG Goal
- Receive input regarding local needs, concerns and potential environmental impacts
- Foster an atmosphere that encourages discussion

EAG Member Role
- Assist in the identification of potential project impacts, opportunities and constraints
- Provide feedback and comments regarding the information presented
Study Objective

Determine if a Lake/Orange County Connector is viable and fundable.
Future Land Use

Wellness Way Area Plan
- Lake County
- Significant economic development potential
- Anticipated build-out of 16,531 units will generate over 26,839 jobs

Horizon West Special Planning Area
- Orange County
- Fast-growing master-planned community
- Anticipated build-out of 40,000 dwelling units
Project’s Development Process

Previous Feasibility Studies
• Feasibility studies conducted in 2002 and 2007
• Traffic and revenue analysis conducted in 2017

Identify Project
• Identified in the CFX 2040 Master Plan
• Identified in the Lake and Orange County Long Range Transportation Plans

Work Plan
• PD&E and design phases funded
  (Design funds indicated as a placeholder pending the outcome of this PD&E Study)

PD&E Study
• Current project phase
Project Needs

1. Improved connections between area roads
2. Future transportation demand
3. Consistency with local & regional plans
4. Economic viability & job creation
5. Intermodal opportunities
6. Evacuation & emergency services
The PD&E Study will determine if there is an engineering and environmentally feasible alternative to meet the project needs.

Two main phases of this PD&E Study:

1. **Alternative Corridor Evaluation**
   - Identify roadway corridors to carry forward for additional analysis

2. **Alternatives Analysis**
   - Identify a preferred project alternative
Alternative Corridor Evaluation

Engineering Evaluation Criteria
- Major Utility Conflicts
- Geometric Considerations
- Floodplain Encroachment
- Traffic Considerations

Socio-Economic Evaluation Criteria
- Approved Planned Unit Developments
- Historical/Archaeological Resources
- Parks/Recreational Facilities
- Right-of-Way Impacts

Environmental Evaluation Criteria
- Wetlands
- Wildlife and Habitat
- Conservation Lands/Mitigation Banks
- Contamination
Stakeholder Outreach

- CEMEX
- FDOT
- Lake County
- Lake-Sumter MPO
- MetroPlan Orlando
- Orange County
- South Florida Water Management District
- Water Conserv II
Public Involvement

• Public involvement and interagency coordination have been an integral part of the assessment process.

• First Public Meeting was held August 30, 2018.

• Opportunities for participation will continue to be provided throughout the duration of the study.
There are significant environmental constraints, particularly around Schofield Road.

Give consideration to the Lake Louisa State Park main entrance - many visitors and R/Vs navigate the area.

Get FDOT input regarding US 27.

Segments 1-5 and 1-6 are preferred from a noise and light perspective.

Explore other opportunities for stormwater Regional Sewer District.

The project will obviously create more impervious area. A Water Conserv II partnership could reduce pondage.
Alternative Corridor Evaluation

Evaluation Results

- Corridors 12, 17 and 20 ranked highest
- The recommended corridor encompasses the area that is bordered by Corridor 20 on the north and Corridor 17 on the south
The methodological approach used to identify the recommended corridor area is documented in an Alternative Corridor Evaluation Report.
Alternative Corridor Evaluation

Recommended Corridor Area
Alternatives Analysis

• Four Build Alternatives

• Proposed interchanges
  o US 27
  o CR 455 future extension
  o Future Valencia Parkway
  o SR 429 (systems interchange)

• No-Action or No-Build Alternative
Proposed Typical Section

- 330-foot wide right of way
- Allows for future widening to the inside
## Alternatives Analysis

### Comparative Evaluation Matrix

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<th>ALTERNATIVES</th>
<th>FLOODPLAIN IMPACTS</th>
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<td>Approximately 261.1 acres of impacts to Farmland of Local Importance</td>
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<td>Approximately 23.7 acres of impacts to wetlands</td>
<td>Approximately 203.2 acres of impacts to Farmland of Local Importance</td>
<td>Impacts approximately 43 acres of the CEMEX mine and impacts to the main Phase Two mining area</td>
<td>Relatively minor noise or aesthetic impacts anticipated to Lake Louis State Park or the cabins</td>
<td>Approximately $395M</td>
<td>Approximately 392 acres of total ROW required</td>
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<td>Approximately 56.7 acres of impacts to wetlands</td>
<td>Approximately 224.7 acres of impacts to Farmland of Local Importance</td>
<td>Impacts approximately 33 acres of the CEMEX mine. Less impacts as compared to Alternatives 1 and 2 to the Phase Two mining area since it skirts the southern edge</td>
<td>Relatively minor noise or aesthetic impacts anticipated to Lake Louis State Park or the cabins</td>
<td>Approximately $455M</td>
<td>Approximately 381 acres of total ROW required</td>
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<td>Approximately 48.7 acres of impacts to wetlands</td>
<td>Approximately 231.7 acres of impacts to Farmland of Local Importance</td>
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<td>Relatively minor noise or aesthetic impacts anticipated to Lake Louis State Park or the cabins</td>
<td>Approximately $397M</td>
<td>Approximately 372 acres of total ROW required</td>
<td>Approximately $7.9M in mitigation costs for impacts to wetlands and gopher tortoise</td>
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Alternatives Analysis

What’s Next?

• Receive input on the project alternatives
• Select a recommended preferred alternative
• Conduct detailed engineering and environmental analysis
• Prepare engineering and environmental reports
Group Discussion
Upcoming Public Involvement

• Second Public Information Meeting

  March 7, 2019
  5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
  Bridgewater Middle School Cafeteria
  5600 Tiny Road
  Winter Garden, FL

• EAG Meeting No. 3 (final meeting) is anticipated to occur in May 2019
• Public Hearing is anticipated to occur in June 2019
• One-On-One or small group meetings available upon request
Study Website

- Study documents and meeting materials are posted to the study website
- Shortened study web address: https://bit.ly/2MdwCmH
- CFX web address: www.CFXway.com
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