

## PROJECT 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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# **Project Advisory Group (PAG)**

## **PAG Goal**

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

## **PAG Member Role**

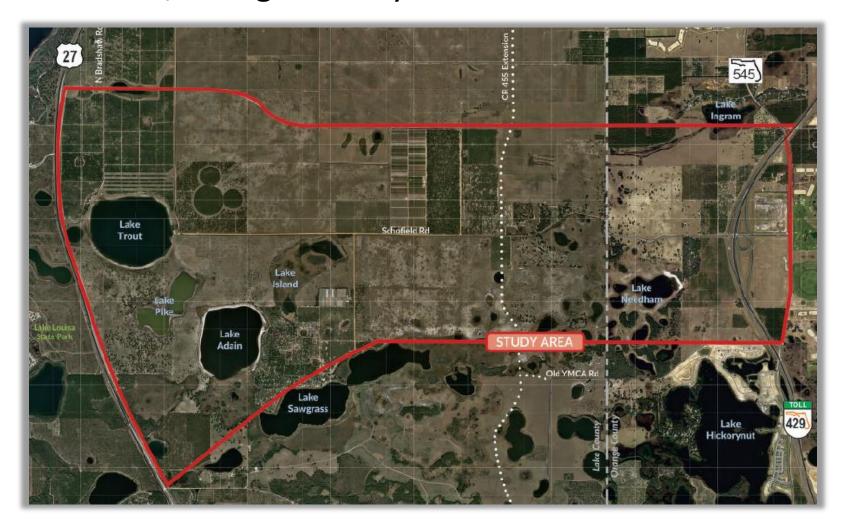
- Assist in the identification of potential project impacts, opportunities and constraints
- Provide feedback and comments regarding the information presented





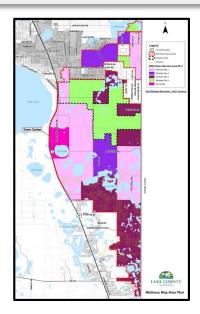
# **Study Objective**

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



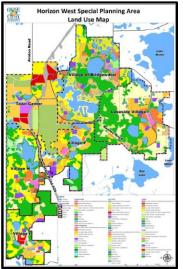


## **Future Land Use**



## **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 DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

New Alignment Expansion Projects

## **Identify Project**

Project identified in CFX Board approved Visioning +2040 Master Plan (Long-Range Transportation Plan).

#### Work Plan

Is project identified in the approved Five-Year Work Plan?

Project is placed on hold to be revisited in the future.



(We are here.)

Does CFX Board approve PD&E Study?

the future.

Project is placed on hold to be revisited in

Feasibility Study

CFX Board

approves

findings of

feasibility study

on the project?

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the future.

#### PD&E Study

Does CFX Board approve project for the Final Design Phase?

Recommended

Alternative/Final Design

Project is placed on hold to be revisited in the future.

#### Right-of-Way

Does CFX Board accept the Right-of-Way Committee's requested acquisitions and approve start of right-of-way purchasing?

#### Permitting

Does CFX Board accept the proposed mitigation/ conservation easement settlements and approve permit agreements?

#### Utilities

Does CFX Board accept the proposed utilities relocation settlements and approve utility agreements?

Project is placed on hold to be revisited in the future.

#### Advertise Bids

Does CFX **Board approve** CFX's request to advertise bids for construction?

the future.

**Award Contract** 

Does CFX accept bid and approve award of contract to construct roadway?

CFX may re-advertise

is revised and/or

repackaged for bids.

Project is placed on hold to be revisited in project to accept new bids OR project design

#### Construction

Construction commences.

Newly constructed roadway is opened to

traffic.

Open to Traffic

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# **Project Needs**

- Improved connections between area roads
- 2 Future transportation demand
- Consistency with local & regional plans
- 4 Economic viability & job creation
- 5 Intermodal opportunities
- 6 Evacuation & emergency services



# **PD&E Study**

 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:
  - Alternative Corridor Evaluation
     Identify roadway corridors to carry forward for additional analysis
  - 2. Alternatives Analysis
    Identify a preferred project alternative





## **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





# PAG Input Received – July 30, 2018

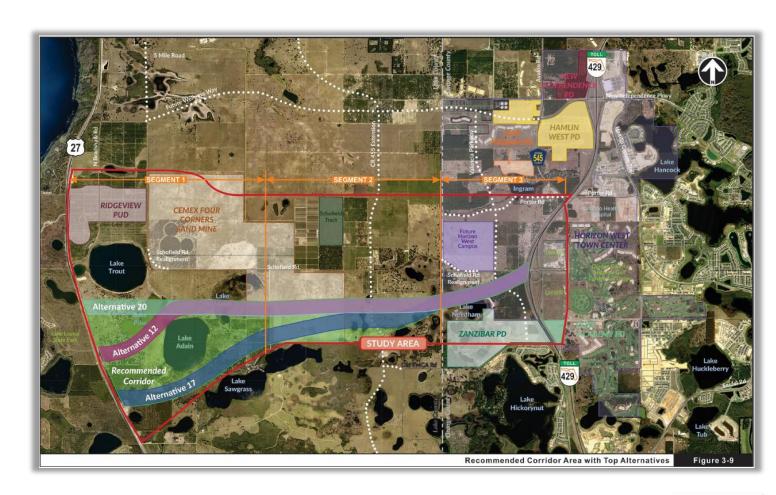
- The northern most connection will pull more people.
- The northern alignment will be disruptive to development currently in the works.
- The northern corridors will disrupt developing agritourism.
- Minimize impacts to Horizon West Town Center.
- Concerns with it being a limited-access roadway.
- There are benefits to a limited access facility but impacts to property owners need to be considered.
- Coordinate with land owners/developers.
- There should be more access points along the corridor.





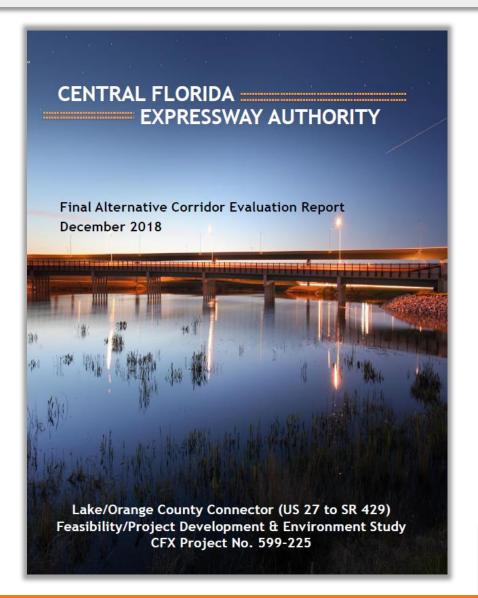
## **Evaluation Results**

- 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

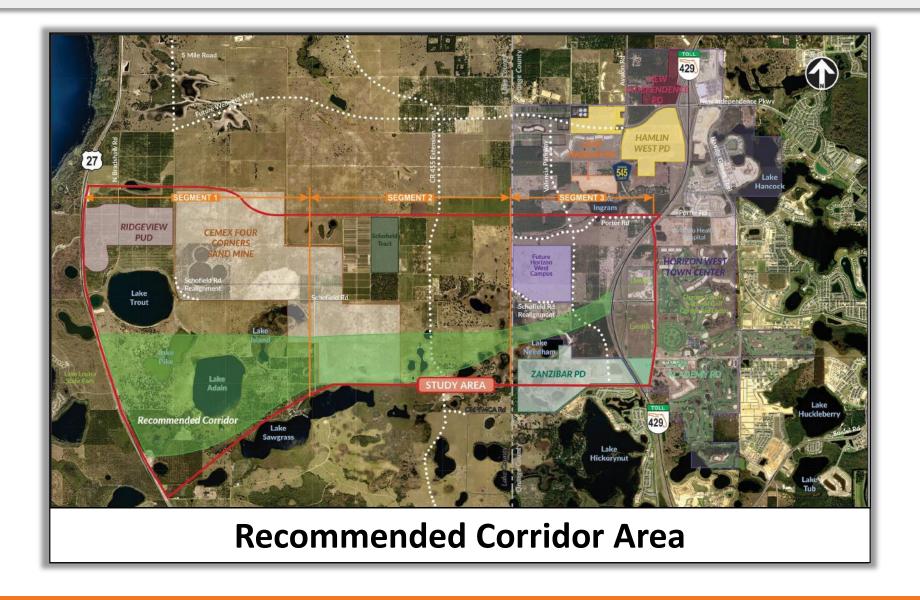




 The methodological approach used to identify the recommended corridor area is documented in an Alternative Corridor Evaluation Report

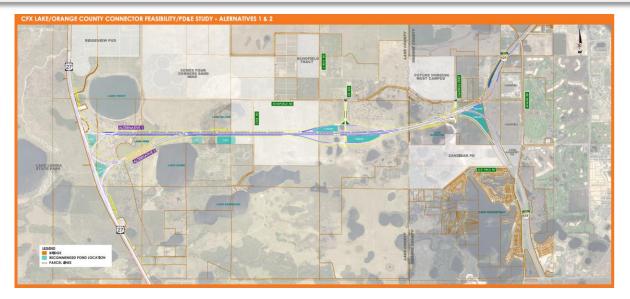


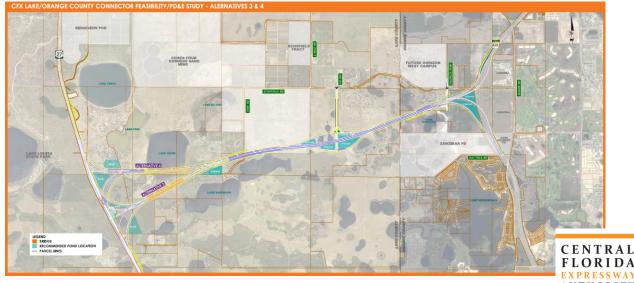






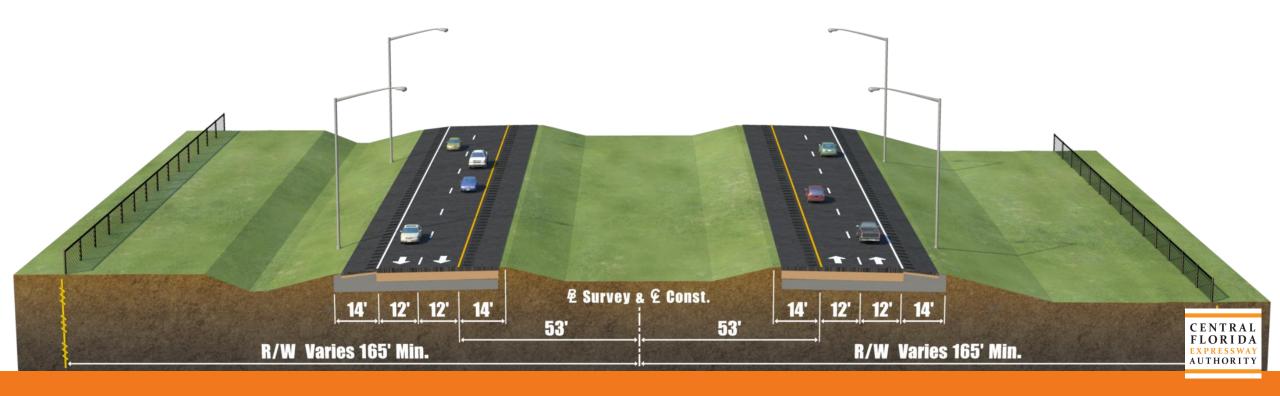
- Four Build Alternatives
- Proposed interchanges
  - o US 27
  - CR 455 future extension
  - Future Valencia Parkway
  - SR 429 (systems interchange)
- No-Action or No-Build Alternative





## **Typical Section**

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



## **Comparative Evaluation Matrix**

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ERNATIVES		FLOODPLAIN IMPACTS	UTILITY IMPACTS	CONSTRUCTABILITY ISSUES	WETLAND IMPACTS	FARMLAND IMPACTS (NRCS)	IMPACTS TO APPROVED DEVELOPMENTS (CEMEX MINE)	NOISE & AESTHETICS/VISUAL IMPACTS	CONSTRUCTION	RIGHT-OF-WAY	MITIGATION
1		Approximately c 67.1 acres of floodplain impacts	Relatively minor utility impacts anticipated mainly to overhead electrical distribution	Requires or realignment of US 27 at the interchange location. Relatively minor issues anticipated	Approximately 16.3 acres of impacts to wetlands	Approximately 29.1.1 acres of impacts to Farmland of Local Importance	Impacts approximately 43	Relatively minor noise or aesthetic impacts anticipated to Lake Louisa State Park or the cabins	o Approximately \$300M	Approximately 377 acres of total R/W required	o Approximately \$3.4M in mitigation costs for impacts to wetlands and gopher tortoise
2	<u>.</u>	Approximately c 74.1 acres of floodplain impacts	Relatively minor utility impacts anticipated mainly to overhead electrical distribution	Requires or realignment of US 27 at the interchange location. Relatively minor issues anticipated	Approximately 23.7 acres of impacts to wetlands	Approximately 293.2 acres of impacts to Farmland of Local Importance	Impacts approximately 43	Relatively minor noise or aesthetic impacts anticipated to Lake Louisa State Park or the cabins	o Approximately \$335M	Approximately 380 acres of total R/W required	Approximately \$4.4M in mitigation costs for impacts to wetlands and gopher tortoise
3		Approximately 115.3 acres of floodplain impacts	Relatively minor utility impacts anticipated mainly to overhead electrical distribution	Requires or realignment of US 27 at the interchange location. Relatively minor issues anticipated	Approximately 55.7 acres of impacts to wetlands	-Approximately 224.7 acres of impacts to Farmland of Local Importance	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	Relatively minor or no noise or aesthetic impacts anticipated to Lake Louisa State Park or the cabins	+ Approximately \$346M	Approximately 381 acres of total R/W required	o Approximately \$8.4M in mitigation costs for impacts to wetlands and gopher tortoise
4	ı	Approximately 109.2 acres of floodplain impacts	Relatively minor utility impacts anticipated mainly to overhead electrical distribution	Requires or realignment of US 27 at the interchange location. Relatively minor issues anticipated	Approximately 48.7 acres of impacts to wetlands	-Approximately 231.7 acres of impacts to Farmland of Local Importance	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	Relatively minor noise or aesthetic impacts anticipated to Lake Louisa State Park or the cabins	o Approximately - \$367M	Approximately 372 acres of total R/W required	Approximately \$7.5M in mitigation costs for impacts to wetlands and gopher tortoise



## 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



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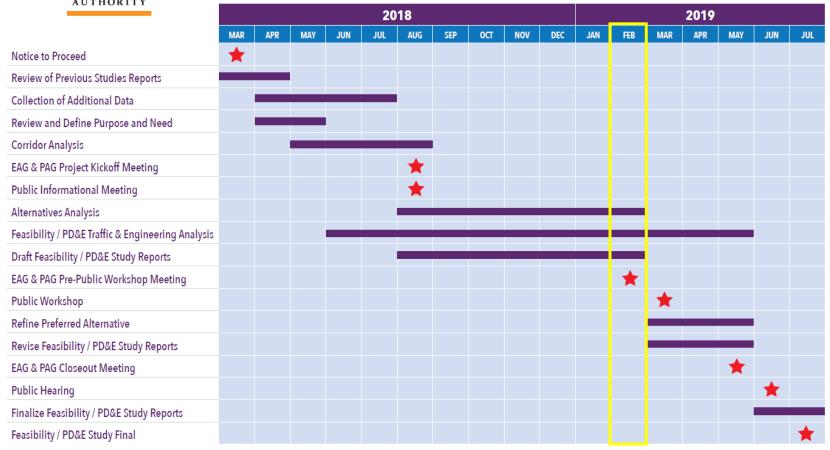
# Group Discussion



## **Project Schedule**



#### Lake/Orange County Connector - Study Schedule





# **Upcoming Public Involvement**

Second Public Informational Meeting

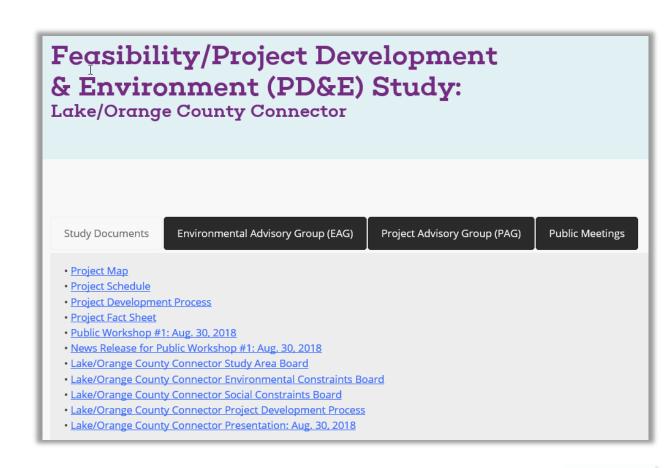
March 7, 2019
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Bridgewater Middle School Cafeteria
5600 Tiny Road
Winter Garden, FL

- PAG 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: <u>https://bit.ly/2MdwCmH</u>
- CFX web address: www.CFXway.com





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