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#### **MEETING FACILITIES EVALUATION**





### Public Meeting Facility Criteria

Project Name:	Lake / Orange County Connector Feasibility / PD&E Study
CFX Project Number:	599-225
Facility Name:	Marriott Springhill Suites at Flamingo Crossings – Citrus Meeting Room
Facility Address:	13279 Flamingo Crossings Boulevard, Winter Garden, FL 34787
Facility Website:	http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mcofm-springhill-suites-orlando-at-
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Contact Information:	Tara Kinney
Date of Visit:	April 3, 2018

Facility Information	Comments
Capacity/Layout	
Large combined room (A&B)	40 Conference Style, 165 Theater Style
Individual rooms	20 – 35 Conference Style
Meets ADA requirements	yes
Sound System:	
Microphone	Available for additional fee
Speakers	Available for additional fee
Podium	Available for additional fee
Video Equipment:	
Screen	Available for additional fee
Projector	LCD available for additional fee
Wi-Fi	Available
Number of chairs available	As needed up to capacity
Number of tables available	As needed
Fees	\$300 ++
Insurance	
Parking	Free
Scheduling	407-778-5613 tara.kinney2@marriott.com

#### Notes





#### Marriott Springhill Suites at Flamingo Crossings – Citrus Meeting Room Photos





### Public Meeting Facility Criteria

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Sound System:	
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Speakers	Available for additional fee
Podium	Available for additional fee
Video Equipment:	
Screen	Available for additional fee
Projector	LCD available for additional fee
Wi-Fi	Available
Number of chairs available	As needed up to capacity
Number of tables available	As needed
Fees	\$300 ++
Insurance	
Parking	Free
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#### Notes





#### Marriott TownePlace Suites at Flamingo Crossings – Grove Meeting Room Photos











#### Public Involvement Program Lake / Orange County Connector (US 27 to SR 429) Feasibility / PD&E Study







Public & Coordination Meetings Held

Summary of Meetings Held

	Data	
Meeting	Date	Location CoTo Monting
CEMEX WGI Kick-off	4/3/2018	GoTo Meeting Orange County Public Works, 4200 S John Young Dhuny, Orlando, 51
Orange County Kick-off	4/20/2018	Orange County Public Works, 4200 S John Young Pkwy, Orlando, FL
Lake Orange County Kick-off	4/20/2017	Lake County Public Works, 350 N Sinclair, Taveres, FL
Water Conserv II Kick-off	5/7/2018	Water Conserv II, 17498 McKinney Rd, Winter Garden, FL
CR 455 Extension Coordination Kick-off	6/14/2018	CFX HQ, 4974 Orl Tower Rd, Orlando, FL
Environmental Advisory Group Meeting 1	6/30/2018	CFX Board Room, 4974 ORL Tower Road, Orlando, FL
Project Advisory Group Meeting 1	6/30/2018	CFX Board Room, 4974 ORL Tower Road, Orlando, FL
Commissioner VanderLey Coordination	7/2/2018	Orange County Admin Building, 201 S Rosalind Ave, Orlando, FL
MPO TAC Meeting	8/8/2018	225 W Guava St, STE 207, Lady Lake, FL
MPO Board	8/22/2018	225 W Guava St, STE 207, Lady Lake, FL
FDOT District 5	8/24/2018	FDOT District 5 Live Oak Conference Room
Public Informational Meeting 1	8/30/2018	Clermonts Arts & Recreational Center Gymnasium, 3700 S Hwy 27, Clermont FL
Greater Orlando Builders Association	9/10/2018	1953 Clayton Heritage Way, Maitland, FL
Lake County Coordination	10/15/2018	Lake County Public Works, 350 N Sinclair, Taveres, FL
Lake County ELA	1/24/2019	Lake County Public Works, 350 N Sinclair, Taveres, FL
SFWMD ELA	1/24/2019	1701 Orlando Central Parkway, Suite 200, Orlando, FL
West Orange Chamber of Commerce	2/4/2019	12184 W Colonial Dr, Winter Garden, FL
Environmental Advisory Group Meeting 2	2/12/2019	CFX Board Room, 4974 ORL Tower Road, Orlando, FL
Project Advisory Group Meeting 2	2/12/2019	CFX Board Room, 4974 ORL Tower Road, Orlando, FL
Lake Sumter MPO	2/12/2019	1616 S 14 St, Leesburge, FL 34748
MetroPlan TAC	2/22/2019	250 S Orange Ave, STE 200, Orlando, FL
Commissioner VanderLey Coordination	2/25/2019	Orange County Admin Building, 201 S Rosalind Ave, Orlando, FL
FDOT District 5	2/26/2019	FDOT District 5 Live Oak Conference Room
Lake Sumter MPO Board	2/27/2019	1616 S 14 St, Leesburge, FL 34748
MetroPlan CAC	2/27/2019	250 S Orange Ave, STE 200, Orlando, FL
Karl Corporation	2/28/2019	CFX Office - Sandpiper Conference Room
MetroPlan MAC	3/7/2019	250 S Orange Ave, STE 200, Orlando, FL
Public Informational Meeting 2	3/7/2019	Bridgewater Middle School Cafeteria, 5600 Tiny Road, Winter Garden, FL
MetroPlan Board	3/13/2019	250 S Orange Ave, STE 200, Orlando, FL
Clermont City Council	4/9/2019	685 W Montrose St, Clermont FL 34711
Orange County ELA	4/25/2019	Orange County Public Works, 4200 S John Young Pkwy, Orlando, FL
Environmental Advisory Group Meeting 3	5/2/2019	CFX Board Room, 4974 ORL Tower Road, Orlando, FL
Project Advisory Group Meeting 3	5/2/2019	CFX Board Room, 4974 ORL Tower Road, Orlando, FL
Public Hearing (to be held)	6/27/2019	Clermonts Arts & Recreational Center Gymnasium & Black Box Theater, 3700 S Hwy 27, Clermont
	(scheduled)	FL



Environmental Advisory Group Meeting 1

July 9, 2018

Subject: Environmental Advisory Group Meeting No. 1 – July 30, 2018 CFX Feasibility & Project Development and Environment Study Lake / Orange County Connector (US 27 to SR 429) CFX Project No.: 599-225

Dear Study Stakeholder:

The <u>Central Florida Expressway Authority</u> (CFX) would like to invite you or your designee to the first Environmental Advisory Group (EAG) meeting for the <u>Lake / Orange County Connector</u> study. The meeting will be held on Monday, July 30, 2018 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the CFX Headquarters located at 4974 ORL Tower Rd., Orlando. A brief presentation will be provided, followed by group discussion.

Using the results of previous studies as a foundation, a feasible corridor for the proposed toll road will be identified. Several alignments within the corridor will then be developed and evaluated to identify a preferred alternative. All factors related to the conceptual design and location of the facility will be considered including transportation needs, financial feasibility, social impacts, economic factors, environmental impacts, engineering analysis, and right-of-way requirements. If the project is subsequently approved, it would move into design for eventual construction.

The overall goals of the Lake/Orange County Connector are to provide improved system connectivity / linkage; accommodate anticipated transportation demand; provide consistency with local and regional plans; support economic viability and job creation; support intermodal opportunities; and enhance evacuation and emergency services. A project location map is attached for your information.

Your participation in the EAG is encouraged. As a special advisory resource to CFX and the consultant team, the EAG will provide input regarding local needs, concerns and potential physical, natural, social and cultural impacts that will be crucial in the evaluation of corridor and alternative alignments.

For more information, click <u>here</u> to visit the study's website. Please respond to Kathy Putnam, Public Involvement Coordinator, by Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> if you are able to attend the EAG meeting or if you would prefer to designate a representative. Ms. Putnam can be reached by phone at 407-802-3210 or by email at <u>LakeOrangeStudy@CFXway.com</u>.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Project Location Map

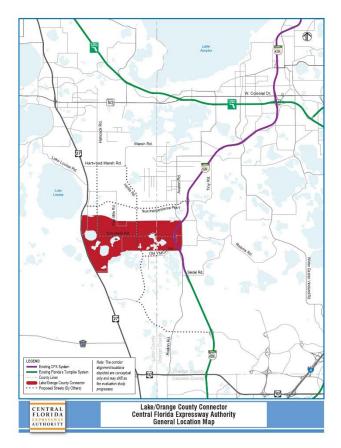


#### LAKE / ORANGE COUNTY CONNECTOR (US 27 TO SR 429) ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY GROUP (EAG) MEETING #1 SUMMARY

**Date/Time:** Monday, July 30, 2018; 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX), 4974 ORL Tower Road, Orlando, FL 32807, Board Room

Attendees:Ten EAG members and eight staff members attended. Six EAG members participated via<br/>GoToMeeting. See sign-in sheets attached.



#### I. Notifications

Invitation letters were emailed to 61 members of the EAG on July 9, 2018.

#### II. Welcome

Nicole Gough of Dewberry, CFX's General Engineering Consultant (GEC), called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. and welcomed everyone. She gave a brief introduction about the meeting and provided safety, housekeeping and Title VI information. She also mentioned that the meeting was being recorded and there were members participating via GoToMeeting. Attendees introduced themselves and the organizations they represented.

#### **III. Presentation**

Will Sloup, Consultant Project Manager with Metric Engineering, presented the following information:

#### • Study Objective

The Lake/Orange County Connector PD&E study will determine if a limited access facility between US 27 in south Lake County and SR 429 in west Orange County is viable and fundable in accordance with CFX policies and procedures. New interchanges are proposed at US 27 and the future extension of CR 455 in Lake County. The existing Schofield Road interchange with SR 429 in Orange County will remain but be modified to accommodate free-flow traffic movements between SR 429 and the proposed Lake/Orange County Connector.



#### • Study Area

At the present time, the study area is generally undeveloped. The study area lies within Lake County and Orange County and the limits are generally described as: Porter Road on the north; SR 429 on the east; Old YMCA Road on the south; and US 27 on the west. (Presented on the slide was a map of the study area which was also available in the room as a 40" x 64" display board.)

#### • Future Land Use

The study area falls within the Wellness Way Area Plan and the Horizon West Special Planning Area.

The Wellness Way Area Plan has been recognized for many years as an area that has significant potential for economic development in southeast Lake County. It's comprised of approximately 15,471 acres in southeast Lake County. The anticipated build out of 16,531 units will generate over 26,839 jobs.

Horizon West is a fast-growing, master-planned community in southwest Orange County. This is highlighted by the fact that Horizon West's share of all approved single-family building permits within Orange County has steadily increased since 2002 and comprised more than 50% of issued permits in 2015. The study area falls within the Town Center and Village H (Hickory Nut) of Horizon West. The Town Center will be a regional employment center with a projected employment force of over 27,000.

#### • Project Needs

The need for a transportation project arises from deficiencies, issues or concerns that currently exist or are expected to occur within the study area. In short, the need establishes the rationale for pursuing a project. There are six project needs that serve as justification for the proposed Lake / Orange County Connector:

- 1. Improve connections between area roads.
- 2. Accommodate future transportation demand.
- 3. Provide consistency with local and regional plans.
- 4. Support economic viability and job creation.
- 5. Support intermodal opportunities.
- 6. Enhance evacuation and emergency services.

#### • CFX Project Development Process

CFX follows a project development and environment, or PD&E, process for new alignment expansion projects. At the conclusion of the PD&E study one of two things can occur - the proposed project can either move forward into the final design phase or be placed on hold to be revisited in the future.

#### • Current Phase – PD&E Study

Simply stated, the PD&E Study will determine if there is an engineering and environmentally feasible alternative to meet the project needs. Using the results of previous studies as a foundation, a feasible corridor for the proposed toll road will be identified. Several alignments within the corridor will then be developed and evaluated to identify a preferred alternative. The PD&E study and Final Design phases are funded in CFX's Five-Year Work Plan. Design funds are indicated as placeholder in fiscal years 2021/22 and 2022/23 until the CFX Governing Board approves the results of this PD&E Study.

#### • Project History – Identify Project

The Lake / Orange County Connector is identified in the 2040 Master Plan and was also identified in previous Master Plans (2025, 2030 and 2035) as the "Wellness Way Corridor". It is also identified in Lake County and Orange County Long Range Transportation Plans.

#### • Project History – Feasibility Study

In 2002, CFX studied the feasibility of a limited access toll road to connect US 27 on the west with Florida's Turnpike and the then newly constructed SR 429. Based on the concepts that

were developed, the study concluded that only the Southern Corridor offered any long-term opportunity for CFX participation. The Southern Corridor was in the general area of Schofield Road.

Again in 2007, CFX studied the feasibility and viability of a potential US 27 to SR 429 expressway connection within an area south of Hartwood Marsh Road and north of US 192. The study identified Corridors A, C and D as the three overall viable corridors. In the end Corridor C, which paralleled Schofield Road, was not recommended due to potential impacts to the planned Horizon West Town Center at the eastern terminus.

In 2017, CFX completed a preliminary traffic and revenue analysis of three alignments. The "Southern Alignment", located in the general area of Schofield Road, was found to provide the greatest potential for revenue generation and a recommendation was made to move forward with a Feasibility/PD&E Study.

#### • Schedule

The study began in May 2018 with a 15-month schedule. In August we will be finalizing corridor analysis, the analysis that will help identify the most feasible corridors. We will then proceed to alternatives analysis which will help identify a preferred alternative. Three PAG/EAG meetings will be held throughout the course of the study. Today we are discussing corridors, the next time we meet will discuss several alternative alignments, and the final time we meet we will focus on the preferred alternative.

#### • Corridor Analysis – Social Constraints Map

We have separated the study area into three segments and have developed several 800' wide corridors. This resulted in a total of 16 corridor segments that we are able to evaluate in different combinations to create a direct link between US 27 and SR 429. These corridors were then mapped against known constraints. (Presented on the slide was the Social Constraints Map which was also available in the room as a 40" x 64" display board.)

#### Corridor Analysis – Environmental Constraints Map

(Presented on the slide was the Environmental Constraints Map which was also available in the room as a  $40^{\circ} \times 64^{\circ}$  display board.)



#### • Corridor Analysis - Evaluation Criteria

The corridors will be evaluated to determine how well the six project needs are satisfied. The corridors will also be evaluated based on engineering, environmental and socio-economic criteria that were tailored to fit the characteristics of the study area. Evaluation matrices will be developed, based on these criteria, to facilitate the comparison of corridors.

#### IV. Presentation, continued

To conclude the presentation Kathy Putnam, CFX's Public Involvement Coordinator, presented the following information:

#### • Corridor Analysis - Public Involvement

Public involvement is critical throughout the study process. Multiple opportunities to provide input are being provided. Comments received during corridor analysis will be used to refine the project needs, corridor constraints and evaluation criteria. The results of the corridor analysis will be summarized in an Alternatives Corridor Evaluation Report which will be made available for public review.

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#### • Next Steps

We will continue to solicit public input on the corridor alternatives with a Public Informational Meeting scheduled to occur on August 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Clermont Arts & Recreation Center in Clermont. The meeting will be held in an open house format. After this meeting the corridor analysis will be finalized and the study team will begin alternatives analysis. Following today's meeting the PowerPoint presentation, meeting summary and meeting materials will be posted to the study website and Facebook page. The presentation will also be emailed to the PAG & EAG members.

#### V. Questions & Discussion

Nicole Gough invited questions and discussion on the presentation and/or project study.

- Lex Veech, property owner: Asked for clarification on the 2007 study...was corridor C removed from consideration? It was out and now it's back in? Jazlyn Heywood with Metric Engineering responded that the study identified three viable corridors, A, C and D. In the end the report did not recommend corridor C due to potential impacts to the planned Horizon West Town Center at the eastern terminus. Yes, this study is once again considering Corridor C. The study team is coordinating with Orange County staff, property owners and developers to minimize and/or avoid impacts to the planned Horizon West Town Center.
- Beth Jackson, Orange County Environmental Protection Division: There are significant environmental constraints, particularly around Schofield: Gopher tortoise, sand skink, several threatened and endangered plant species are present. "Site 6" is utilized for gopher tortoise relocation (for Water Conserv II) – quasi-regulated area mostly to the north. There was a brief discussion regarding utilities and the need to coordinate with Woodward & Curran.

• Aldin Mathews, Lake Louisa State Park: What do the colors (for each corridor) represent? Any specific hierarchy? Will Sloup with Metric Engineering replied that they are just colors to distinguish different segments and corridors. Aldin Mathews continued that there should be some consideration to the entrance at the state park (intersection) with many visitors and a number of R/Vs navigating the area, etc.



- William "Bill" Graf, South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD): If you meet water management districts rules, you can get a permit. You appear to be within Water Conserv II area. There may be an opportunity for a Water Conserv II partnership. The project will obviously create more impervious area. A partnership could reduce pondage.
- James Hollingshead, St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD): I would also ask that you explore other opportunities for stormwater RSD (Regional Sewer District). Any irrigation should be reclaimed or stormwater.
- Chris Matson, Florida Department of Environmental Protection District 3: We have done some review of various interchange potentials for section 1 on the map. From an environmental point of view i.e. noise, light: segments 1-5, 1-6 are preferred.
- **Casey Lyons, Florida Department of Transportation District Five (GoToMeeting):** By tying into US 27, traffic could be relocated onto our facility...how much traffic going into our road? I would suggest coordination with FDOT to augment our capacity on US 27. **Will Sloup** added that traffic forecasting is going on now and as soon as it becomes available they will coordinate with FDOT.
- **Cammie Dewey, SJRWMD (GoToMeeting):** These alignments cross over both water management districts. Orange County is SFWMD, Lake County is SJRWMD.

There were no more comments, so Nicole Gough thanked everyone for attending and providing input. The meeting concluded at 2:00 p.m.

#### END OF SUMMARY

This meeting summary was prepared by Kelly Hiden, Public Involvement Coordinator with The Valerin Group, Inc. 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 Kelly Hiden by email at kelly@valerin-group.com or by telephone 407-508-0839 within five days of receipt of this summary.

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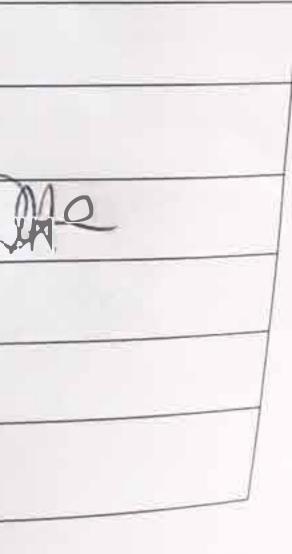
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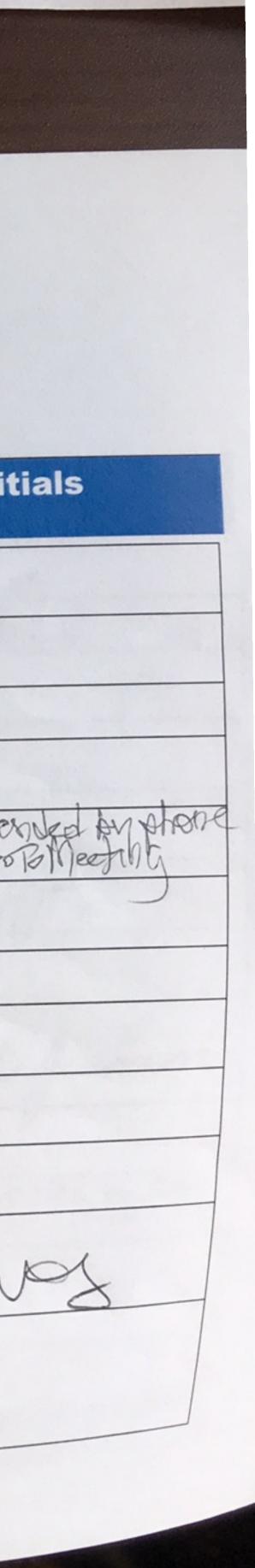
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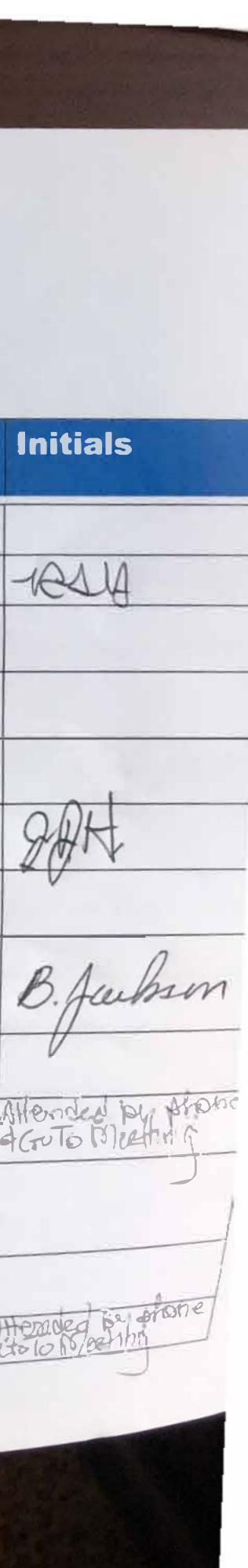
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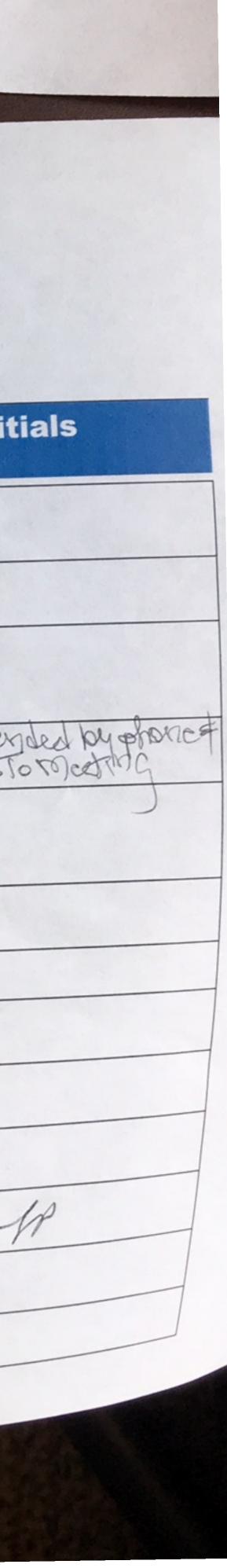
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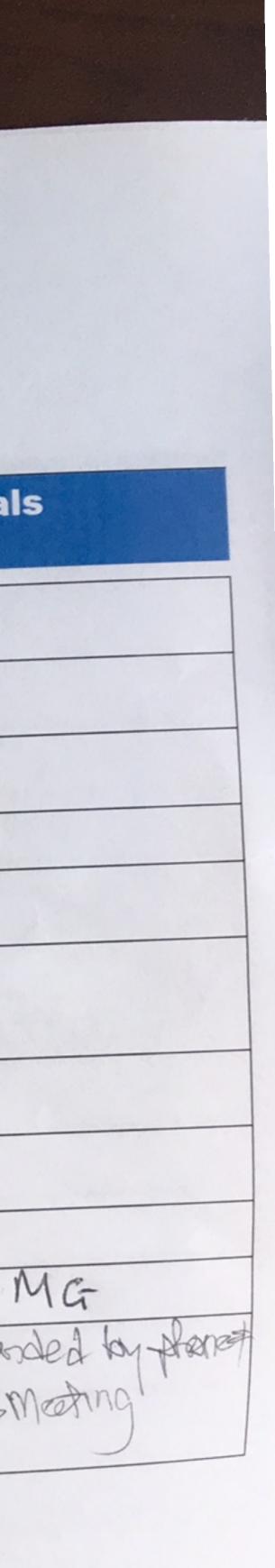
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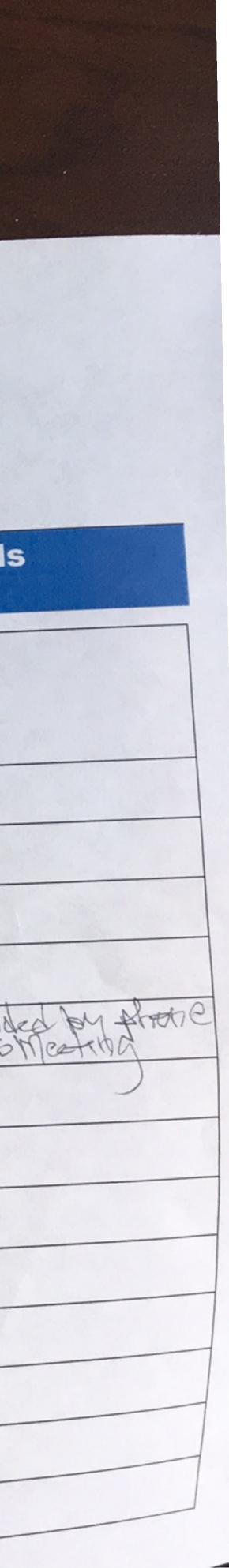
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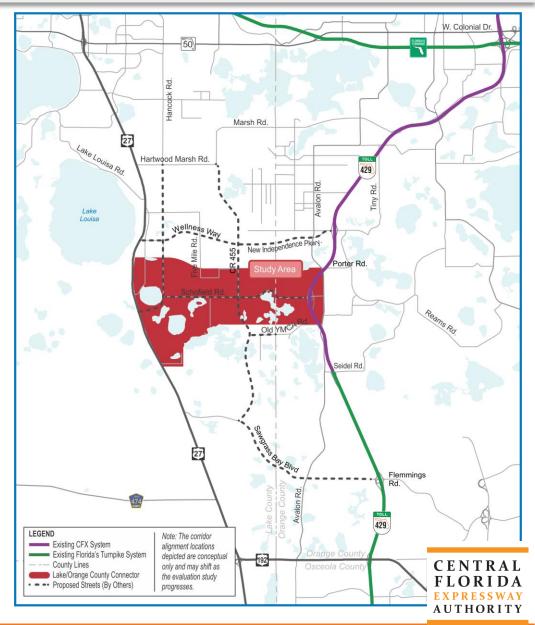
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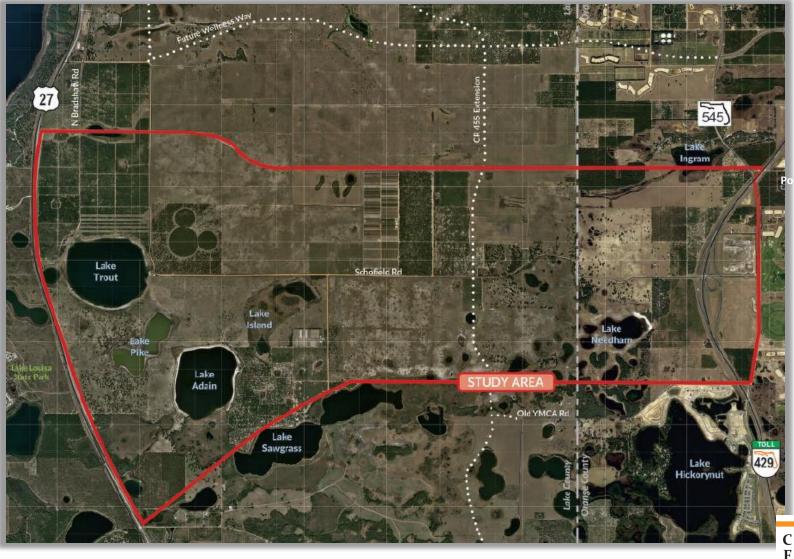
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 Determine if a Lake/Orange County Connector is viable and fundable.

 New interchanges proposed at US 27 and CR 455's future extension.

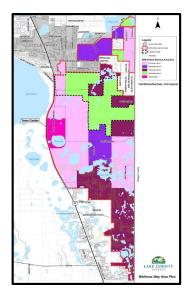


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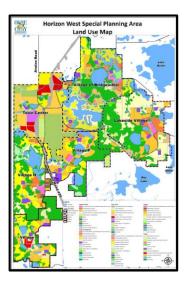
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### **Future Land Use**



### Wellness Way Area Plan

- Significant economic development potential
- Five future land use categories Wellness
   Way 1, 2, 3, 4 and the Town Center



### **Horizon West Special Planning Area**

- Fast-growing master-planned community
- Anticipated build-out of 40,000 dwelling units

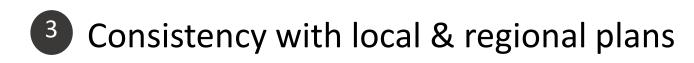


### **Project Needs**

Improved connections between area roads

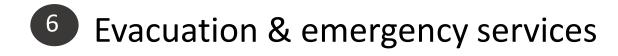


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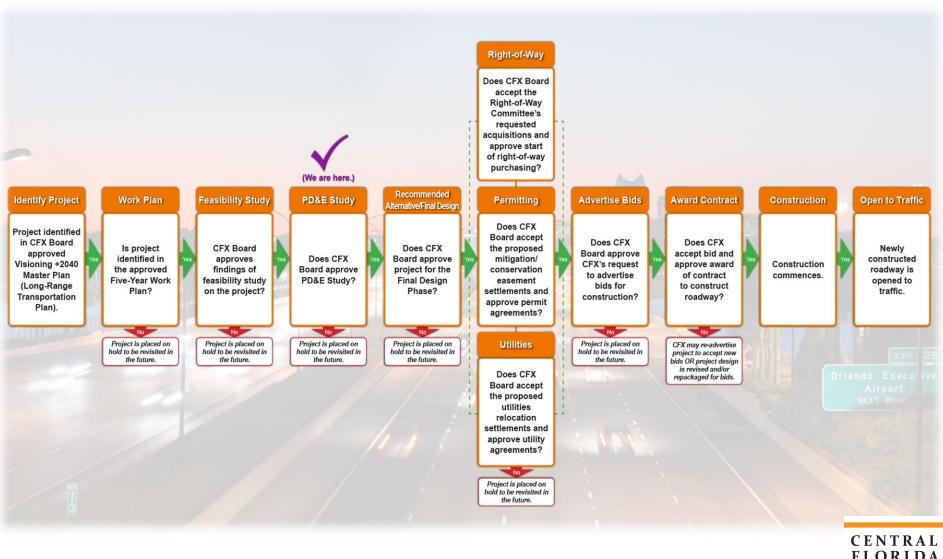


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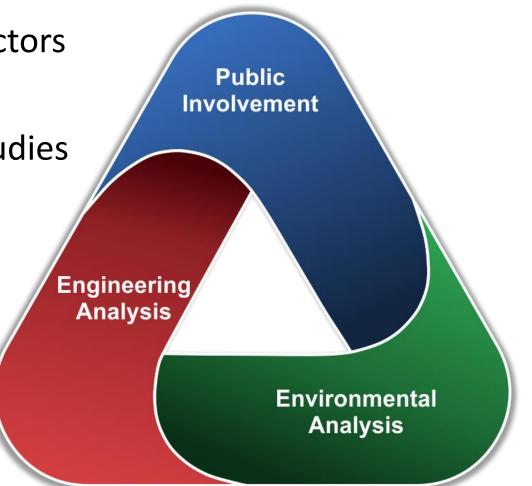
### **CFX Project Development Process**



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### **Current Phase – PD&E Study**

- Considers several factors and impact
- Builds upon prior studies
- Elicits public input
- Evaluates multiple alignments





### **Project History – Identify Project**



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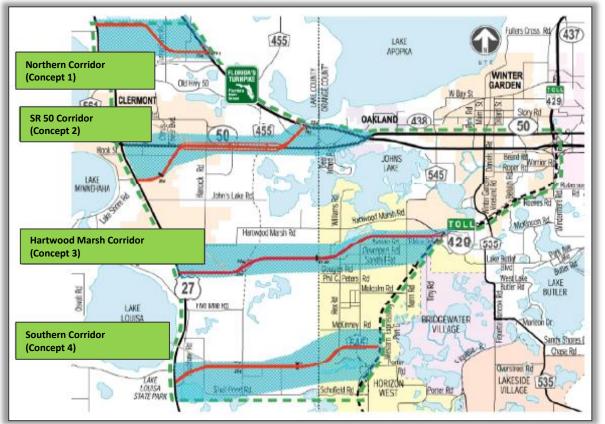
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### **Project History – Feasibility Study**

# SR 408 Western Extension Concept Development and Feasibility Study (2002)

- Four corridors identified in CFX study
- Southern Corridor highlighted

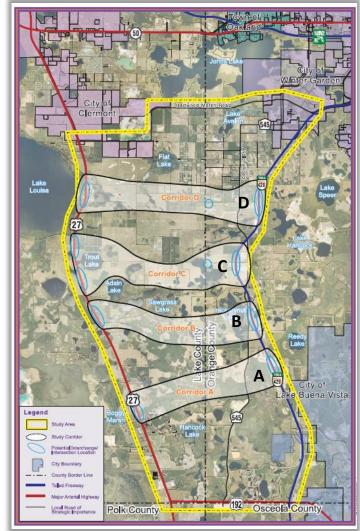


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### **Project History – Feasibility Study**

Concept Development and Evaluation Study for a potential SR 429 to US 27 Connector (2007)

- Area south of Hartwood Marsh Road and north of US 192
- Three viable corridors
- Corridor C impact on Horizon West Town Center



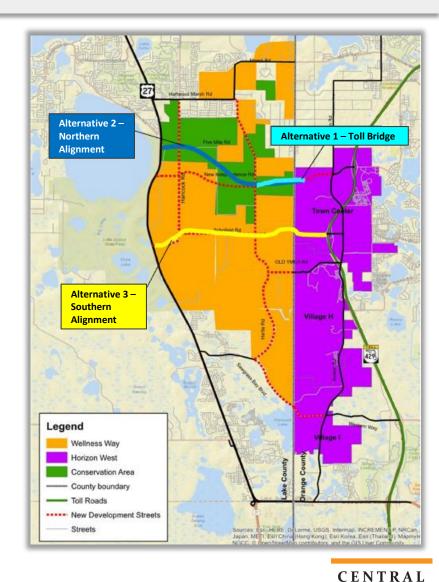
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### **Project History – Feasibility Study**

Lake/Orange Connector Preliminary Traffic & Revenue Study Report (2017)

- Compared toll revenue opportunities
- Found potential in Southern Alignment
- Prompted current study



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### Schedule

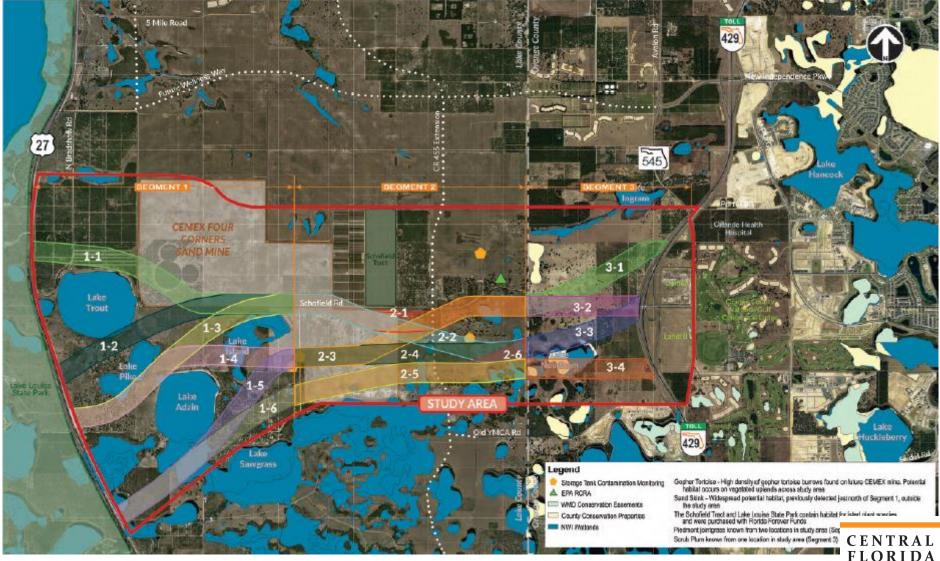
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### **Corridor Analysis – Social Constraints Map**



### **Corridor Analysis – Environmental Constraints Map**



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### **Corridor Analysis – Evaluation Criteria**

#### **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



Public input opportunities:

- Project Advisory Group meeting
- Environmental Advisory Group meeting
- Stakeholder and agency meetings/presentations
- Public Informational Meeting
- Project website, hotline, Facebook page





• Public Informational Meeting - August 30<sup>th</sup>

• Corridor and alternatives analysis

• Post presentation & meeting materials



### **Open Discussion**

- The Environmental Advisory Group (EAG) is a special advisory resource.
- The EAG is comprised of a diverse group of stakeholders that will provide input regarding local needs, concerns and potential physical, natural, social and cultural impacts that will be crucial in the evaluation of corridor and alternative alignments.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> EAG meeting is anticipated to occur in early 2019.





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Project Advisory Group Meeting 1

#### CENTRAL FLORIDA EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY

Date

Subject: Project Advisory Group Meeting No. 1 – July 30, 2018 CFX Feasibility & Project Development and Environment Study Lake / Orange County Connector (US 27 to SR 429) CFX Project No.: 599-225

Dear Study Stakeholder:

The <u>Central Florida Expressway Authority</u> (CFX) would like to invite you or your designee to the first Project Advisory Group (EAG) meeting for the <u>Lake / Orange County Connector</u> study. The meeting will be held on Monday, July 30, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the CFX Headquarters located at 4974 ORL Tower Rd., Orlando. A brief presentation will be provided, followed by group discussion.

Using the results of previous studies as a foundation, a feasible corridor for the proposed toll road will be identified. Several alignments within the corridor will then be developed and evaluated to identify a preferred alternative. All factors related to the conceptual design and location of the facility will be considered including transportation needs, financial feasibility, social impacts, economic factors, environmental impacts, engineering analysis, and right-of-way requirements. If the project is subsequently approved, it would move into design for eventual construction.

The overall goals of the Lake/Orange County Connector are to provide improved system connectivity / linkage; accommodate anticipated transportation demand; provide consistency with local and regional plans; support economic viability and job creation; support intermodal opportunities; and enhance evacuation and emergency services. A project location map is attached for your information.

Your participation in the PAG is encouraged. As a special advisory resource to CFX and the consultant team, the PAG will provide input regarding local needs, concerns and potential physical, natural, social and cultural impacts that will be crucial in the evaluation of corridor and alternative alignments.

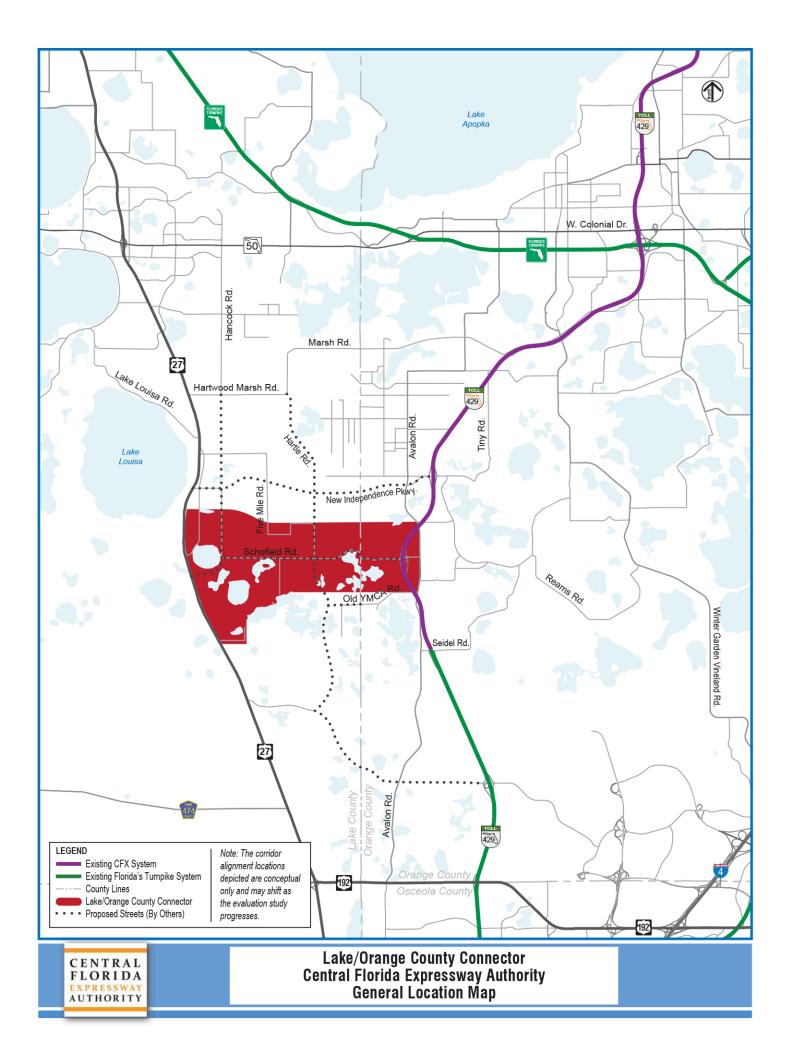
For more information, visit the study's website at https://www.cfxway.com/agency-information/plans-studies/projectstudies/lake-orange-co-connector-pde/. Please respond to Kathy Putnam, Public Involvement Coordinator, by Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> if you are able to attend the PAG meeting or if you would prefer to designate a representative. Mrs. Putnam can be reached by phone at 407-802-3210 or by email at LakeOrangeStudy@CFXway.com.

Sincerely,

Joseph A Berenis

Joseph A. Berenis, PE Chief of Infrastructure Central Florida Expressway Authority

Attachment: Project Location Map



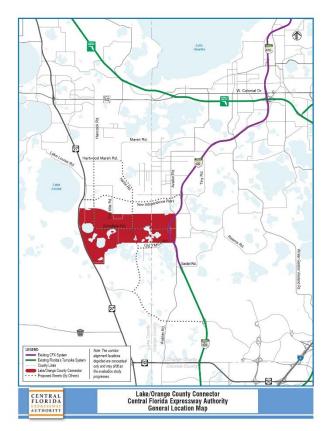


#### LAKE / ORANGE COUNTY CONNECTOR (US 27 TO SR 429) PROJECT ADVISORY GROUP (PAG) MEETING #1 SUMMARY

Date/Time:Monday, July 30, 2018; 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.Location:Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX), 4974 ORL Tower Road, Orlando, FL 32807,

Boardroom

Attendees: Thirty-four PAG members and ten staff members attended. Two PAG members participated via GoToMeeting. See sign-in sheets attached.



#### I. Notifications

Invitation letters were emailed to 61 members of the PAG on July 9, 2018.

#### II. Welcome

Kathy Putnam, CFX's Public Involvement Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. and welcomed everyone. She gave a brief introduction about the meeting and provided safety, housekeeping and Title VI information. She also mentioned that the meeting was being recorded and there were members participating via GoToMeeting. Attendees introduced themselves and the organizations they represented.

#### **III.** Presentation

Will Sloup, Consultant Project Manager with Metric Engineering, presented the following information, including:

#### • Study Objective

The Lake / Orange County Connector PD&E study will determine if a limited access facility between US 27 in south Lake County and SR 429 in west Orange County is viable and fundable in accordance with CFX policies and procedures. New interchanges are proposed at US 27 and the future extension of CR 455 in Lake County. The existing Schofield Road interchange with SR 429 in Orange County will remain but be modified to accommodate free-flow traffic movements between SR 429 and the proposed Lake / Orange County Connector.



#### • Study Area

At the present time, the study area is generally undeveloped. The study area lies within Lake County and Orange County and the limits are generally described as: Porter Road on the north; SR 429 on the east; Old YMCA Road on the south; and US 27 on the west. (Presented on the slide was a map of the study area which was also available in the room as a 40" x 64" display board.)

#### • Future Land Use

The study area falls within the Wellness Way Area Plan and the Horizon West Special Planning Area.

The Wellness Way Area Plan has been recognized for many years as an area that has significant potential for economic development in southeast Lake County. It's comprised of approximately 15,471 acres in southeast Lake County. The anticipated build out of 16,531 units will generate over 26,839 jobs.

Horizon West is a fast-growing, master-planned community in southwest Orange County. This is highlighted by the fact that Horizon West's share of all approved single-family building permits within Orange County has steadily increased since 2002 and comprised more than 50% of issued

permits in 2015. The study area falls within the Town Center and Village H (Hickory Nut) of Horizon West. The Town Center will be a regional employment center with a projected employment force of over 27,000.

#### • Project Needs

The need for a transportation project arises from deficiencies, issues or concerns that currently exist or are expected to occur within the study area. In short, the need establishes the rationale for pursuing a project. There are six project needs that serve as justification for the proposed Lake / Orange County Connector:

- 1. Improve connections between area roads.
- 2. Accommodate future transportation demand.
- 3. Provide consistency with local and regional plans.
- 4. Support economic viability and job creation.
- 5. Support intermodal opportunities.
- 6. Enhance evacuation and emergency services.

#### • CFX Project Development Process

CFX follows a project development and environment, or PD&E, process for new alignment expansion projects. At the conclusion of the PD&E study one of two things can occur - the proposed project can either move forward into the final design phase or be placed on hold to be revisited in the future.

#### • Current Phase – PD&E Study

Simply stated, the PD&E Study will determine if there is an engineering and environmentally feasible alternative to meet the project needs. Using the results of previous studies as a foundation, a feasible corridor for the proposed toll road will be identified. Several alignments within the corridor will then be developed and evaluated to identify a preferred alternative. The PD&E study and Final Design phases are funded in CFX's Five-Year Work Plan. Design funds are indicated as placeholder in fiscal years 2021/22 and 2022/23 until the CFX Governing Board approves the results of this PD&E Study.

#### • Project History – Identify Project

The Lake / Orange County Connector is identified in the 2040 Master Plan and was also identified in previous Master Plans (2025, 2030 and 2035) as the "Wellness Way Corridor". It is also identified in Lake County and Orange County Long Range Transportation Plans.

#### • Project History – Feasibility Study

In 2002 CFX studied the feasibility of a limited access toll road to connect US 27 on the west with Florida's Turnpike and the then newly constructed SR 429. Based on the concepts that were developed, the study concluded that only the Southern Corridor offered any long-term opportunity for CFX participation. The Southern Corridor was in the general area of Schofield Road.

Again in 2007, CFX studied the feasibility and viability of a potential US 27 to SR 429 expressway connection within an area south of Hartwood Marsh Road and north of US 192. The study identified Corridors A, C and D as the three overall viable corridors. In the end Corridor C, which paralleled Schofield Road, was not recommended due to potential impacts to the planned Horizon West Town Center at the eastern terminus.

In 2017, CFX completed a preliminary traffic and revenue analysis of three alignments. The "Southern Alignment", located in the general area of Schofield Road, was found to provide the greatest potential for revenue generation and a recommendation was made to move forward with a Feasibility/PD&E Study.

#### • Schedule

The study began in May 2018 with a 15-month schedule. In August we will be finalizing corridor analysis, the analysis that will help identify the most feasible corridors. We will then proceed to alternatives analysis which will help identify a preferred alternative. Three PAG/EAG meetings will be held throughout the course of the study. Today we are discussing corridors, the next time we meet will discuss several alternative alignments, and the final time we meet we will focus on the preferred alternative.

#### • Corridor Analysis – Social Constraints Map

We have separated the study area into three segments and have developed several 800' wide corridors. This resulted in a total of 16 corridor segments that we are able to evaluate in different combinations to create a direct link between US 27 and SR 429. These corridors were then mapped against known constraints. (Presented on the slide was the Social Constraints Map which was also available in the room as a 40" x 64" display board.)

#### • Corridor Analysis – Environmental Constraints Map

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#### • Corridor Analysis - Evaluation Criteria

The corridors will be evaluated to determine how well the six project needs are satisfied. The corridors will also be evaluated based on engineering, environmental and socio-economic criteria that were tailored to fit the characteristics of the study area. Evaluation matrices will be developed, based on these criteria, to facilitate the comparison of corridors.

#### • Corridor Analysis - Public Involvement

Public involvement is critical throughout the study process. Multiple opportunities to provide input are being provided. Comments received during corridor analysis will be used to refine the project needs, corridor constraints and evaluation criteria. The results of the corridor analysis will be summarized in an Alternatives Corridor Evaluation Report which will be made available for public review.

#### • Next Steps

We will continue to solicit public input on the corridor alternatives with a Public Informational Meeting scheduled to occur on August 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Clermont Arts & Recreation Center in Clermont. The meeting will be held in an open house format. After this meeting the corridor analysis will be finalized, and the study team will begin alternatives analysis. Following today's meeting the PowerPoint presentation, meeting summary and meeting materials will be posted to the study website and Facebook page. The presentation will also be emailed to the PAG & EAG members.

#### IV. Questions & Discussion

Kathy Putnam invited questions and discussion on the presentation and/or project study.

- Herb Kahlert, Karl Corporation: We own 800 acres at the east end of the corridor. Any of the alignments will bisect our property and we are concerned with it being limited access. We previously asked for consideration of non-limited access, local road system. We would like to remain closely informed on the progress of the study.
- Jim Karr, South Lake Crossing: We feel that Hancock Road should have access and CR 455. Only one access point is troubling as a land owner. We feel that there should be more access points along the corridor and there are also some environmental concerns. What is left would severely damage our property. Hancock Road should have access, as it is part of the local roadway network.
- Ed Williams, City of Winter Garden: We see a need for everyone that is using SR 535 to SR 429. We like the northern most connection as it will pull more people. Definitely see a need for the road.
- **Renzo Nastasi, Orange County:** Several study corridors go through our Town Center. The potential impacts to property owners currently in various phases of development could be significant. Perhaps there could be a limited access roadway and also a local network.



- Shannon Schmidt, City of Clermont: We do have pending development at the north end. I
  would encourage CFX to coordinate with land owners/developers and am not in favor of a
  limited access corridor.
- **Kathy Putnam** asked if anyone in attendance could speak to plans for Wellness Way, or connections to Horizon West, or any other plans in the works.
- Jim Karr: There is ongoing work on Wellness Way providing access for both Lake and Orange counties. When asked if there was an established time line he replied that they were working on it.

- **Kathy Putnam** then inquired whether anyone from the Chambers of Commerce want to speak to economic viability.
- Jim Karr asked what the study team saw as the purpose of this road. Will Sloup replied that it was defined as a system expansion and that local governments supported this system expansion. Due to activity with local roadways there was a need to create a system within the local network to provide regional benefit.
- **Renzo Nastasi:** Orange county is in support of an east-west connector whether it is this or another one. Mr. Karr is looking at a potential east/west connection near Independence Way. Further South is Western Way, providing another connection. That's three different corridors, all of which may come to fruition. Mr. Nastasi sees the benefits of a limited access facility but realizes impacts to property owners need to be considered. He would also like to see impacts to Town Center minimized.
- Stina D'Uva, West Orange Chamber of Commerce: A toll road was not feasible previously. An organization known as the Southwestern Task Force and the Chamber supported what is now Wellness Way (the most northern corridor) at the time, as traffic relief for SR 50. The Chamber will get together after this meeting to discuss options and what we feel is the best corridor with fewest impacts to the Town Center.
- Herb Kahlert: Many of the property owners in the area have owned their land for more than 20 years and rode out the economic downturn in 2007. Lake County has recently adopted a regional plan that was referenced here, about 15,000 acres, which has been formally adopted. We were in a holding status for many years in terms of additional land uses. As we begin to now plan, development requires 1,000 acres or more. They will spend the next five to 10 years trying to get developments in place. Hopefully Lake County and CFX will realize what impacts will mean to those large tracts: bisecting them so that they would no longer meet the 1,000-acre requirement. Will Sloup added that the study is six months from being able to narrow down the location and width of the corridor. Mr. Kahlert expressed concern over government controlling the development planning.
- Mike Litvany, Hickory Grove LLC: Is the idea of a limited access roadway carved in stone? Will Sloup responded that the study is described as a (limited access) system expansion, but that the ultimate recommendation will be made at the conclusion of the study. Litvany added that there are other ways to fund roadways. You would bisect our properties leaving the balance of the property virtually unusable.
- **David Hill, Southern Hill Farms:** We have a 120-acre farm (the Southern boundary is Schofield Road). We are developing agritourism right where the northern corridor is. We are currently the only viable business in the area, and this roadway will be devastating to us. We vehemently oppose the northern corridors.
- Shannon Schmidt, City of Clermont: The northern alignment will be disruptive to development currently in the works.

There were no more comments, so Kathy Putnam thanked everyone for attending and providing input. She mentioned that the next PAG will be in early 2019 and reiterated all methods available for providing comments and questions. The meeting concluded at 10:17 a.m.

#### END OF SUMMARY

This meeting summary was prepared by Kelly Hiden, Public Involvement Coordinator with The Valerin Group, Inc. 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 Kelly Hiden by email at kelly@valerin-group.com or by telephone 407-508-0839 within five days of receipt of this summary.

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Diane Dethlefs – Orange County (Commissioner's aide – District 1)

Chris Dougherty – S&ME (Consultant)

Jonathan Droor – Lennar Land Development

Stina D'Uva – West Orange Chamber of Commerce

Mark Griffith – Cra-Mar Groves

Hugh Harling – East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

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Lisa Hill – Southern Hill Farms

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Jim Karr – South Lake Crossing

Nick Lepp – MetroPlan Orlando

Mike Litvany – Hickory Grove LLC

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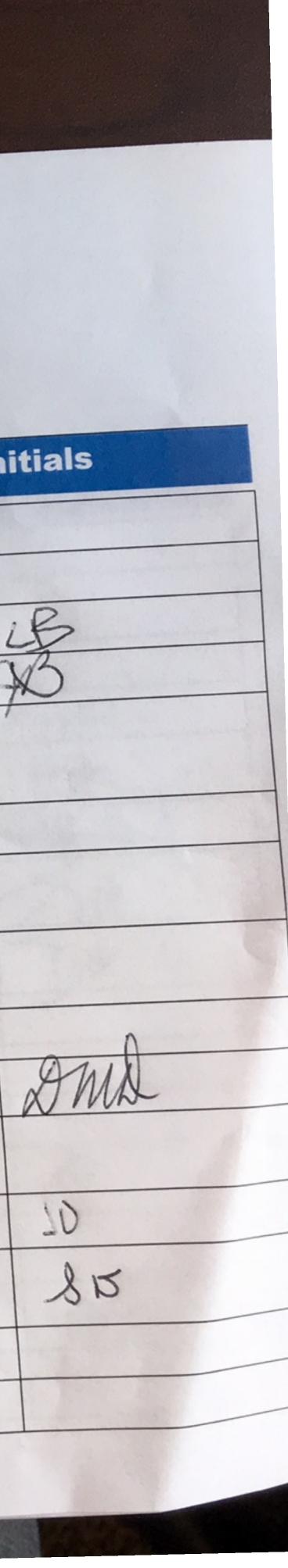
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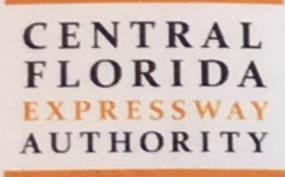
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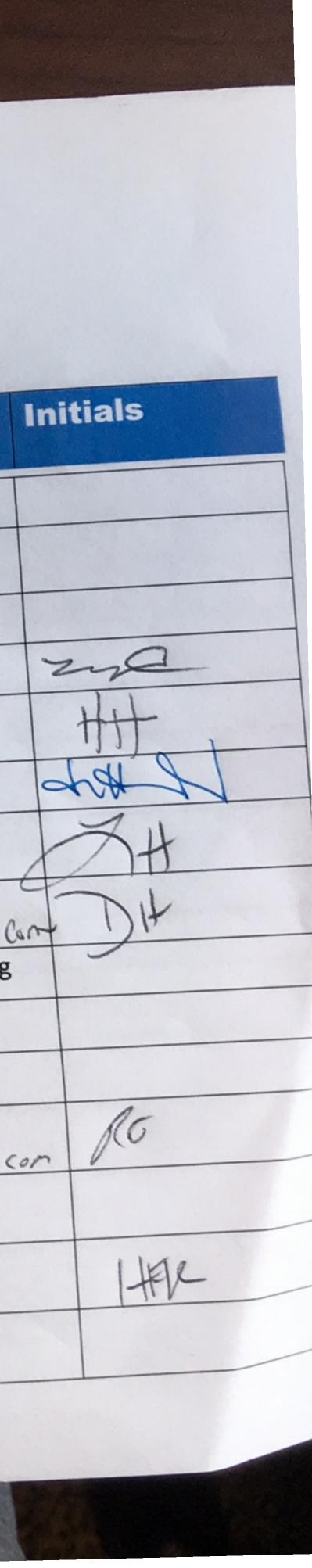


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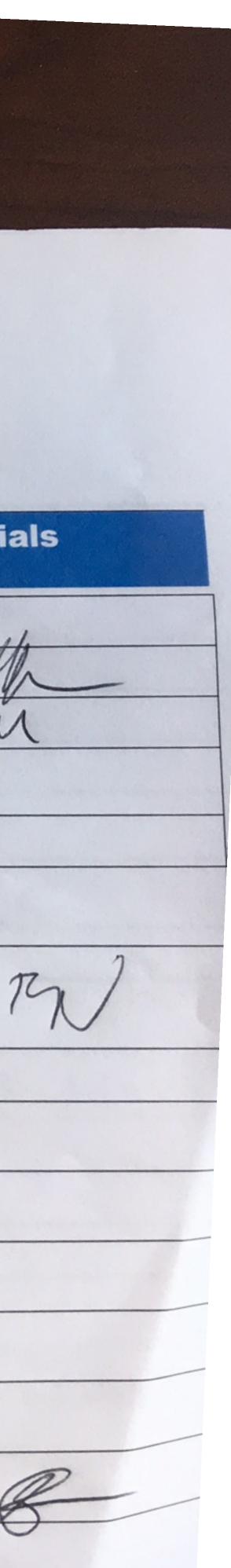
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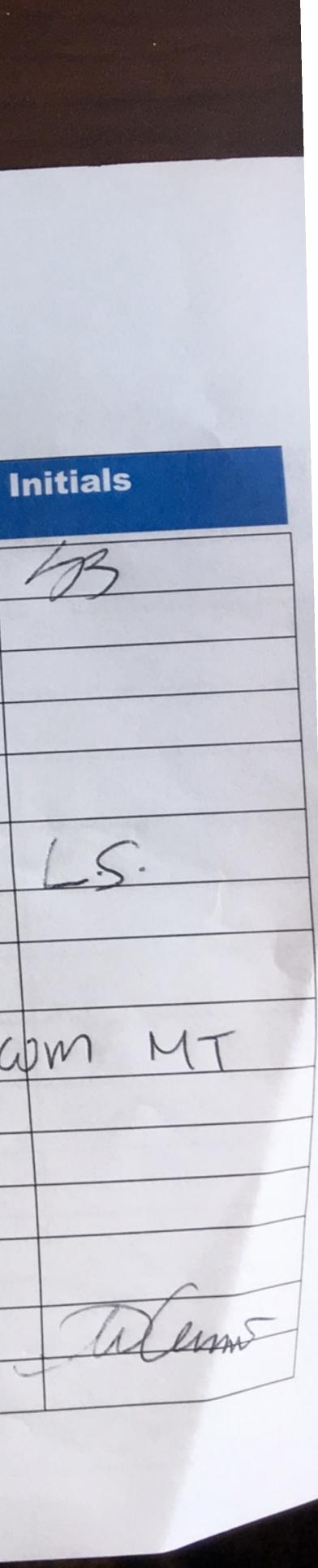
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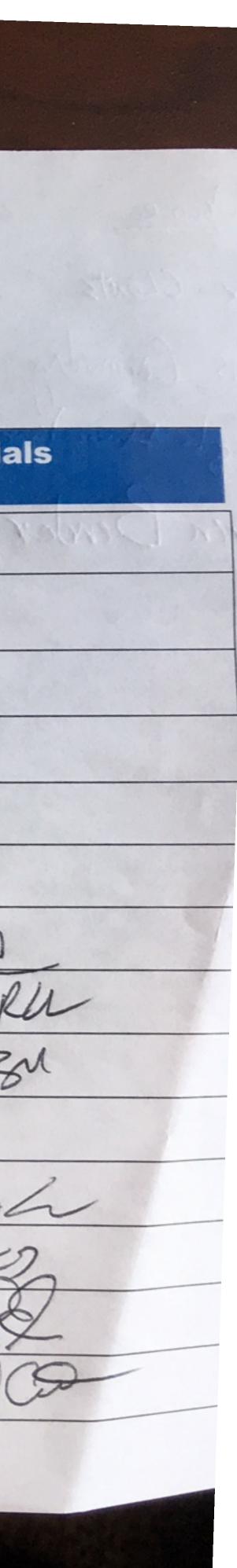




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# **Title VI Compliance**

This meeting, project, or study is being conducted without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to compliance by the Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX) with Title VI may do so by contacting:

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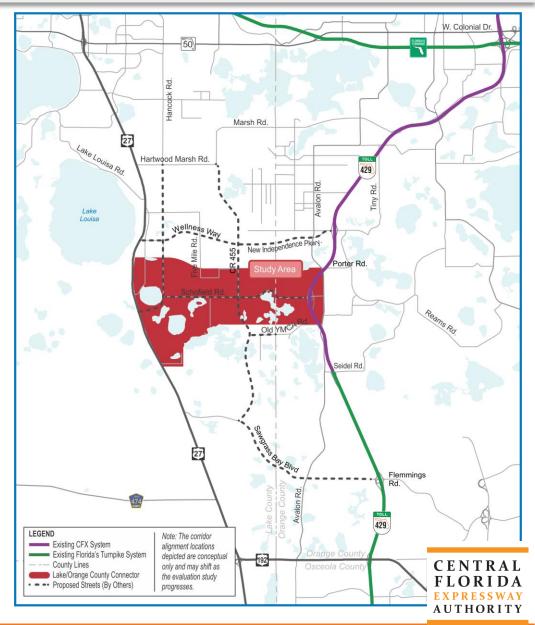
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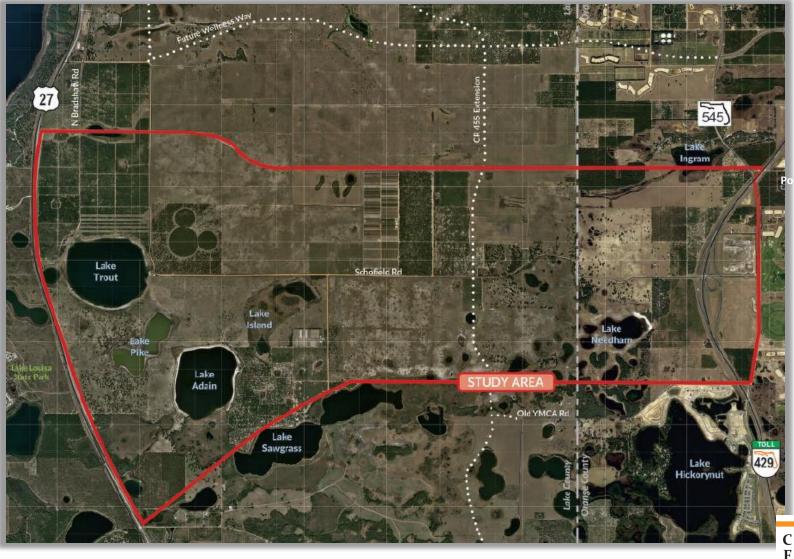
# **Study Objective**

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

 New interchanges proposed at US 27 and CR 455's future extension.

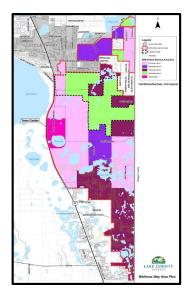


## **Study Area**



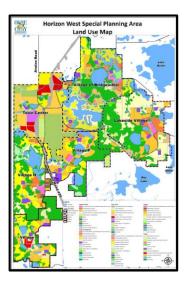
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# **Future Land Use**



# Wellness Way Area Plan

- Significant economic development potential
- Five future land use categories Wellness
   Way 1, 2, 3, 4 and the Town Center



# **Horizon West Special Planning Area**

- Fast-growing master-planned community
- Anticipated build-out of 40,000 dwelling units

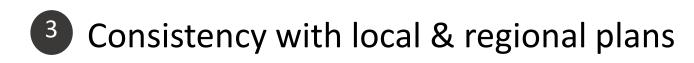


# **Project Needs**

Improved connections between area roads

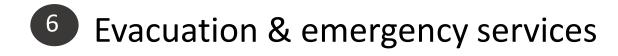


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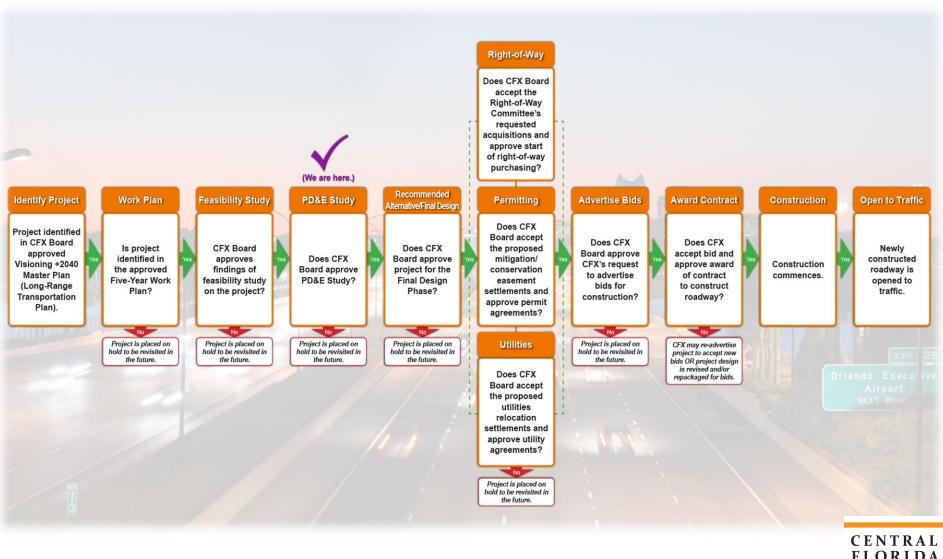


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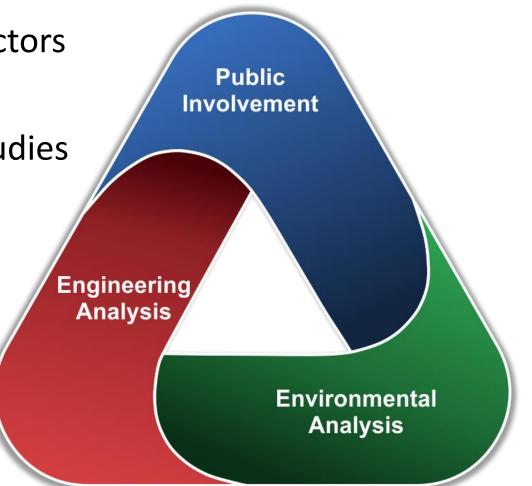
## **CFX Project Development Process**



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## **Current Phase – PD&E Study**

- Considers several factors and impact
- Builds upon prior studies
- Elicits public input
- Evaluates multiple alignments





## **Project History – Identify Project**



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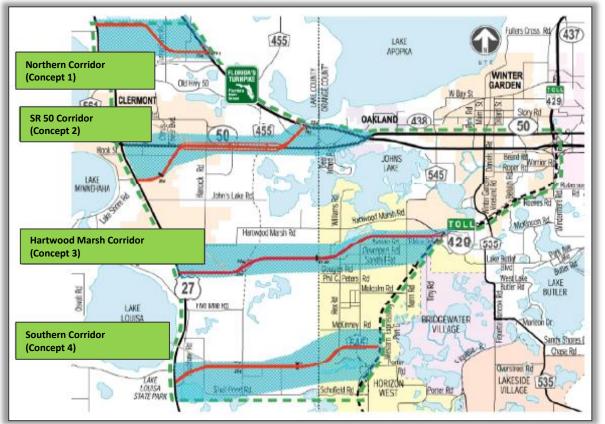
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# **Project History – Feasibility Study**

# SR 408 Western Extension Concept Development and Feasibility Study (2002)

- Four corridors identified in CFX study
- Southern Corridor highlighted

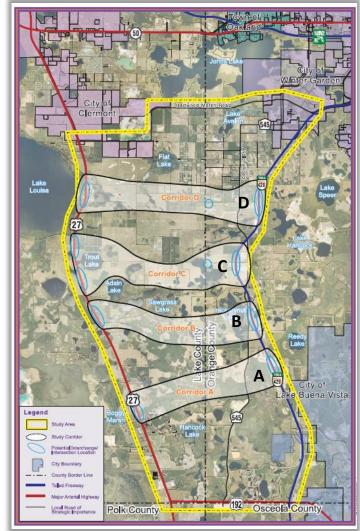


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# **Project History – Feasibility Study**

Concept Development and Evaluation Study for a potential SR 429 to US 27 Connector (2007)

- Area south of Hartwood Marsh Road and north of US 192
- Three viable corridors
- Corridor C impact on Horizon
   West Town Center



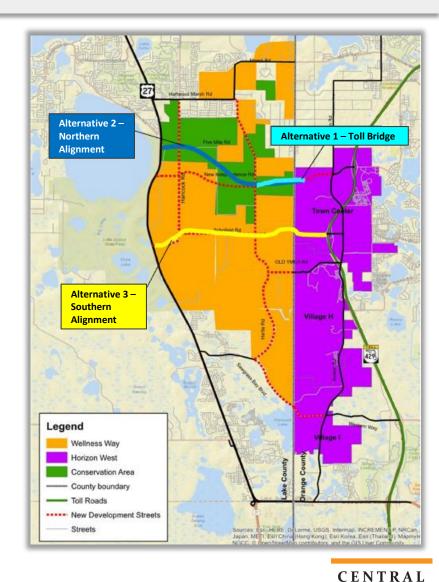
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# **Project History – Feasibility Study**

Lake/Orange Connector Preliminary Traffic & Revenue Study Report (2017)

- Compared toll revenue opportunities
- Found potential in Southern Alignment
- Prompted current study



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## Schedule

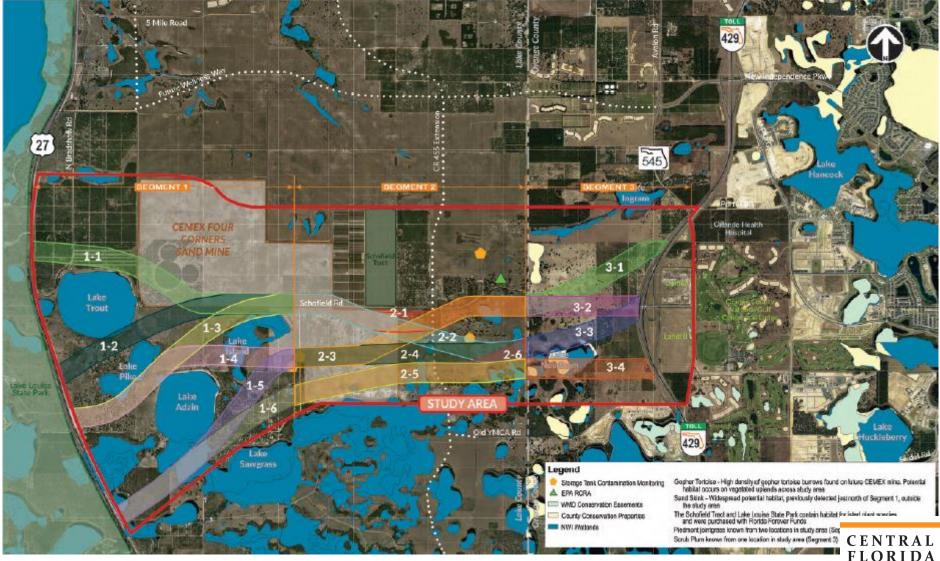
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## **Corridor Analysis – Social Constraints Map**



## **Corridor Analysis – Environmental Constraints Map**



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## **Corridor Analysis – Evaluation Criteria**

## **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



Public input opportunities:

- Project Advisory Group meeting
- Environmental Advisory Group meeting
- Stakeholder and agency meetings/presentations
- Public Informational Meeting
- Project website, hotline, Facebook page





• Public Informational Meeting - August 30<sup>th</sup>

• Corridor and alternatives analysis

• Post presentation & meeting materials



# **Open Discussion**

- The Project Advisory Group (PAG) is a special advisory resource.
- The PAG is comprised of a diverse group of stakeholders that will provide input regarding local needs, concerns and potential physical, natural, social and cultural impacts that will be crucial in the evaluation of corridor and alternative alignments.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> PAG meeting is anticipated to occur in early 2019.



## **Kathy Putnam**

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Public Informational Meeting 1

August 7, 2018

Subject: **PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT** CFX Feasibility & Project Development and Environment Study Lake / Orange County Connector (US 27 to SR 429) CFX Project Number: 599-225

Dear Property Owner/Interested Party:

The <u>Central Florida Expressway Authority</u> (CFX) is conducting a Feasibility and Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study for the proposed Lake / Orange County Connector, as identified in our <u>2040 Master Plan</u>, to determine if a limited access facility between US 27 in south Lake County and SR 429 in west Orange County is viable and fundable in accordance with CFX policies and procedures.

CFX will hold a public informational meeting for this study on **Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Clermont Arts & Recreation Center Gymnasium** located at 3700 South Highway 27 in Clermont, FL. The meeting will be held in an open house format and community members may come at any point during the meeting time to view the exhibits, ask questions and provide comments.

The overall goals of the Lake / Orange County Connector are to provide improved connections between area roads; accommodate anticipated transportation demand; provide consistency with local and regional plans; support economic viability and job creation; support intermodal opportunities; and enhance evacuation and emergency services.

The work includes the evaluation and documentation of the physical, natural, social and cultural environments within the corridors and the potential impacts associated with the various mobility alternatives. Public involvement and interagency coordination are an integral part of the assessment process, and multiple opportunities for participation will be provided throughout the duration of the study.

For additional information or with questions, please contact Kathy Putnam, Public Involvement Coordinator, by phone at 407-802-3210, or by email at <u>LakeOrangeStudy@CFXway.com</u> or visit the study webpage at <u>https://bit.ly/2MdwCmH</u>. You may also follow the study on Facebook at <u>@LakeOrangeConnector</u>.

Sincerely,

Joseph A Berenis

Joseph A. Berenis, PE Chief of Infrastructure Central Florida Expressway Authority

Attachments: Project Fact Sheet, Project Location Map & Meeting Location Map



Feasibility/Project Development & Environment Study

LAKE/ORANGE COUNTY CONNECTOR

## PUBLIC MEETING #1 SUMMARY CLERMONT ARTS & RECREATION CENTER THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2018

The first public meeting for the Central Florida Expressway Authority's (CFX) Lake/Orange County Connector Feasibility/Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study was held on Thursday, August 30, 2018, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Clermont Arts & Recreation Center, Bridgewater Middle School Cafeteria, 3700 South Highway 27, Clermont, Florida 34711. This meeting was the first of three, large-scale public gatherings scheduled to allow the community to view and submit their comments on the latest alignment alternatives and other study materials.

## I. Study Background

In 2002 CFX studied the feasibility of a limited access toll road to connect US 27 on the west with Florida's Turnpike and the then-newly constructed State Road 429. Based on the concepts that were developed, the study concluded that only the Southern Corridor offered any longterm opportunity for CFX participation. The Southern Corridor was in the general area of Schofield Road.

Again in 2007, CFX studied the feasibility and viability of a potential US 27-to-SR 429 expressway connection within an area south of Hartwood Marsh Road and north of US 192.



In 2017, CFX completed a preliminary traffic and revenue analysis of three alignments. The "Southern Alignment", located in the general area of Schofield Road, was found to provide the greatest potential for revenue generation and a recommendation was made to move forward with a Feasibility/PD&E Study.

The PD&E study began in March of 2018. The Lake/Orange County Connector Feasibility/PD&E study will determine if a limited access facility between US 27 in south Lake County and SR 429 in west Orange County is viable and fundable in accordance with CFX policies and procedures.

The overall goals of this proposed new 5-mile, limited-access facility include improving area roadway connections, accommodating future transportation demand, providing consistency with local and regional plans, supporting economic viability and job creation, and enhancing evacuation and emergency services.

## II. Study Methodology

CFX is following FDOT's PD&E manual. This study will result in a Project Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) with CFX's approval. This study will analyze and document physical, natural, social, and cultural impacts.



Public involvement and interagency coordination are an integral part of the assessment process, and multiple opportunities for participation are being provided. Three public meetings, including a public hearing, will be held to collect vital public input on the alignments under evaluation.

Public meeting comments received during this second public meeting, as well as from stakeholders, local agencies, officials and other interested parties during the study, will be considered in the evaluation of the recommended preferred alignment. After the public hearing, the CFX Governing Board will

evaluate the recommended preferred alternative and determine whether the project should move forward to the design phase for the Lake/Orange County Connector.

## III. Public Notification

Public meeting invitation letters were sent on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, by email to 64 elected officials and their aides, as well as to 55 local, regional, state and federal agency contacts. They were also mailed to 70 property owners and tenants within the corridor. Meeting information also was posted on the study webpage.

## IV. Media Notification

The public meetings were advertised in the Orange and Lake editions of Orlando Sentinel and the Leesburg Daily Commercial on Sunday, August 19 and Sunday, August 26, 2018. An ad was printed in the *Florida Administrative Register* (FAR) on Thursday, August 2, 2018, and a press release was distributed to major media outlets on Thursday, August 23, 2018.

## V. Public Meeting Agenda

The meeting was an informal open house and participants were welcome to come at any time between

5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Display maps illustrating the project study area, the corridor alternatives, the project schedule, and other information were available for public review and comment. A looping audiovisual presentation was available throughout the meeting that provided an overview of the study process, history and details. Project representatives were available to discuss the studies, receive input and answer questions. The use of two large smart screens allowed project personnel to provide a more detailed look at the potential impacts of the various alternatives to a meeting attendee's property or business.

Parking was available to accommodate all attendees, including those who were differently abled. Signs were placed along the roadway and on the middle school property directing attendees to the meeting room.

The following display boards were available for public review and comment:

- Welcome Board
- Title VI Board
- Study Area Map
- Project Schedule
- Lake/Orange County Connector Social Constraints Board
- Lake/Orange County Connector Environmental Constraints Board

## VI. Meeting Attendance

A total of 126 attendees – 109 community members and 17 staff members – signed in at the public meeting.

#### VII. Meeting Handouts

The Study Fact Sheet (Summer 2018 edition), comment forms and public involvement surveys were distributed to the attendees. Participants were encouraged to sign the sign-in sheets, to discuss their thoughts and concerns regarding the study with project team members, and to submit written comments.



## VIII. Public Comments

A total of eight written comments were received at the meeting. The information below reflects the general nature of the comments received. Some comment forms touched on multiple topics, so referenced numbers may exceed the total number of comments. The individual comment forms have been attached as part of the study record.

## <u>Comment Categories and Related Statements (numbers in parentheses indicate how many times, if greater</u> <u>than one, a comment or statement was made):</u>

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- Widen Hartwood Marsh Road.
- I won't be able to use it because I can't afford the tolls.
- Request for public records associated with the study.
- This is needed sooner rather than later. (3)
- We would be impacted by the road. (3)
- Opposed to a limited access road. (3)

#### IX. Publicizing Public Meeting Materials

Display materials, the presentation and handouts were posted on the study webpage (<u>https://bit.ly/2MdwCmH</u>) on Friday, August 31, 2018.



#### END OF MEETING SUMMARY

This meeting summary was prepared by Kathy Putnam, Public Involvement Coordinator at Quest Corporation of America on behalf of the Central Florida Expressway Authority. It is not verbatim but is a summary of the meeting activities and comments received. If you feel something should be added or revised, please contact Kathy Putnam by email at Kathy.Putnam@qcausa.com or by telephone 407-690-7220 within five (5) days of receipt of this summary.

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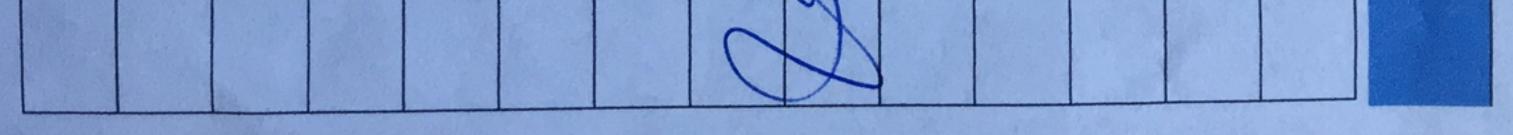
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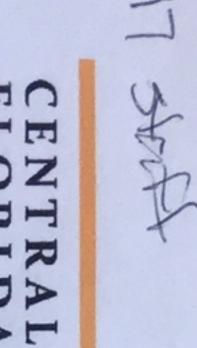
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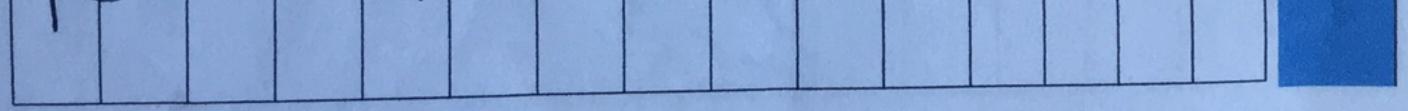


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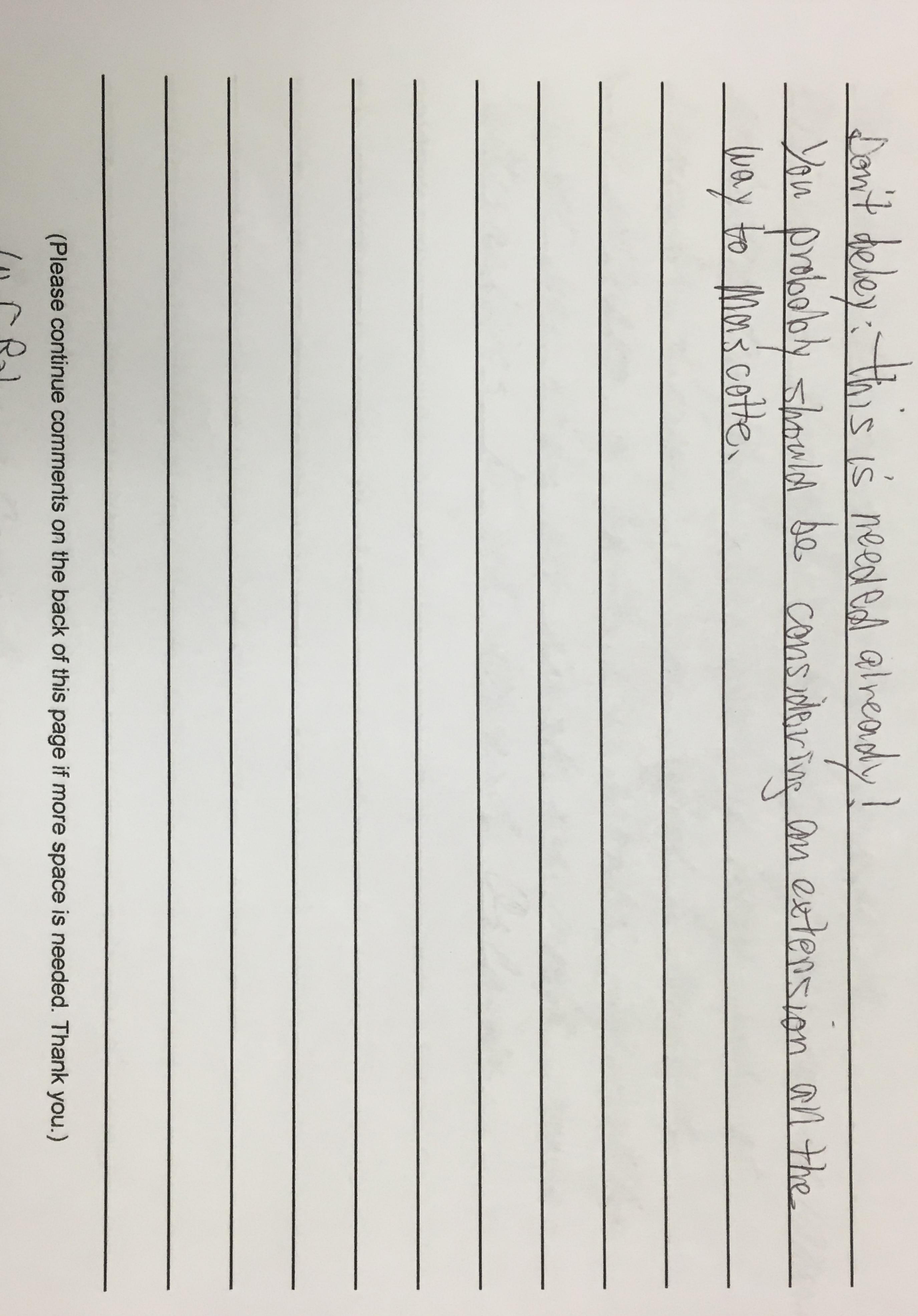
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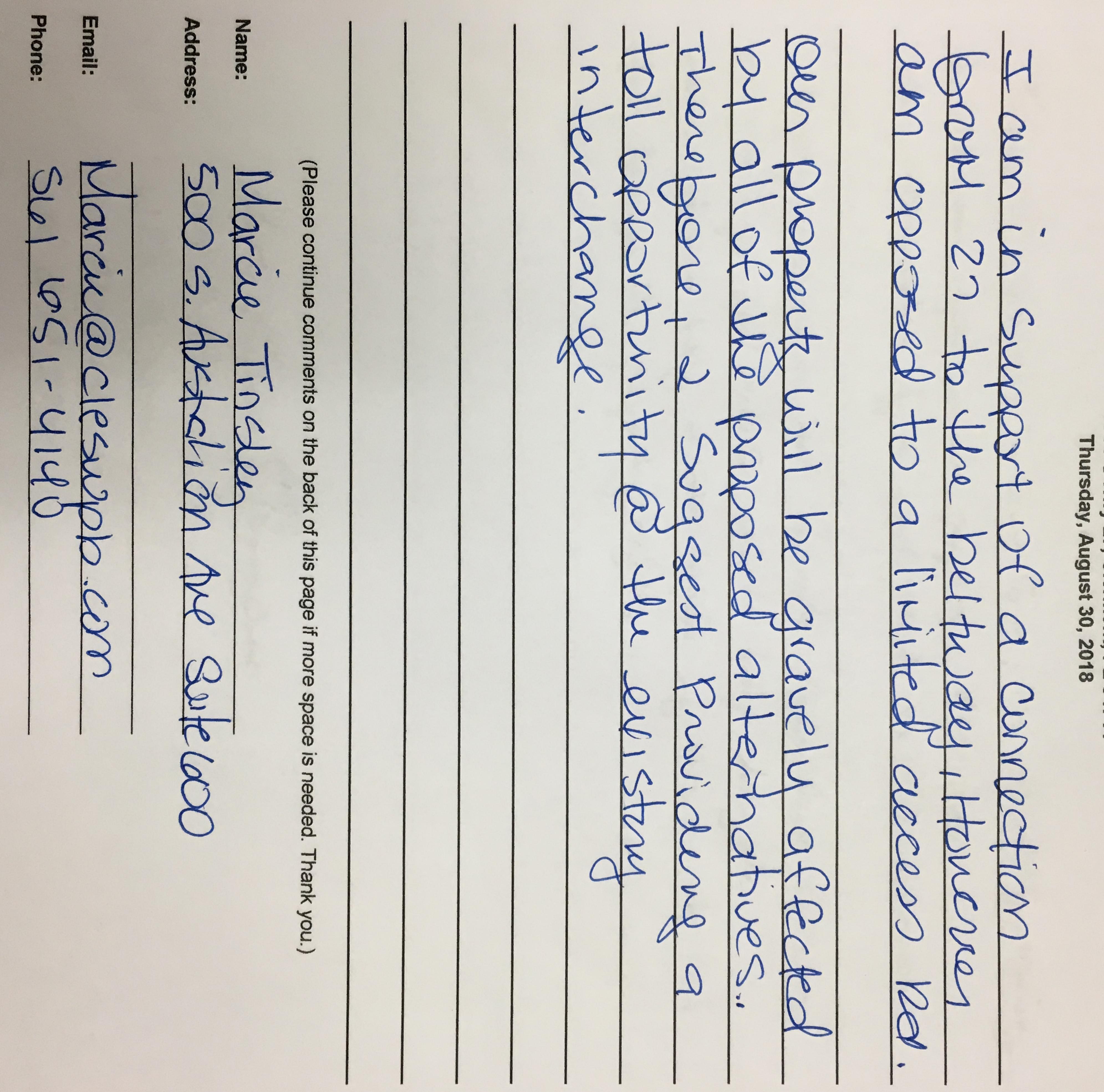
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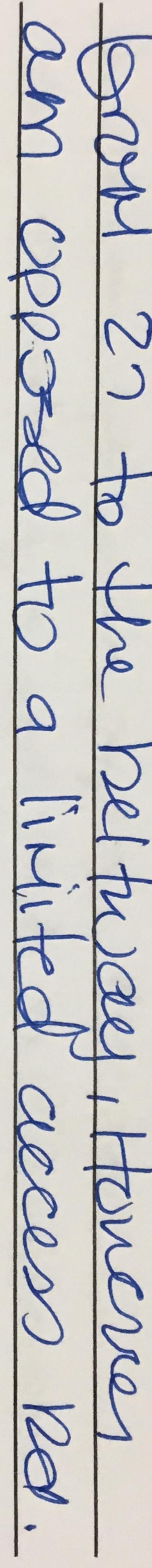
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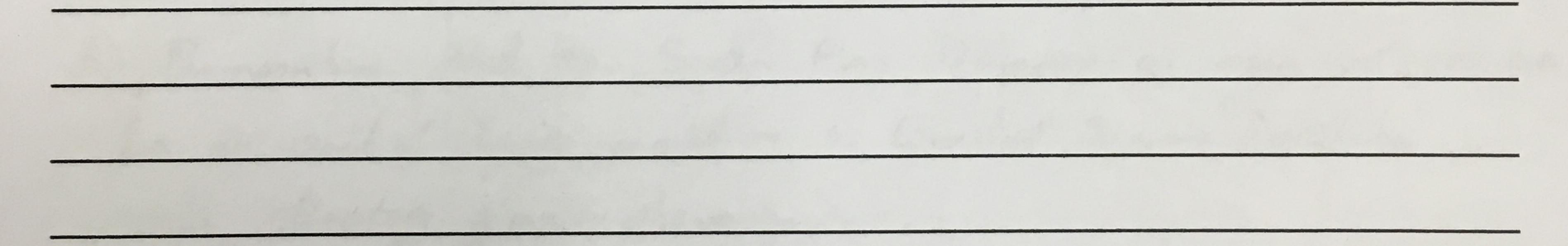
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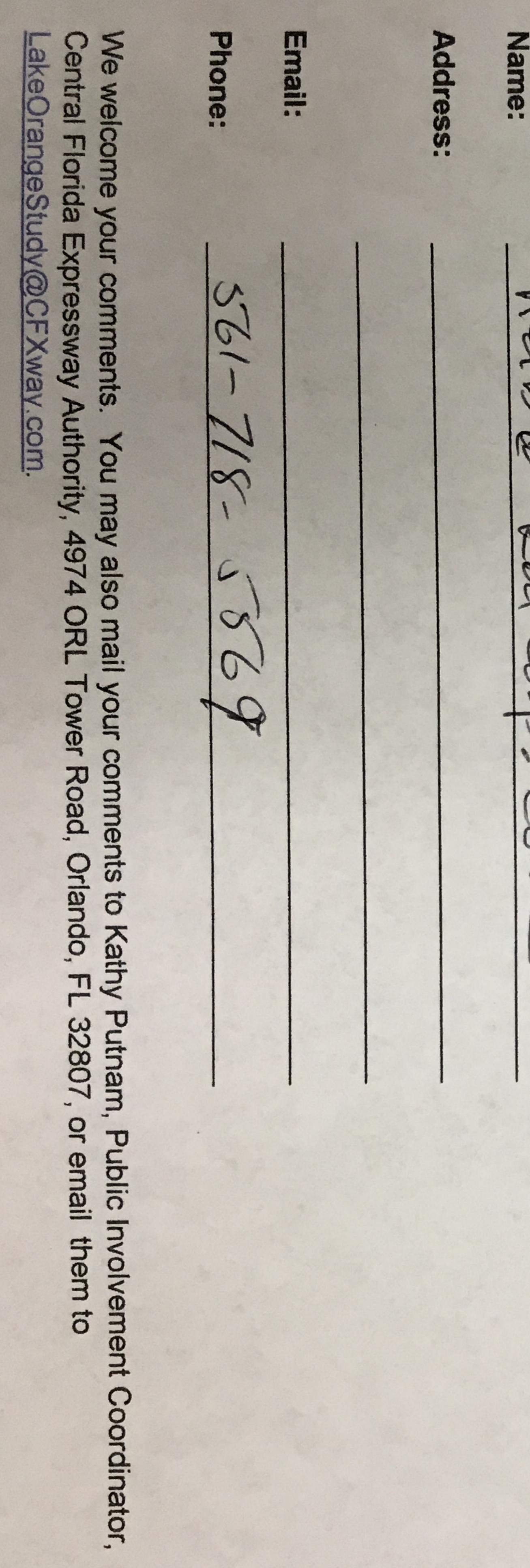
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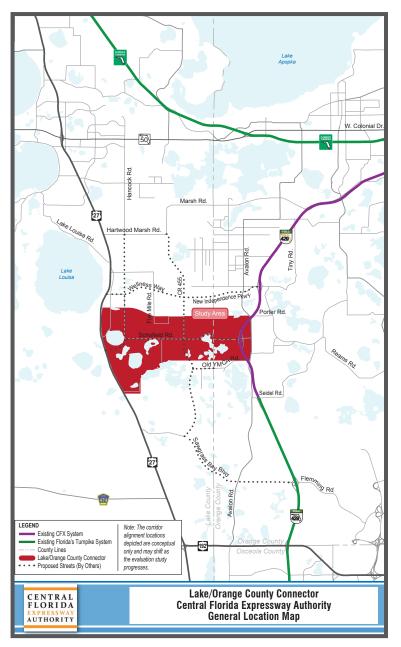
### Feasibility/Project Development & Environment Study

### LAKE/ORANGE COUNTY CONNECTOR

Summer 2018

### A NEW STUDY IS UNDERWAY

The Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX) is conducting a Feasibility/Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study of the Lake/Orange County Connector. Below are details about the study and resources to keep you informed of the project's progress. The study is scheduled to be completed by August 2019.



### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The proposed Lake/Orange County Connector extends from US 27 in south Lake County to State Road (SR) 429 in west Orange County, a distance of approximately five (5) miles. The study area is generally bordered by Porter Road on the north and Old YMCA Road on the south. A proposed interchange with the future extension of County Road 455 in Lake County is included in the study evaluation. The Lake/Orange County Connector is identified in the CFX 2040 Master Plan, the MetroPlan Orlando 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and the Lake-Sumter MPO's 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.

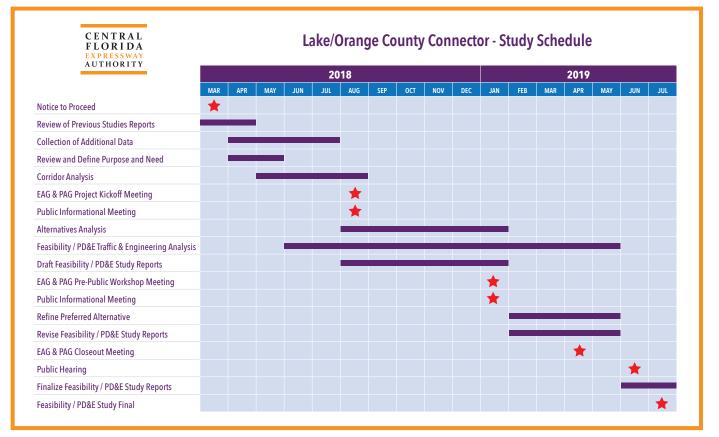


### STUDY OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Feasibility/PD&E Study is to determine if a limited access facility between US 27 in south Lake County and SR 429 in west Orange County is viable and fundable in accordance with CFX policies and procedures. Using the results of previous studies as a foundation, a feasible corridor for the proposed toll road will first be identified. Several alignments within the corridor will then be developed and evaluated to identify a preferred alternative. All factors related to the design and location of the facility will be considered, including; transportation needs, financial feasibility, social impacts, economic factors, environmental impacts, engineering analysis, and right-of-way requirements.

### **GOALS OF THE PROJECT**

The goals of the project are to improve connections between area roadways, accommodate anticipated transportation demand, provide consistency with local and regional plans, support economic viability and job creation, support intermodal opportunities, and enhance evacuation and emergency services.



### Visit the study webpage at:

https://www.cfxway.com/agencyinformation/plans-studies/ project-studies/lake-orange-coconnector-pde/

### **PARTICIPATING IN THE STUDY**

Public involvement and community engagement will be a crucial component of this study. We value your input. CFX will provide multiple opportunities for participation, including presentations to elected officials' boards, public information meetings and a public hearing. Community groups can request a presentation via the www.CFXWay.com website or by emailing Public Involvement Coordinator Kathy Putnam at LakeOrangeStudy@CFXway.com. You're also welcome to submit your comments at any time during the study via the website or project email address as noted. And be sure to follow the study on Facebook (@LakeOrangeConnector) for updates.

### TO FIND OUT MORE Kathy Putnam

ABOUT THE STUDY, Public Involvement Coordinator CONTACT: Phone: (407) 802-3210 Email: LakeOrangeStudy@CFXway.com **CENTRAL FLORIDA EXPRESSWAY** AUTHORITY 4974 ORL Tower Road Orlando, FL 32807 Phone: (407) 690-5000 Fax: (407) 690-5011 Email: Info@CFXway.com



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Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Para más información en español acerca del proyecto, por afavor comuníquese con Alicia Arroyo al 407-509-0231 o por correo electrónico Alicia. Arroyo@QCAusa.com.



Environmental Advisory Group Meeting 2

January 15, 2019

Subject: Environmental Advisory Group Meeting No. 2 – February 12, 2019 CFX Feasibility / Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Lake / Orange County Connector (US 27 to SR 429) CFX Project No.: 599-225

Dear Study Stakeholder:

The <u>Central Florida Expressway Authority</u> (CFX) would like to invite you or your designee to the second Environmental Advisory Group (EAG) meeting for the <u>Lake / Orange County Connector</u> study. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the CFX Headquarters located at 4974 ORL Tower Rd., Orlando. A brief presentation will be provided, followed by group discussion.

Using the results of previous studies as a foundation, a feasible corridor for the proposed toll road has been identified. Several alignments within the corridor have been developed and are being evaluated to identify a preferred alternative. All factors related to the conceptual design and location of the facility are being considered including transportation needs, financial feasibility, social impacts, economic factors, environmental impacts, engineering analysis, and right-of-way requirements. If the project is subsequently approved, it would move into design for eventual construction.

The overall goals of the Lake / Orange County Connector are to provide improved connections between area roads; accommodate anticipated transportation demand; provide consistency with local and regional plans; support economic viability and job creation; support intermodal opportunities; and enhance evacuation and emergency services.

Your participation in the EAG is encouraged. As a special advisory resource to CFX and the consultant team, the EAG provides input regarding local needs, concerns and potential physical, natural, social and cultural impacts that are crucial in the evaluation of corridor and alternative alignments.

For more information, visit the study's website at <u>https://bit.ly/2H46Nr6</u>. Please respond to Kathy Putnam, Public Involvement Coordinator, by Tuesday, February 5, if you are able to attend the EAG meeting or if you would prefer to designate a representative. Ms. Putnam can be reached by phone at 407-802-3210 or by email at <u>LakeOrangeStudy@CFXway.com</u>.

Sincerely,

Joseph A Berenis

Joseph A. Berenis, PE Chief of Infrastructure Central Florida Expressway Authority

Attachments: Project Location Map, Meeting Location Map

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LAKE/ORANGE COUNTY CONNECTOR

### LAKE / ORANGE COUNTY CONNECTOR (US 27 TO SR 429) ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY GROUP (EAG) MEETING #2 SUMMARY

Date/Time:	Tuesday, February 12, 2019; 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Location:	Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX), 4974 ORL Tower Road, Orlando, FL 32807,
	Board Room

Attendees:Fifteen EAG members, one guest and eight staff members attended. Seven of the EAG<br/>members participated via GoToMeeting. See sign-in sheets attached.

### I. Notifications

Invitation letters were emailed to 78 members of the EAG on January 15, 2019.



### II. Welcome

Nicole Gough of Dewberry, CFX's General Engineering Consultant (GEC), called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. and welcomed everyone. She gave a brief introduction about the meeting and provided Title VI information and described the Goal of the EAG:

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Lake / Orange County Connector, Feasibility and Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study Environmental Advisory Group Meeting #2 – February 12, 2019

- Receive input regarding local needs, concerns and potential physical, natural, social and cultural impacts of the proposed project; and,
- Foster an atmosphere that encourages discussion

As an EAG Member we encourage you to:

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

She also mentioned that the meeting was being recorded and there were members participating via GoToMeeting. Attendees introduced themselves and the organizations they represented.

### III. Lake / Orange County Connector PD&E Study Presentation

Will Sloup, Consultant Project Manager with Metric Engineering, presented the following information:

- Study Objective
  - The Lake / Orange County Connector PD&E study will determine if a limited access facility between US 27 in south Lake County and State Road 429 in west Orange County is economically and environmentally viable in accordance with CFX policies and procedures.
  - The study area lies within Lake County and Orange County and the limits are described as: Porter Road on the north; SR 429 on the east; Old YMCA Road on the south; and US 27 on the west.
  - At the present time, the study area is generally undeveloped.



### • Future Land Use

- The study area falls within the Wellness Way Area Plan and the Horizon West Special Planning Area.
- The Wellness Way Area Plan has been recognized for many years as an area that has significant potential for economic development in southeast Lake County.
- Horizon West is a fast-growing, master-planned community in southwest Orange County.

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### • Project Development Process

The proposed Lake / Orange Connector has gone through several steps in CFX's Project Development Process:

- Studies were conducted in 2002, 2007 and 2017 to determine if a limited-access, tolled connection between US 27 and SR 429 was feasible. These studies are available for review upon request.
- It is identified in the CFX Visioning +2040 Master Plan, and in the Lake County and Orange County Long Range Transportation Plans.
- The PD&E study and design phases are currently funded in the CFX Five-Year Work Plan.
- The proposed Lake / Orange County Connector project is currently at the PD&E study step of the project development process.
- CFX follows a project development process for new alignment expansion projects. At each step in the process, before construction commences, the project could be placed on hold to be revisited in the future.

### • Project Needs

- The need for a transportation project arises from deficiencies, issues or concerns that currently exist or are expected to occur within the study area. In short, the need establishes the rationale for pursuing a project.
- The proposed Lake / Orange County Connector has six project needs as shown on the slide.
  - Improved connections between area roads
  - Future transportation demand
  - Consistency with local & regional plans
  - Economic viability & job creation
  - Intermodal opportunities
  - Evacuation & emergency services
- PD&E Study
  - Simply stated, the PD&E Study will determine if there is an engineering and environmentally feasible alternative to meet the project needs.
  - Using the results of previous studies as a foundation, the study began with an Alternative Corridor Evaluation which identified a recommended corridor area.

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• We are now conducting alternatives analysis which will help us identify the recommended preferred alternative.

### • Alternative Corridor Evaluation

- During the Alternative Corridor Evaluation, a series of 800-foot wide corridors were developed and evaluated to determine how well the six project needs are satisfied.
- The corridors were also evaluated, to the same desk-top level of detail, based on engineering, environmental and socio-economic criteria that were tailored to fit the characteristics of the study area.
- Evaluation matrices were developed based on these criteria, to facilitate the comparison of the alternative corridors.

### • Stakeholder Outreach

- The development of the corridor alternatives was closely coordinated with our project stakeholders.
- Individual meetings were held over the past several months with each stakeholder.
- In addition, staff from Lake and Orange counties have been working with us as part of the study team.

### Public Involvement

Public involvement and interagency coordination have been and will continue to be an integral part of the assessment process.

### • EAG Input Received – July 30, 2018

Additionally, as we developed our corridor alternatives, we considered the input we received from EAG members in July.

### • Alternative Corridor Evaluation

- The results obtained show Corridors 12, 17 and 20 could each provide a superior solution with an adequate balance between the three decisional components.
- To allow for flexibility in the alternatives analysis phase, the recommended corridor encompasses the area that is bordered by Corridor 20 on the north and Corridor 17 on the south.
- The results of the Alternative Corridor Evaluation are documented in the Alternative Corridor Evaluation Report. This document is available for review upon request. The recommended corridor area is shown in green and represents the area in which project alternatives have been developed.

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### • Alternatives Analysis

- Four project alternatives have been developed.
- Alternatives 1 and 2 are the northern routes while Alternatives 3 and 4 are the southern routes.
- All alternatives end at a common location at SR 429, whereas there are four potential tiein locations at US 27.
- New interchanges are proposed with US 27, the future extension of County Road 455 (a potential diamond interchange is being used for analysis purposes), the future Valencia Parkway (partial interchange) and SR 429 (systems interchange).
- The conceptual designs show US 27 shifted to the east; this is to accommodate the interchange with US 27 while avoiding impacts to Lake Louisa State Park lands.
- The No-Action or No-Build Alternative serves as the baseline for comparison against the various build alternatives.
- There is always the possibility that the No-Build Alternative could be chosen as the preferred alternative.

### • Proposed Typical Section

- The proposed typical section for all four project alternatives is shown on this slide.
- A potential right-of-way width of 330 feet would accommodate an initial 4-lanes and future widening to 8-lanes.
- Future widenings are to the inside and provide for potential multi-use lanes in the median.
- Right of way will vary in locations that accommodate interchanges.

### • Alternatives Analysis

- Analysis requires a comparative evaluation to assess the project alternatives (including the No-Action Alternative).
- The objective of an alternatives evaluation matrix is to compare the performance of each viable alternative in meeting the evaluation criteria, and to quantify its impacts to the natural, social, cultural and physical environment.
- $\circ$   $\;$  The evaluation matrix is on display today at the meeting.
- Analysis requires a comparative evaluation to assess the project alternatives (including the No-Action Alternative).

- The objective of an alternatives evaluation matrix is to compare the performance of each viable alternative in meeting the evaluation criteria, and to quantify its impacts to the natural, social, cultural and physical environment.
- We will continue to solicit public input on the project alternatives and eventually identify a recommended preferred alternative.
- Detailed engineering and environmental analysis will be performed on that alternative with the results documented in a series of engineering and environmental reports.

### **IV. Questions & Discussion**

Nicole Gough of Dewberry opened the discussion period by asking if there were any questions.

**Beth Jackson, Orange County Environmental Projection Division**: We appreciate the effort to avoid the Schofield Tract, as there are lots of threatened and endangered plant and wildlife species in the area. Please be aware that the area meets the criteria for sand skinks, as well as other species like gopher tortoises. We ask that the final alternative have minimal impact to Lake Louisa State Park entrance way.

### Aldin Mathews, Lake Louisa State Park: As a

citizen, I want good roads as well as a good environment. We already have traffic challenges at the park's entrance coming northbound with the hill, high-speed traffic and RV's trying to turn in, so our main concern is safety of visitors. I don't know that any alternative is better than the others, once you get down to the details of looking at environmental concerns. There will be some traffic noise at the campground and cabins, but the hill might help alleviate that. Anything that could be



done to mitigate traffic noise would be good. Is there any intent for right of way needs from park? Also, are there plans to eventually continue this to SR 33 to the west? Signage would be important for us.

**Will Sloup, Metric Engineering**: – No, there aren't any plans to continue to SR 33. And we don't anticipate any right of way needed from the park.

**Larry Fooks, Florida Department of Environmental Protection**: We appreciate you working to not affect the park entrance. With the increased volume of traffic, and the large RV's coming in and out of park, maybe it's a possibility to get a traffic light at the park entrance.

**Will Sloup**: We're coordinating with the Florida Department of Transportation District 5, which is aware of access management issues, particularly with the state park, so we will continue to coordinate with them. Of course, if traffic volumes warrant it, they would consider a signal.

**Ron Hart, Lake County Water Authority**: Have you considered sliding the interchange with CR 455 slightly to the east to avoid wetland impacts? Also, could CR 455 slightly slant to avoid the Schofield Tract?

6 | P a g e Lake / Orange County Connector, Feasibility and Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study Environmental Advisory Group Meeting #2 – February 12, 2019 **Will Sloup**: CR 455 extension is also undergoing a PD&E study by Lake County currently. What we're showing is the assumption of where that road might go. The idea is to show that there will be an interchange in that location and that it will probably be a diamond.

Nicole Gough: This is a moving target and our best estimate of where it will be.

Nicole said the study team has been documenting the potential for listed species and their habitats.

**Brian Barnett, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission**: Is there any of the environmental information available in the analysis?

**Nicole Gough**: No, there's no natural resources information in the study as of yet. They're still working on the more detailed natural resources evaluation documentation.

**Brian Barnett**: Just curious, whatever happened to Lake Needham? It looks like 10 years ago it dried up into a series of ponds.

**Will Sloup**: It appears to be a seasonal wet area. I do know there is a lot of development occurring on the south side of it now.

**Ron Hart**: When we look at the rainfall we've recorded in that area over the last 18 years, 14 years have been lower than average. The past two years, including hurricane rainfall, should help bring that back to what it used to be 20-30 years ago.

Nicole Gough: How do you see this proposed project affecting Clermont?

**Mark Griffin, City of Clermont**: Obviously more traffic to the south. We expect an impact in traffic, but not to our utility service area.

**Marge Holt, Sierra Club**: I'm looking at South Bradshaw Road near Lake Pike and Lake Adain – are there plans to bridge those areas?

**Will Sloup**: Yes, if there's a span across a water body, that's a bridge option. It could also be a bridge across deep wetlands. We need to get further along in our geotechnical investigations to determine that.

Marge Holt: Does the hydrological flow go towards Lake Louisa for most of this?

**Nicole Gough**: I haven't studied this – but Lake Louisa has a hill and there's topographic change within the study area and into the Lake Louisa area, so you're looking at separate basins.

Marge Holt: It would be great if we could maintain the flow to Lake Louisa.

**Nick McRay, Lake County Public Works**: We're not aware of any drainage conveyance from the study area over to Lake Louisa State Park. They are separate basins.

Nicole Gough: Will, could you discuss pond siting and how you address drainage at this level of study?

7 | P a g e Lake / Orange County Connector, Feasibility and Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study Environmental Advisory Group Meeting #2 – February 12, 2019 **Will Sloup**: Ponds are sited conceptually based on the existing basins that are out there. It's the stormwater that would be stored on site in that particular drainage basin.

**Ron Hart**: Where you propose any bridge crossing around Pike Lake, would you be treating water from roads into your ponds, or allow to discharge into the lake then doing some other mitigation project?

Will Sloup: These bridges are short, which means they most likely will be treated through ponds.

**Cammie Dewey, St. Johns River Water Management District**: Yes, we try to work to get water treated. It can be difficult to treat water on certain length bridges. In this area we have a lot of sandy hill areas, most ponds are dry. The ability to work with local governments for water harvesting to supplement reclaimed systems would be a plus. Here we have the chance to get infrastructure in place ahead of development that follows new roads.

**Nicole Gough**: The study team has had some meetings with the St. Johns River and South Florida Water Management Districts, as well as Lake County, to start talking about these water harvesting opportunities and perhaps implement strategies on this roadway.

Nicole asked Bill Adams of the St. Johns River Water Management District if he had any thoughts about consumptive use in relation to this study area.

**Bill Adams, St. Johns River Water Management District**: Regarding the project, once you decide on a corridor, you would look at what the water requirements through the construction period then the operation of the project. You'd have to determine what would require consumptive use permit then plan to plug the wells that would not be used throughout the life of the project.

**Larry Fooks**: It appears that in Alternative 1 there's a lake in the park, and one of the ramps appears to be in that area. Take extra care to not kill that lake. Alternative 1-1 may capture that, but when it gets west of US 27, we need to do something there.

**Ron Hart**: It may be good to capture stormwater from US 27 into a dry pond to get it into the groundwater level.

**Cammie Dewey**: We have issued permits along US 27 for those improvements; you may need to circle back with the Florida Department of Transportation to ensure what you're doing meshes with the permitting they've received. Some of the stormwater may already be treated as a result. The permit is #90260.

**Brian Barnett**: I need to point out this area is in the common range for Black Bear, so this facility will bring about Black Bear mortalities from car collisions. Identify a particular wildlife crossing; we can work with you to get a crossing in the design of the road.

Nicole Gough: Can you share telemetry you have on that?

**Brian Barnett**: We don't have a lot of reports with human/Black Bear interactions here, because it's mostly rural. There have been bear deaths on US 27 close by. The range extends from Kissimmee to Clermont for common Black Bears.

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Ron Hart: Does the numbering of the alternatives indicate their priority?

Will Sloup: No, we are still evaluating the alternatives and we don't have a priority yet.

**Brian Barnett**: At what point do you anticipate disseminating portions of the study to agencies for input?

**Will Sloup**: We're continuing with public involvement and collecting comments. After the March 7 public meeting we will conclude the comments on the alternatives evaluation. We will then move to identifying which is preferred alternative to consider for further evaluation then show at the public hearing. That's the alternative that will be documented in the preliminary engineering report. The draft of those documents will go out for inspection at least 21 days before the public hearing, so likely in early June. What you'll see at the next round of EAG and PAG meetings, will be recommended alternative go forward, as well as the no-build alternative.

**Rich Mospens, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission**: The two maps don't give a lot of detail unless you zoom in. It looks like when you zoom in the proposed ramps to US 27 are within the current right of way?

**Will Sloup**: Yes, there will be additional right of way needed, but the connection – US 27 will need to be slightly relocated to the east to avoid Lake Louisa State Park. Each alternative holds the west right-of-way line to its current configuration.

There were no further questions. Nicole turned to Kathy Putnam, to close the meeting.

### V. Lake / Orange County Connector PD&E Study Presentation, continued

To conclude the presentation Kathy Putnam, CFX's Public Involvement Coordinator, presented the following information:

- The study schedule, indicating we are in second round of EAG and PAG meetings.
- The second public meeting will be March 7 5:30 7:30 at Bridgewater Middle School.
- The final EAG meeting is expected sometime in May. The Public Hearing is expected in late June.
- The study team is available for small stakeholder meetings.
- All the materials presented today will be on the website tomorrow.

### END OF SUMMARY

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### **EAG Goal**

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

### **EAG Member Role**

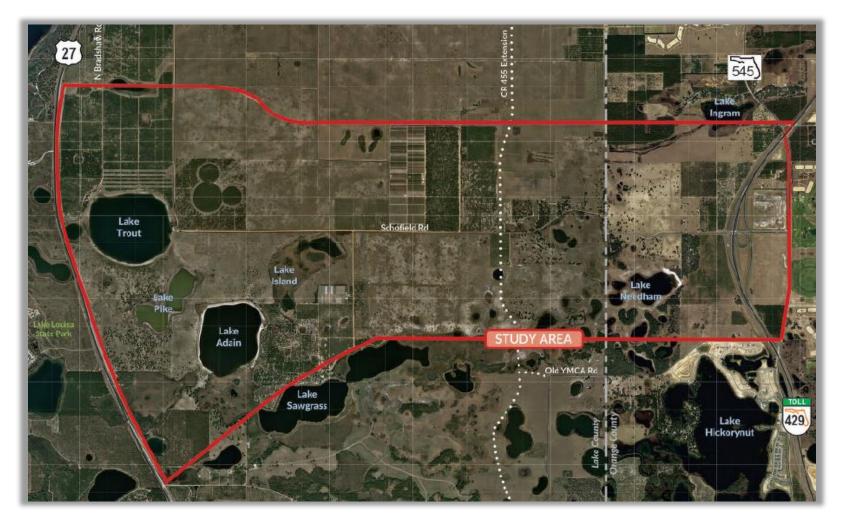
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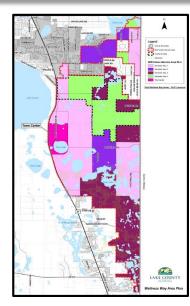
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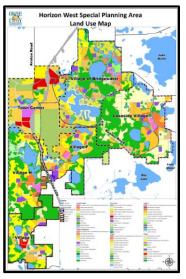


# **Future Land Use**



## **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

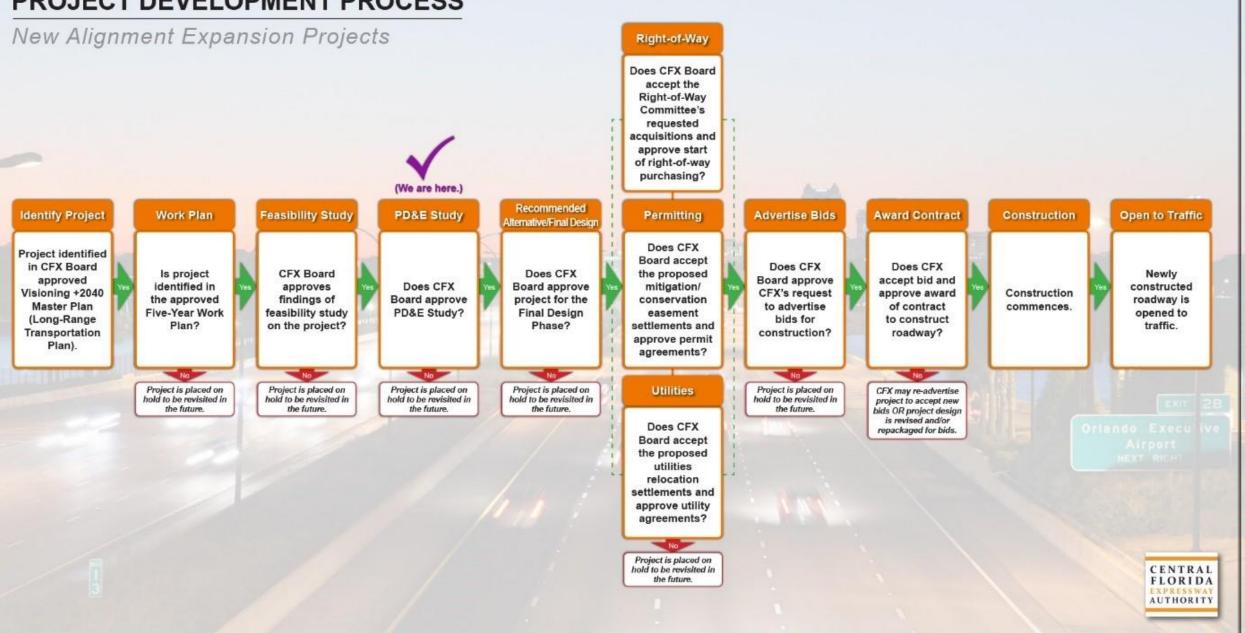
(Design funds indicated as a placeholder pending the outcome of this PD&E Study)

## PD&E Study

Current project phase



## **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS**



# **Project Needs**

- 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



# **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:
  - **1. 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**

WetlandsWildlife and HabitatConservation Lands/Mitigation BanksContaminationCentral<br/>FLORIDA

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# **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





# EAG Input Received – July 30, 2018

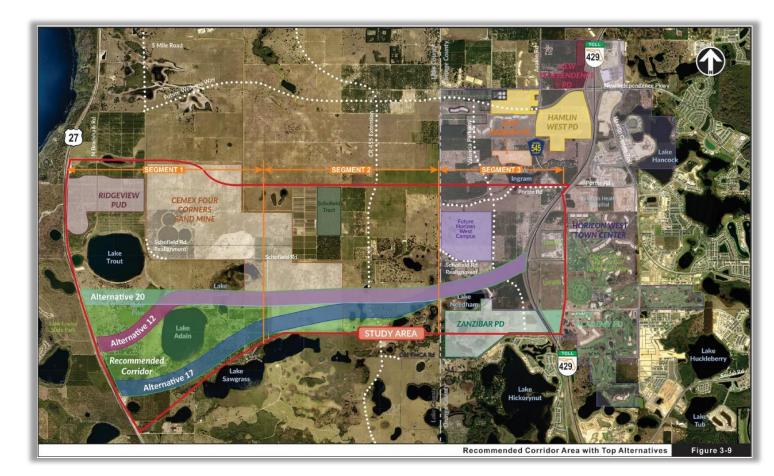
- There are significant environmental constraints, particularly around Schofield Road.
- Give consideration to the Lake Louisa State Park main entrance
   many visitors and R/Vs navigate the area.
- Get FDOT input regarding US 27.
- Segments 1-5 and 1-6 are preferred from a noise and light perspective.
- Explore other opportunities for stormwater Regional Sewer District.
- The project will obviously create more impervious area. A Water Conserv II partnership could reduce pondage.



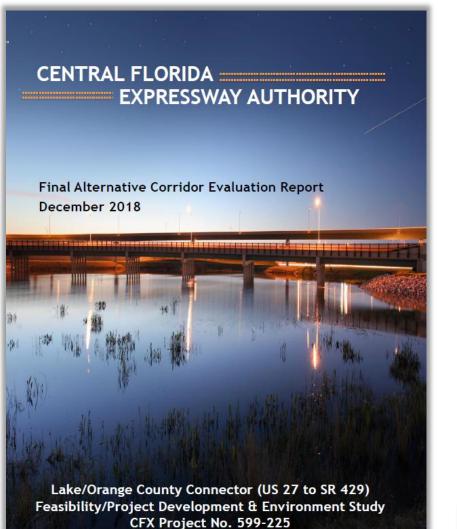


## **Evaluation Results**

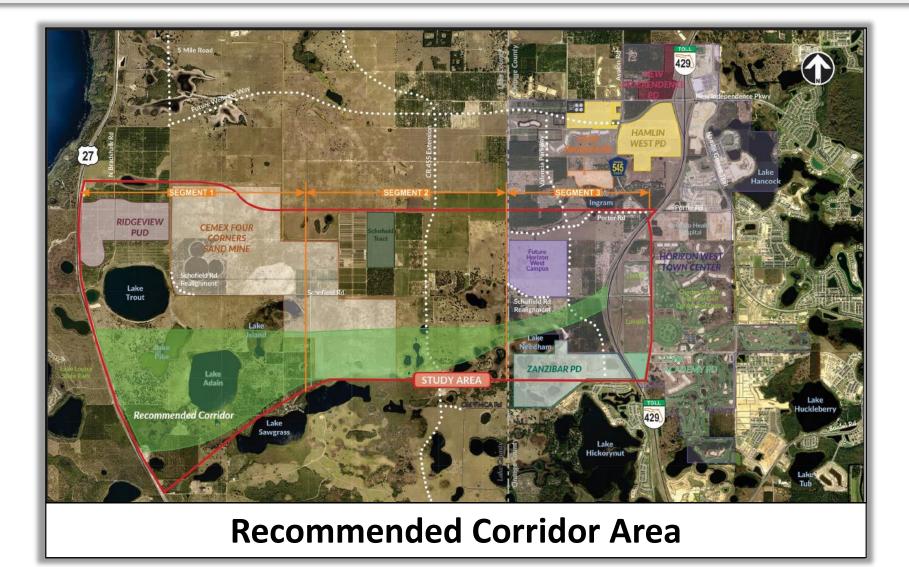
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The methodological approach used to identify the recommended corridor area is documented in an Alternative Corridor Evaluation Report



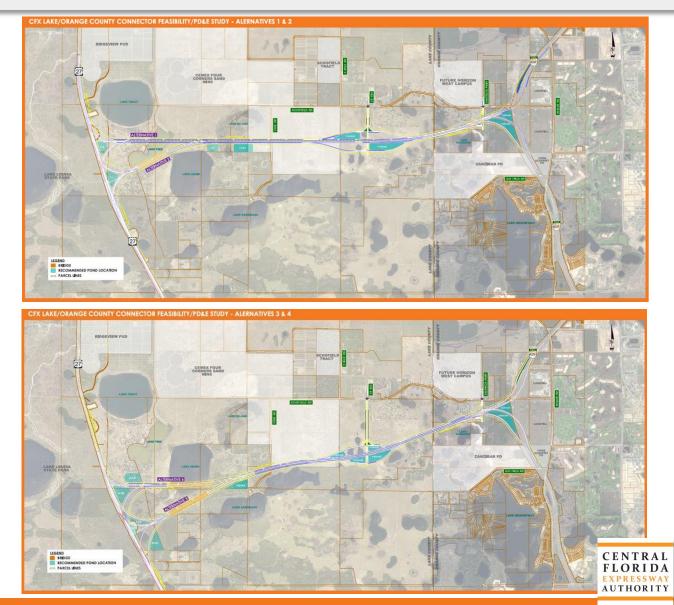
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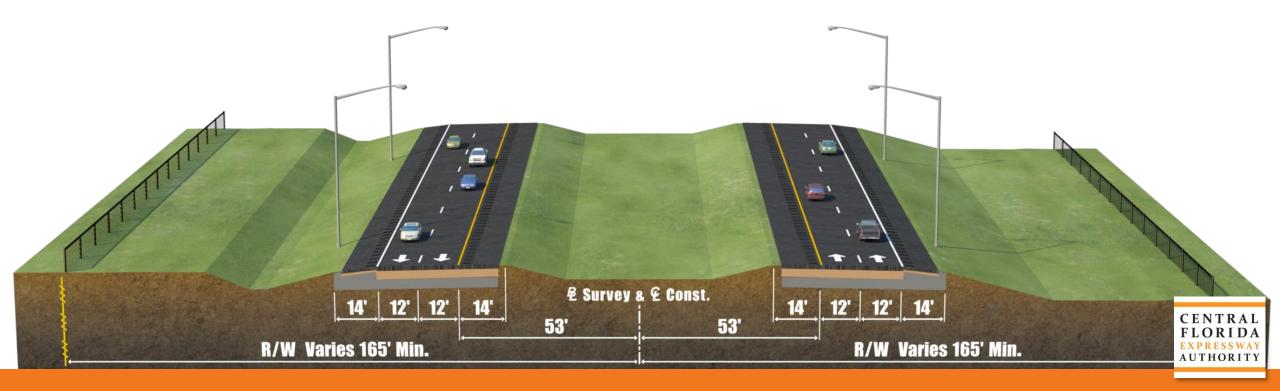
# **Alternatives Analysis**

- Four Build Alternatives
- Proposed interchanges
  - o US 27
  - $\circ$  CR 455 future extension
  - Future Valencia Parkway
  - 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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1	67	7.1 acres of podplain impacts	Relatively minor c utility impacts anticipated mainly to overhead electrical distribution	Requires c realignment of US 27 at the interchange location. Relatively minor issues anticipated	Approximately 16.3 acres of impacts to wetlands	o Approximately - 291.1 acres of impacts to Farmland of Local Importance	Impacts approximately 43 acres of the CEMEX mine and bisects the main Phase Two mining area	Relatively minor noise or aesthetic impacts anticipated to Lake Louisa State Park or the cabins	o Approximately \$300M	o Approximately 377 acres of total R/W required	o Approximately \$3.4M in mitigation costs for impacts to wetlands and gopher tortoise
2	74	4.1 acres of podplain impacts	Relatively minor or utility impacts anticipated mainly to overhead electrical distribution	Requires c realignment of US 27 at the interchange location. Relatively minor issues anticipated	Approximately 23.7 acres of impacts to wetlands	o Approximately - 293.2 acres of impacts to Farmland of Local Importance	Impacts approximately 43 acres of the CEMEX mine and bisects the main Phase Two mining area	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	o Approximately \$4.4M in mitigation costs for impacts to wetlands and gopher tortoise
3	11	5.3 acres of oodplain impacts	Relatively minor or utility impacts anticipated mainly to overhead electrical distribution	Requires c realignment of US 27 at the interchange location. Relatively minor issues anticipated	Approximately 55.7 acres of impacts to wetlands	- Approximately or 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 361 acres of total R/W required	o Approximately \$8.4M in mitigation costs for impacts to wetlands and gopher tortoise
4	10	09.2 acres of oodplain impacts	Relatively minor or utility impacts anticipated mainly to overhead electrical distribution	Requires c realignment of US 27 at the interchange location. Relatively minor issues anticipated	Approximately 48.7 acres of impacts to wetlands	- Approximately or 231.7 acres of impacts to Farmland of Local Importance	acres of the CEMEX mine.	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	o Approximately \$7.5M in mitigation costs for impacts to wetlands and gopher tortoise

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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



# **Environmental Advisory Group (EAG)**

# Group Discussion



## **Project Schedule**

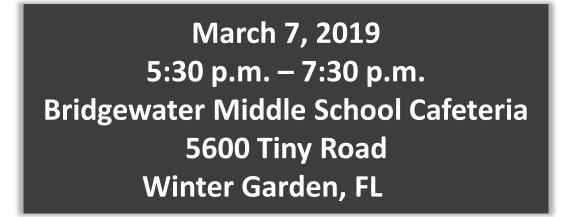
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Lake/Orange County Connector - Study Schedule



# **Upcoming Public Involvement**

• Second Public Information Meeting

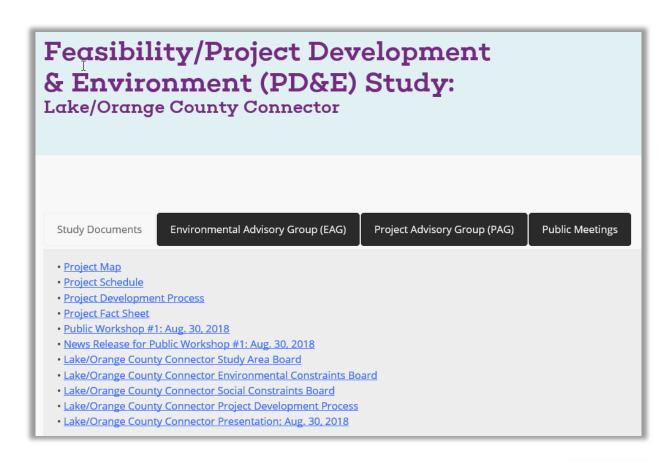


- EAG Meeting No. 3 (final meeting) is anticipated to occur in May 2019
- Public Hearing is anticipated to occur in June 2019
- One-On-One or small group meetings available upon request



# **Study Website**

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





## **For More Information**

## **Kathy Putnam**

Public Involvement Coordinator

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### **Public Information Performance Evaluation Survey**

The Central Florida Expressway Authority would like your feedback on how effectively we are communicating information to the public about the Lake/Orange County Connector Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. We appreciate your assistance in taking this survey.

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Project Advisory Group Meeting

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Officials' Briefing
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Other

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Date: 2 - 12 - 19

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### **COMMENT FORM**

Feasibility / Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study Lake / Orange County Connector (US 27 to SR 429) CFX Project Number: 599-225 Environmental Advisory Group Meeting #2 February 12, 2019

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We welcome your comments. You may also mail your comments to Kathy Putnam, Public Involvement Coordinator, Central Florida Expressway Authority, 4974 ORL Tower Road, Orlando, FL 32807, or email them to <a href="mailto:LakeOrangeStudy@CFXway.com">LakeOrangeStudy@CFXway.com</a>.



Project Advisory Group Meeting 2

January 15, 2019

Subject: Project Advisory Group Meeting No. 2 – February 12, 2019 CFX Feasibility / Project Development and Environment Study Lake / Orange County Connector (US 27 to SR 429) CFX Project No.: 599-225

Dear Study Stakeholder:

The <u>Central Florida Expressway Authority</u> (CFX) would like to invite you or your designee to the second Project Advisory Group (PAG) meeting for the <u>Lake / Orange County Connector</u> study. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the CFX Headquarters located at 4974 ORL Tower Rd., Orlando. A brief presentation will be provided, followed by group discussion.

Using the results of previous studies as a foundation, a feasible corridor for the proposed toll road has been identified. Several alignments within the corridor have been developed and are being evaluated to identify a preferred alternative. All factors related to the conceptual design and location of the facility are being considered including transportation needs, financial feasibility, social impacts, economic factors, environmental impacts, engineering analysis, and right-of-way requirements. If the project is subsequently approved, it would move into design for eventual construction.

The overall goals of the Lake / Orange County Connector are to provide improved connections between area roads; accommodate anticipated transportation demand; provide consistency with local and regional plans; support economic viability and job creation; support intermodal opportunities; and enhance evacuation and emergency services.

Your participation in the PAG is encouraged. As a special advisory resource to CFX and the consultant team, the PAG provides input regarding local needs, concerns and potential physical, natural, social and cultural impacts that are crucial in the evaluation of corridor and alternative alignments.

For more information, click <u>here</u> to visit the study's website. Please respond to Kathy Putnam, Public Involvement Coordinator, by Tuesday, February 5, if you are able to attend the PAG meeting or if you would prefer to designate a representative. Ms. Putnam can be reached by phone at 407-802-3210 or by email at LakeOrangeStudy@CFXway.com.

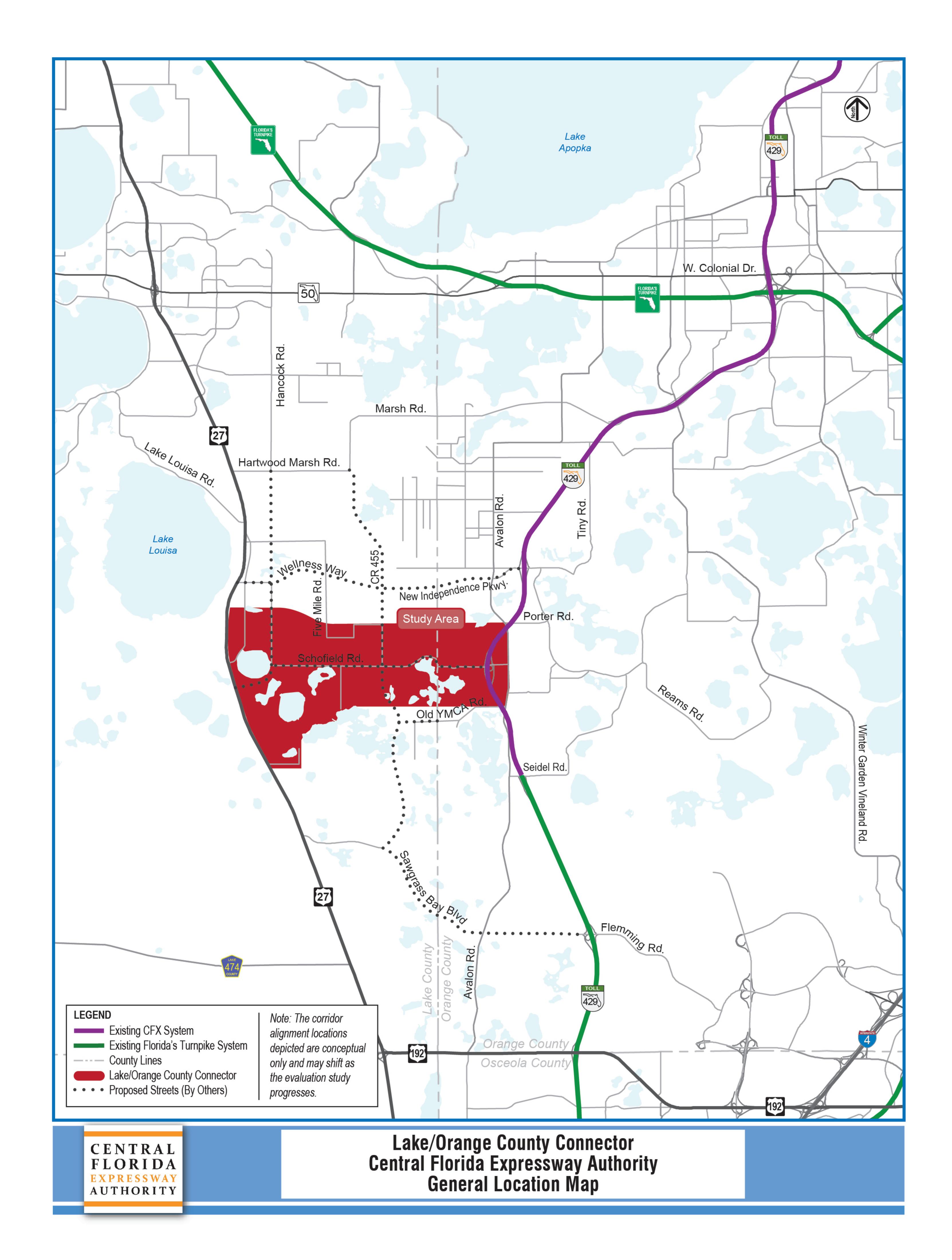
Sincerely,

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Joseph A. Berenis, PE Chief of Infrastructure Central Florida Expressway Authority

Attachments: Project Location Map, Meeting Location Map





Feasibility/Project Development & Environment Study

LAKE/ORANGE COUNTY CONNECTOR

### LAKE / ORANGE COUNTY CONNECTOR (US 27 TO SR 429) PROJECT ADVISORY GROUP (PAG) MEETING #2 SUMMARY

Date/Time: Tuesday, February 12, 2019; 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX), 4974 ORL Tower Road, Orlando, FL 32807, Board Room

Attendees: 31 PAG members and ten staff members attended. See sign-in sheets attached.

### I. Notifications

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Invitation letters were emailed to 69 members of the PAG on January 15, 2019.

### II. Welcome

Kathy Putnam, CFX's Public Involvement Coordinator (GEC), called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. and welcomed everyone. She gave a brief introduction about the meeting and Title VI compliance. She also mentioned that the meeting was being recorded and there were participants on the phone via GoToMeeting. Attendees introduced themselves and the organizations they represented.

### III. Lake / Orange County Connector Feasibility / PD&E Study Presentation

Will Sloup, Consultant Project Manager with Metric Engineering, presented the following information:

- Study Objective
  - The Lake / Orange County Connector Feasibility / PD&E study will determine if a limited access facility between US 27 in south Lake County and State Road 429 in west



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Lake / Orange County Connector, Feasibility and Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study Project Advisory Group Meeting #2 – February 12, 2019 Orange County is economically and environmentally viable in accordance with CFX policies and procedures.

- The study area lies within Lake County and Orange County and the limits are described as: Porter Road on the north; SR 429 on the east; Old YMCA Road on the south; and US 27 on the west.
- At the present time, the study area is generally undeveloped.

### • Future Land Use

- The study area falls within the Wellness Way Area Plan and the Horizon West Special Planning Area.
- The Wellness Way Area Plan has been recognized for many years as an area that has significant potential for economic development in southeast Lake County.
- Horizon West is a fast-growing, master-planned community in southwest Orange County.

### • Project Development Process

The proposed Lake / Orange Connector has gone through several steps in CFX's Project Development Process:

- Studies were conducted in 2002, 2007 and 2017 to determine if a limited-access, tolled connection between US 27 and SR 429 was feasible. These studies are available for review upon request.
- It is identified in the CFX Visioning +2040 Master Plan, and in the Lake County and Orange County Long Range Transportation Plans.
- The PD&E study and design phases are currently funded in the CFX Five-Year Work Plan.
- The proposed Lake / Orange County Connector project is currently at the PD&E study step of the project development process.
- CFX follows a project development process for new alignment expansion projects. At each step in the process, before construction commences, the project could be placed on hold to be revisited in the future.

### • Project Needs

- The need for a transportation project arises from deficiencies, issues or concerns that currently exist or are expected to occur within the study area. In short, the need establishes the rationale for pursuing a project.
- The proposed Lake / Orange County Connector has six project needs as shown on the slide.
  - Improved connections between area roads

- Future transportation demand
- Consistency with local & regional plans
- Economic viability & job creation
- Intermodal opportunities
- Evacuation & emergency services

#### PD&E Study

- Simply stated, the PD&E Study will determine if there is an engineering and environmentally feasible alternative to meet the project needs.
- Using the results of previous studies as a foundation, the study began with an Alternative Corridor Evaluation which identified a recommended corridor area.



We are now conducting alternatives analysis which will help us identify the recommended preferred alternative.

#### • Alternative Corridor Evaluation

- During the Alternative Corridor Evaluation, a series of 800-foot wide corridors were developed and evaluated to determine how well the six project needs are satisfied.
- The corridors were also evaluated, to the same desk-top level of detail, based on engineering, environmental and socio-economic criteria that were tailored to fit the characteristics of the study area.
- Evaluation matrices were developed based on these criteria, to facilitate the comparison of the alternative corridors.

#### • Stakeholder Outreach

- The development of the corridor alternatives was closely coordinated with our project stakeholders.
- Individual meetings were held over the past several months with each stakeholder.
- In addition, staff from Lake and Orange counties have been working with us as part of the study team.

#### • Public Involvement

Public involvement and interagency coordination have been and will continue to be an integral part of the assessment process.

#### • PAG Input Received – July 30, 2018

Additionally, as we developed our corridor alternatives, we considered the input we received from you in July.

#### • Alternative Corridor Evaluation

- The results obtained show Corridors 12, 17 and 20 could each provide a superior solution with an adequate balance between the three decisional components.
- To allow for flexibility in the alternatives analysis phase, the recommended corridor encompasses the area that is bordered by Corridor 20 on the north and Corridor 17 on the south.
- The results of the Alternative Corridor Evaluation are documented in the Alternative Corridor Evaluation Report. This document is available for review upon request.
- Four project alternatives have been developed.
- Alternatives 1 and 2 are the northern routes while Alternatives 3 and 4 are the southern routes.
- All alternatives end at a common location at SR 429, whereas there are four potential tiein locations at US 27.
- New interchanges are proposed with US 27, the future extension of County Road 455 (a potential diamond interchange is being used for analysis purposes), the future Valencia Parkway (partial interchange) and SR 429 (systems interchange).
- The conceptual designs show US 27 shifted to the east; this is to accommodate the interchange with US 27 while avoiding impacts to Lake Louisa State Park lands.
- The No-Action or No-Build Alternative serves as the baseline for comparison against the various build alternatives.
- There is always the possibility that the No-Build Alternative could be chosen as the preferred alternative.

#### • Proposed Typical Section

- The proposed typical section for all four project alternatives is shown on this slide.
- A potential right-of-way width of 330 feet would accommodate an initial 4-lanes and future widening to 8-lanes.

- Future widenings are to the inside and provide for potential multi-use lanes in the median.
- Right of way will vary in locations that accommodate interchanges.

- Analysis requires a comparative evaluation to assess the project alternatives (including the No-Action Alternative).
- The objective of an alternatives evaluation matrix is to compare the performance of each viable alternative in meeting the evaluation criteria, and to quantify its impacts to the natural, social, cultural and physical environment.
- The evaluation matrix is on display today at the meeting.
- Analysis requires a comparative evaluation to assess the project alternatives (including the No-Action Alternative).
- The objective of an alternatives evaluation matrix is to compare the performance of each viable alternative in meeting the evaluation criteria, and to quantify its impacts to the natural, social, cultural and physical environment.
- We will continue to solicit public input on the project alternatives and eventually identify a recommended preferred alternative.
- Detailed engineering and environmental analysis will be performed on that alternative with the results documented in a series of engineering and environmental reports.

#### **IV. Questions & Discussion**

Kathy Putnam invited questions and discussion on the presentation and/or project study.

#### Rex Clonts, Clonts Groves: Our

property is located about a mile away. We would not choose Alternative 1. Trout Lake is a signature lake in the area and considered a town center. This alternative would degrade the view looking across the lake.

**Raphael Jiminez, CEMEX:** We recognize the need for robust



transportation system and commend the study. The Four Corners Sand Mine will provide FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) quality sand for the next 20 years. That grain of sand is a scarce resource and a critical component for concrete – widely used in construction materials. Our Phase 1 mining

Lake / Orange County Connector, Feasibility and Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study Project Advisory Group Meeting #2 – February 12, 2019 parcels are north of Schofield Road and Phase 2 are south of Schofield. Most alternatives would impact our Phase 2 mining. Lake County requires that Phase 2 not open until Phase 1 is done. These alternatives will sterilize that. Alternatives 1 and 2 have the greatest impact to the Phase 2 operation, rendering over 50% of those reserves south unusable. Those alternatives would have the most impact on two to three million tons of high value sand. Please factor in those in evaluating the alternatives.

**Brian Sanders, Orange County:** We appreciate the team working with Orange County. A reminder that the Valenica Parkway connection is a future 4-lane corridor, along with associated drainage, and access management at Schofield Road. We look forward to working with you in the future on this project.

David Hill, Southern Hill Farms: We're very happy with options you have chosen.

Jim Carr, Southlake Crossing: Will the road be ground level? Will Sloup, Metric Engineering: It will be at grade unless it's crossing another road.

**Fred Milch, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council:** Any plans for wildlife crossings? There is valuable upland habitat near 5-Mile/Schofiled Roads. We identified that as a potential wildlife corridor. **Will Sloup:** We are looking to confirm this. It was mentioned at the Environmental Advisory Group meeting, as well.

**Loren Bender, Valencia College:** We are thrilled with the location. We've been there 10 years and view this as a great benefit. This could be a very large regional campus.

**Kathy Putnam, Quest Corportation of America:** Are there any considerations or new information that you have learned or seen since the first meeting that you would like to share with us?

**Cedric Moffett, Orange County:** We are concerned about a 20-acre park facility we have planned near the planned interchange with SR 429. We'll provide a copy of the map with the park.

Shannon Schmidt, City of Clermont: Does CFX have any policies for right of way for shared use paths?

**Glenn Pressimone, CFX Director of Engineering:** We would not have anything in the limited access right of way. There is a history of having discussions about that and we would be happy to talk with you and hear your thoughts about that.

**Greg Moore, Walt Disney Imagineering:** – The SR 429 interchange is one of the highest points in the area. Some of the flyovers you're looking at could be even higher. Perhaps you'd want to look at going under instead of over to save costs.

Will Sloup: That's good information. We'lll review that.

**Cedrick Moffett:** Orange County has an extensive trail network planned through Horizon West. This may be a god opportunity to extend over to connect with Lake County's trail network. We would encourage that option.

**Shannon Schmidt:** Lake County has programmed, as part of its parks master plan, trails along the spine of US 27, including developers planning trail access as part of their developments.



Richard Levey, Levey Consulting: What is the schedule from here? Will Sloup: We're in the second round of public meetings during the alternatives alignment phase. We have a public information meeting on March 7. Taking comments from that and other stakeholder meetings, we'll identify a preferred alternative. We'll develop documentation in support of that alternative that would be presented at a June public hearing. Those draft documents will be available for public review nearly a month prior to the public hearing. There will then be further

evaluation by CFX, then this summer we expect the decision to be made whether to advance the project.

**Richard Levey:** Do you have to redo your traffic and revenue analysis at the end of this process? **Glenn Pressimone:** That's happening concurrent with this process.

Kathy Putnam spoke of the March 7 public meeting at Bridgewater Middle School in west Orange County. The final PAG meeting is anticipated for May and the public hearing in late June. She asked if there were any other questions or comments.

Loren Bender: Assuming everything goes through, what is the expected timeline for the project?

Will Sloup: If this moves through, it could be put into service within five to seven years.

Kathy Putnam closed out the meeting with a review of the project contact information and thanked the attendees for their participation.

#### **END OF SUMMARY**

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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**

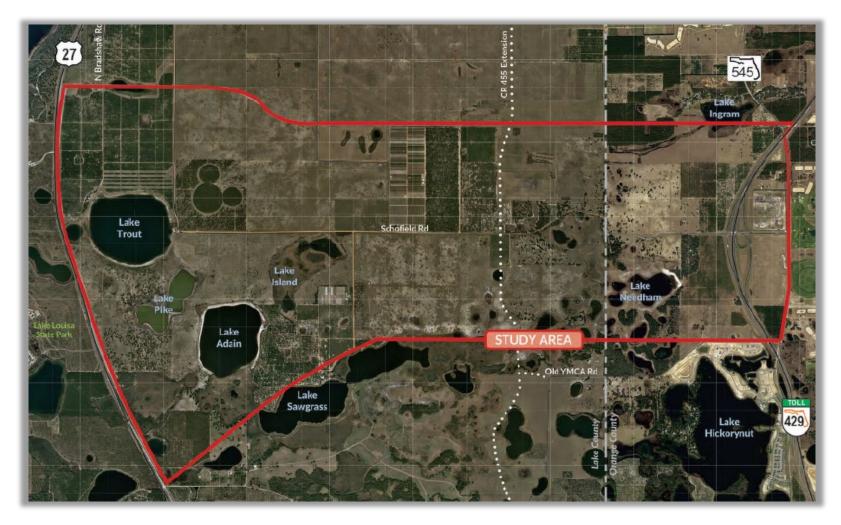
- Assist in the identification of potential project impacts, opportunities and constraints
- Provide feedback and comments regarding the information presented





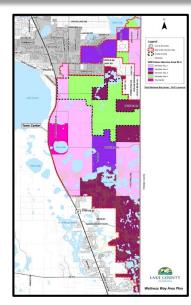
# **Study Objective**

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



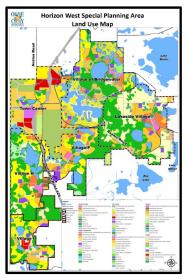


# **Future Land Use**



## **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

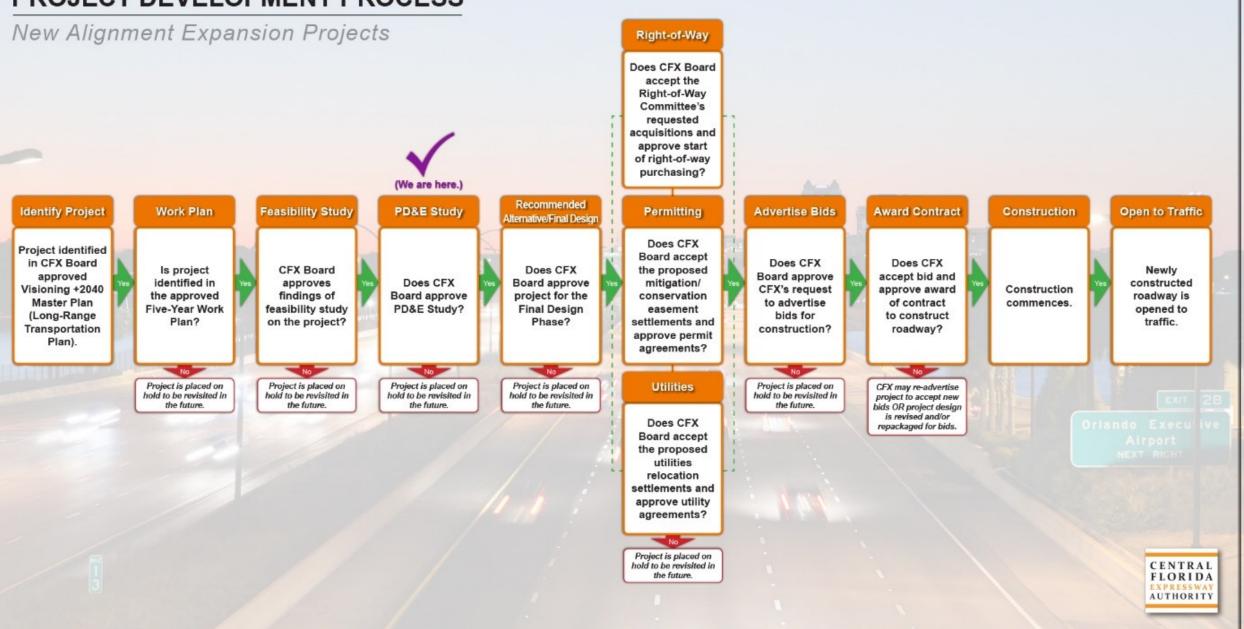
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## PD&E Study

Current project phase



## **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS**



# **Project Needs**

- Improved connections between area roads
- 2 Future transportation demand
- 3 Consistency with local & regional plans
- 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:
  - **1. 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

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# **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

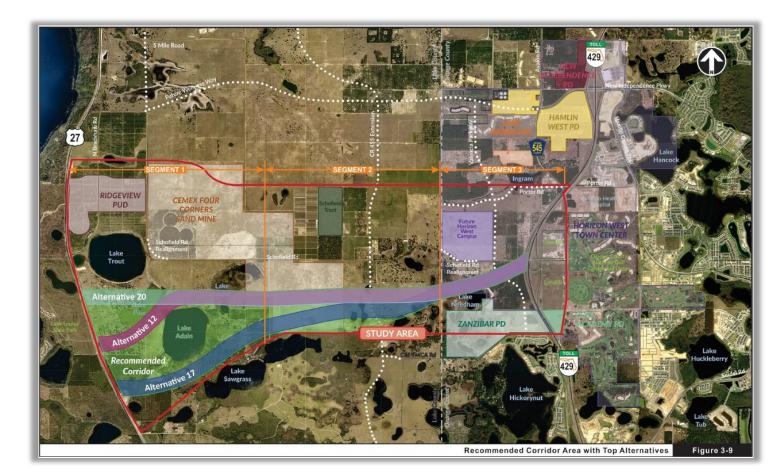
- The northern most connection will pull more people.
- The northern alignment will be disruptive to development currently in the works.
- The northern corridors will disrupt developing agritourism.
- Minimize impacts to Horizon West Town Center.
- Concerns with it being a limited-access roadway.
- There 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.





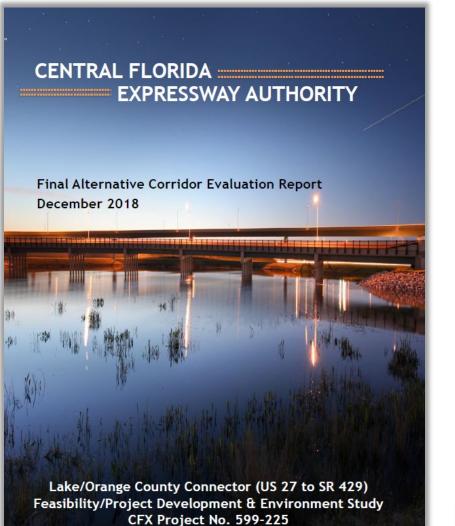
## **Evaluation Results**

- 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

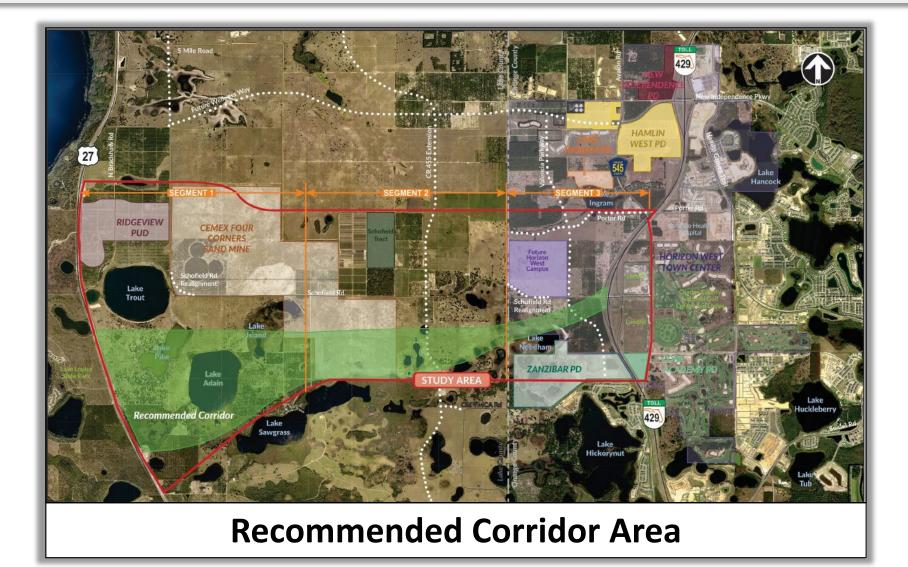




 The methodological approach used to identify the recommended corridor area is documented in an Alternative Corridor Evaluation Report

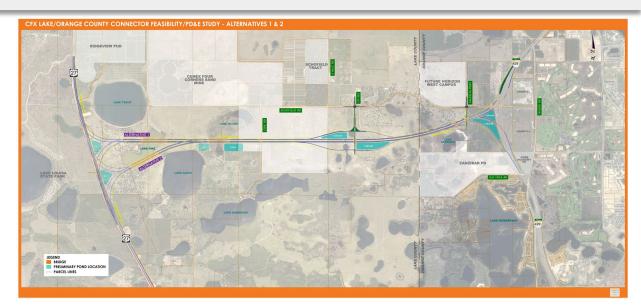


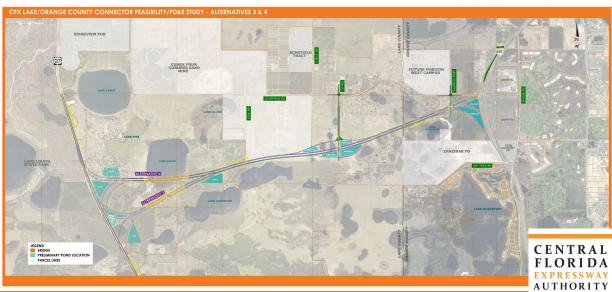






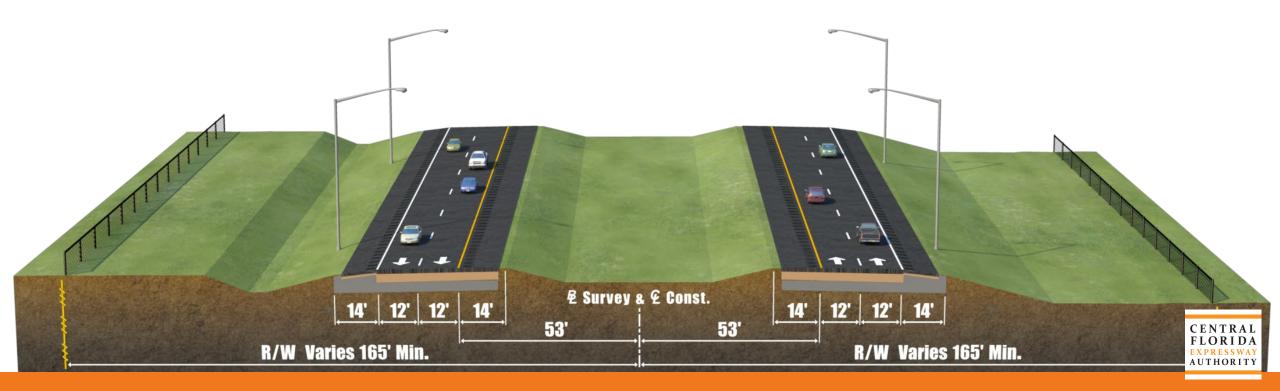
- Four Build Alternatives
- Proposed interchanges
  - o US 27
  - $\circ$  CR 455 future extension
  - Future Valencia Parkway
  - SR 429 (systems interchange)
- No-Action or No-Build Alternative





## **Typical Section**

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



## **Comparative Evaluation Matrix**

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1	Approximately 67.1 acres of floodplain impacts	o Relatively minor o utility impacts anticipated mainly to overhead electrical distribution	Requires o realignment of US 27 at the interchange location. Relatively minor issues anticipated	Approximately 18.3 c acres of impacts to wetlands	Approximately 291.1 acres of impacts to Farmland of Local Importance	Impacts approximately 43 acres of the CEMEX mine and bisects the main Phase Two mining area	Relatively minor noise or aesthetic impacts anticipated to Lake Louisa State Park or the cabins	Approximately \$300M	Approximately 377 acres of total R/W required	Approximately c \$3.4M in mitigation costs for impacts to wetlands and gopher tortoise
2	Approximately 74.1 acres of floodplain impacts	o Relatively minor co utility impacts anticipated mainly to overhead electrical distribution	Requires o realignment of US 27 at the interchange location. Relatively minor issues anticipated	Approximately 23.7 c acres of impacts to wetlands	Approximately 293.2 acres of impacts to Farmland of Local Importance	Impacts approximately 43 acres of the CEMEX mine and bisects the main Phase Two mining area	Relatively minor noise or aesthetic impacts anticipated to Lake Louisa State Park or the cabins	Approximately \$335M	Approximately 380 acres of total R/W required	Approximately c \$4.4M in mitigation costs for impacts to wetlands and gopher tortoise
3	Approximately 115.3 acres of floodplain impacts	- Relatively minor or utility impacts anticipated mainly to overhead electrical distribution	Requires o realignment of US 27 at the interchange location. Relatively minor issues anticipated	Approximately 55.7 - acres of impacts to wetlands	Approximately o 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 361 acres of total R/W required	Approximately \$8.4M in mitigation costs for impacts to wetlands and gopher tortoise
4	Approximately 100.2 acres of floodplain impacts	- Relatively minor or utility impacts anticipated mainly to overhead electrical distribution	Requires o realignment of US 27 at the interchange location. Relatively minor issues anticipated	Approximately 48.7 acres of impacts to wetlands	Approximately c 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	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



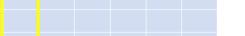
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# Group Discussion



## **Project Schedule**

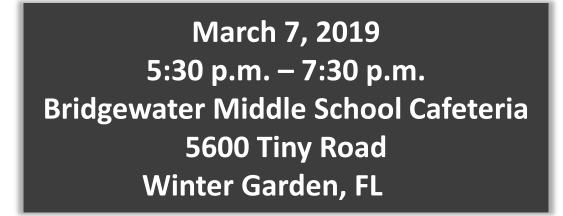
CENTRAL Lake/Orange County Connector - Study Schedule FLORIDA EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY 2018 2019 APR MAY APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP ост NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR JUN MAR JUL Notice to Proceed Review of Previous Studies Reports Collection of Additional Data Review and Define Purpose and Need **Corridor Analysis** EAG & PAG Project Kickoff Meeting Public Informational Meeting Alternatives Analysis Feasibility / PD&E Traffic & Engineering Analysis Draft Feasibility / PD&E Study Reports EAG & PAG Pre-Public Workshop Meeting T Public Workshop **Refine Preferred Alternative** Revise Feasibility / PD&E Study Reports EAG & PAG Closeout Meeting Public Hearing Finalize Feasibility / PD&E Study Reports ╈ Feasibility / PD&E Study Final





# **Upcoming Public Involvement**

• Second Public Informational Meeting



- 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:
   <u>www.CFXway.com</u>



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