



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.

Please indicate the type of project activity you were engaged in when provided this survey:

□ Public Meeting

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Environmental Advisory Group Meeting

Officials' Briefing	
□ MPO, County or City Council Meeting	
Homeowners Association Meeting	
Other	

□ Property Owner or Other Stakeholder Meeting

Date:

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

I.	MEETINGS & PRESENTATIONS	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A or No Opinion
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в.	Project personnel were knowledgeable and presented information in a manner that was easy to understand.		X			
C.	Exhibits and multi-media presentations helped me to better understand the project.		×			
D.	Handouts were accurate and easy to understand.					×
E.	I got answers to all of my questions, or a commitment that project staff would follow up on my concerns.		X			
F.	The meeting location was accessible and appropriate.	X				
G.	I was provided advanced notice of the meeting.	×				

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C.	I was aware of the project website as a good informational resource.		×			Ē
D.	I was able to easily find information and download the documents I wanted on the website.		×			
E.	I was aware of the project Facebook page as a way to get real-time project					Å
F.	information. Project social media pages helped increase my interest in, and knowledge					X
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III. PROJECT PERSONNEL	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A or No Opinion
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Lake/Orange Study Comment Form Submission

info@cfxway.com on behalf of Rex Clonts <wordpress@cfxway.com>

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From: Rex Clonts <wrclonts@yahoo.com>

Address: P.O. box 622916

Comment:

Clonts Groves Inc. owns property on the east side of US 27 approximately 2 miles north of the proposed intersection of the Lake/Orange Connector. We are supportive of the Central Florida Expressway's 429 to US27 Connector and believe it will be an important component to meet the traffic needs in west Orange / south Lake Counties. Clonts Groves strongly favors Alignments 2, 3 and 4. We do not, however, think Alignment 1 is a good option because it would intrude on the view-scape of Trout Lake. Trout Lake is the centerpiece natural resource jewel in the Wellness Way Area Plan and as such, the Town Center is designated to be built along the north shore by virtue of Lake County's Future Land Use Plan. In fact, it is the only Town Center permitted in Wellness Way's 12,000+ acres. As the northern most alignment, Alignment 1 would go directly across the high ridge that forms the southern edge of the Trout Lake drainage basin and will be intrusively visible from all points in and around the lake and the Town Center. Thank you for the opportunity to make what I hope are constructive comments about this important expressway project. Rex Clonts – Pres. Clonts Groves

— This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Central Florida Expressway Authority (<u>https://www.cfxway.com</u>)



Public Informational Meeting 2

February 13, 2019

Subject: **PUBLIC MEETING – March 7, 2019** 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 / Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study for the proposed Lake / Orange County Connector, as identified in our <u>2040 Master Plan</u>. The purpose of the study is to determine if a limited access facility between US 27 in south Lake County and <u>State</u> <u>Road 429 (Daniel Webster Western Beltway)</u> in west Orange County is viable and fundable in accordance with CFX policies and procedures.

CFX will hold a public meeting for this study on **Thursday, March 7 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Bridgewater Middle School Cafeteria located at 5600 Tiny Road in Winter Garden, FL 34787.** 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. A looping audiovisual presentation providing an overview of the study will be available for viewing throughout the meeting.

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.

Potential corridors were presented for public input at the last public meeting held on August 30, 2018. Based on the input we received, a recommended corridor was identified, and within that corridor four different project alternatives have been developed. Each of these project alternatives meet the objective of providing an effective limited-access Lake / Orange County Connector facility from US 27 to SR 429.

The work that will be on display includes the four project alternatives and their potential impacts to the physical, natural, social and cultural environment. Public involvement and interagency coordination have been an integral part of the assessment process, and opportunities for participation will continue to be provided throughout the duration of the study.

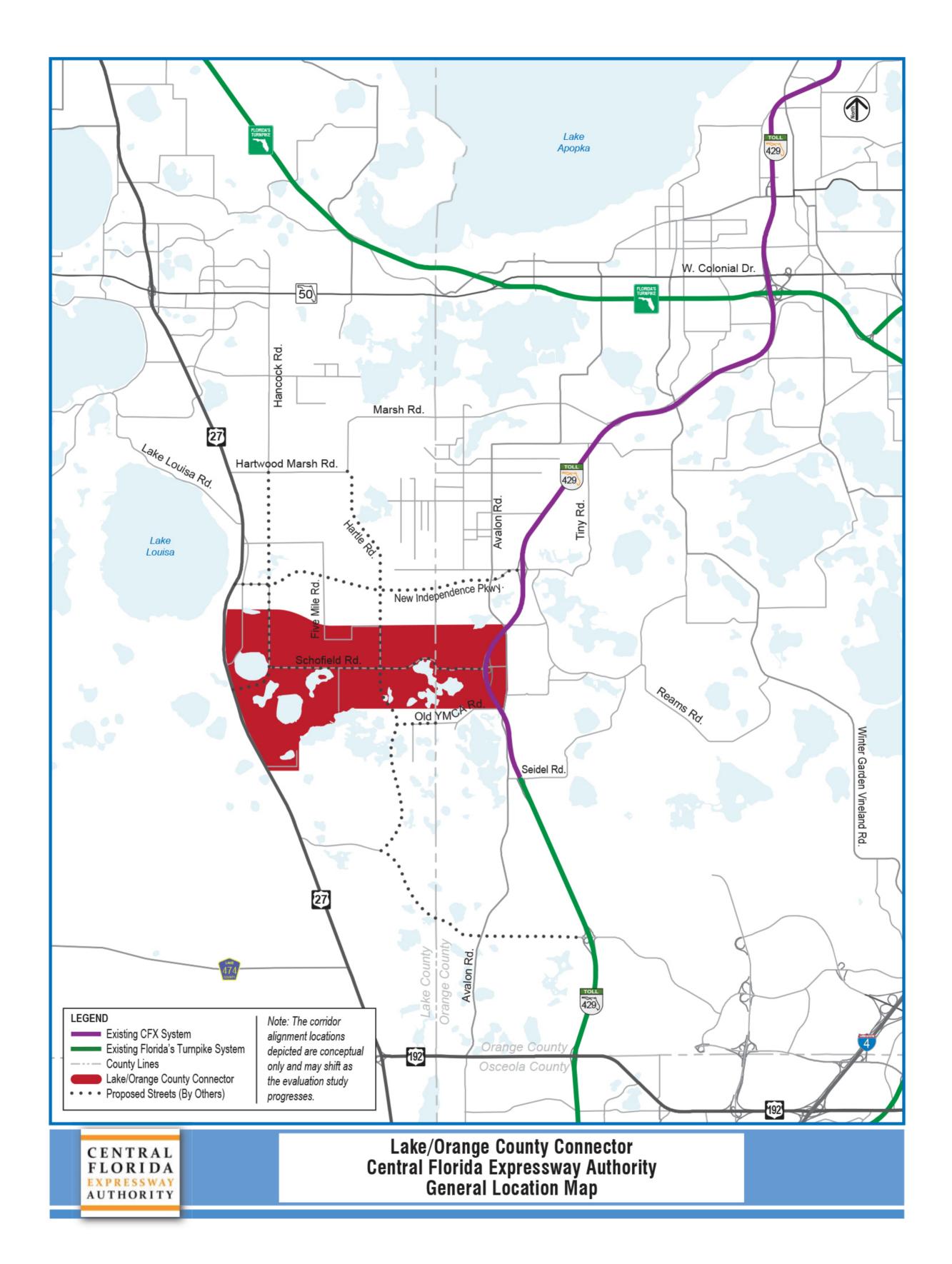
If you have questions or would like more information about the study, please contact Kathy Putnam, Public Involvement Coordinator, by phone at 407-802-3210, or by email at <u>LakeOrangeStudy@CFXway.com</u> or visit the study webpage at <u>https://bit.ly/2H46Nr6</u>. You may also follow the study on Facebook at <u>@LakeOrangeConnector</u>.

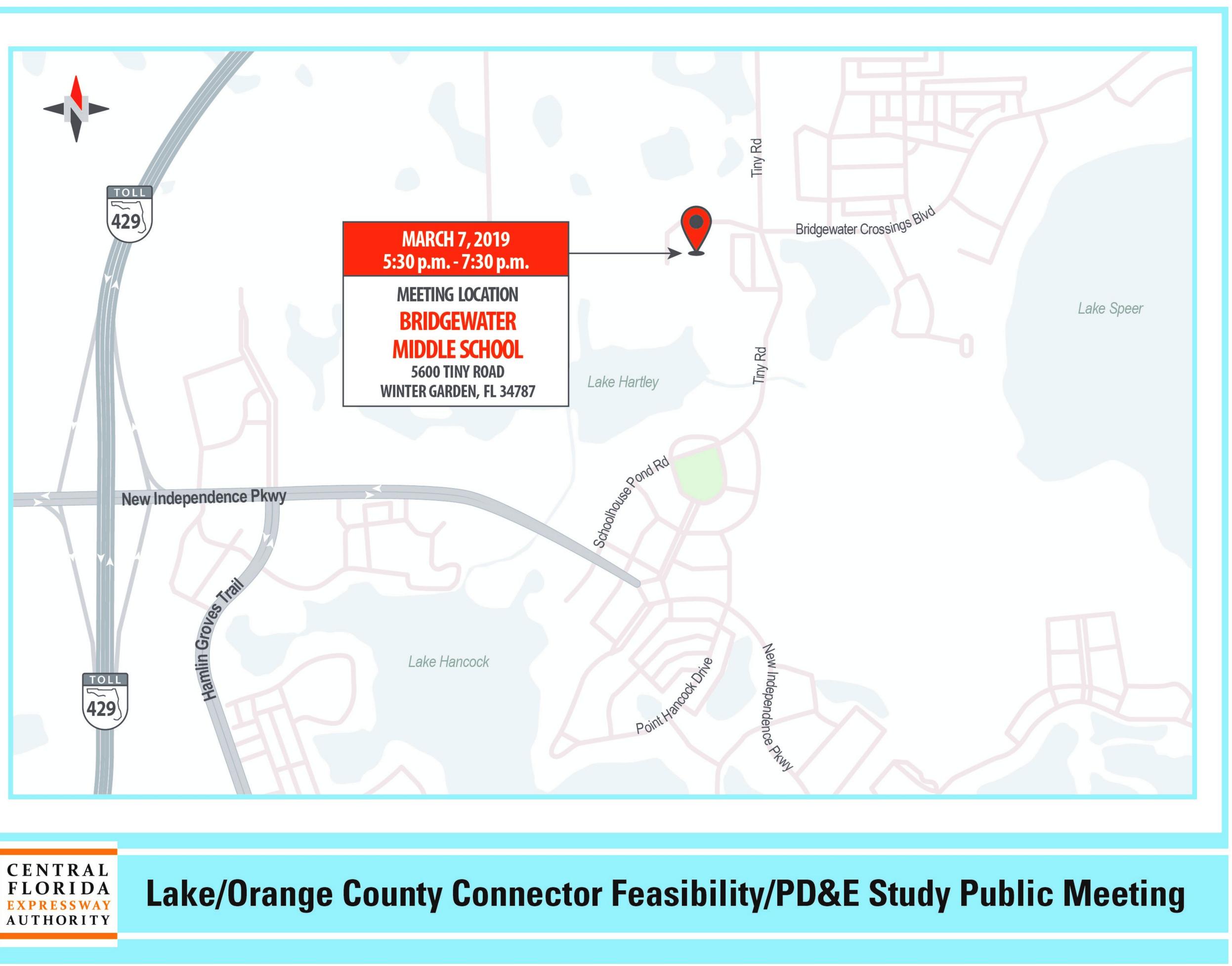
Sincerely,

Joseph A Berenis

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

Attachments: Project Location Map & Meeting Location Map





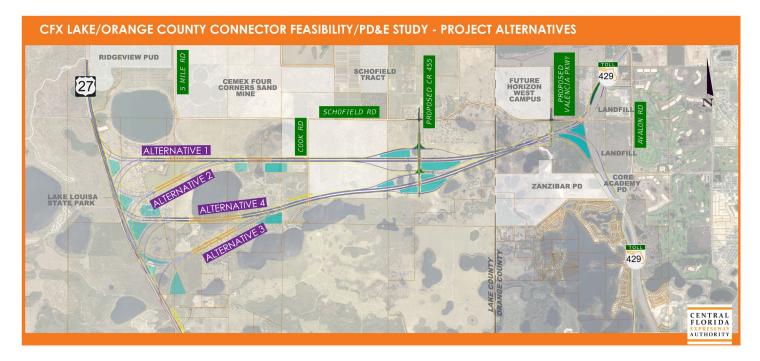
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Feasibility/Project Development & Environment Study

LAKE/ORANGE COUNTY CONNECTOR

STUDY UPDATE

The Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX) has been conducting a Feasibility/Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study of the Lake/Orange County Connector. The study will determine if a limited access facility between US 27 in south Lake County and State Road 429 in west Orange County is viable and fundable within CFX policies and procedures. The map below shows the four project alternatives that have been developed. New interchanges are proposed with US 27, the future extension of County Road 455, the future Valencia Parkway and SR 429.

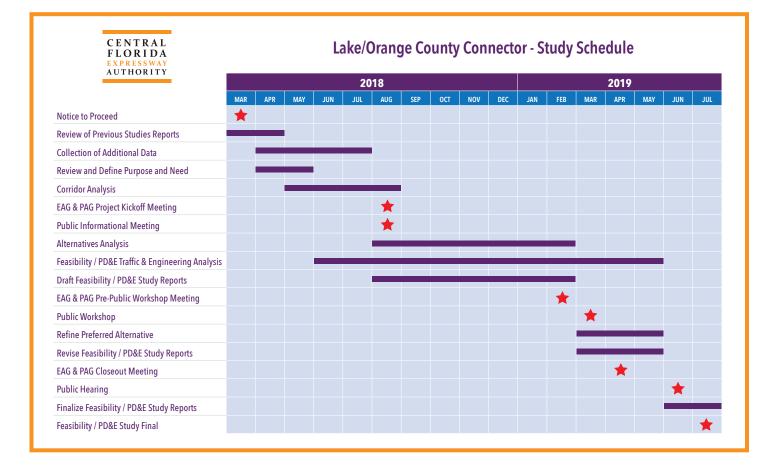


Alternatives 1 and 2 are the northern routes while Alternatives 3 and 4 are the southern routes. All alternatives end at a common location at SR 429, whereas there are four potential tie-in locations on US 27. The existing Schofield Road interchange with SR 429 in Orange County will remain, but will be modified to accommodate free-flowing traffic between SR 429 and the proposed Lake/Orange County Connector. The conceptual designs shift US 27 to the east to accommodate the interchange with US 27 while avoiding impacts to Lake Louisa State Park lands. A recommended preferred alignment will be identified based upon public input and an evaluation of several factors, including social and environmental impacts, engineering analysis, and right-of-way requirements.

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PROJECT GOALS

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.



PARTICIPATING IN THE STUDY

Public involvement and community engagement are crucial to this study. Request a community presentation or submit your comment through the CFXway.com website or email Public Involvement Coordinator Kathy Putnam at LakeOrangeStudy@CFXway.com.

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

Visit the study webpage at: https://bit.ly/2MdwCmH

@LakeOrangeConnector

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.



Feasibility/Project Development & Environment Study

LAKE/ORANGE COUNTY CONNECTOR

PUBLIC MEETING #2 SUMMARY BRIDGEWATER MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019

The second 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, March 7, 2019, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Bridgewater Middle School Cafeteria, 5600 Tiny Road, Winter Garden, 34787. This meeting was the second 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 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.



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.

CFX Lake/Orange County Connector Feasibility/Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Public Meeting, March 7, 2019

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 Board Governing 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 Thursday, February 14, 2019, by email to 66 elected officials and their aides, as well as to 46

local, regional, state and federal agency contacts. They were also mailed to 39 property owners and tenants within the corridor and 14 people who asked to be added to the study's database. Meeting information also was posted on the study webpage and Facebook page.

IV. Media Notification

The public meetings were advertised in the Orange and Lake editions of Orlando Sentinel and the Leesburg Daily Commercial on Sunday, February 17 and Sunday, March 3, 2019. An ad was printed in the *Florida Administrative Register* (FAR) on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, and a press release was distributed to major media outlets on Wednesday, February 27, 2019.

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 54 attendees – 34 community members and 20 staff members – signed in at the public meeting. Attendees included: Windermere Town Council Member Chris Sapp; MetroPlan Orlando Transportation Planning Director Nick Lepp; Orange County Transportation Planning Manager Renzo Nastasi; and Lake-Sumter MPO Executive Director Michael Woods.

VII. Meeting Handouts

The Study Fact Sheet (Spring 2019

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 12 written comments were received: five at the meeting, and three emailed, and four posted to the Facebook page within 10 business days of the public 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>

LAKE/ORANGE COUNTY CONNECTOR:

• Looks good, particularly the ability to access the Valencia College site and the West Town Center property.



- Agree with the proposed interchange at (SR) 429 near Schofield Road.
- Prefer Alternative 1. (4)
- Improvements need to be made to SR 429 ramps at CR 535 and New Independence
- Opposed due to habitat destruction. (2)
- This needs to happen sooner rather than later.
- Move it further from the Hawksmoor (Zanzibar PD) community. (4)

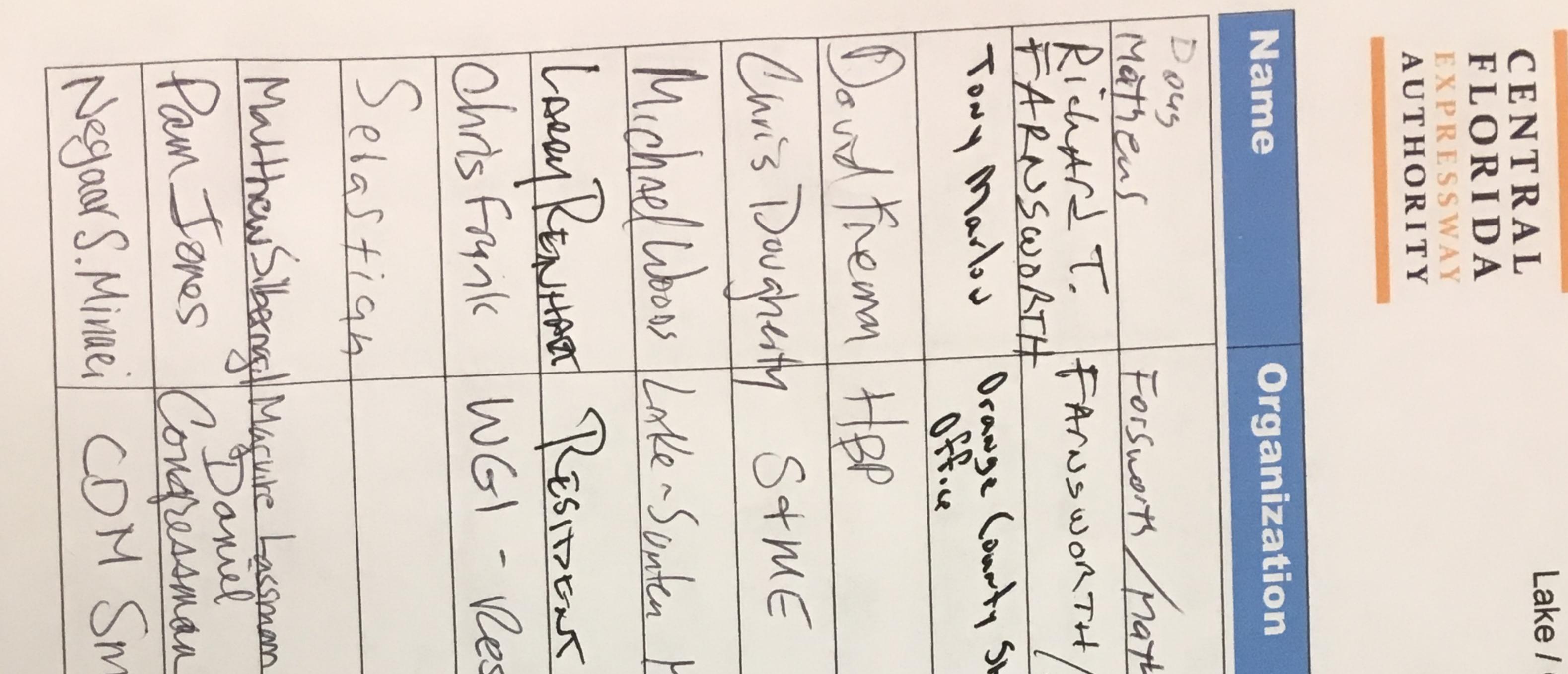
IX. Publicizing Public Meeting Materials

Display materials, the presentation and handouts were posted on the study webpage (<u>https://bit.ly/2MdwCmH</u>) on Monday, March 11, 2019. Public meeting notices, photos and other meeting information were posted on the study Facebook page on February 14, March 3, 7, 11, and 18, 2019.



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 <u>Kathy.Putnam@qcausa.com</u> or by telephone 407-690-7220 within five (5) days of receipt of this summary.



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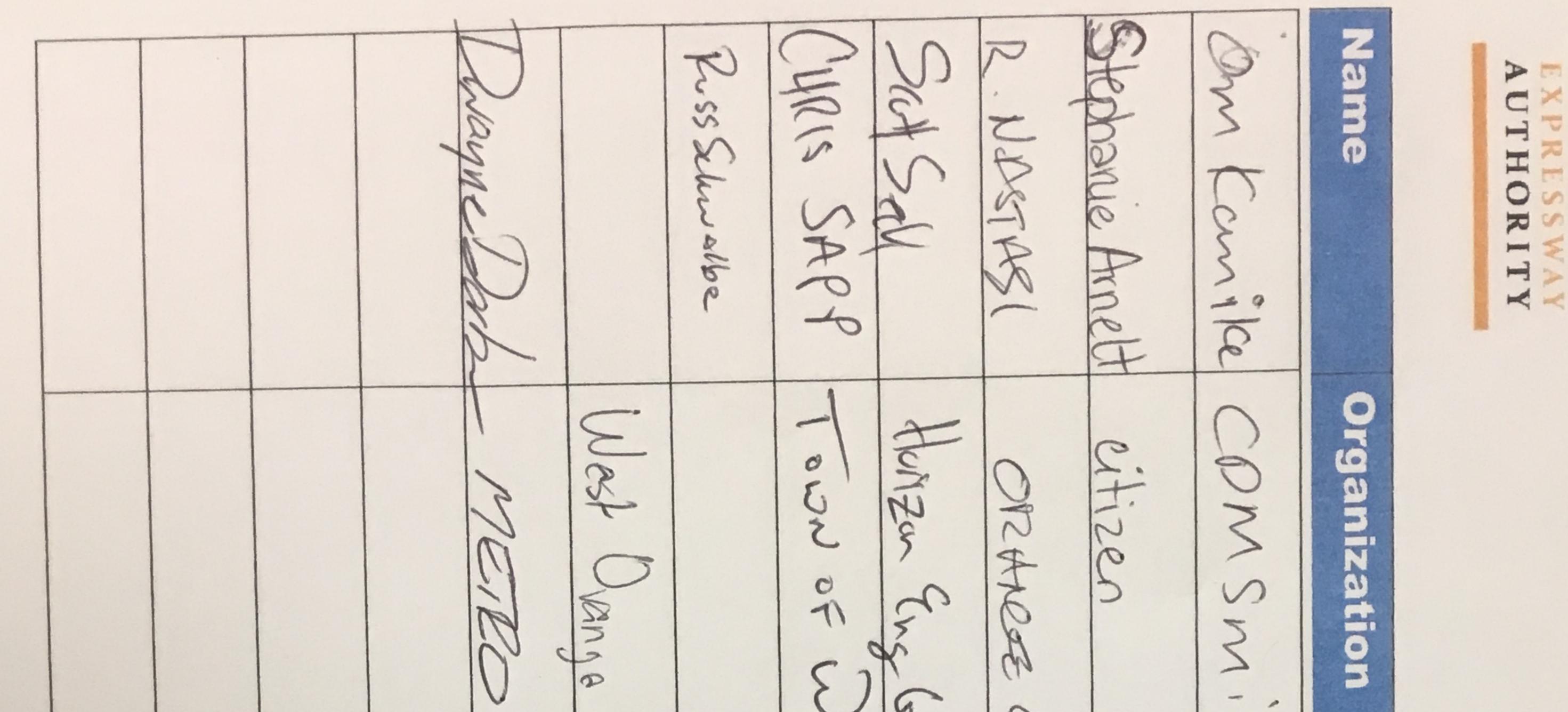
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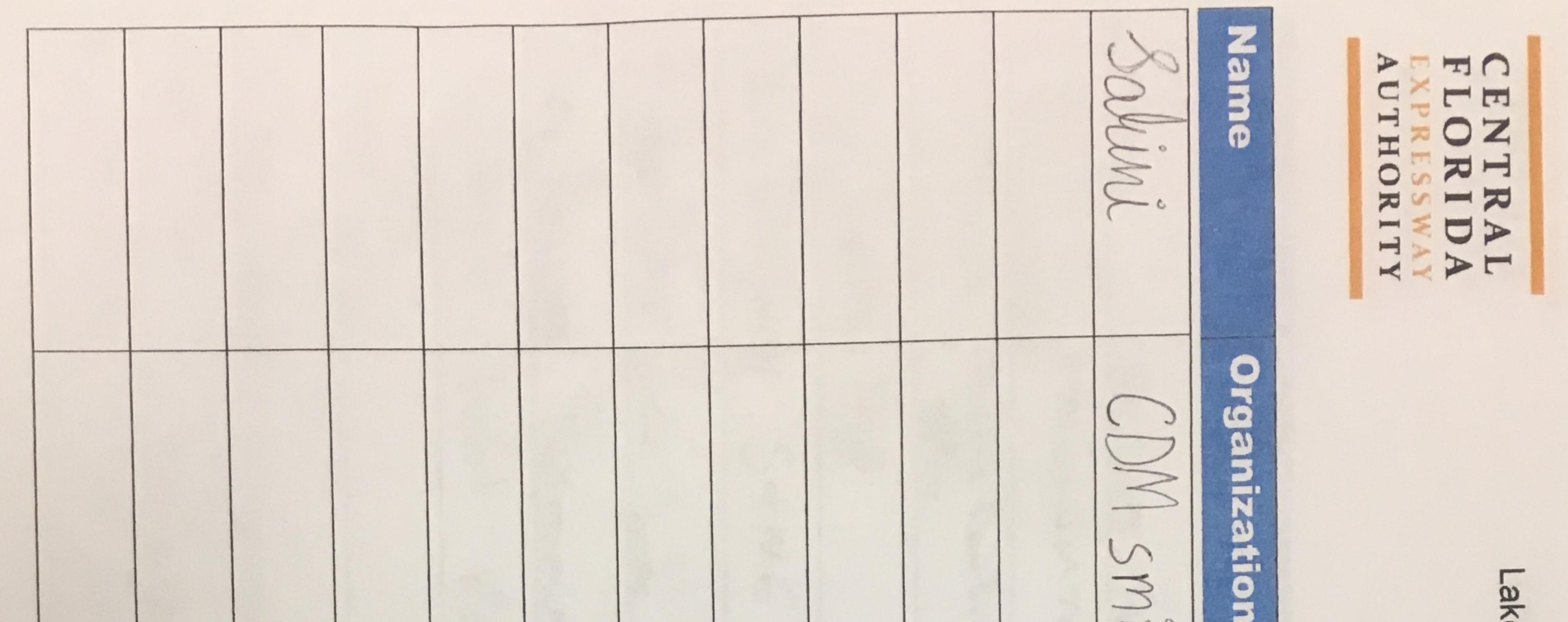
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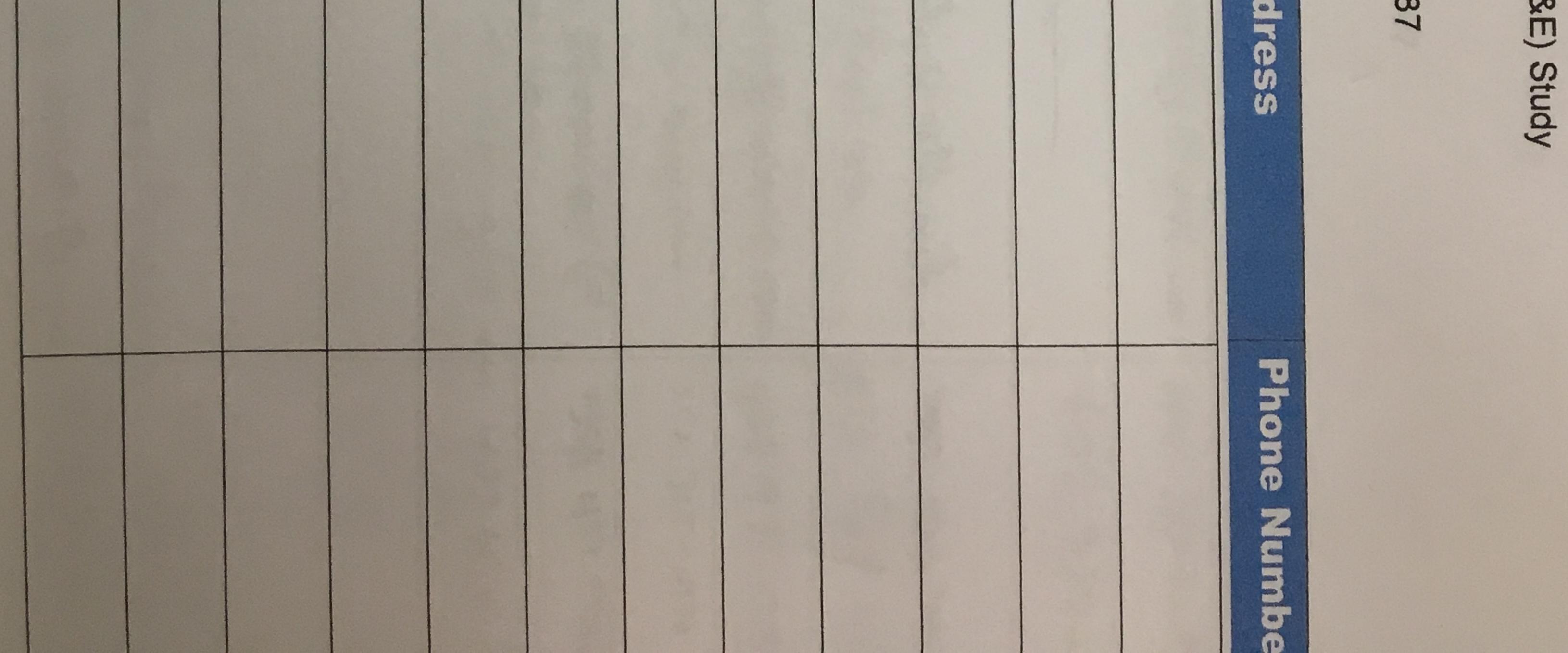
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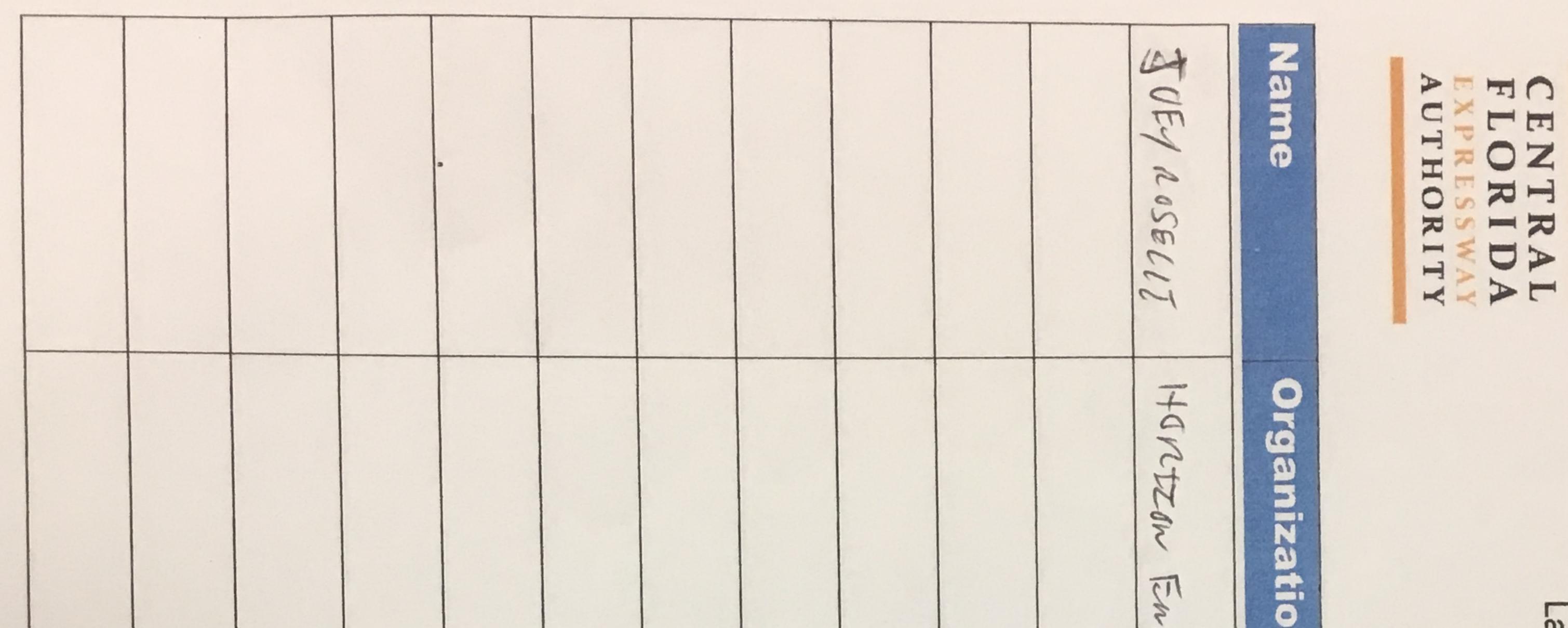
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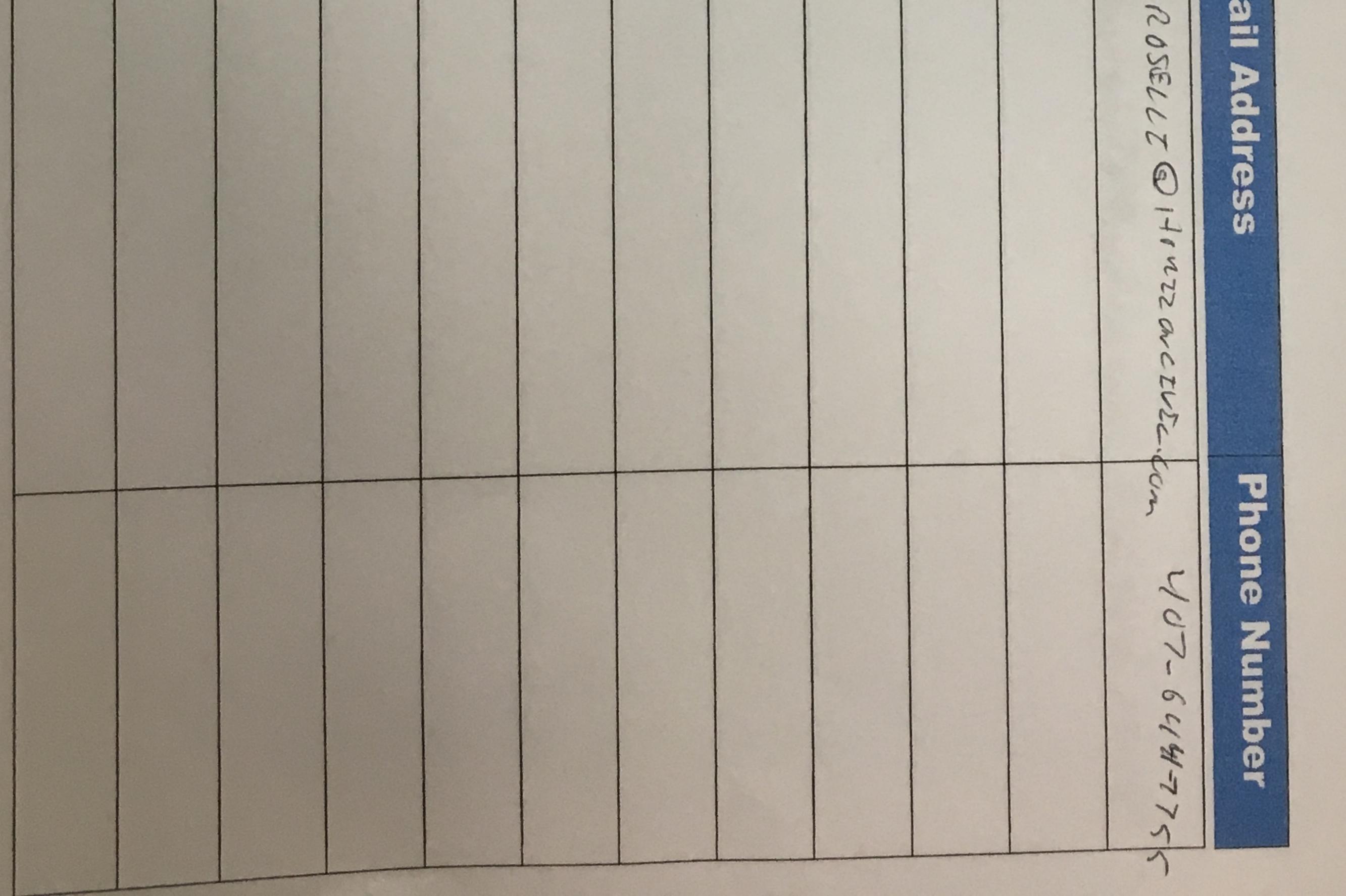


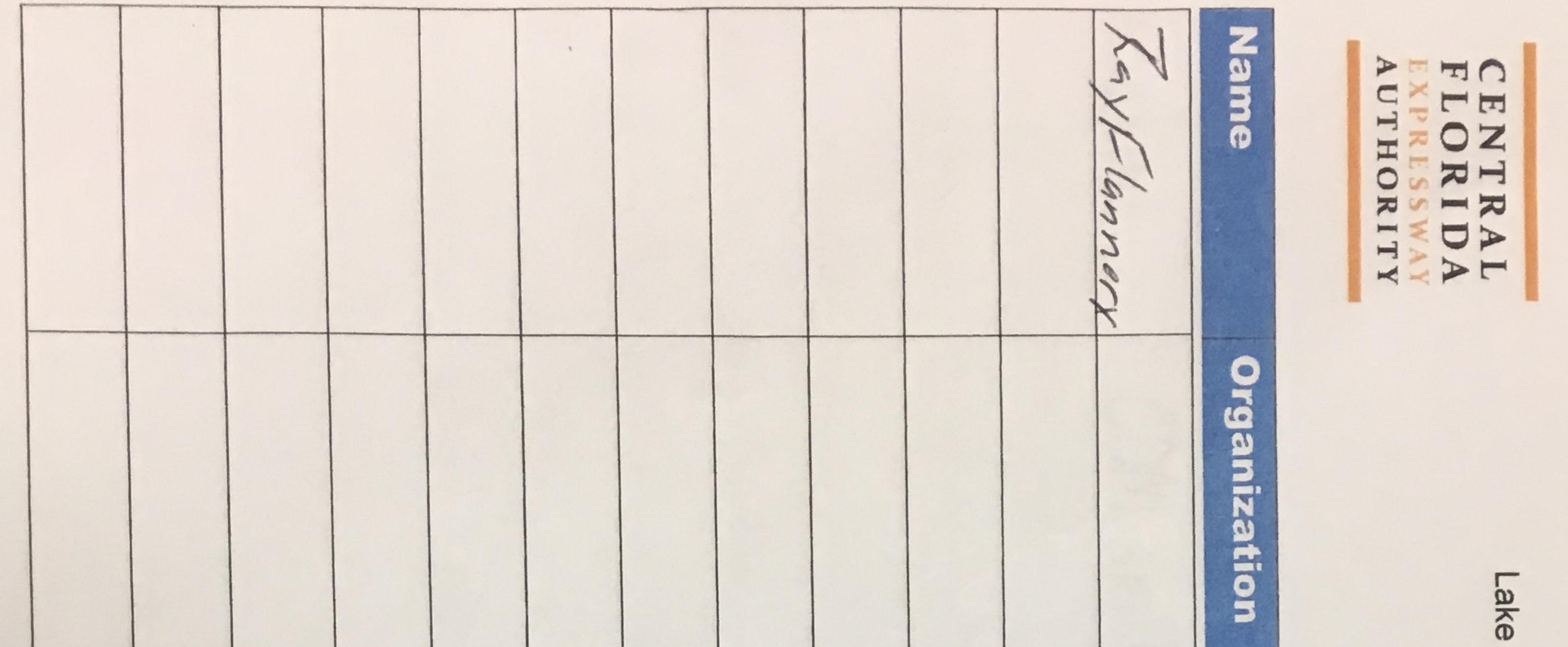
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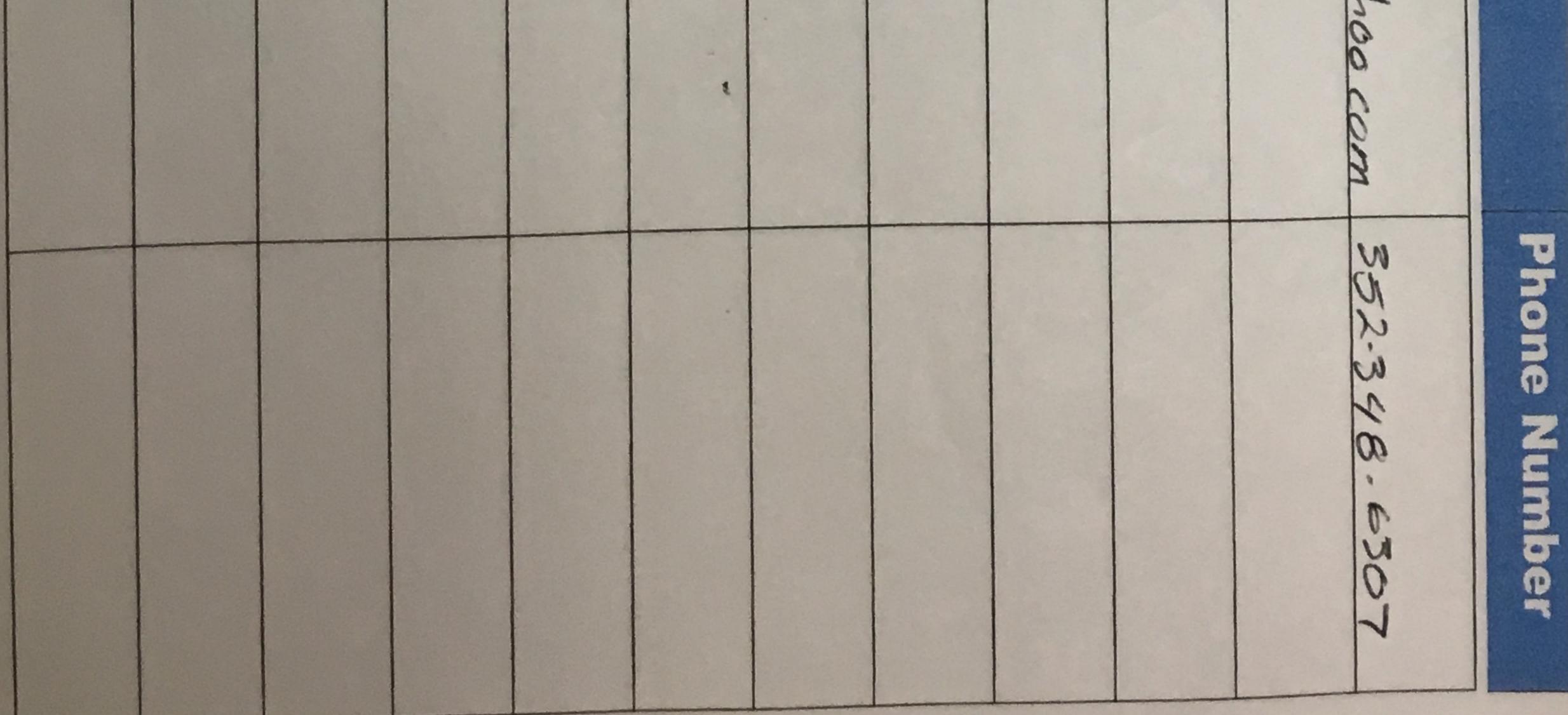
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Lake/Orange Connector PD&E

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Trevor Cartwright <trevor2277@gmail.com>

Reply all Fri 3/15/2019 1:56 PM To: lakeorangestudy

Action Items

Good afternoon! I just heard about the proposed CFX Connector between 429 and 27 and wanted to provide my opinion that this needs to be done, and done sooner than later.

I have lived in Four Corners since December 2011. I live off 27 in Orange Tree, just North of 474 and South of Sawgrass Bay (South of Lake Louisa). I work on Westwood Blvd in Orlando, near Sea World. 7 years ago, (when 192 was still only 4 lanes West of 429) my average 1-way commute was 35-minutes. My average commute time now is 65-minutes. And frequently much more than that going westbound in the evening.

192 is really the only viable road connecting Four Corners to the tourist areas where many of us work. With all the growth on 27 and the addition of Margaritaville on 192, 192 is becoming congested beyond acceptable levels. I have tried using Disney Western Way, but traffic on Hertzog and Avalon make that a mess as well. I have tried Schoffield Road, only to get my car stuck in the dirt.

Please, I implore you, it is time for change. If I could leave my house, go North on 27 to a highway connection that goes East and bypasses 192 without going all the way up to 50, I would gladly pay a few dollars per day to decrease my commute time and increase my sanity!

Please keep me updated, and if you would like more input, please reach out. Thank you!

Trevor Cartwright

My input for the HWy 27 to 429? BUILD IT!!!!

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mark fagan <mark_w_fagan@hotmail.com>

Reply all

Fri 3/15/2019 8:48 AM To: Iakeorangestudy Cc: mark fagan <mark_w_fagan@hotmail.com>

Congested Hwy 50 and the 2-lane roundabout dump truck filled hartwood-Marsh road is no longer an option...

Lake/Orange Study Comment Form Submission

lakeorangestudy

Tue 3/12/2019 1:27 PM

Hi Mr. Mikels:

Thank you for your comment regarding the Lake/Orange County Connector Feasibility/ Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study, being conducted by the Central Florida Expressway Authority.

We appreciate your input. Your comments will become part of the public meeting record for the study and will be considered during the evaluation of the study alternatives as a recommended preferred alternative is identified.

You may view the exhibits and presentation from the March 7 public meeting on the study webpage at the following link:

https://bit.ly/2MdwCmH

The Lake/Orange County Connector Feasibility/PD&E Study began in March 2018 and is scheduled to finish in summer of 2019. Public involvement and intergovernmental coordination are integral parts of the study process, and multiple opportunities for community engagement are being provided.

You may submit comments via the study webpage, or by sending information to the study email address at <u>LakeOrangeStudy@CFXway.com</u>.

The public hearing is anticipated in late June and the CFX Governing Board is slated to review the recommended preferred alternative for the study corridor in July 2019.

For more information on the study, check out the study webpage and follow the project on Facebook. You're also welcome to contact me as the public involvement coordinator as noted below.

Thank you.

Kathy Putnam

Public Involvement Coordinator 407-802-3210

info@cfxway.com on behalf of Joshua Mikels <wordpress@cfxway.com>

Reply all

Fri 3/8/2019 3:41 PM To: **lakeorangestudy** Flag for follow up. Completed on Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

From: Joshua Mikels <j.r.mikels@hotmail.com>

Address: 14623 Pale Cedar Sq, Apt 101, Winter Garden, FL 34787 Comment:

I am building a house in the Mattamy Homes Hawksmoor development just north of Old YMCA Rd (west of Avalon). This connector will intersect 429 just north of the new Hawksmoor community and it will negatively impact many residential homes. I'd like for this project to move NORTH and away from the residential areas. If that is not possible, serious consideration needs to be given to visual impact and noise pollution. I would not have signed to build a home here if I knew about this project. It is now a major concern of mine. — This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Central Florida Expressway Authority (https://www.cfxway.com)

Route 27 -429 connector

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J Testa <hollandmass@yahoo.com>

Reply all Fri 3/15/2019 9:50 PM To: lakeorangestudy

Respectfully, As West Orange County residents ,we reviewed the options and with Western way expansion we ask the board to consider no action or only option 1 as the least impact to area including residential areas off of Old YMCA Road.

Please consider only option 1. as the shortest most direct connection from Orange to Lake County. Much appreciated. Judy and Joe Testa 15521 Murcott blossom Winter Garden Fl. CENTRAL FLORIDA EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Lake / Orange County Connector (US 27 to SR 429) Feasibility/Project Development & Environment Study — March 7, 2019 —

Title VI Compliance



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> Kathy Putnam Public Involvement Coordinator 4974 ORL Tower Road Orlando, FL 32807 407-802-3210 LakeOrangeStudy@CFXway.com

All inquiries or complaints will be handled according to CFX procedure and in a prompt and courteous manner.

Study Objective



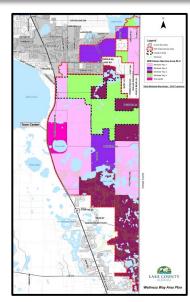
Determine if a Lake/Orange County Connector is viable and fundable





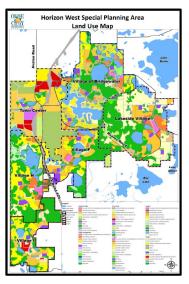
Future Land Use





Wellness Way Area Plan

- Lake County
- Significant economic development potential
- Anticipated build-out of 16,531 units will generate nearly 27,000 jobs

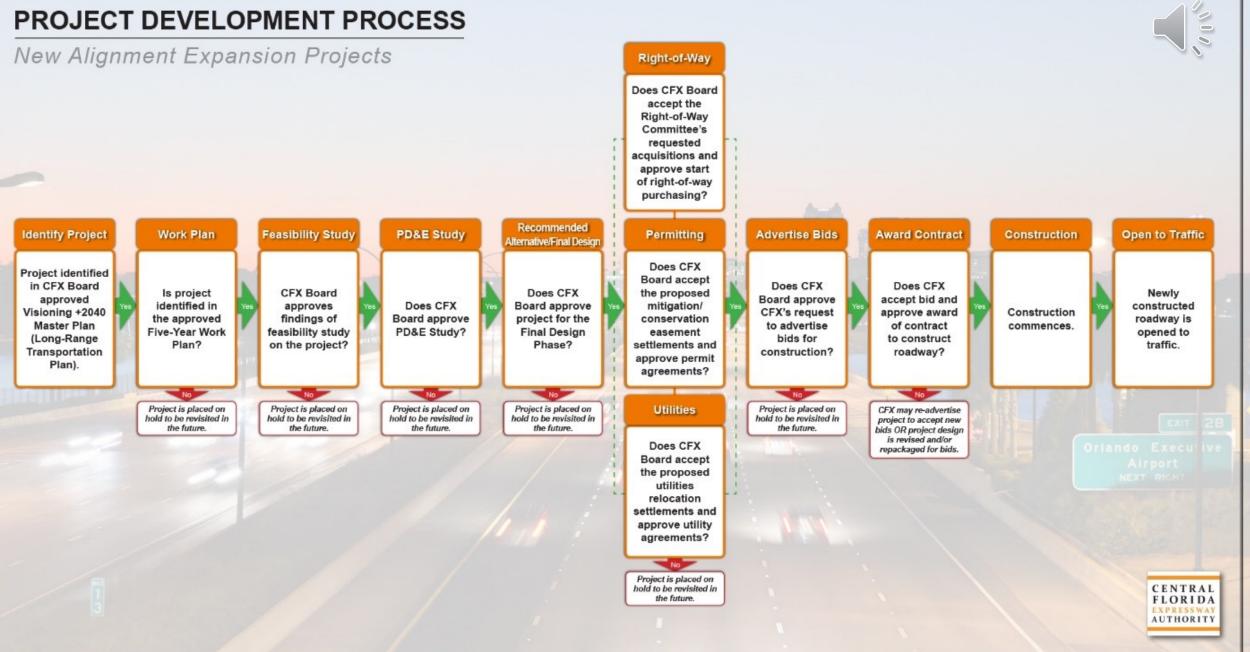


Horizon West Special Planning Area

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



PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



Project's Development Process

Previous Feasibility Studies

- Feasibility studies conducted in 2002 and 2007
- Traffic and revenue analysis conducted in 2017

Identify Project

- Identified in the CFX 2040 Master Plan
- Identified in the Lake and Orange County Long Range Transportation Plans

Work Plan

• PD&E and design phases funded

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

PD&E Study

• Current project phase



Project Needs



1 Improve 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



Alternative Corridor Evaluation



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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
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Stakeholder Outreach





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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





Alternative Corridor Evaluation Results

Evaluation Results

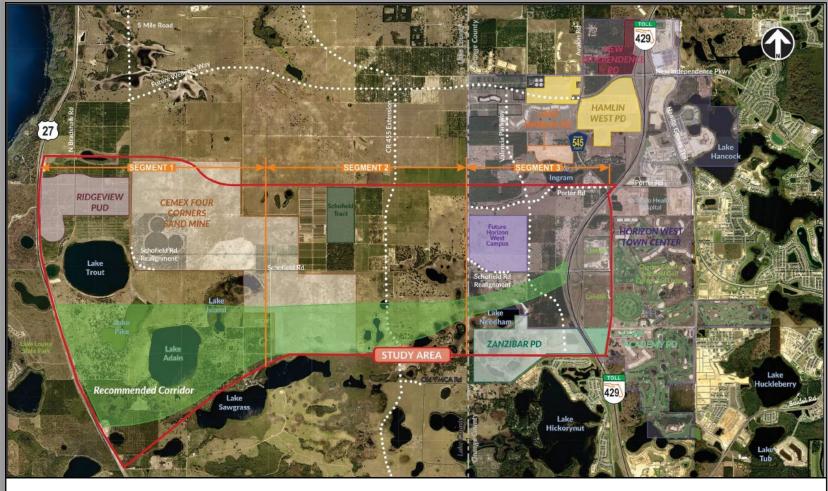
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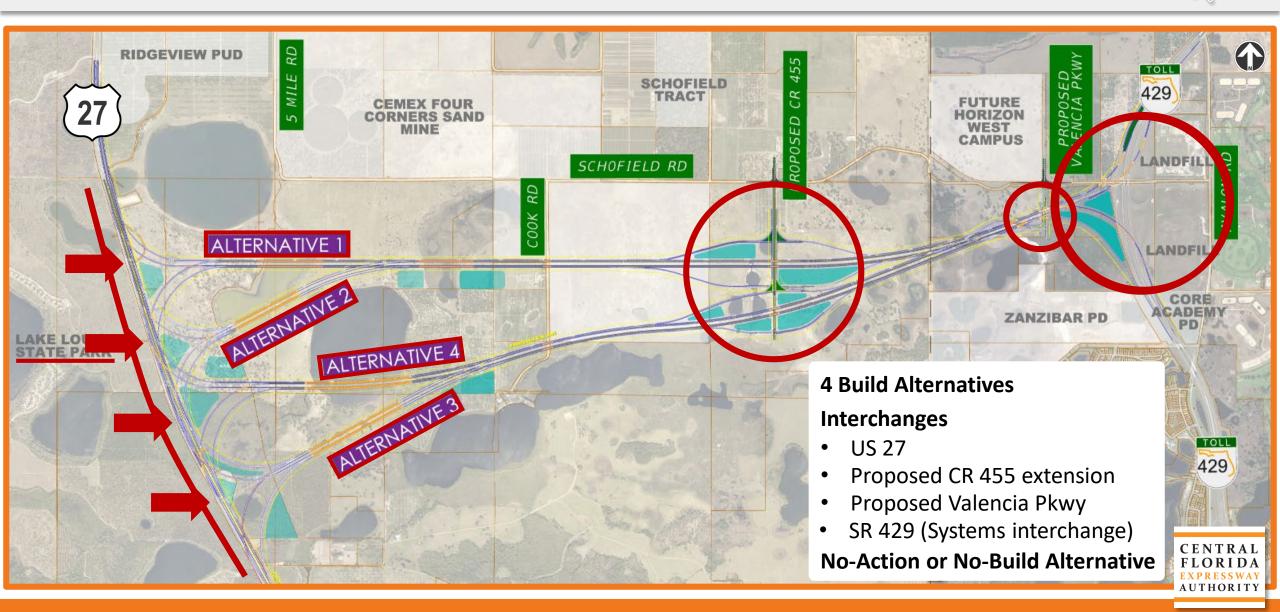




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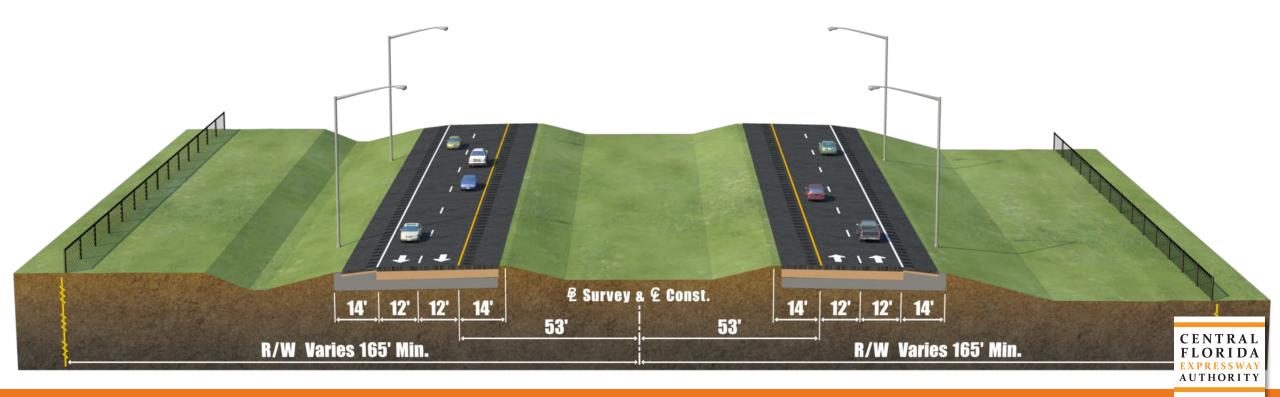


Alternatives Analysis



Proposed Typical Section

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





Comparative Evaluation Matrix

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	Approximately - 115.3 acres of floodplain impacts	Relatively minor o utility impacts anticipated mainly to overhead electrical distribution		Approximately 56.7 . acres of impacts to wetlands	224.7 acres of impacts to Farmland of Local	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	TBD	361 acres of total R/W	Approximately - \$8.4M in mitigation costs for impacts to wetlands and gopher tortoise
	Approximately - 109.2 acres of floodplain impacts	Relatively minor o utility impacts anticipated mainly to overhead electrical distribution		Approximately 48.7 - acres of impacts to wetlands	231.7 acres of impacts to Farmland of Local	acres of the CEMEX mine.	Relatively minor noise o or aesthetic impacts anticipated to Lake Louisa State Park or the cabins	TBD	Approximately o 372 acres of total R/W required	Approximately - \$7.5M in mitigation costs for impacts to wetlands and gopher tortoise



Alternatives Analysis

What's Next?

- Receive input and comments on the project alternatives
- Select a recommended preferred alternative
- Conduct detailed engineering and environmental analysis
- Prepare engineering and environmental reports
- Public Hearing is anticipated to occur in June 2019



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Study Website

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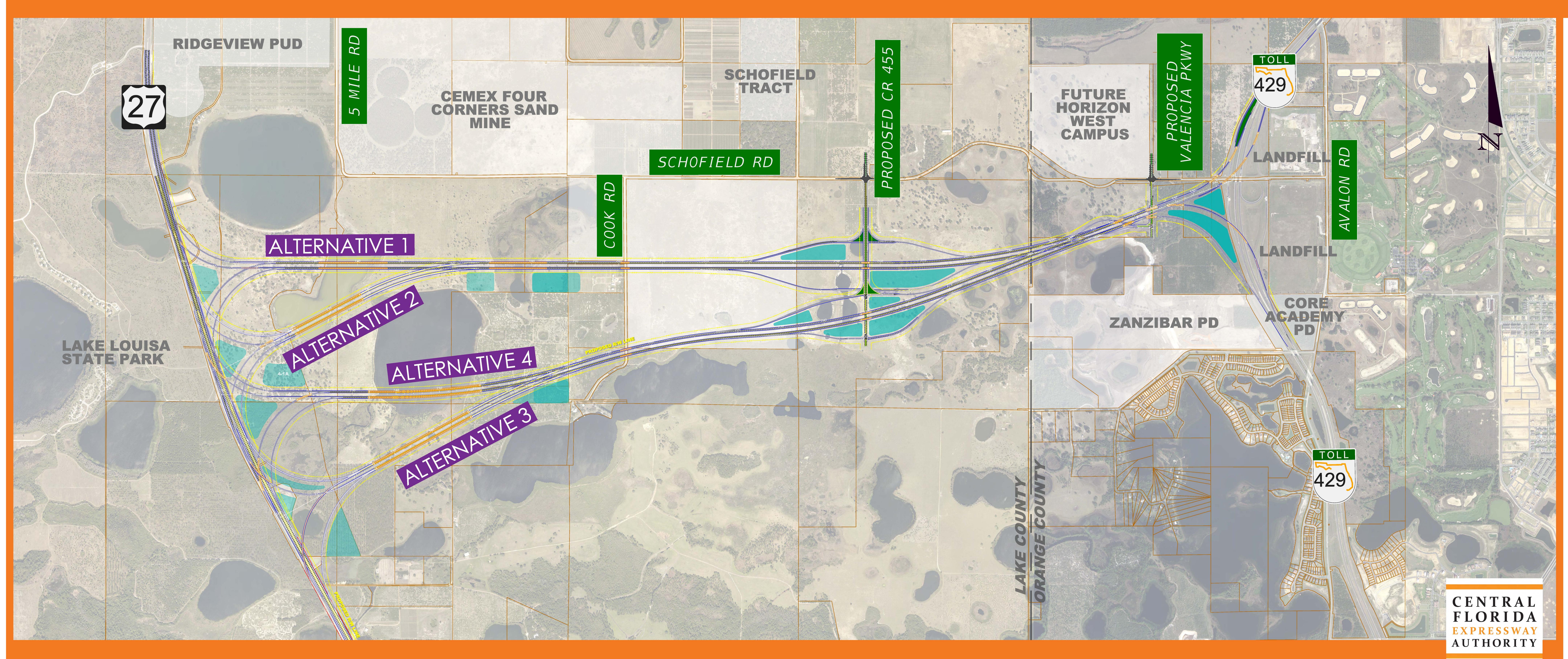


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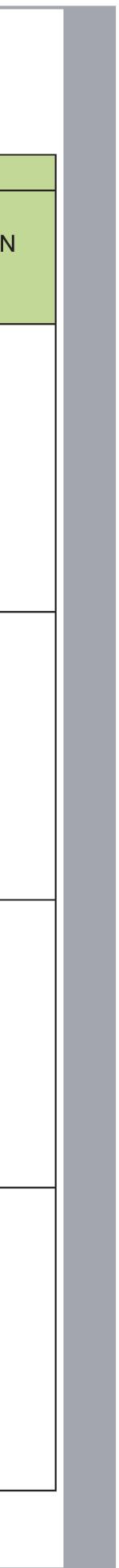


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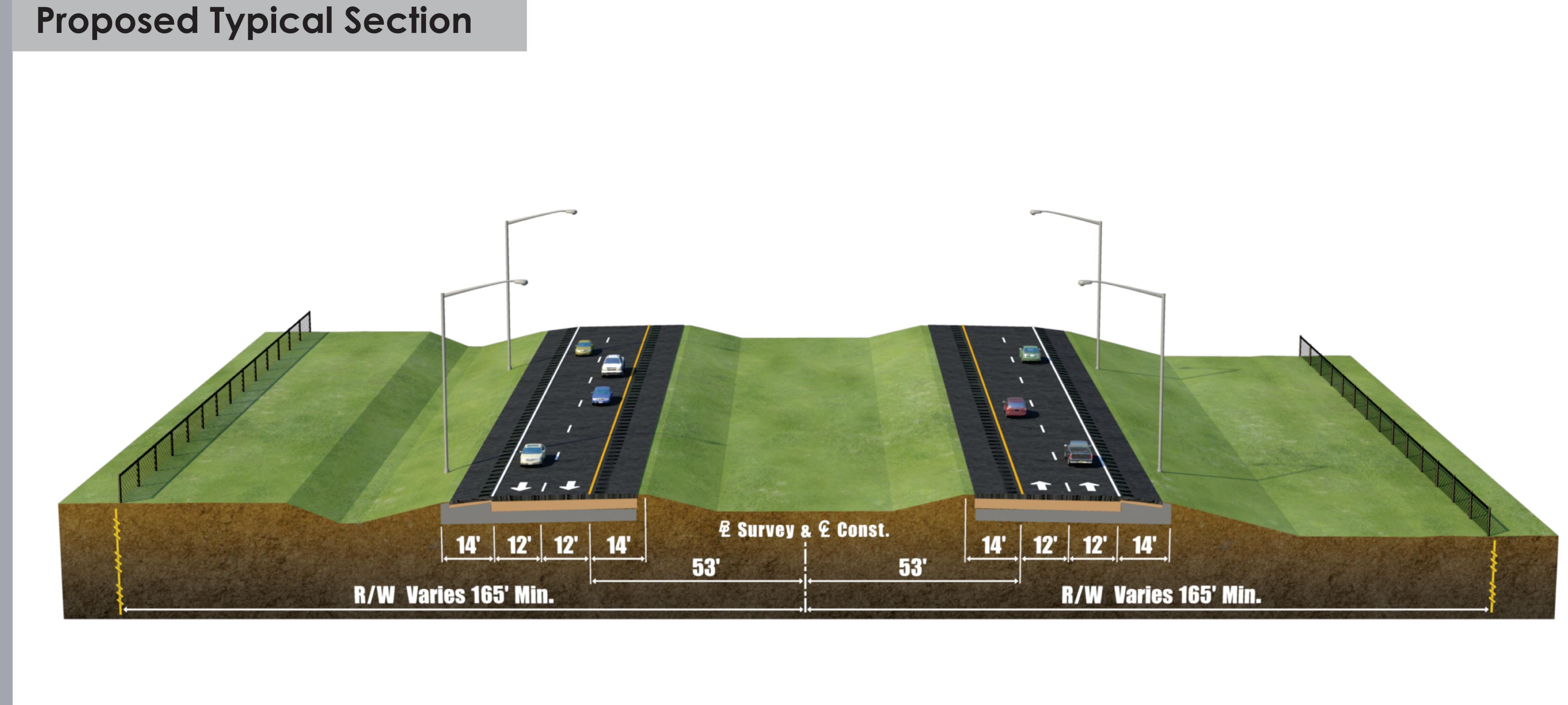
Corridor Evaluation Matrix

IMPACTS		ENGINEERING		ENVIRON	MENTAL	SOCIO-ECONOMIC	PHYSICAL		COST	
TERNATIVES	FLOODPLAIN IMPACTS	UTILITY IMPACTS	CONSTRUCTABILITY	WETLAND IMPACTS	FARMLAND IMPACTS (NRCS)	IMPACTS TO APPROVED DEVELOPMENTS (CEMEX MINE)	NOISE & AESTHETICS/VISUAL IMPACTS	CONSTRUCTION	RIGHT-OF-WAY	MITIGATIO
	Approximately 67.1 acres of floodplain impacts	Relatively minor utility impacts anticipated mainly to overhead electrical distribution	Requires realignment of US 27 at the interchange location. Relatively minor issues anticipated	Approximately 16.3 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	To Be Determined	Approximately 377 acres of total R/W required	Approximately \$3.4M in mitigation costs for impacts to wetlands and gopher tortoise
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	Approximately 115.3 acres of floodplain impacts	Relatively minor utility impacts anticipated mainly to overhead electrical distribution	Requires realignment of US 27 at the interchange location. Relatively minor issues anticipated	Approximately 55.7 acres of impacts to wetlands	Approximately 224.7 acres of impacts to Farmland of Local Importance	acres of the CEMEX mine. Less impacts as compared to Alternatives 1 and 2 to	Relatively minor or no noise or aesthetic impacts anticipated to Lake Louisa State Park or the cabins	To Be Determined	Approximately 361 acres of total R/W required	Approximately \$8.4M in mitigation costs for impacts to wetlands and gopher tortoise
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Environmental Advisory Group Meeting 3

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April 5, 2019

Subject: Environmental Advisory Group Meeting No. 3 – May 2, 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 third and final Environmental Advisory Group (EAG) meeting for the <u>Lake / Orange County Connector</u> study. The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the CFX Headquarters located at 4974 ORL Tower Road, Orlando, 32807. 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 was identified and several alternative alignments were developed and 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 proposed 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.

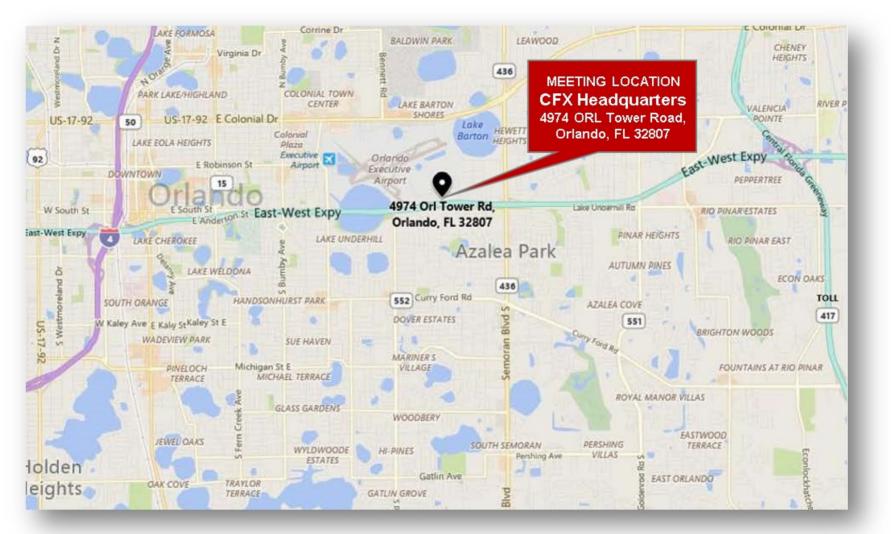
For more information, visit the study's website at <u>https://bit.ly/2H46Nr6</u>. Please respond to Kathy Putnam, Public Involvement Coordinator, by Thursday, April 25, if you are able to attend the EAG meeting or if you would prefer to designate a representative. Ms. Putnam can be reached by phone at 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: Meeting Location Map



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LAKE / ORANGE COUNTY CONNECTOR (US 27 TO SR 429) ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY GROUP (EAG) **MEETING #3 SUMMARY**

Date/Time: Thursday, May 2, 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: Thirteen EAG members and 11 staff members attended. Six EAG members participated via GoToMeeting. See sign-in sheets attached.

I. Notifications

Invitation letters were emailed to 82 members of the EAG on April 5, with a reminder on April 23, 2019.

II. Welcome

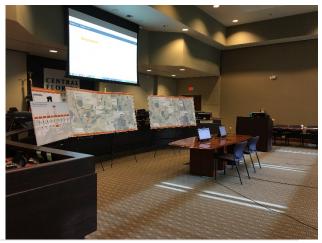
Nicole Gough of Dewberry, CFX's General Engineering Consultant (GEC), called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and welcomed everyone. She gave a brief introduction about the meeting and provided Title VI information. She also mentioned that the meeting was being recorded and there were members

participating via GoToMeeting. Attendees introduced themselves and the organizations they represented.

Nicole then described the goal of the EAG:

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

As an EAG Member we encourage you to:



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

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 Feasibility/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.

• 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

- Additionally, as we developed our corridor alternatives, we considered the input we received from you in July and February.
- As this study proceeds, your input will be continually documented to ensure your comments and concerns are addressed in future project development activities.

• Alternatives Analysis

- Many of you recall the four project alternatives that were 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 tie-in 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 to and from the west) and SR 429 (systems interchange).

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- 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.
- 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 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 environments.
- The results of the multiphase analysis as well as general public consensus, indicated that Alternative 3 ranks as the best corridor choice in terms of providing an adequate balance between potential socio-economic, physical, and environmental impacts and benefits.
- The evaluation matrix is on display today at the meeting.
- Of the four alternatives, the preferred alternative for the Lake/Orange County Connector is Alternative 3. This includes a partial interchange at the proposed Valencia Parkway, and full interchanges at US 27, proposed CR 455 Extension, and SR 429.
- The preferred alternative will also provide grade separations in order to provide access to local streets.
- At this time the draft preferred alternative construction cost is \$289.5 million with a total project cost of \$470.6 million.
- \circ ~ We will continue to solicit public input on the preferred alternative.
- Detailed engineering and environmental analysis will continue for the preferred alternative with the results documented in a series of engineering and environmental reports.

Will then handed the presentation back to Nicole for the group discussion:

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IV. Group Discussion

Nicole noted that the preferred alternative had been refined down from all alternatives based on some of the input received at these meetings, and that handout copies of the matrix and maps were available.

Sarah Bernier, Orange County Environmental Protection Division: Said their division's main concern was the Schofield Tract, which this alternative avoids. Also, the effect on Lake Louisa State Park and the Trout Lake water quality. They're not clear if any drainage from the project would go into Trout Lake.

Will Sloup, Metric Engineering: There will not be any stormwater discharge into Trout Lake.

Aldin Mathews, Lake Louisa State Park: Noted that the preferred alternative was fairly ideal for Lake Louisa, as it moves it away from the entrance and seems to minimize the noise impacts.



Bill Adams, St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD): spoke of the district's interest in making sure that any old grove wells were properly abandoned. He added that the only concerns as far as consumptive use permit were that irrigation needs be identified, and native vegetation should be used to diminish required irrigation.

Dave Anken, Florida Forestry Service: Said that he was comfortable with what he saw, that there were no major concerns with fire, smoke issues.

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Bill Graf, South Florida Water Management

District (SFWMD): Noted that the team had already met with their permitting staff and have the division between the districts clearly identified. He added that, although not required by rules, there is an area benefit to using stormwater. He concluded that their staff was pretty comfortable with what had taken place so far.

Will Sloup: We met with the South Florida Water Management District for an Environmental Look Around (ELA), and the district staff did not have any ongoing efforts in this area.

Cammie Dewey, St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD): Mentioned that she was not aware that project staff had met with SJRWMD staff yet.

Nicole Gough: Responded that was correct, there had not yet been opportunity, but they will plan to meet with staff, and asked if she had any concerns about stormwater.

Cammie Dewey: Responded that the district rules are pretty straightforward, but echoed what Bill Graf mentioned, that they should be looking at stormwater harvesting, perhaps pairing up with utilities on stormwater harvesting.

Lake / Orange County Connector, Feasibility and Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study Environmental Advisory Group Meeting #3 – May 2, 2019 Nicole asked if there were any questions regarding wildlife. There were none. She asked for commentary from the City of Clermont, to which there was none. That concluded the group discussion. Nicole turned the presentation over to Kathy Putnam, the study Public Involvement Coordinator.



Kathy Putnam continued the presentation with a review of the schedule, highlighting the public hearing on June 27. She said the study documents should be finalized by the end of July and should be going to the CFX governing board in August. She repeated that the public hearing will be on June 27th from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Clermont Arts and Recreation Center, with the first hour and a half being an open house and the last hour for the public hearing. She asked that anyone desiring a

stakeholder meeting please let her know. She also mentioned that the materials presented would be on the study website within a week.

- Upcoming Public Involvement
 - The preferred alternative will be presented at the public hearing.
 - The study team is available for one-on-one and small group meetings upon request.
- For More Information
 - For more information on this study, you can contact me, Kathy Putnam, Public Involvement Coordinator by email at <u>LakeOrangeStudy@CFXway.com</u> or 407-802-3210.

She then concluded the meeting and thanked the participants again for attending and providing input.

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 <u>LakeOrangeStudy@CFXway.com</u> or by telephone 407-802-3210 within five (5) days of receipt of this summary.

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Lake / Orange County Connector (US 27 to SR 429) Feasibility/Project Development & Environment Study — May 2, 2019 —

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Environmental Advisory Group (EAG)

EAG Goal

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

EAG Member Role

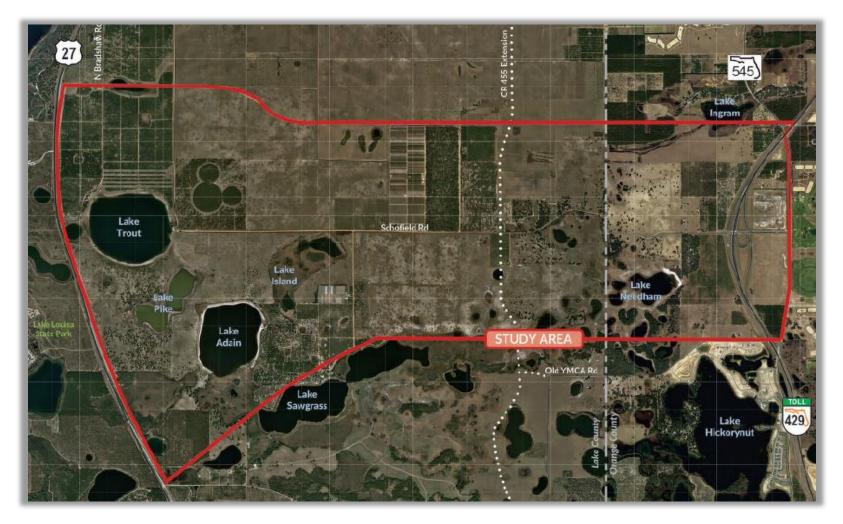
- Assist in the identification of potential project impacts, opportunities and constraints
- Provide feedback and comments regarding the information presented





Study Objective

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





Stakeholder Outreach



Public Involvement

- Public involvement and interagency coordination have been an integral part of the assessment process.
- Second Public Meeting was held March 7, 2019.
- Opportunities for participation will continue to be provided throughout the duration of the study.





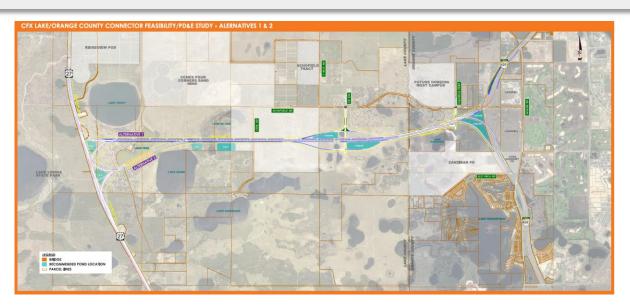
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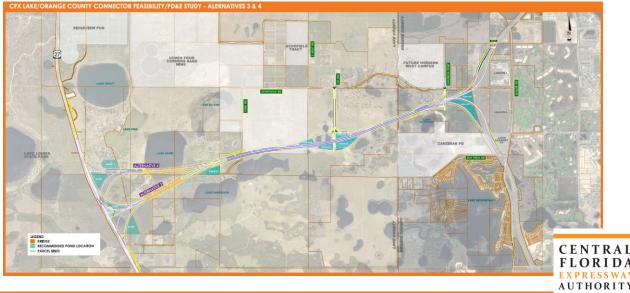
- The current rainfall averages are below average, consider the higher rainfall averages from 20 to 30 years ago. Also consider the additional rainfall that can occur by hurricanes.
- No drainage runoff into Lake Louisa State Park.
- Treat water from bridges in ponds or allow to discharge.
- Work with local governments for water harvesting.
- Obtain infrastructure in place ahead of development that follows new roads.
- A possible option is to capture water runoff from US 27 into a dry retention pond.
- The project area is a common area for Black Bears. Consider wildlife crossings.





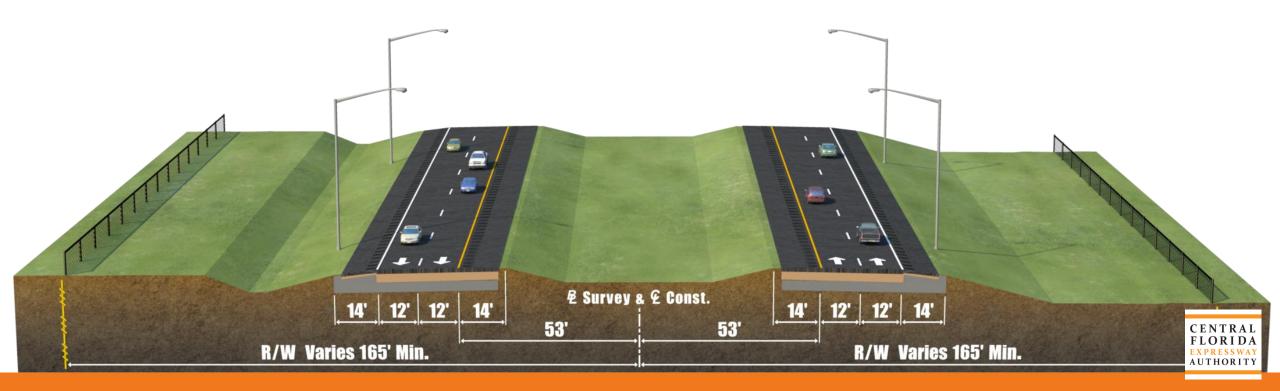
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- No-Action or No-Build Alternative





Typical Section

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

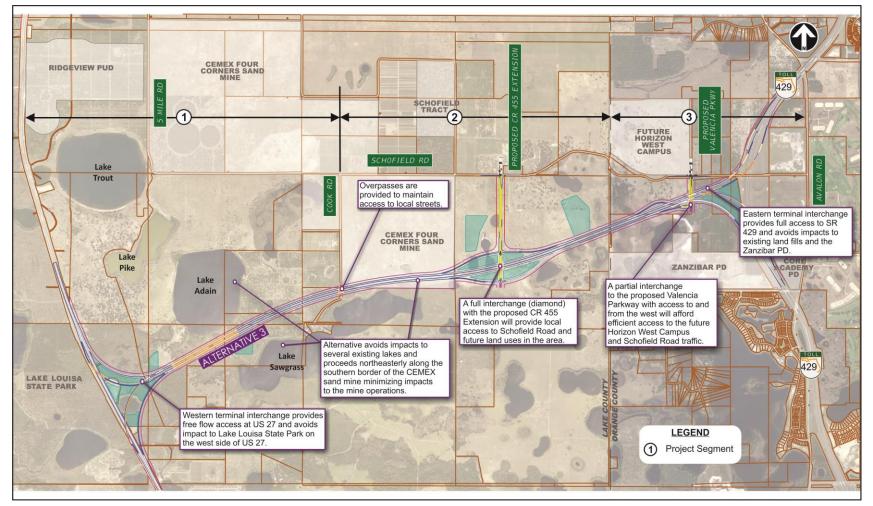


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1	Approximately 67.1 acres of floodplain impacts	Relatively minor utility impacts anticipated throughout the corridor except at the US 27 interchange where 35 transmission pole impacts are anticipated.	- Requires of realignment of US 27 at the interchange location. Relatively minor issues anticipated	Approximately 16.3 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 potentially critically affecting their mining operations.	Relatively minor noise or aesthetic impacts anticipated to Lake Louisa State Park or the cabins	Approximately \$349M	Approximately - \$179M	Approximately o \$3.4M in mitigation costs for impacts to wetlands and gopher tortoise	46.8
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Preferred Alternative



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Anticipated Cost

Preferred Alternative

Total Construction Cost	\$289,509,928
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Engineering/Administration/Legal (24%) \$69,482,383

Draft Right-of-Way Cost \$102,000,000

Draft Mitigation Wetland Costs \$7,308,000

Draft Mitigation Gopher Tortoise Habitat \$1,076,400

Toll Collection Equipment \$1,260,000

Grand Total Project Cost \$470,636,711



What's Next?

- Receive input on the preferred alternative
- Continue detailed engineering and environmental analysis
- Draft engineering and environmental reports

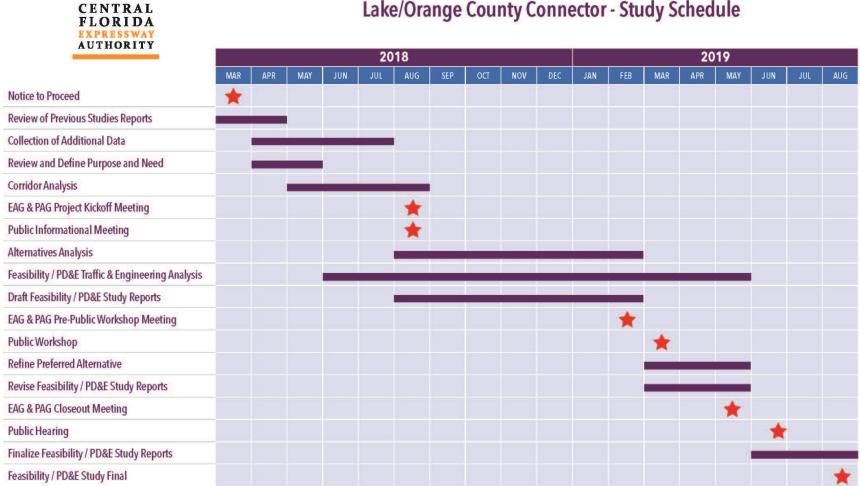


Environmental Advisory Group (EAG)

Group Discussion



Project Schedule



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Upcoming Public Involvement

- Public Hearing is anticipated June 27, 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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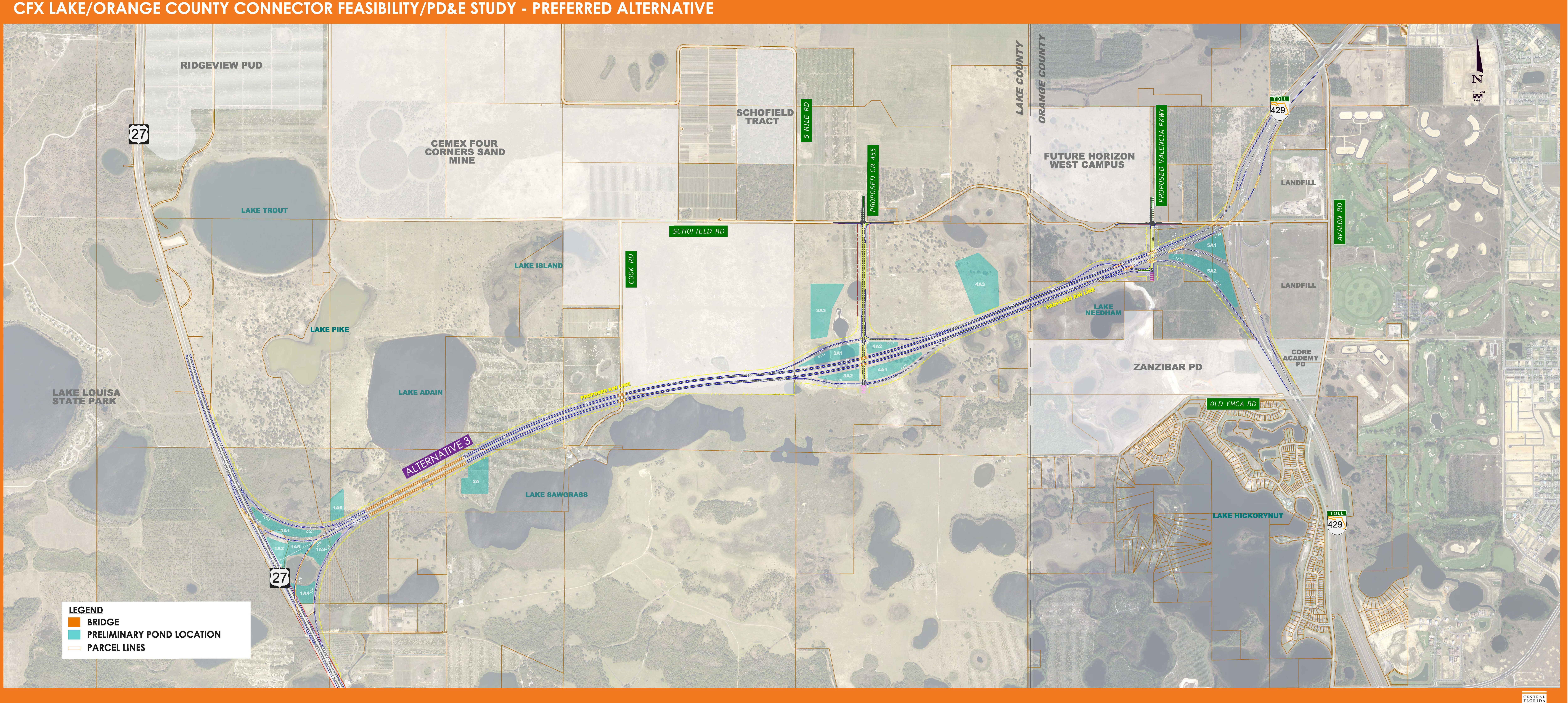
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Project Advisory Group Meeting 3

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April 5, 2019

Subject: Project Advisory Group Meeting No. 3 – May 2, 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 third and final Project Advisory Group (PAG) meeting for the <u>Lake / Orange County Connector</u> study. The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2019 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the CFX Headquarters located at 4974 ORL Tower Road, Orlando, 32807. 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 was identified and several alternative alignments were developed and 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 proposed 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.

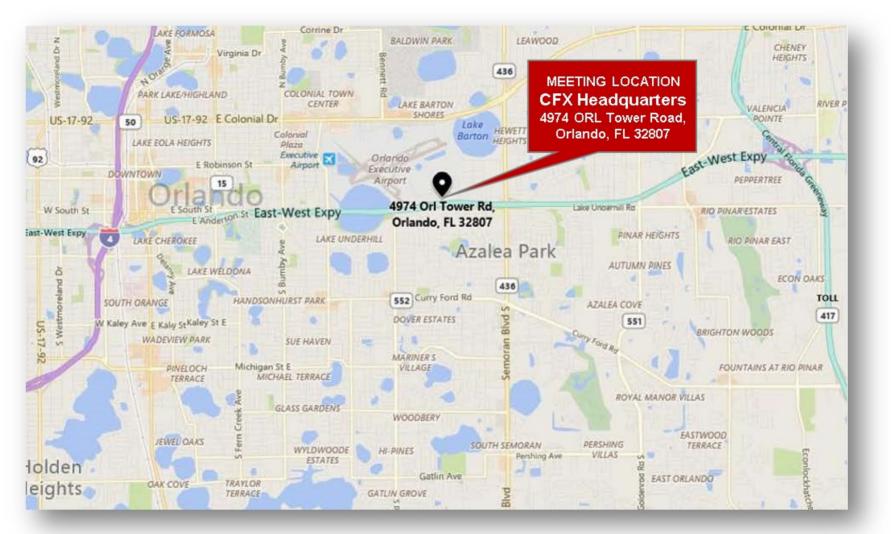
For more information, visit the study's website at <u>https://bit.ly/2H46Nr6</u>. Please respond to Kathy Putnam, Public Involvement Coordinator, by Thursday, April 25, if you are able to attend the EAG meeting or if you would prefer to designate a representative. Ms. Putnam can be reached by phone at 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: Meeting Location Map



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LAKE / ORANGE COUNTY CONNECTOR (US 27 TO SR 429) PROJECT ADVISORY GROUP (PAG) MEETING #3 SUMMARY

Date/Time:Thursday, May 2, 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: Twenty PAG members, two guests, and nine staff members attended. See sign-in sheets



attached.

I.Notifications

Invitation letters were emailed to 67 members of the PAG on April 5, with a reminder on April 23, 2019.

II. Welcome

Kathy Putnam called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and welcomed everyone. She gave a brief introduction about the meeting and Title VI information, and after introductions were made around the room, proceeded with the presentation:

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

Lake / Orange County Connector, Feasibility and Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study Environmental Advisory Group Meeting #3 – May 2, 2019 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.

• 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 February 12, 2019
 - Additionally, as we developed our corridor alternatives, we considered the input we received from you in July and February.



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• As this study proceeds, your input will be continually documented to ensure your comments and concerns are addressed in future project development activities.

• Alternatives Analysis

- Many of you recall the four project alternatives that were 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 tie-in 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.

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- There is always the possibility that the No-Build Alternative could be chosen as the preferred alternative.
- 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 results of the multiphase analysis as well as general public consensus, ranks Alternative 3 as the best corridor choice in terms of providing an adequate balance between potential socio-economic, physical, and environmental impacts and benefits.

• The evaluation matrix is on display today at the meeting.

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.
- At this time the draft preferred alternative construction cost is \$289.5 million with a grand total project cost of \$470.6 million.

• Alternatives Analysis – what's next

• We will continue to solicit public input on the preferred alternative.

 Detailed engineering and environmental analysis will continue for the preferred alternative with the results documented in a series of engineering and environmental reports.

Will then handed the meeting back to Kathy to facilitate group discussion:

IV. Group Discussion

Noting that Alternative 3 is the preferred alternative, Kathy asked for any thoughts from the group.

Herb Kahlert, Karl Corporation: Said that he was glad to see the study determined this to be the preferred alternative, as most of the group thought that would be the one selected.

Richard Levey, Levey Consulting: Asked if the cost estimate included extension of CR 455 to Schofield Road.

Will Sloup, Metric Engineering: Replied that it did.

Renzo Nastasi, Orange County: Added that Orange County is supportive of this alignment and encouraged CFX to keep working with the county and property owners that will be impacted.

Scott Ruland, Water Conserv II: Noted that they would experience no direct impact with this alternative.

David and Lisa Hill, Southern Hill Farms: Added that this alternative is far enough south to not bother them.

Rafael Jimenez, CEMEX: Expressed concern that there

would still be impacts to sand mining, but that perhaps there will be a chance to tweak the alignment during design to lessen the impact.

Rex Clonts, Clonts Groves: Agreed that Alternative 3 is the best alternative and that they were supportive of moving forward with it.

Loren Bender, Valencia College: Stated that Alternative 3 will be a valuable asset and provide a great partnership.

Herb Kahlert: asked about the project timing - how much longer it would be before it could be constructed.

Will Sloup: Answered that the study and all environmental documents would be finalized after the public hearing, and they plan to bring results to the CFX board in August. From there, they will decide when to move forward.

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Geoff McNeill, AGMCI: Mentioned that they have been working on the Town Center properties for a long time and asked that CFX recognize that there are plans underway for these properties. The interchange at SR 429 will remain the same, but he added that the properties surrounding it have agreements in place.

Greg Moore, Walt Disney Imagineering: Inquired about traffic projections and the need for eight lanes in such a short segment.

Will Sloup: Replied that the design was for the ultimate need, adding that they had looked at an interim section, but FDOT District 5 prefers to design for free-flowing conditions. The predominate movement in the area is northwest to southeast, and the purpose and need is to create a direct connect limited access system. There is heavy demand for through traffic from US 27 to SR 429.

Loren Bender: Asked for a clarification of the interchange at Valencia Parkway.

Will Sloup: Responded that is a partial interchange to and from the west only.

That concluded the group discussion.

Kathy Putnam continued the presentation noting that all the information presented today would be posted to the website by Monday and emailed to participants tomorrow (Friday). She reiterated the project schedule, highlighting the public hearing on June 27.

- Upcoming Public Involvement
 - The preferred alternative will be presented at the public hearing.
 - The study team is available for one-on-one and small group meetings upon request.
- For More Information
 - For more information on this study, you can contact me, Kathy Putnam, Public Involvement Coordinator by email at <u>LakeOrangeStudy@CFXway.com</u> or 407-802-3210.

She then concluded the meeting and thanked the participants again for attending and providing input.

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 <u>LakeOrangeStudy@CFXway.com</u> or by telephone 407-802-3210 within five (5) days of receipt of this summary.

Note: Following the meeting, while reviewing the displays with Will Sloup, Rafael Jimenez of CEMEX noticed that the preferred alternative did, in fact, shift southward to minimize impacts to planned mining operations. He had not realized that when he made his earlier comments. Will Sloup told him any additional refinements would have to take place during the final design phase when survey data is available to support the alignment layout.

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PROJECT ADVISORY GROUP MEETING NO. 3

Lake / Orange County Connector (US 27 to SR 429) Feasibility/Project Development & Environment Study — May 2, 2019 —

Title VI Compliance

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> Kathy Putnam Public Involvement Coordinator 4974 ORL Tower Road Orlando, FL 32807 407-802-3210 LakeOrangeStudy@CFXway.com

All inquiries or complaints will be handled according to CFX procedure and in a prompt and courteous manner.

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

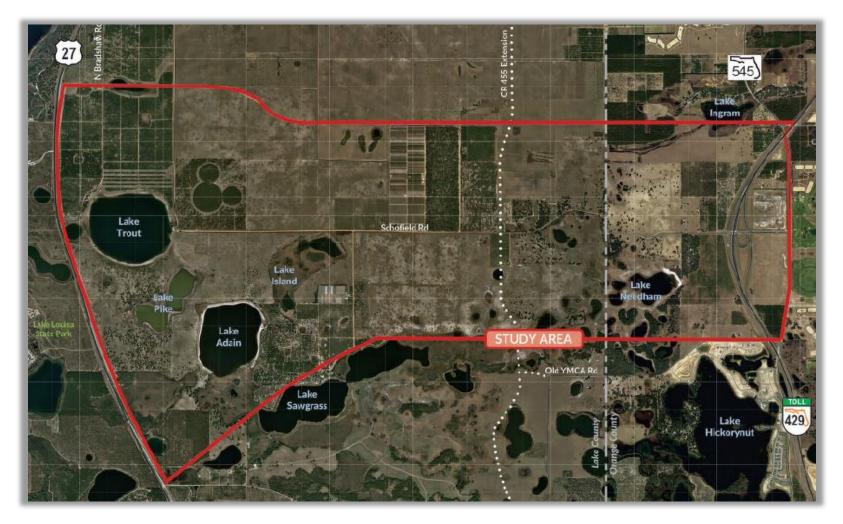
- Assist in the identification of potential project impacts, opportunities and constraints
- Provide feedback and comments regarding the information presented





Study Objective

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





Stakeholder Outreach



Public Involvement

- Public involvement and interagency coordination have been an integral part of the assessment process.
- Second Public Meeting was held March 7, 2019.
- Opportunities for participation will continue to be provided throughout the duration of the study.





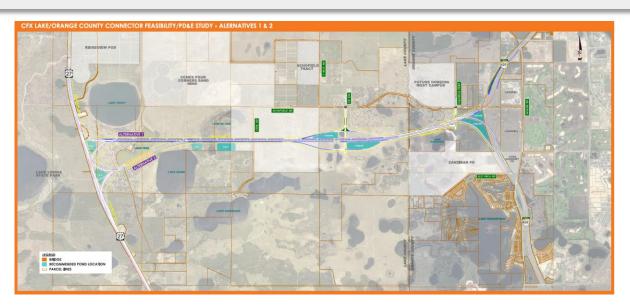
PAG Input Received – February 12, 2019

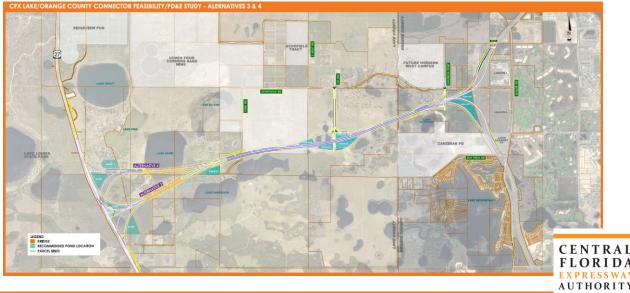
- Clonts Grove would not be supportive of Alternative 1 as it would degrade the view of Trout Lake across the planned town center.
- CEMEX Alternatives 1 and 2 have the greatest impacts to the Phase 2 operation and would render over 50% of those reserves south unusable.
- Consider wildlife crossings especially in the upland habitat near 5-Mile Road and Schofield.
- Valencia Parkway future connection is a 4-lane corridor.
- Orange County coordination in regard to the planned park facility located near the SR 429 interchange.
- There is a planned trail along US 27 including development access to the trail.





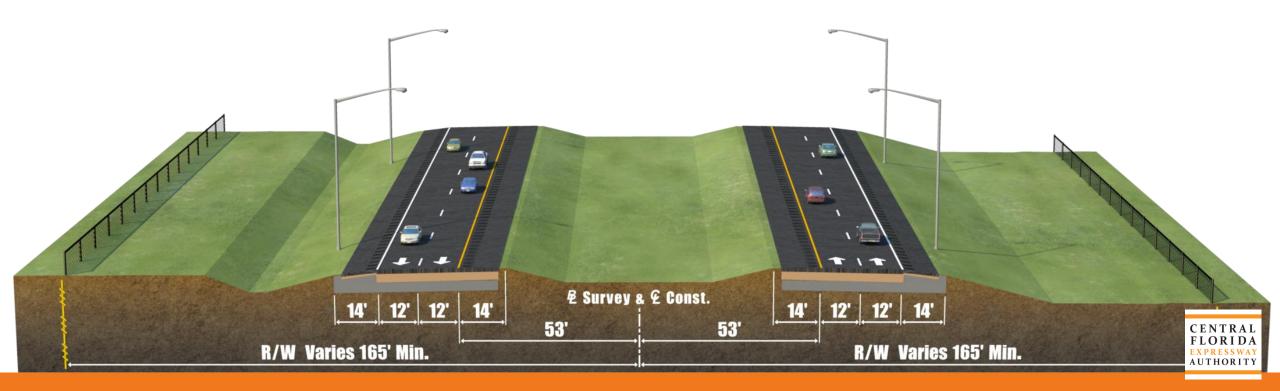
- Four Build Alternatives
- Proposed interchanges
 - o US 27
 - \circ CR 455 future extension
 - Future Valencia Parkway
 - SR 429 (systems interchange)
- No-Action or No-Build Alternative





Typical Section

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

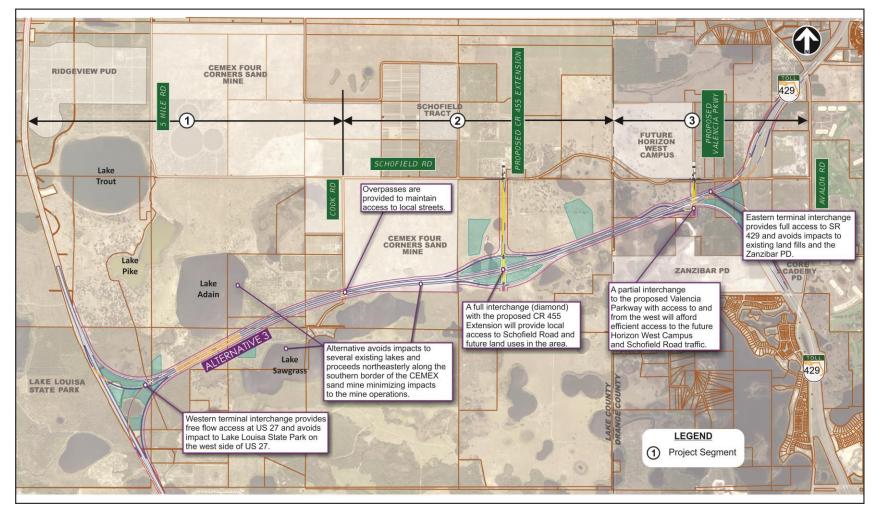


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Preferred Alternative



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Anticipated Cost

Preferred Alternative

Total Construction Cost	\$289,509,928
Engineering/Administration/Legal (24%)	\$69,482,383
Draft Right-of-way Cost	\$102,000,000
Draft Mitigation Wetland Costs	\$7,308,000
Draft Mitigation Gopher Tortoise Habitat	\$1,076,400
Toll Collection Equipment	\$1,260,000

Grand Total Project Cost \$470,636,711



What's Next?

- Receive input on the preferred alternative
- Continue detailed engineering and environmental analysis
- Draft engineering and environmental reports

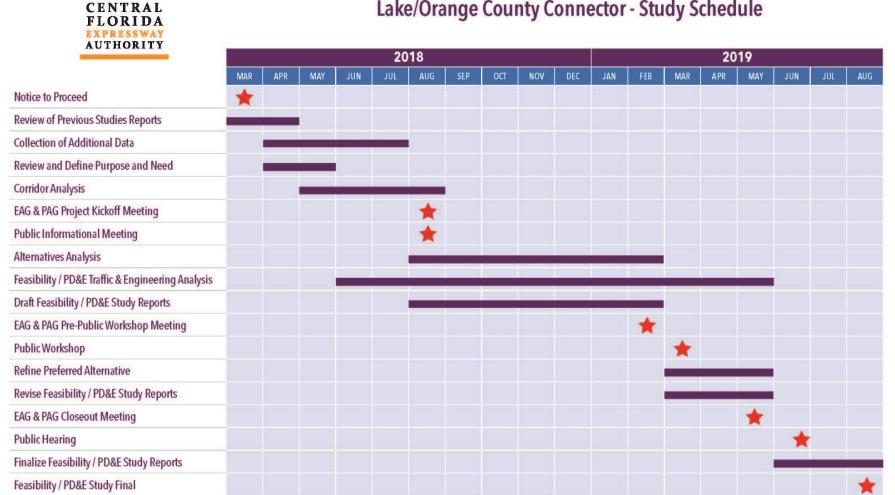


Project Advisory Group (PAG)

Group Discussion



Project Schedule







Upcoming Public Involvement

- Public Hearing is anticipated June 27, 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:
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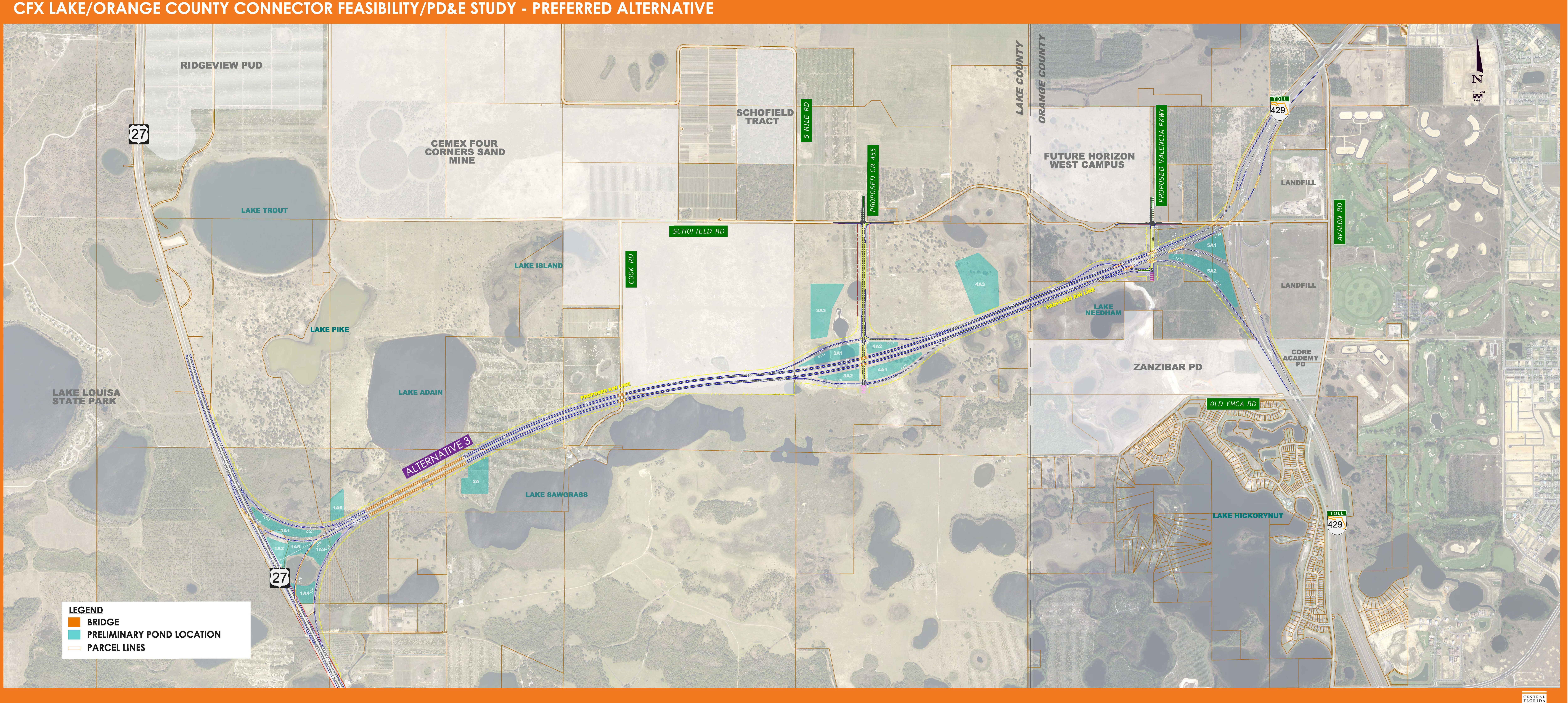
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May 8, 2019

Kathy Putnam; Public Involvement Coordinator Central Florida Expressway Authority 4974 ORL Tower Road Orlando, FL 32807

Re: Lake/ Orange County Connector- Stake Holders Meeting

Dear Kathy:

As you know, we have participated in the Project Development and Environmental study (PD & E) process for the Lake / Orange County Connector. Due to the time remaining for the adoption of the PD& E in August, there remains several questions as it relates to the drainage ponds, and final alignment of county road 455. These factors, along with the expressway right of way, greatly affects our properties. As discussed, we would like to continue the dialogue and be involved in the design efforts going forward. At our last meeting, it was indicted that there will be ample opportunity to resolve the aforementioned details.

As mentioned previously, we have spent years working with Lake and Orange County through our planner, AGMCi, LLC (Geoff McNeil) in a master planning effort for a multi-use development now consisting of approx. 800 acres. Due to the PD & E analysis, all 4 preliminary alignments bisect our property. Now that a final corridor alignment has been determined, time is needed to reconsider our design in this area of our master plan and to analyze the major impacts to our property.

Further, we have had several discussions with Lake County representatives regarding the alignment of County Road 455. That right of way is also bisecting our property north and south of Schofield Road. It is our understanding that CFX is planning the design and construction from Scofield Rd. to the Expressway for that section of the 455. In addition, it is our understanding that Valencia Parkway will likewise be designed and constructed. Both of these rights of way impact our property in many ways. Therefore, we would like to make sure all of these concerns are included in the PD & E final report and resolved during final design. This will help us as stakeholders adequate time to adjust for our ongoing master planning effort.

Attached, please find an exhibit referencing our holdings and parcel ID numbers for your reference and files. We look forward to working together and being pro-active in the planning efforts of the connector and to lessen the impacts on our properties as much as possible.

Best Regards,

- Kahlug

Herbert F. Kahlert Owner

Attachments Copy: Geoff McNeil; AGMCi, LLC Fred Schwartz; PE; Lake County Engineer William F. Sloup, PE; Metric Engineering

Kahlert Lake County Holdings:

AltKey: 1070112

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AltKey: 1594651

Parcel Number: 36232600020000100 Parcel Status: Valid Parcel Type: Land Base Section: 36 Township: 23 Range: 26 Subdivision: 0002 OwnerName: DAVIDSON HARVEST LLC ET AL C/O KARL CORPORATION

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Parcel Number: 25232600030000500 Parcel Status: Valid Parcel Type: Land Base Section: 25 Township: 23 Range: 26 Subdivision: 0003 OwnerName: JJW INVESTMENTS LLC

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Name(s) Fox Heartland LLC 6.29% Int Fox Kay LLC 46.855% Int Fox Commons LLC 46.855% Int 17701 Schofield Rd Parcel ID: 30-23-27-0000-00-003 >

Name: HOLDEN HEIGHTS LLC

Parcel ID: 30-23-27-0000-00-013 Street Address:17421 SCHOFIELD RD

Name: HARTLAND HEIGHTS LLC

 Parcel ID:
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 Street Address:
 17399 SCHOFIELD RD

Name1: DAVIDSON HARVEST LLC 25% INT

Name2: DAVIDSON KEG LLC 37.5% INT

Parcel ID: 31-23-27-0000-00-008

Street Address: SCHOFIELD RD



Media Outreach and Coverage

LAKE/ORANGE COUNTY CONNECTOR FEASIBILITY/PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT STUDY MEDIA OUTREACH AND COVERAGE

August 23, 2018

Sent news release regarding the first public meeting and a fact sheet to local major media.

8/29/18 – WKMG-TV, Ch. 6 aired public meeting preview story

http://mms.tveyes.com/MediaCenterPlayer.aspx?u=aHR0cDovL21IZGIhY2VudGVyLnR2ZXIIcy5jb20vZ G93bmxvYWRnYXRId2F5LmFzcHg%2FVXNIckIEPTQyNDI1MiZNREIEPTEwMzQyODE0Jk1EU2VIZD04Nz MyJIR5cGU9TWVkaWE%3D

8/29/18 – Spectrum News 13 aired public meeting preview story

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9/6/18 – West Orange Times & Observer covered the public meeting resulting in an article

https://www.orangeobserver.com/article/cfx-hosts-informational-meeting-for-future-east-westconnector

10/13/18 – Leesburg Daily Commercial posted an article after stemming from the TEAMFL Transportation Summit

http://www.dailycommercial.com/news/20181013/clermont-to-orlando-highway-could-be-hightech

February 25, 2019

PIO emailed the news release regarding the March 7 public meeting to the local media including the Orlando Sentinel, West Orange Times, Leesburg Daily Commercial, Spectrum News 13, and WMFE-FM.

3/14/19 – Gabby Baquero of the West Orange Times attended the 3/7 public meeting and wrote an article

https://www.orangeobserver.com/article/cfx-evaluating-east-west-tollway-connecting-orange-lakecounties 4/8/19 – WFTV, Ch. 9 Traffic report Racquel Asa reported on this week's selection of a preferred alternative for the Lake/Orange County Connector, a potential new way for Four Corners area drivers to avoid US 192.

https://www.wftv.com/video?videoId=938141421&videoVersion=1.0

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PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCED FOR LAKE / ORANGE COUNTY CONNECTOR STUDY

(ORLANDO, FL) – The <u>Central Florida Expressway Authority</u> (CFX) will hold a public meeting for the <u>Lake</u> / <u>Orange County Connector Feasibility / Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study</u>. The purpose of this 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.

The meeting will be held in an open house format on **Thursday, August 30, 2018 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**. Attendees will be able to review maps, drawings and other pertinent information, and provide comments. Members of the PD&E study team will also be available at the informal meeting to answer questions. There will be no formal program or presentation.



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.

For additional information concerning this study, please contact Kathy Putnam, Public Involvement Coordinator, by calling 407-802-3210, by emailing <u>LakeOrangeConnector@CFXway.com</u>, or click <u>here</u> to visit the study webpage.

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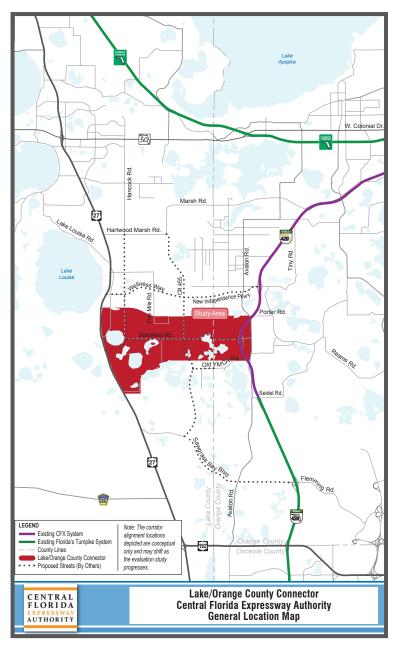
Feasibility/Project Development & Environment Study

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.

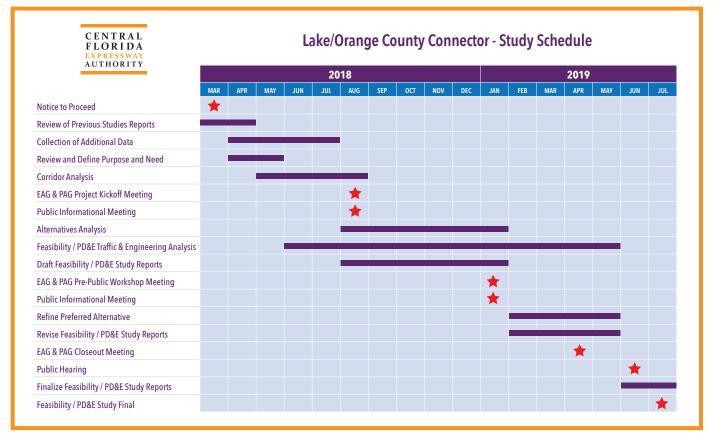


STUDY OBJECTIVE

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.

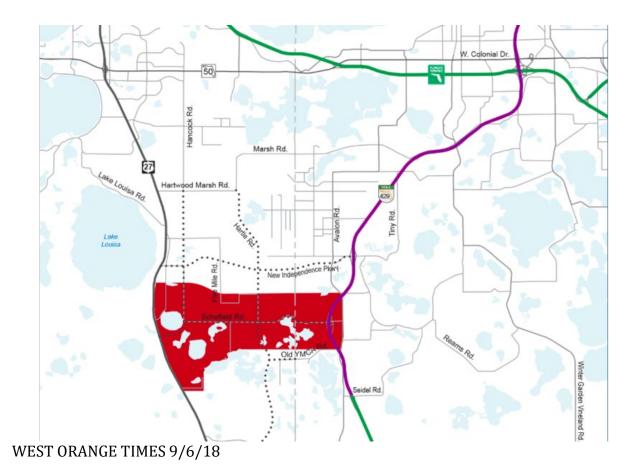
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The Central Florida Expressway Authority is conducting a study to determine the feasibility of constructing a roadway connecting Lake County and West Orange.

by: Gabby Baquero News Editor

Presently, there are few options to reach Lake County from West Orange, the most accessible of which is State Road 50.

But with the continual growth in West Orange, Lake County and Clermont, it is expected the roadway will be unable to adequately support future traffic demands.

In anticipation of this, the Central Florida Expressway Authority has been conducting studies to create another east-west connector roadway.

CFX held its first public informational meeting regarding the Lake/Orange county connector Thursday, Aug. 30, at the Clermont Arts and Recreation Center.

"With all the growth going on in southwest Orange County, Lake County and the Clermont area, it's not particularly easy to get back and forth between the two," said Kathy Putnam, public involvement coordinator for the project study. "So this study is looking at whether a limitedaccess road between U.S. 27 on the west and State Road 429 in the east is viable and fundable. And we're currently trying to determine if we can find a preferred alignment."

In Orange County, the study area falls within the town center and Village H (Hickory Nut) of the Horizon West community. In Lake County, the study area falls within the Wellness Way area. The goal is to analyze which of the 18 potential alignments identified are the most feasible and narrow down the number of corridors being considered, Putnam said.

"They've identified 18 separate alignment portions that go from west to east ... and they'll study those corridors to determine the potential impact on the area," Putnam said. "We'll need to find out how many land parcels are going to be affected; if there are any environmental concerns we need to watch; and if there are any known future plans or developments we need to steer clear of. We also need to determine which potential corridors might get the most traffic and, of course, how much it would all cost to build."

The proposed connector project is currently in the Project Development and Environmental Study phase of the process. At the end of the study, the CFX board will make a determination on whether to move forward or place the project on hold. "At the end of this study, the preferred alignment goes to the CFX board," Putnam said. "And the board can either approve the preferred alignment and move forward to the design phase of the project, or they can say they don't think it's viable or fundable and they don't think it's yet ready to move forward, and they'll just set it on the shelf."

The next public informational meeting will be held January 2019. Then, officials will determine the final preferred alignment. A public hearing will be held in June.

To see a project fact sheet, visit bit.ly/2wDccgE. For more information, contact the Central Florida Expressway Authority at (407) 802-3210 or via email at <u>lakeorangestudy@cfxway.com</u>.

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The study is being conducted 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 began the study in March 2018 and is scheduled to complete it this summer. 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 meeting will be held in an open house format on:

Thursday, March 7, 2019
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 Bridgewater Middle School Cafeteria
 5600 Tiny Road
 Winter Garden, FL 34787

Potential corridors were presented for public input at the last public meeting held on August 30, 2018. Based on the input we received, a recommended corridor was identified, and within that corridor four different project alternatives have been developed. Each of these project alternatives meet the objective of providing an effective limited-access Lake / Orange County Connector facility from US 27 to SR 429.

The work that will be on display includes the four project alternatives and their potential impacts to the physical, natural, social and cultural environment. Public involvement and interagency coordination have been an integral part of the assessment process, and opportunities for participation will continue to be provided throughout the duration of the study.

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Maps of the study area and meeting location are attached.

LEESBURG DAILY COMMERCIAL

Clermont-to-Orlando highway could be high tech

http://www.dailycommercial.com/news/20181013/clermont-to-orlando-highway-could-be-high-tech

By: Payne Ray, Reporter

Posted: Oct. 13, 2018

CLERMONT – State and local road engineers unveiled a proposal Friday to build a high-tech highway connecting Clermont and Orlando.

A combination of road authorities including Lake County's own engineers held a "Future of Transportation" summit in the Clermont City Center Friday, discussing high-tech roadways and touching on their applications to an ambitious new road project.

Titled the Lake-Orange Connector, the project described at the Future of Transportation summit at the Clermont City Center would connect U.S. Highway 27 in south Lake County and State Road 429 in Orange. The study had a quiet start in March and is looking at a July 2019 finish.

Along with a lengthy design process and the actual construction, it may be around five years before it ever meets a set of tires, according to Brian Hutchings and Kathy Putnam, of the Central Florida Expressway Authority and the Quest Corporation of America.

The time between then and now is part of what makes the road promising, however.

The technology discussed at the summit was largely either future-tech or technology that needs a few years of polish.

But the keynote address at the start of the day gave some good indicators as to the kind of improvements roads might see by the time the Lake-Orange Connector is built.

The speaker was Allie Kelley, the executive director of a "living laboratory" in west Georgia, an 18-mile stretch of I-85 known as The Ray.

The road includes solar panel roads with more traction than a fresh asphalt road, electric vehicle charging stations and a WheelRight station that gives drivers a full report of their tire pressure and wear and tear.

Kelly told the audience tire pressure is something people take for granted, but which causes 2 billion gallons of gas to be wasted each year.

The tire station was said to be the most developed in the bunch, as the UK-based company of the same name had already debuted the technology in Colorado.

In its current configuration, a driver enters slowly, pulls forward and gets a report in around 7 seconds, Kelley said, giving drivers important information they otherwise would never check themselves.

"We have to make this painless, right?" she asked the crowd. "We have to make it like you're at McDonald's."

After the keynote presentation, a panel hosted by the three hosting authorities discussed the Orange-Lake Connector briefly, and the technology innovation came up in the first question.

Corey Quinn, the chief of technology for CFX, said the hope was to look into how those innovations and others at the summit can be applied to the road during the design process.

Currently, that process won't begin until at least July, meaning much of what was shown at the summit could become viable before or during that one to two-year design period.

And both Putnam and Hutchings agreed that 2023 was the very earliest the road would open. It's hard to say what will be available when it hits the design table.

Whether other roads will see such upgrades before then is unconfirmed, but Hutchings pointed to toll technology as an example of what can happen.

Current toll technology is mostly automated and can read a license plate and send an invoice in the mail, and it wasn't that long ago that manned toll booths were commonplace.

CFX evaluating east-west tollway connecting Orange, Lake counties

The Central Florida Expressway Authority is studying the feasibility of constructing a toll road connecting U.S. Highway 27 and State Road 429. by: Gabby Baquero News Editor

The Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX) is seeking public feedback regarding a possible tollway under consideration by the transportation agency.

CFX, which presently operates about 118 miles of toll roads in Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties, has had its engineers study the viability of building a five-mile toll road between U.S. Highway 27 and State Road 429 between Clermont and southwest Orange County.

At present, there are few east-west roads capable of carrying high-volume traffic in the area. To the north, there is State Road 50, and to the south, there is U.S. 192 – both of which are highly congested six-lane roadways.

"This Lake/Orange County connector is looking at providing high-speed direct access between U.S. 27 in the west and State Road 429 in the east," said Kathy Putnam, the public involvement coordinator for the project's study. "This will be really important for people from Lake County who need to get over to southwest Orange County and maybe to go to work over in the theme park area, as well as for people from Orange County who want to get over to Lake County or Clermont. So it will be able to move a lot of people between these two major roadways."

CFX held its first public informational meeting regarding the proposed Lake/Orange County connector toll road on Thursday, Aug. 30, at the Clermont Arts and Recreation Center. A second public open-house meeting was held Thursday, March 7 at Bridgewater Middle School.

The public was invited to view large maps depicting the general vicinity identified as the most optimal location to place the tollway and resulted in minimal impacts on surrounding properties and environments.

The location is in the vicinity of Schofield Road, where there's an existing interchange with State Road 429 by exit No. 13. CFX engineers have now narrowed down the options to four alternative alignments, down from the original 20 combinations presented in the first meeting.

During the next month, project engineers will identify the recommended alignment according to public input, refine the details and conduct a financial analysis to get a cost estimate. The findings will then be presented at a public hearing at the end of June. At that hearing, CFX hopes to hear from the public whether they should continue to move forward and fund the project or wait another few years.

Putnam said the project will not be funded using taxpayer dollars, as all Central Florida Expressway authority toll roads are planned, designed and built with toll dollars.

"This is all toll funds, so if you don't drive this road, you're not paying for it," she said. "And all toll dollars paid into the CFX system stay on the CFX system. So all toll dollars are going right back into maintaining, operating and expanding the system as needed, like this Lake/Orange County connector."

To view the project web page, visit bit.ly/2MdwCmH. And for more information, contact the Central Florida Expressway Authority at (407) 802-3210 or via email at <u>lakeorangestudy@cfxway.com</u>.



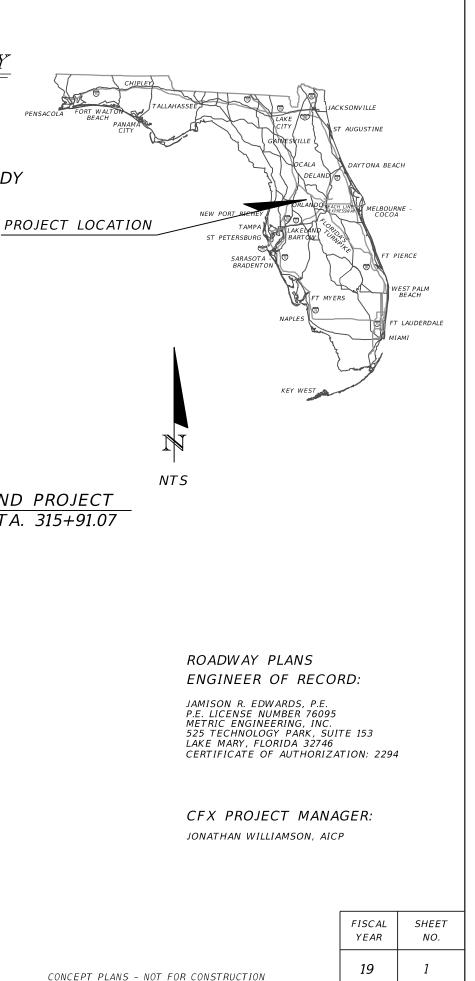
Appendix F: Concept Plans



Concept Plans

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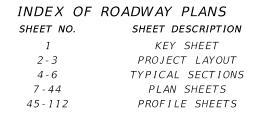
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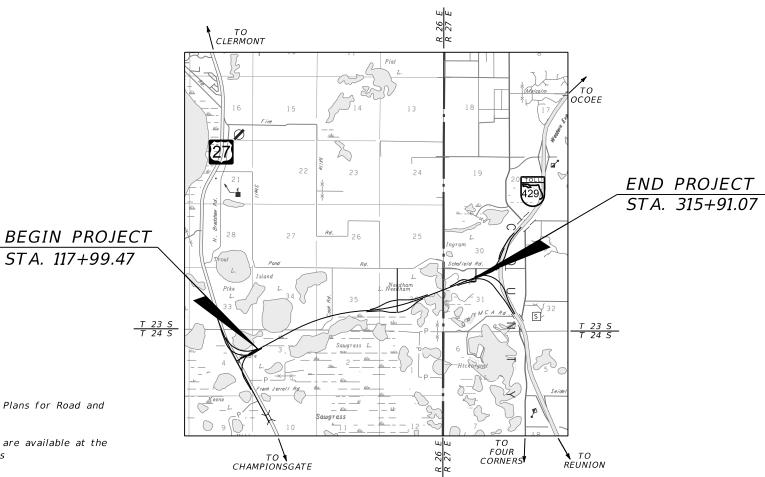


LAKE/ORANGE COUNTY CONNECTOR FEASIBILITY/PD&E STUDY

FROM US 27 TO SR 429 CFX PROJECT NUMBER 599 - 225

LAKE COUNTY & ORANGE COUNTY





GOVERNING STANDARD PLANS

Florida Department of Transportation, FY2019-20 Standard Plans for Road and Bridge Construction and applicable Interim Revisions (IRs).

Standard Plans for Road Construction and associated IRs are available at the following website: http://www.fdot.gov/design/standardplans

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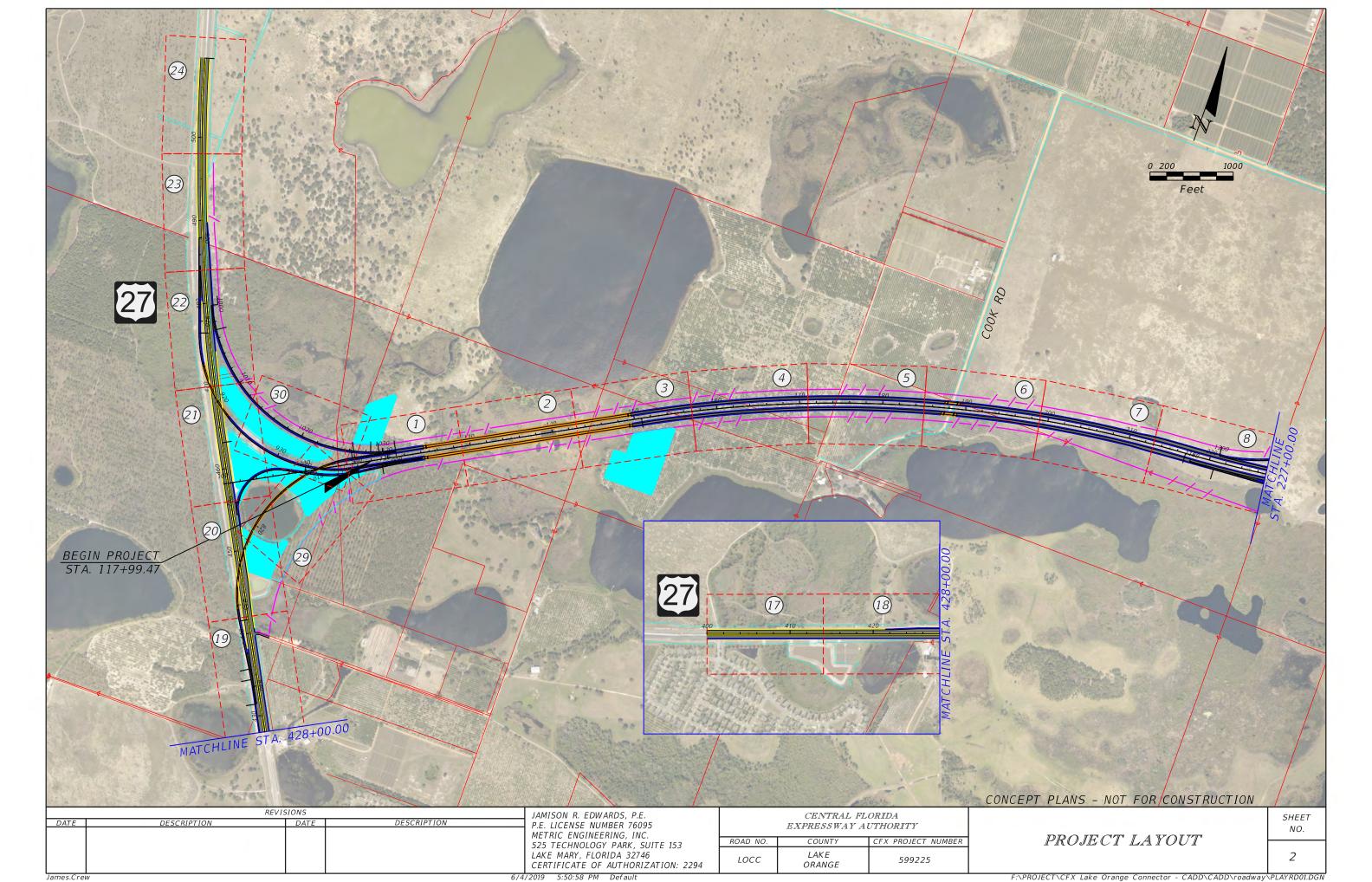
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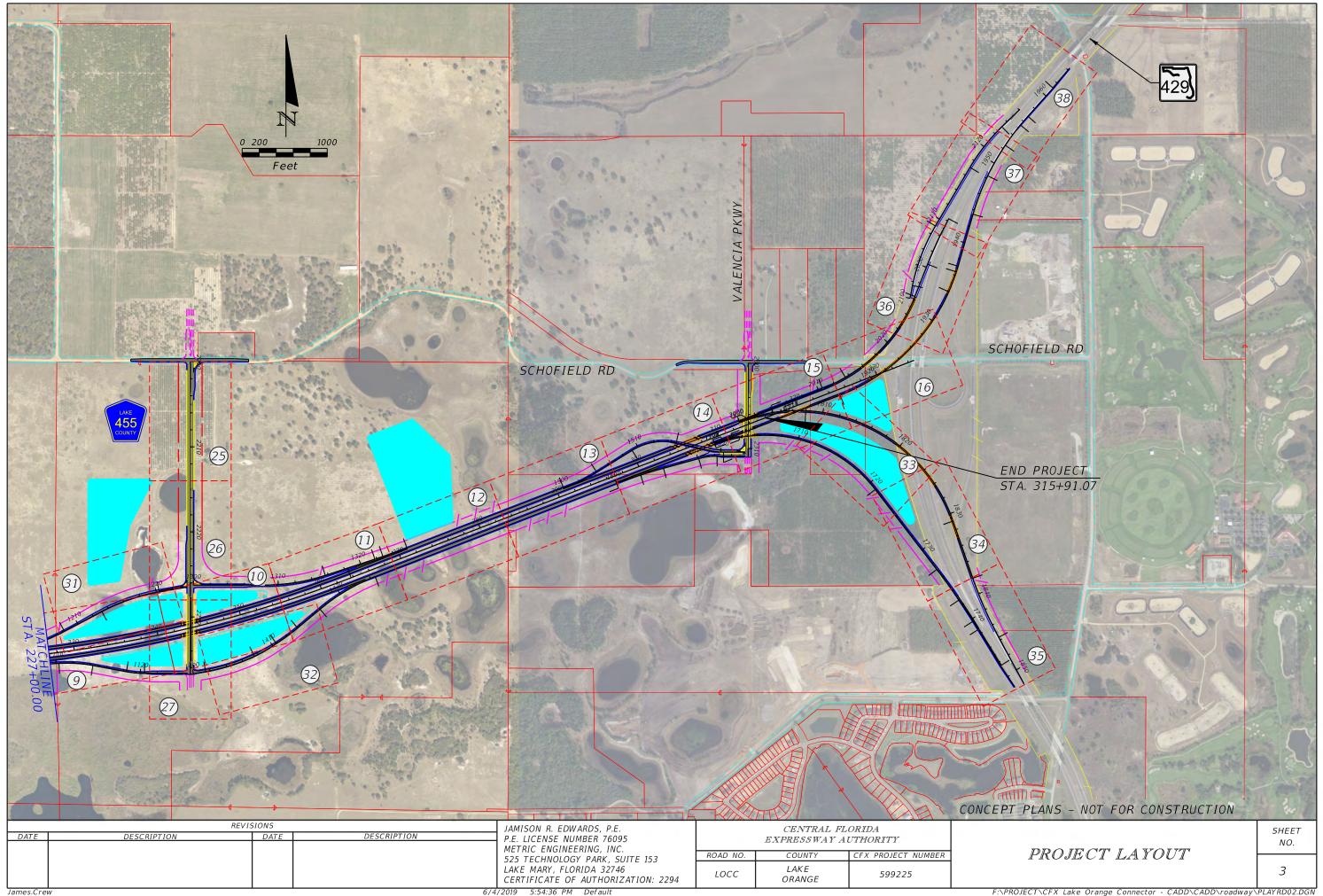
GOVERNING STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS:

Florida Department of Transportation, January 2019 Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction at the following website: http://www.fdot.gov/programmanagement/Implemented/SpecBooks

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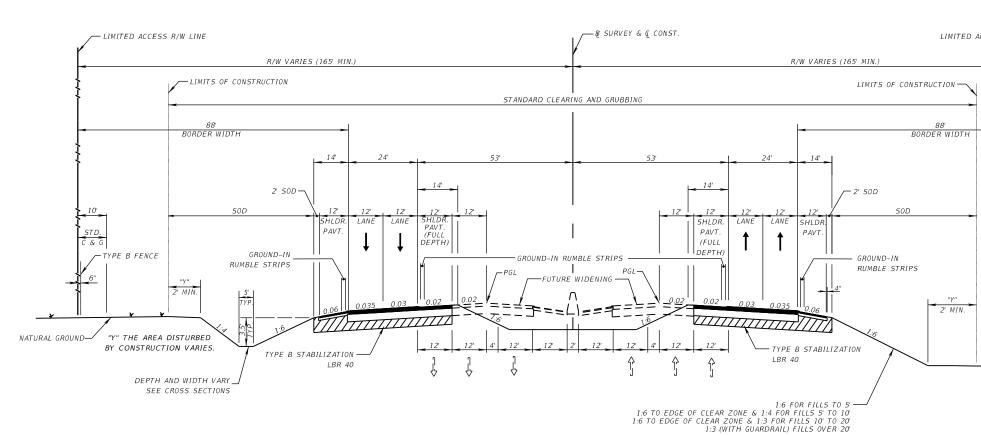


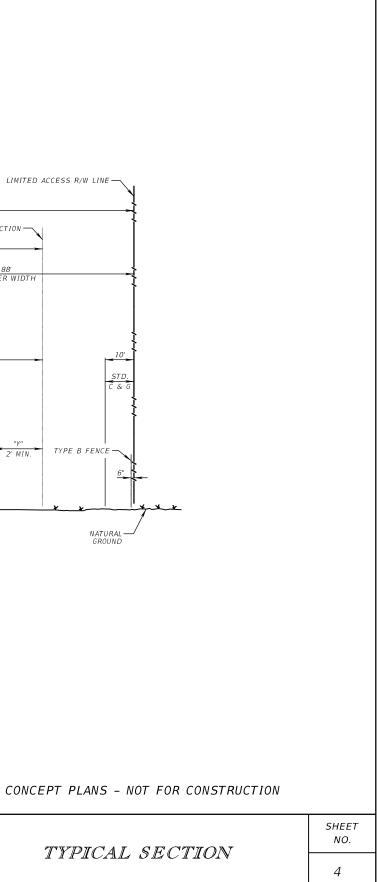
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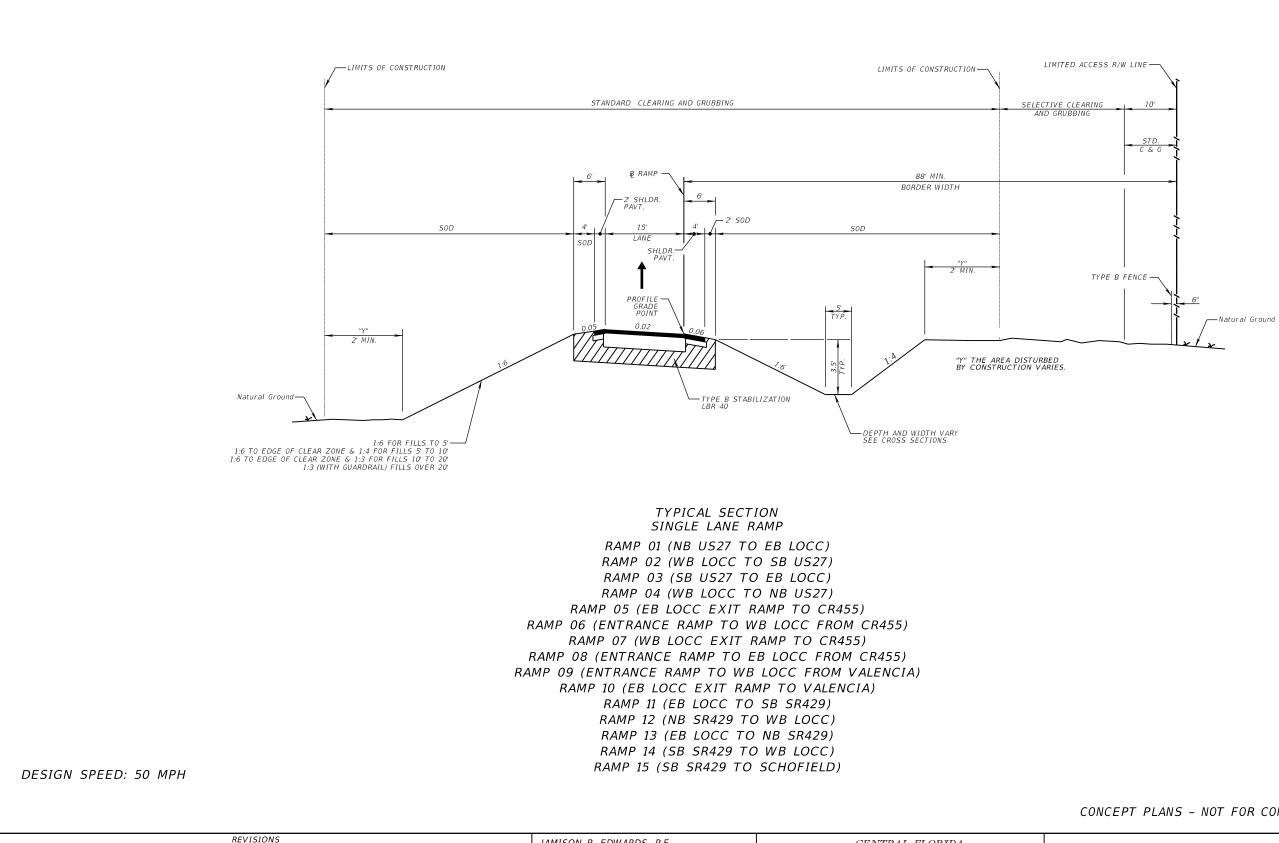
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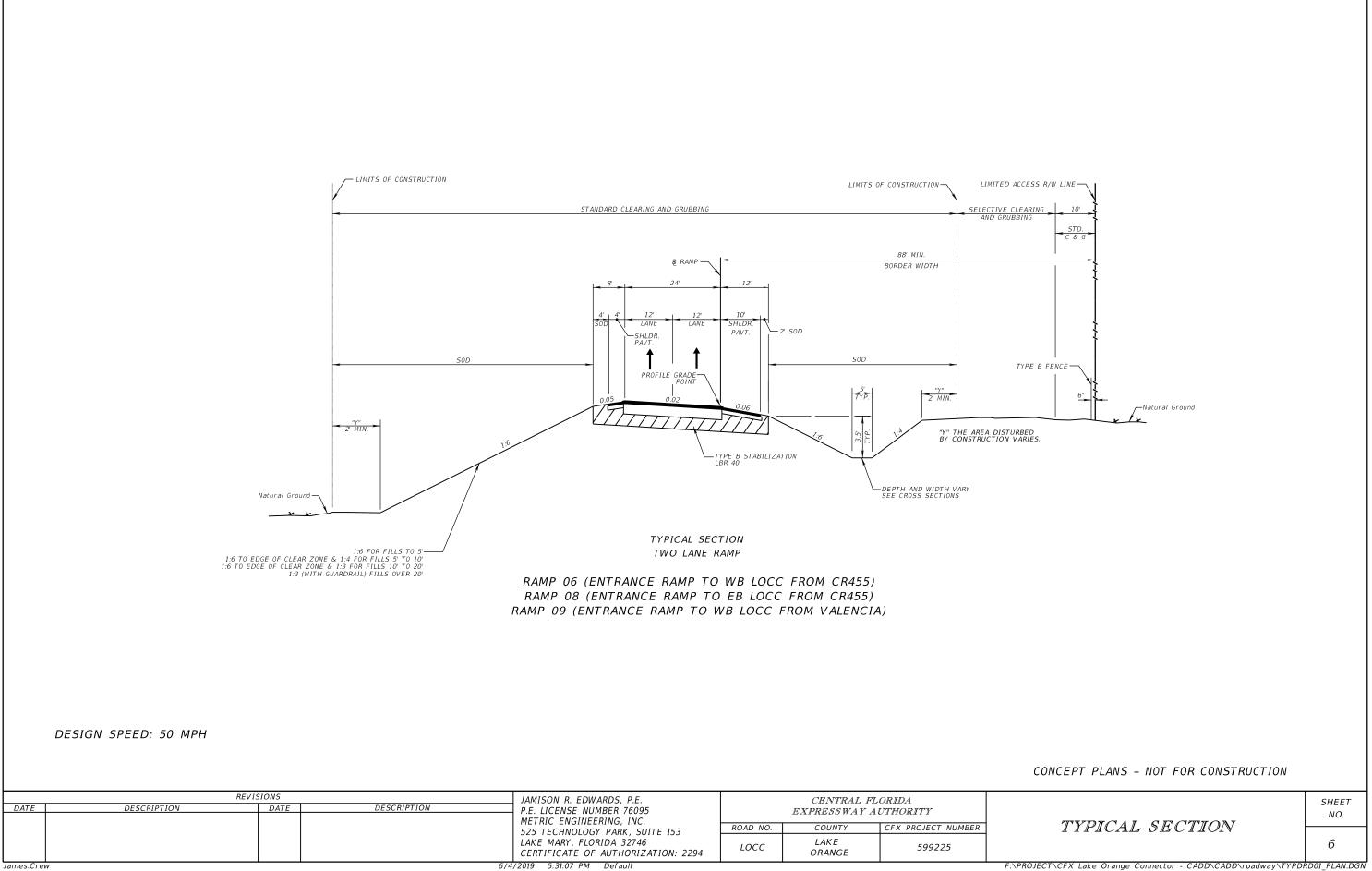
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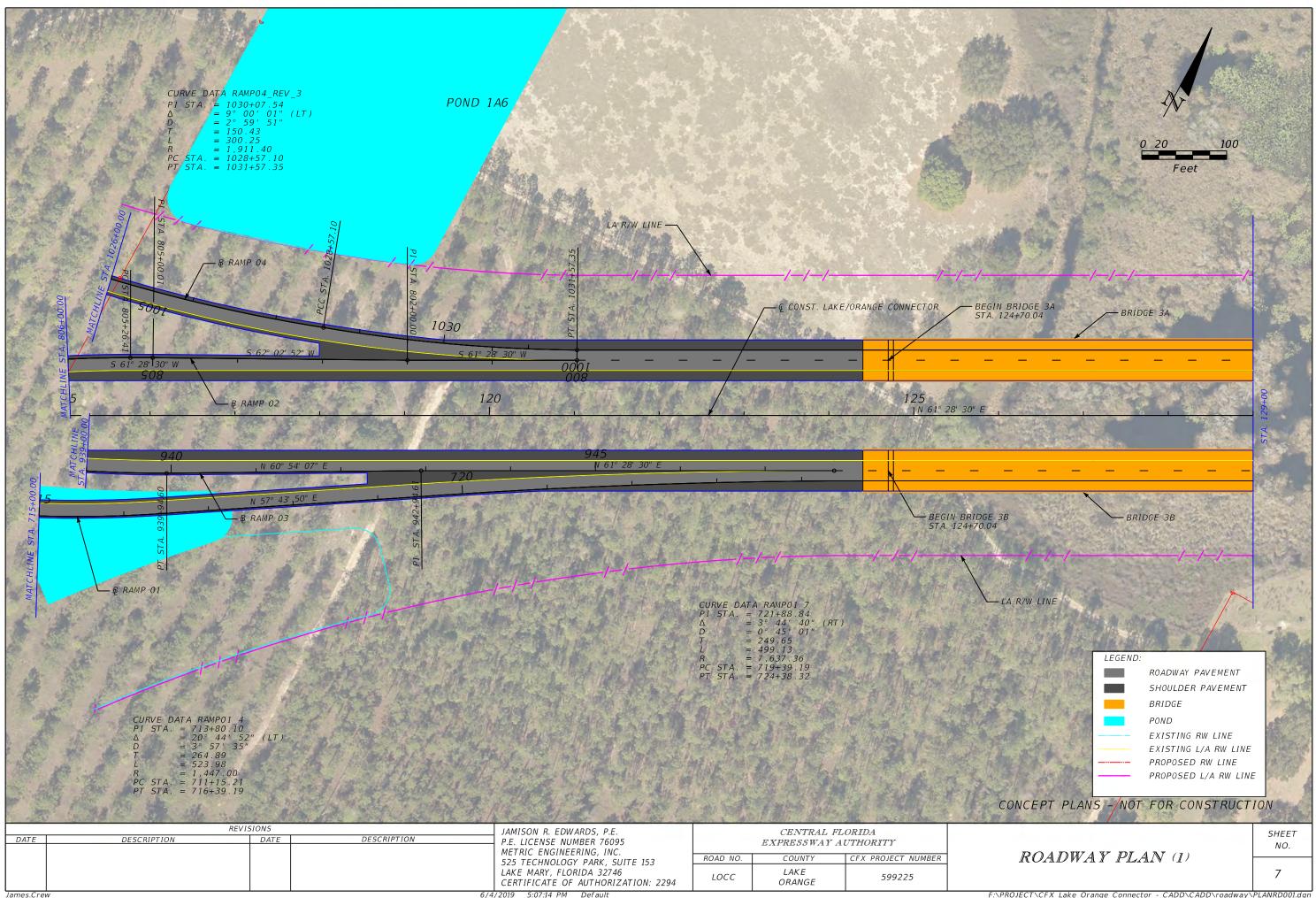
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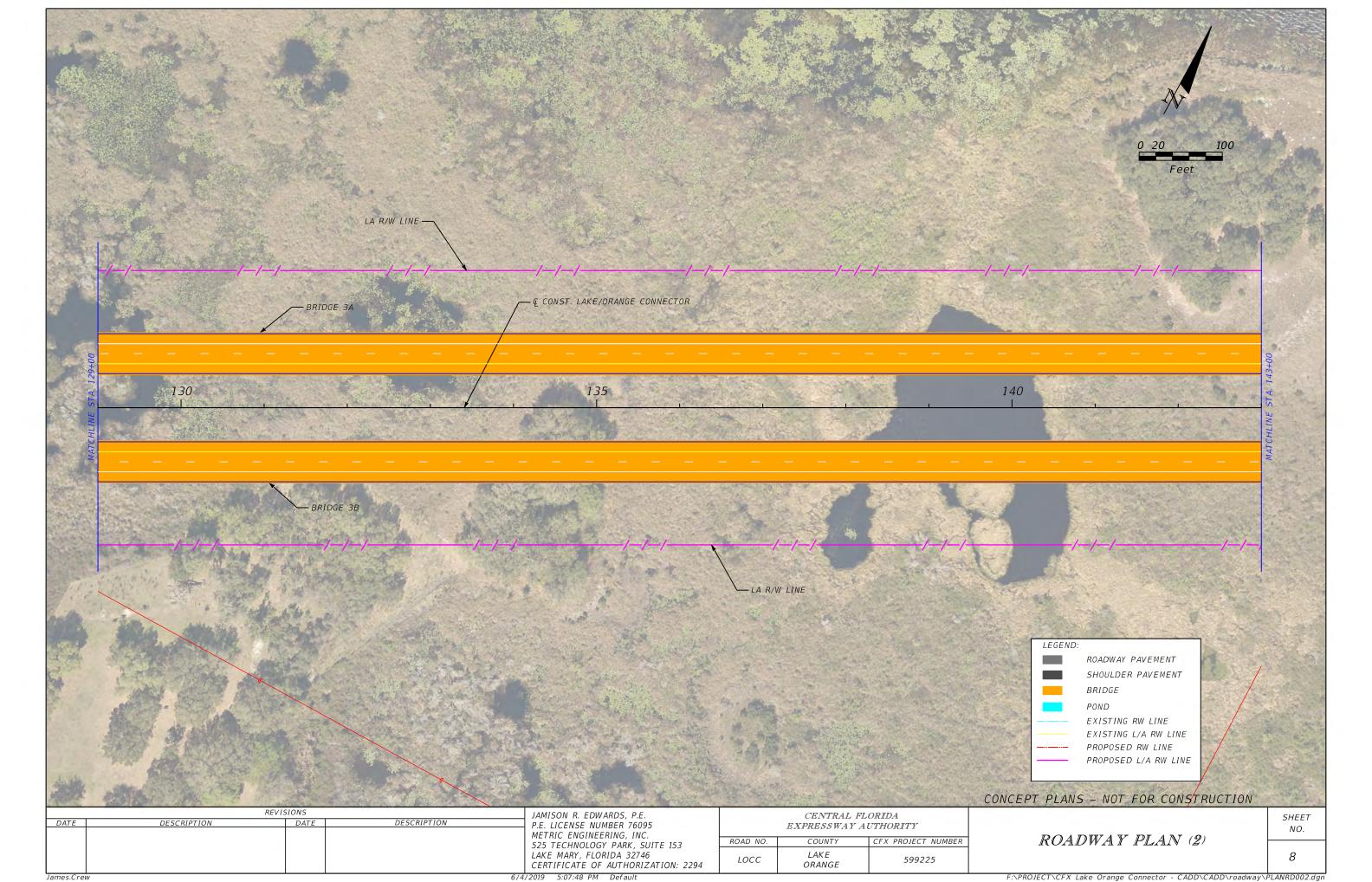
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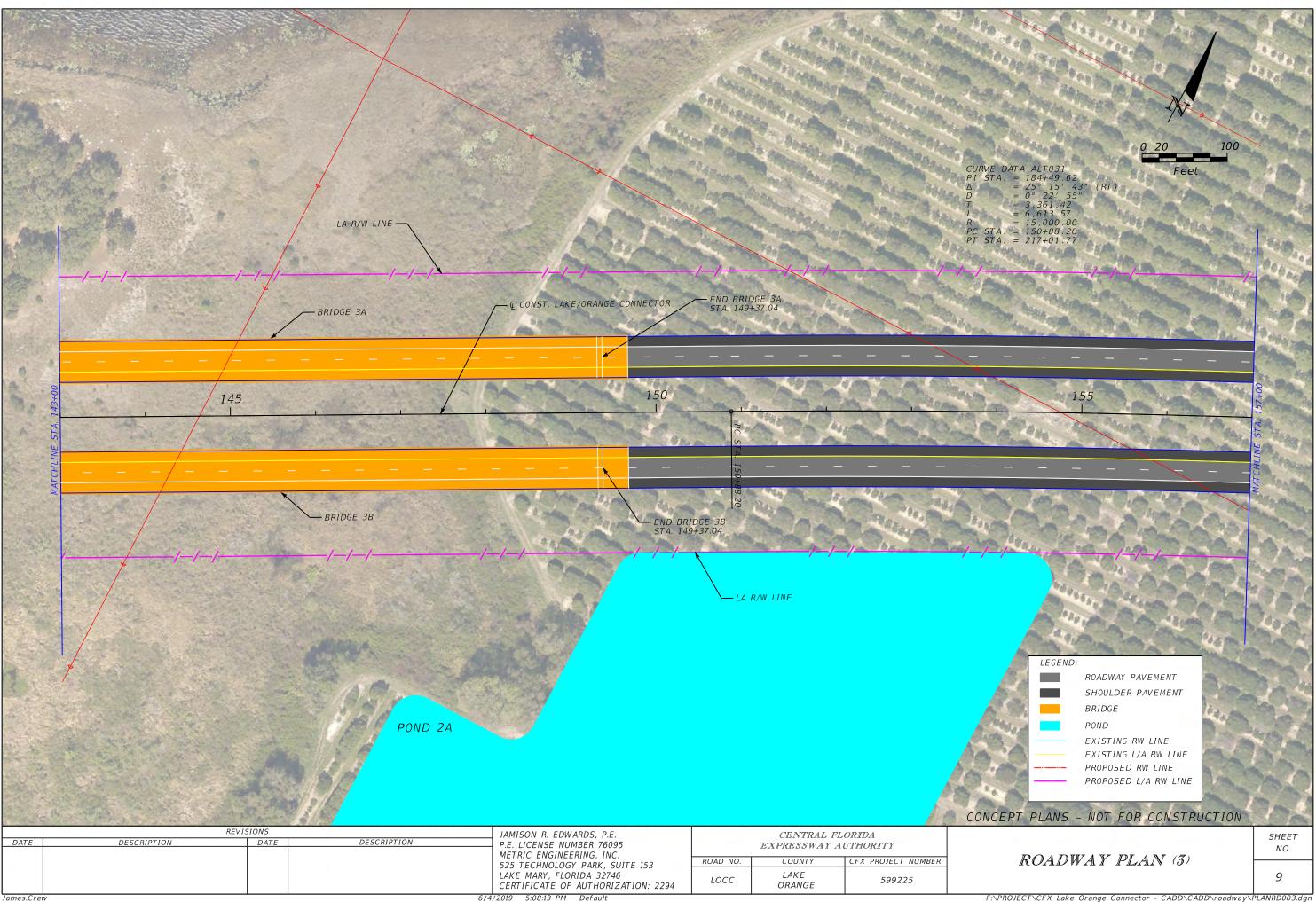
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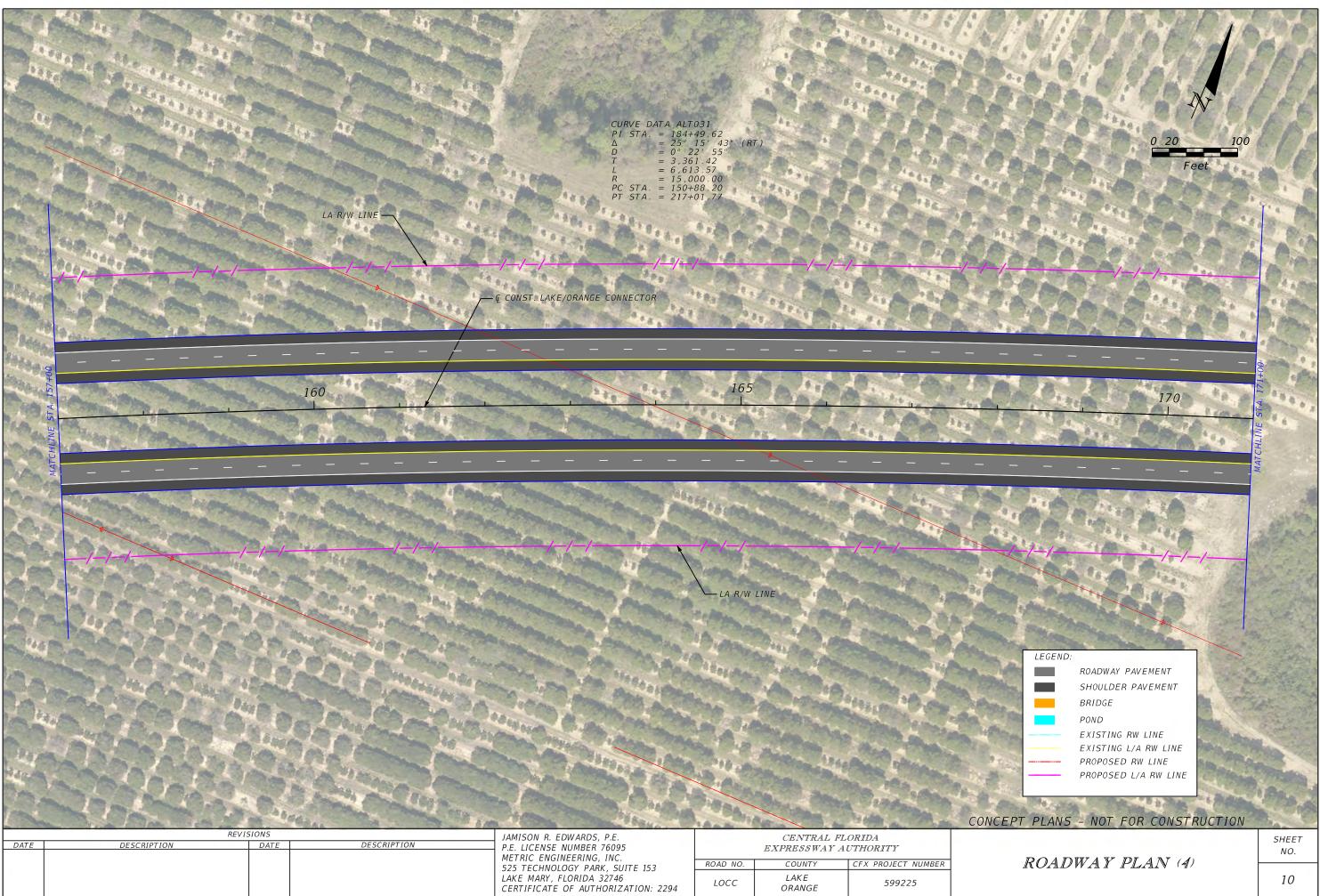




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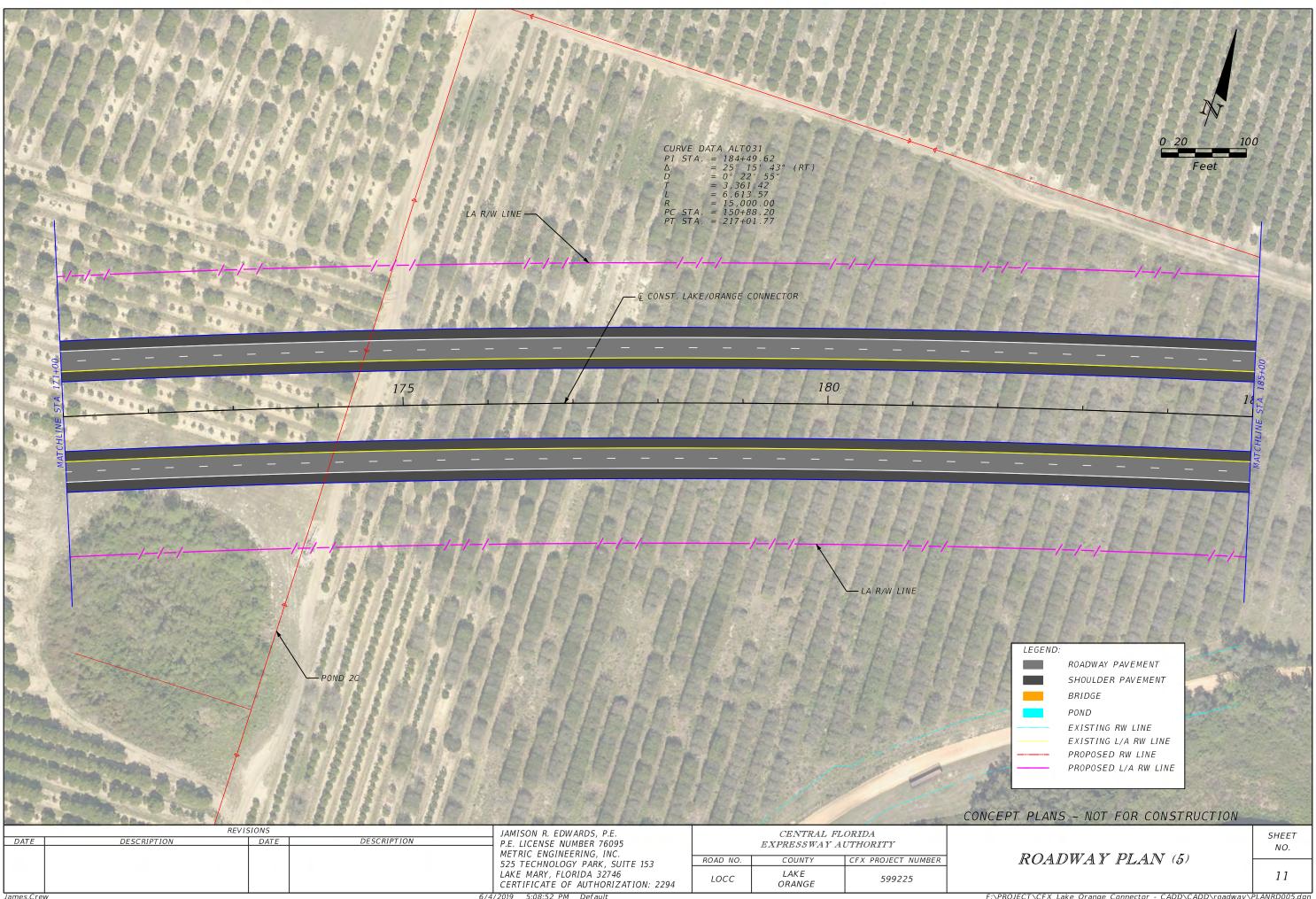






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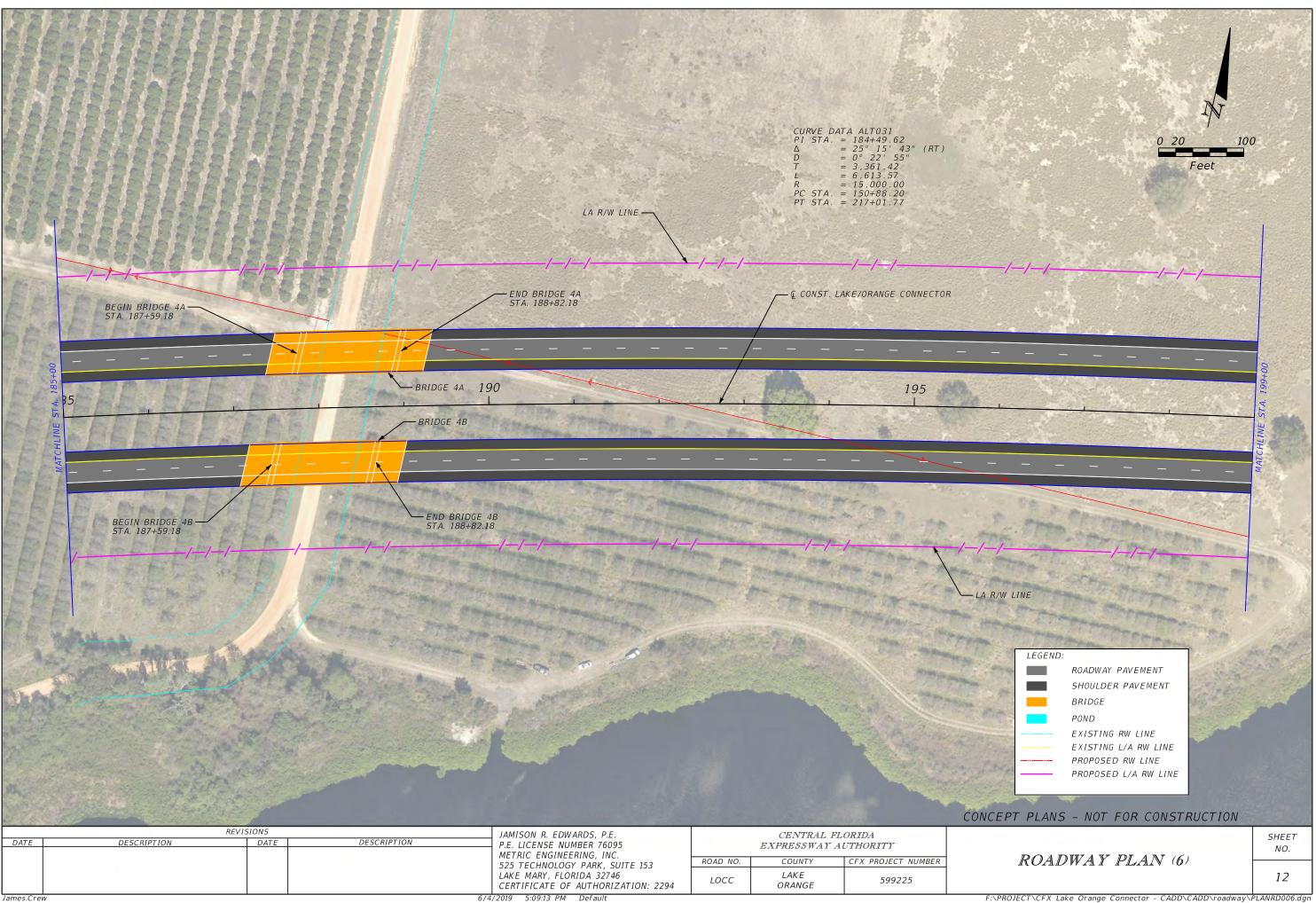
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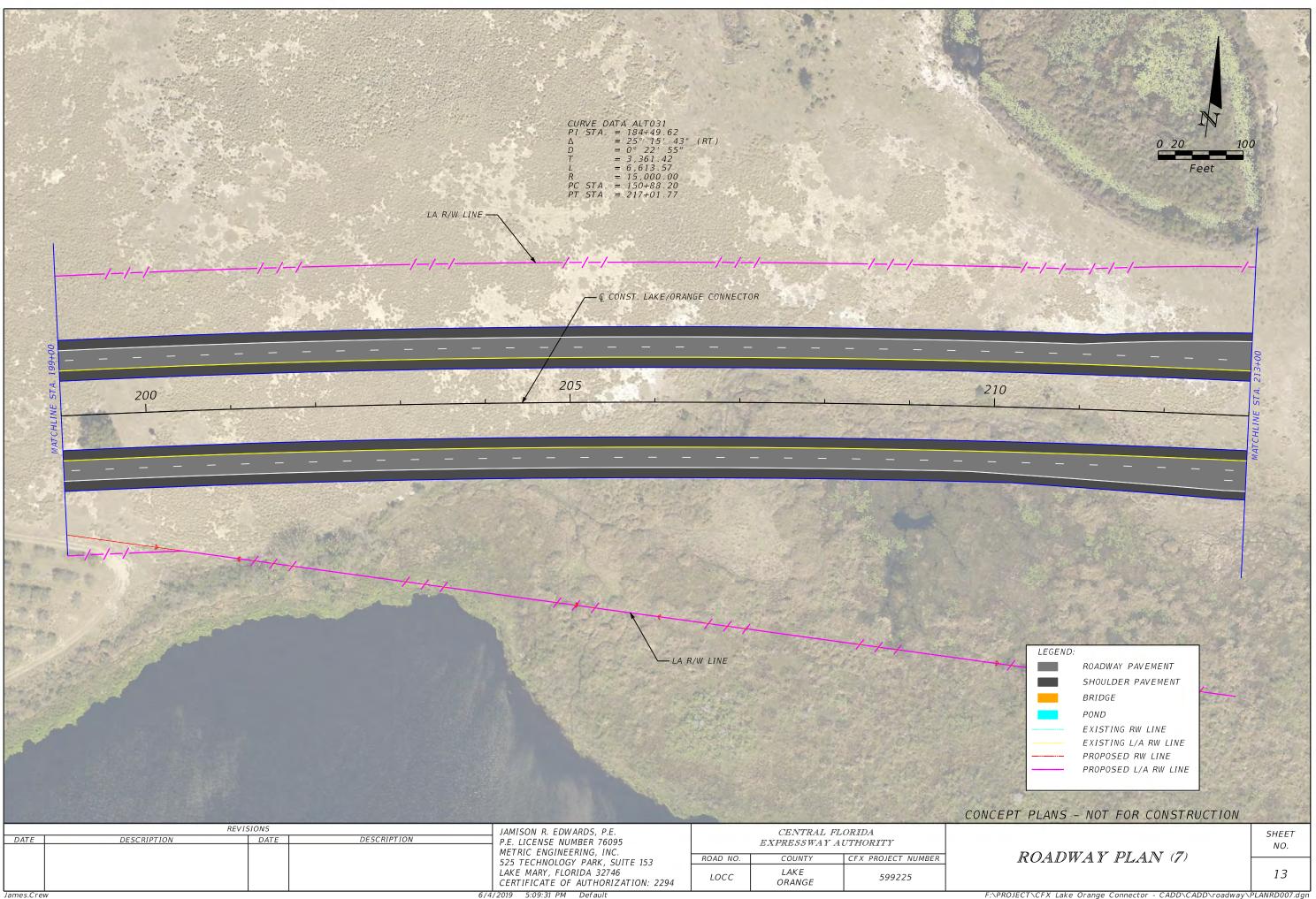


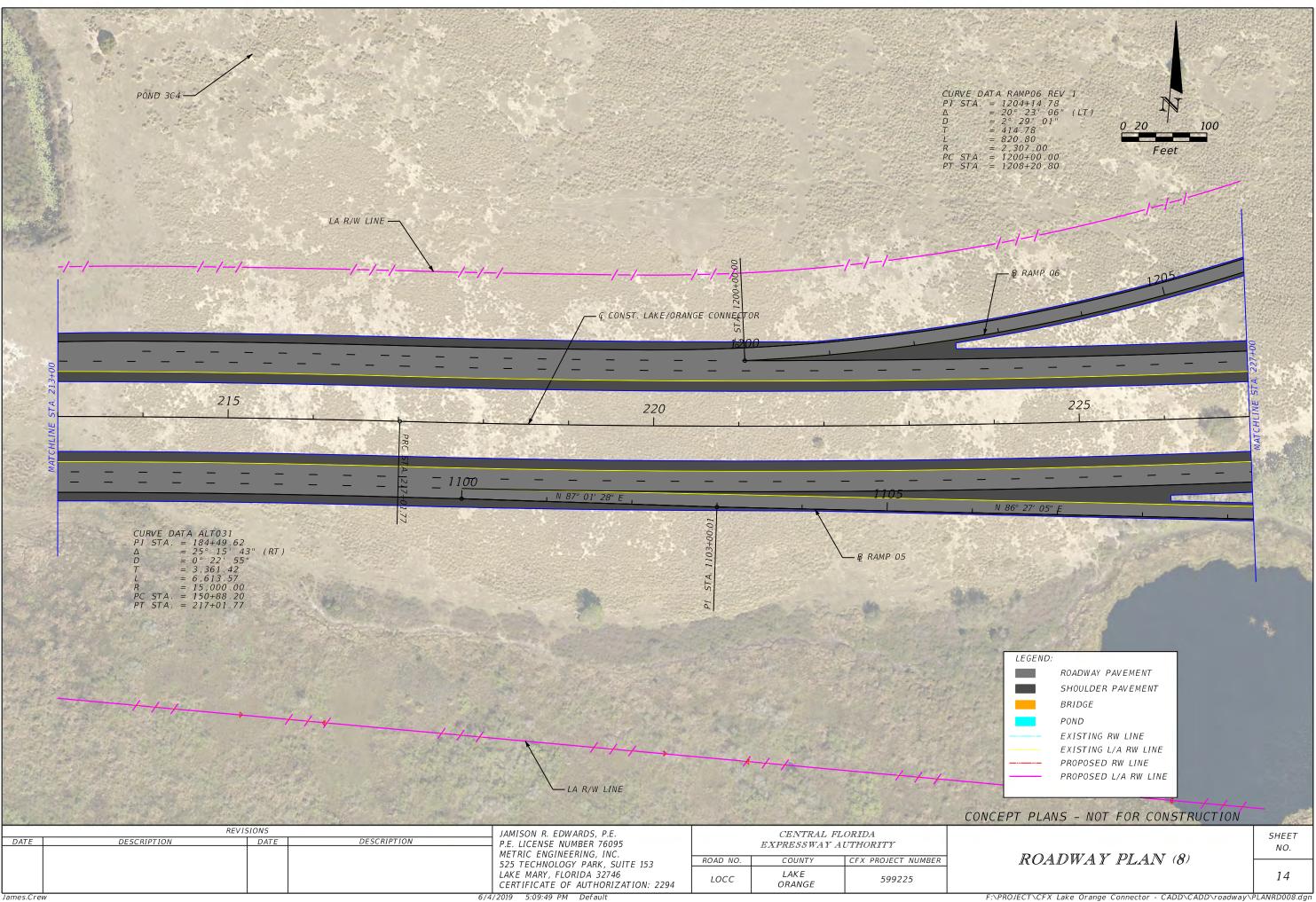
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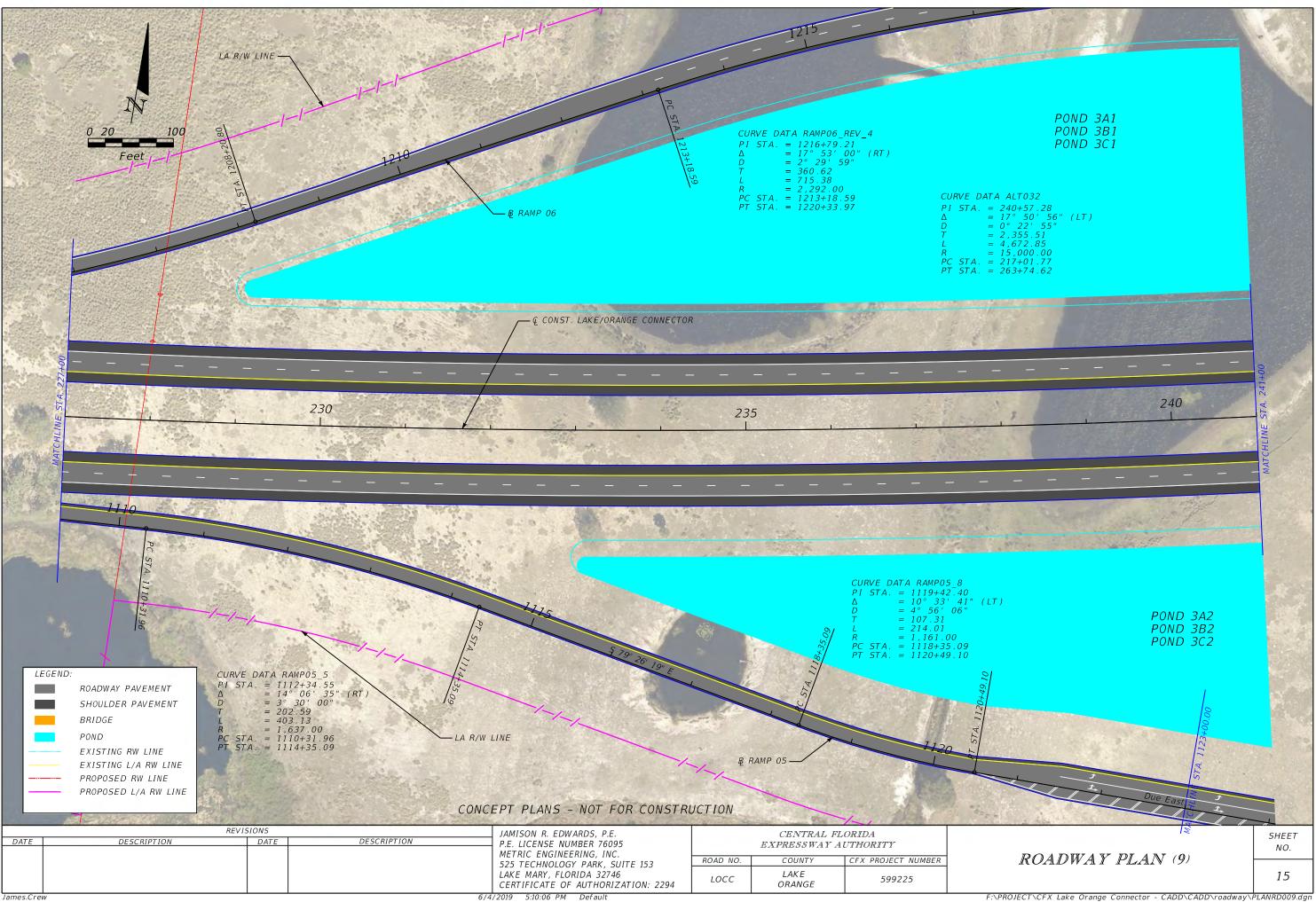
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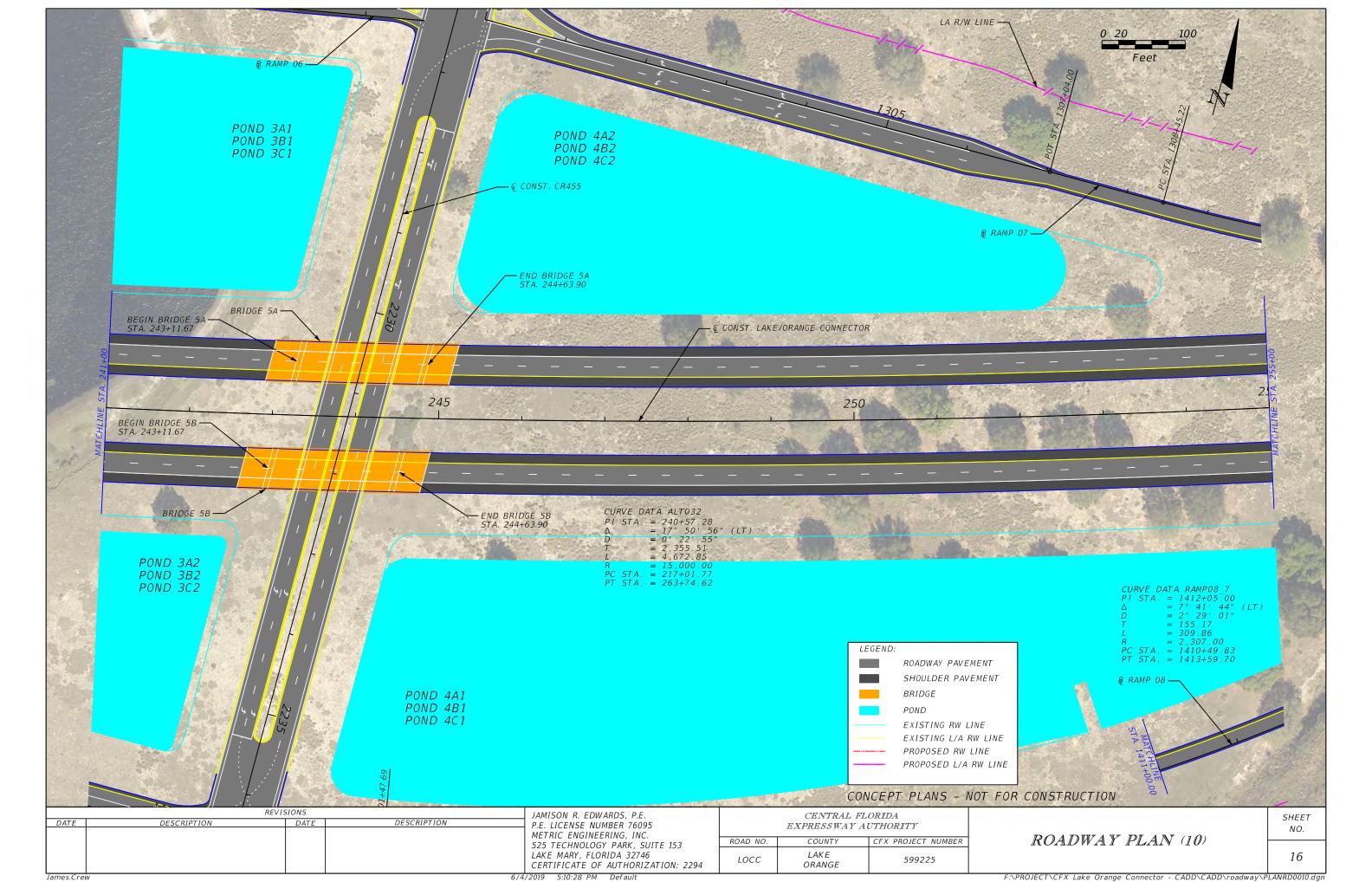
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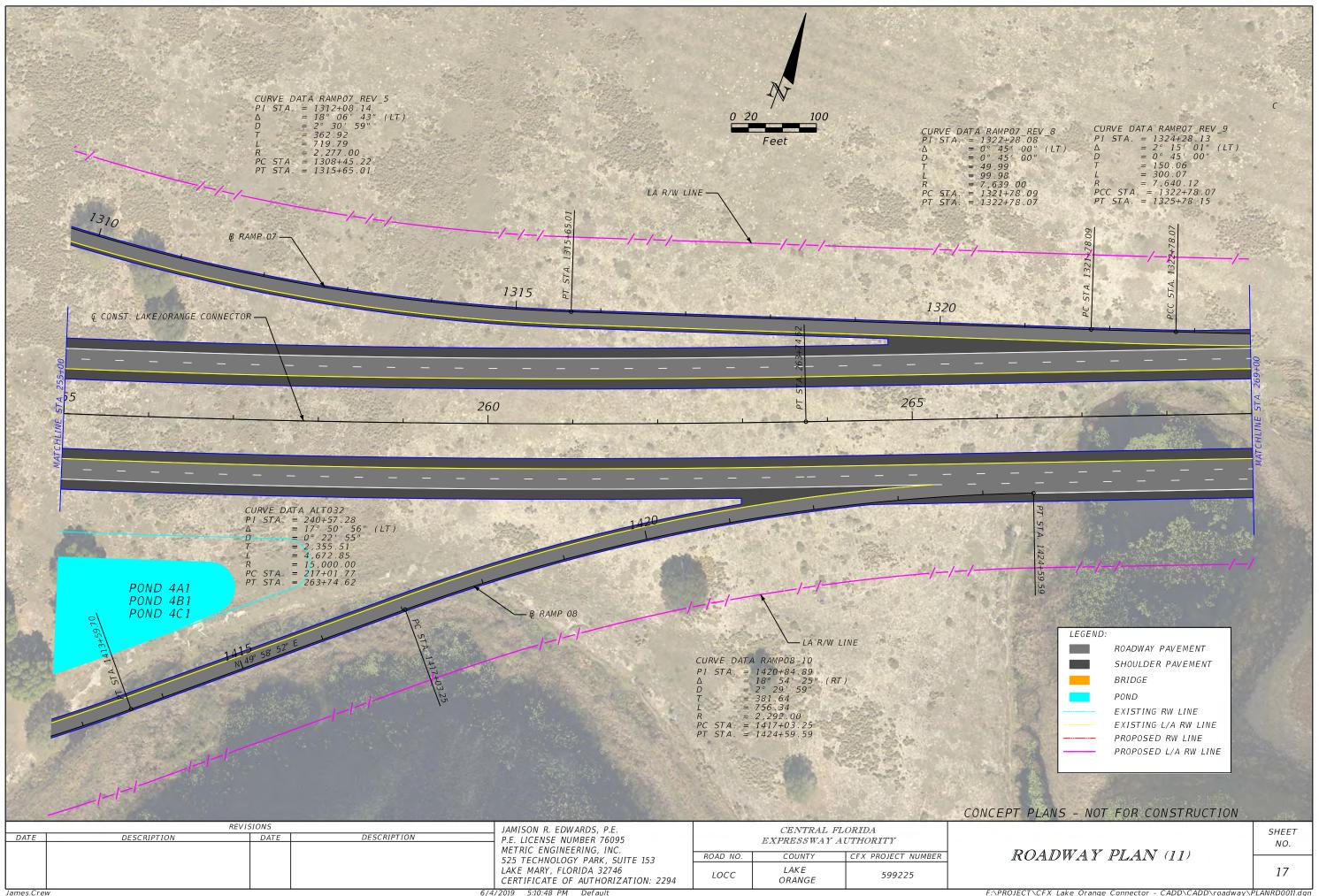




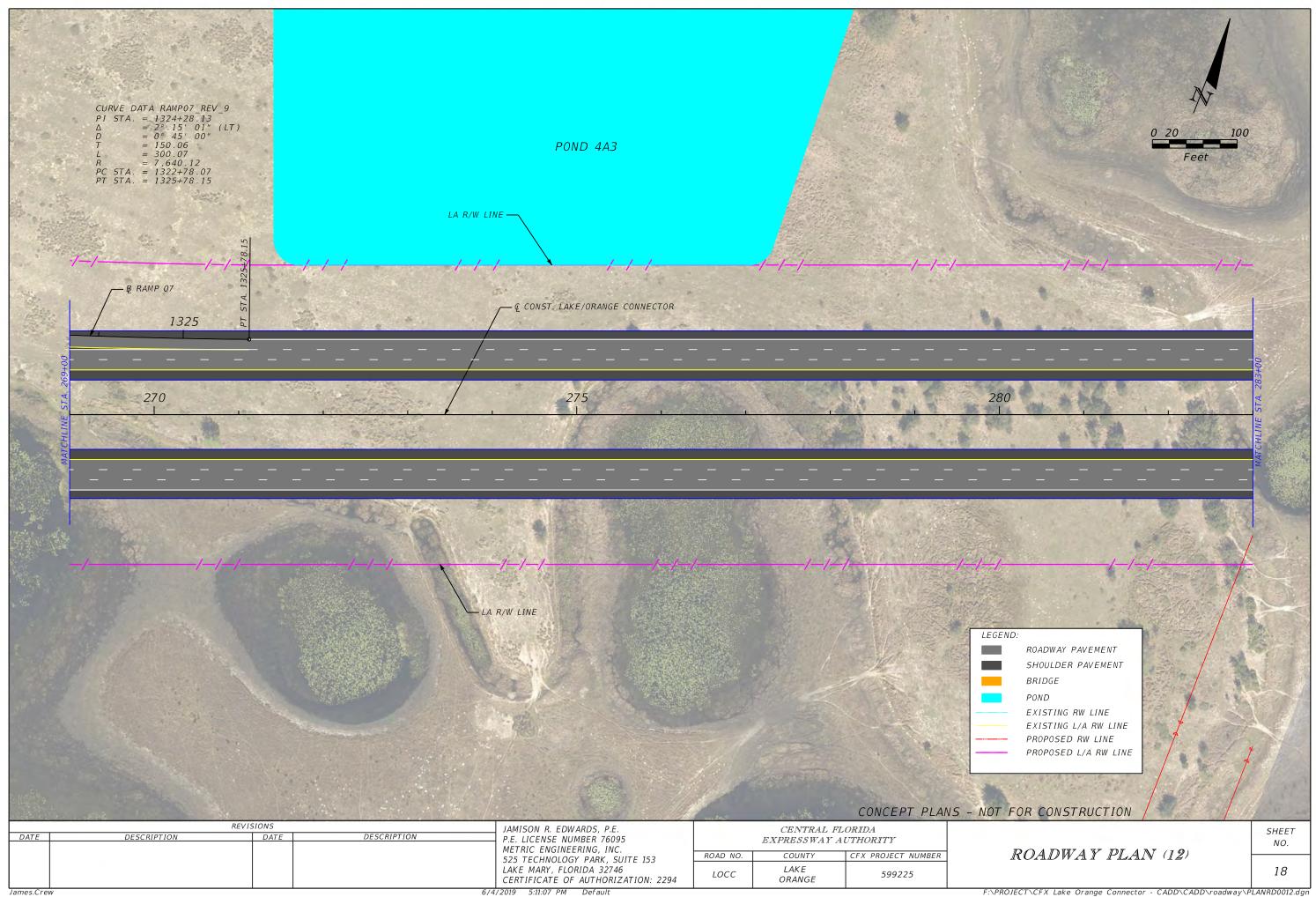




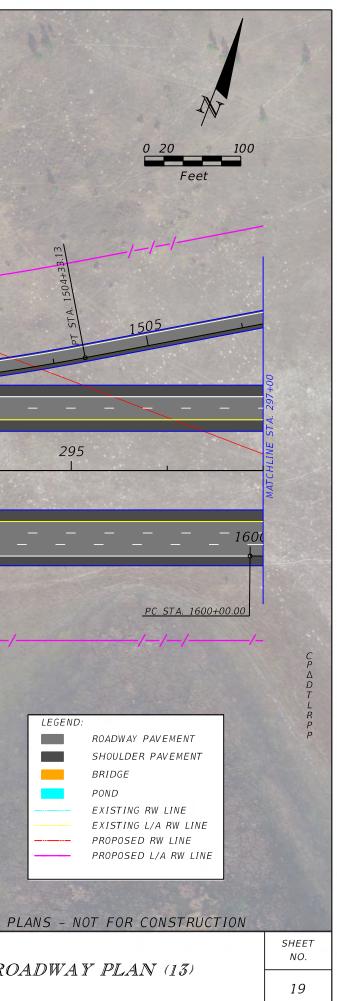




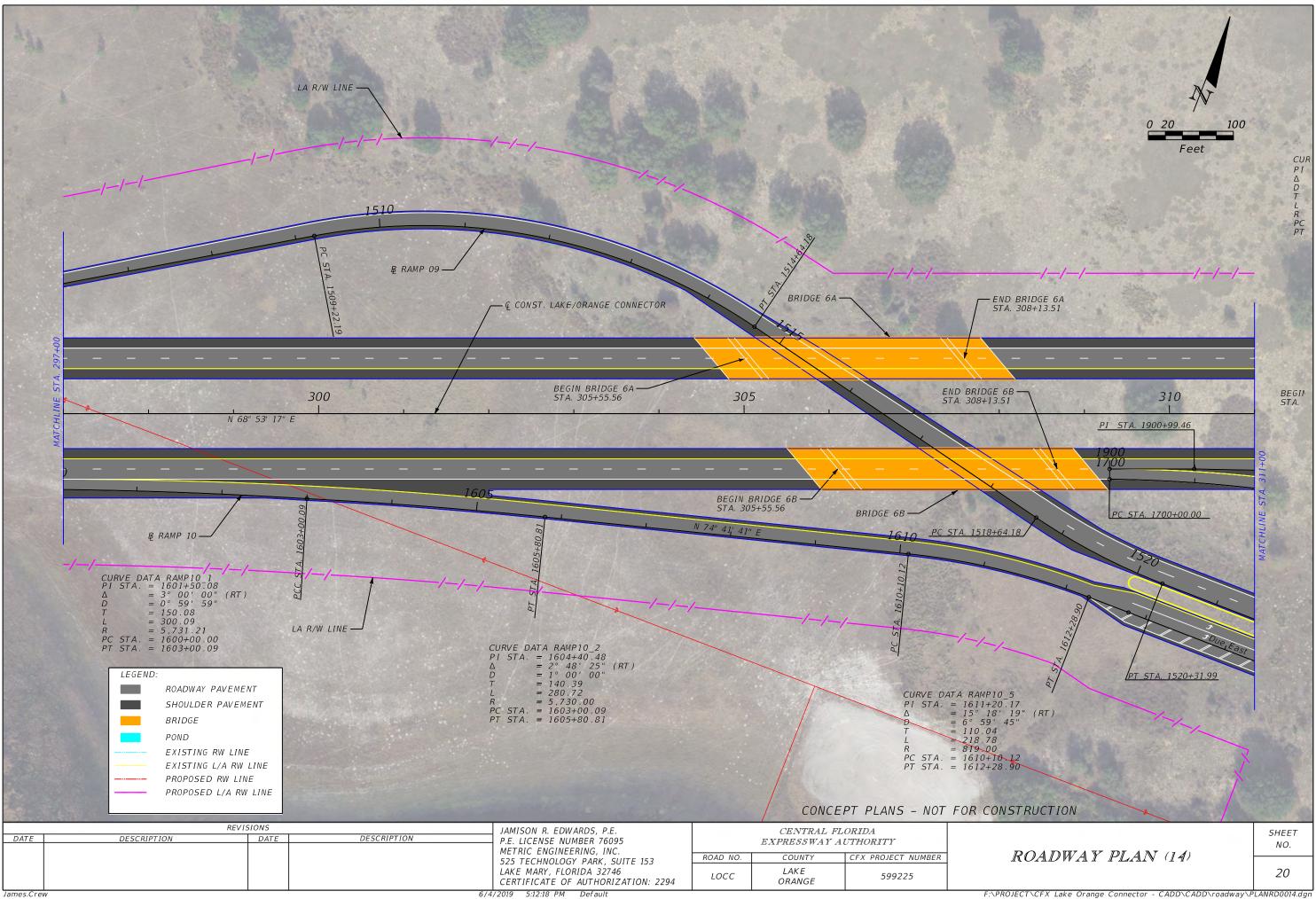
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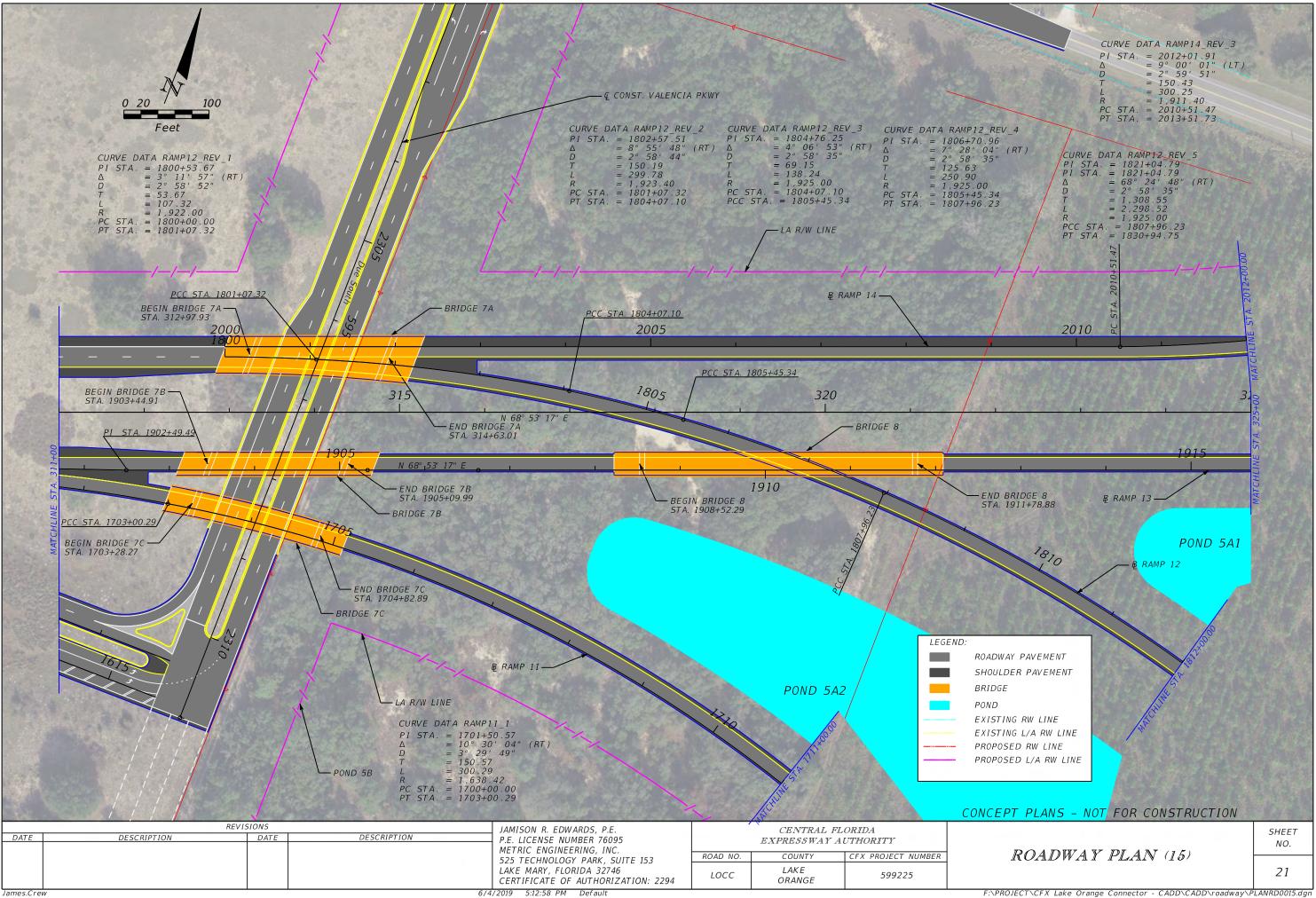


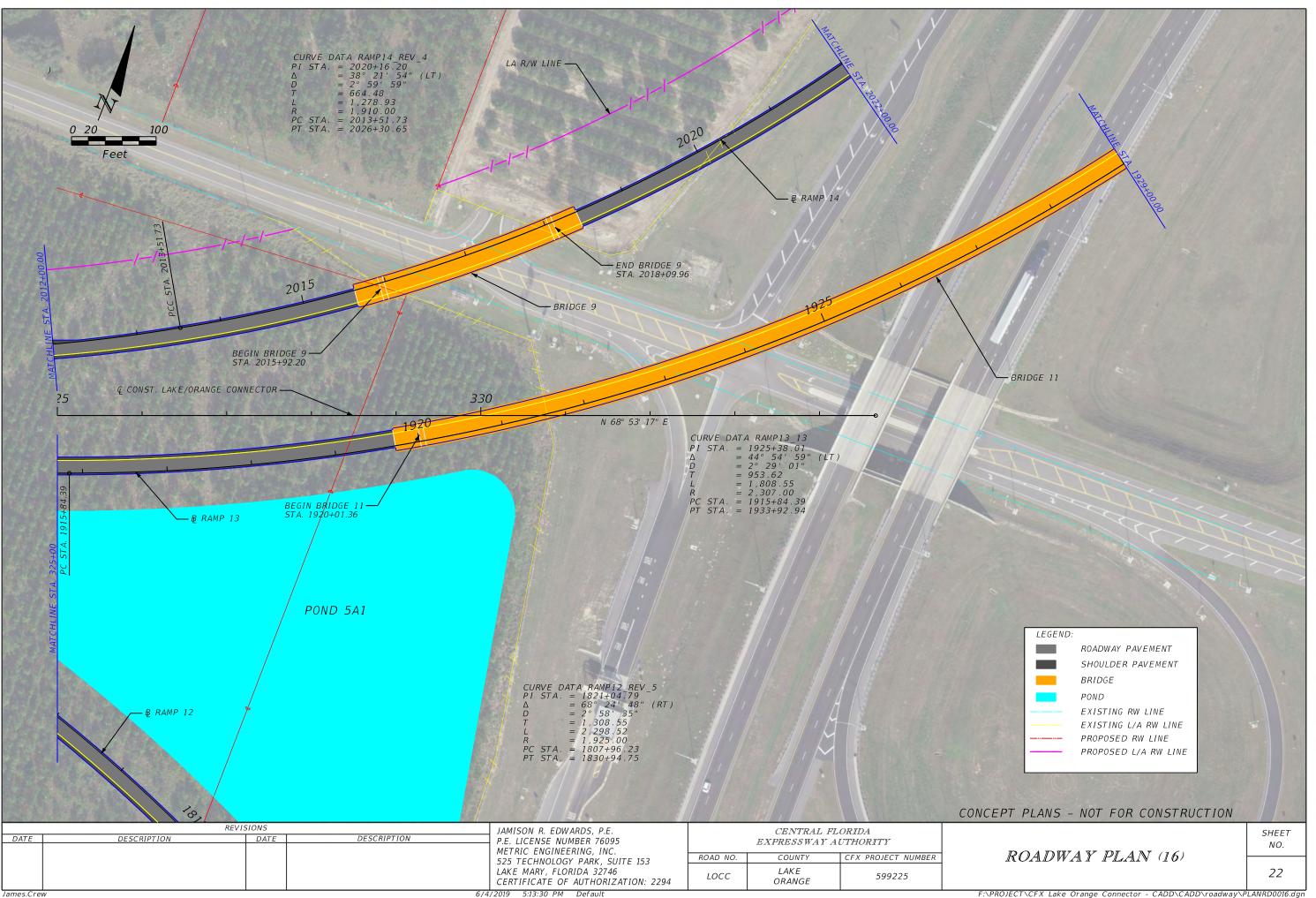
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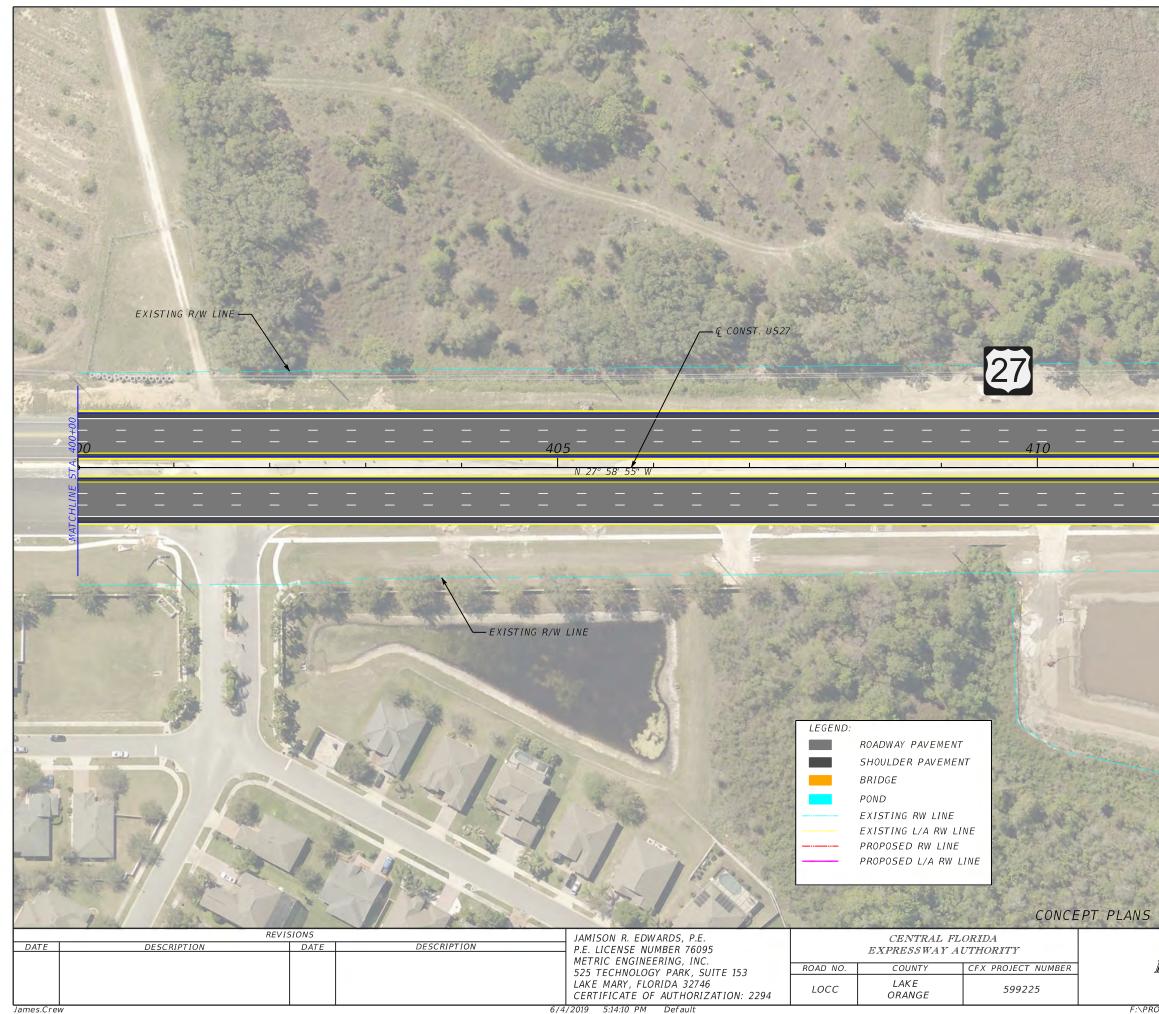


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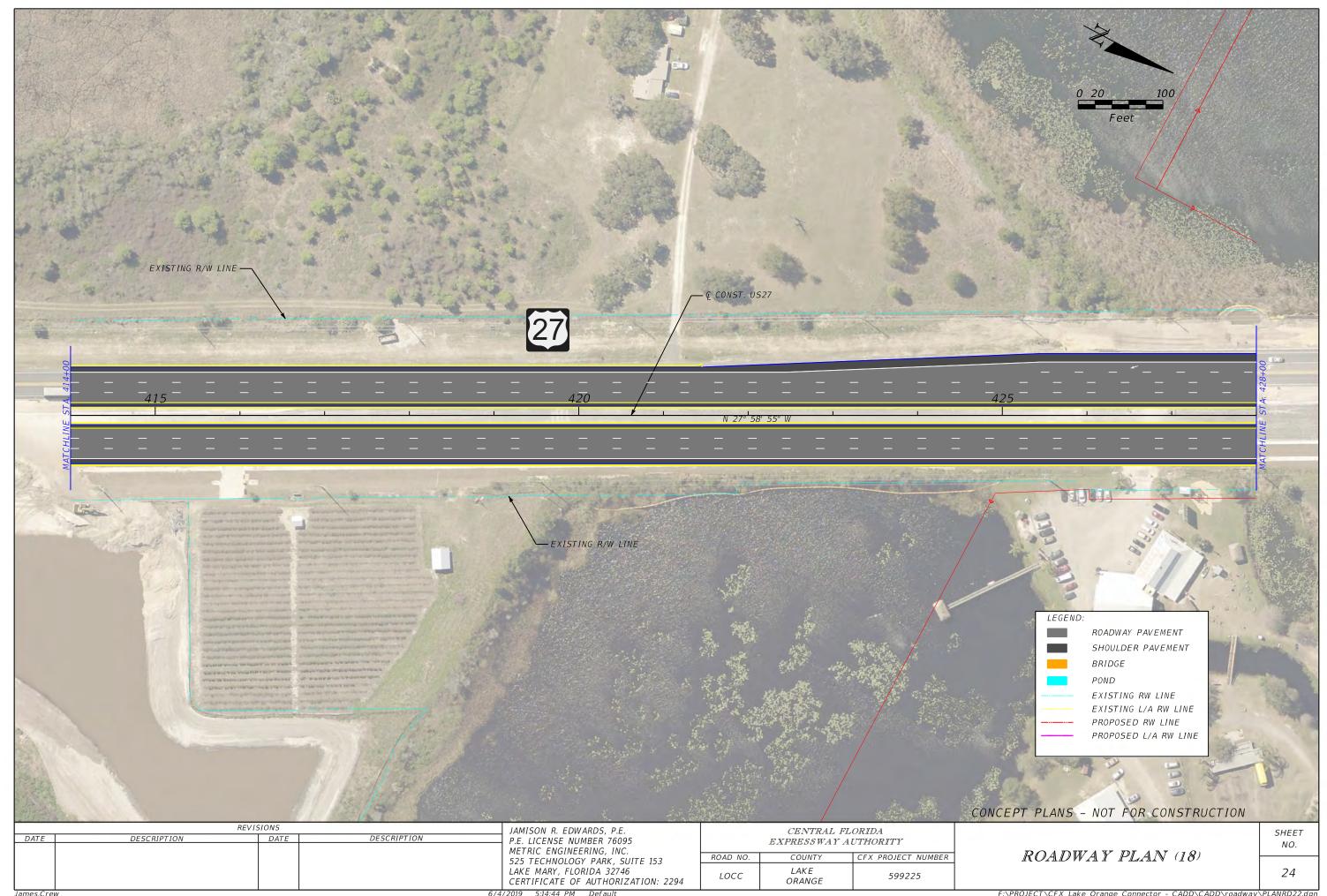




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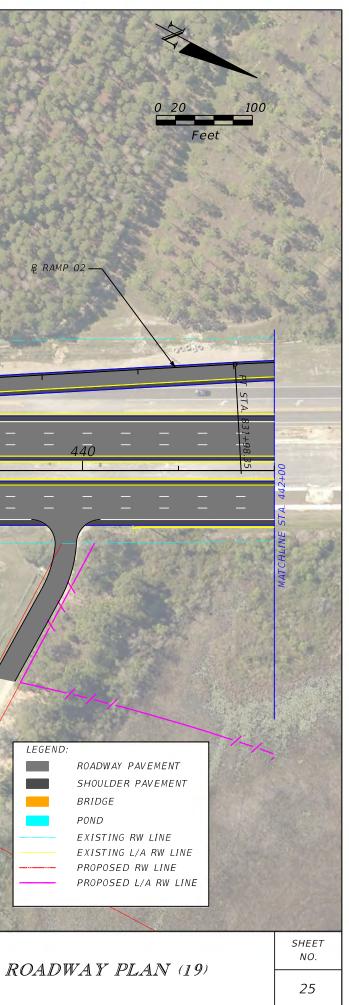
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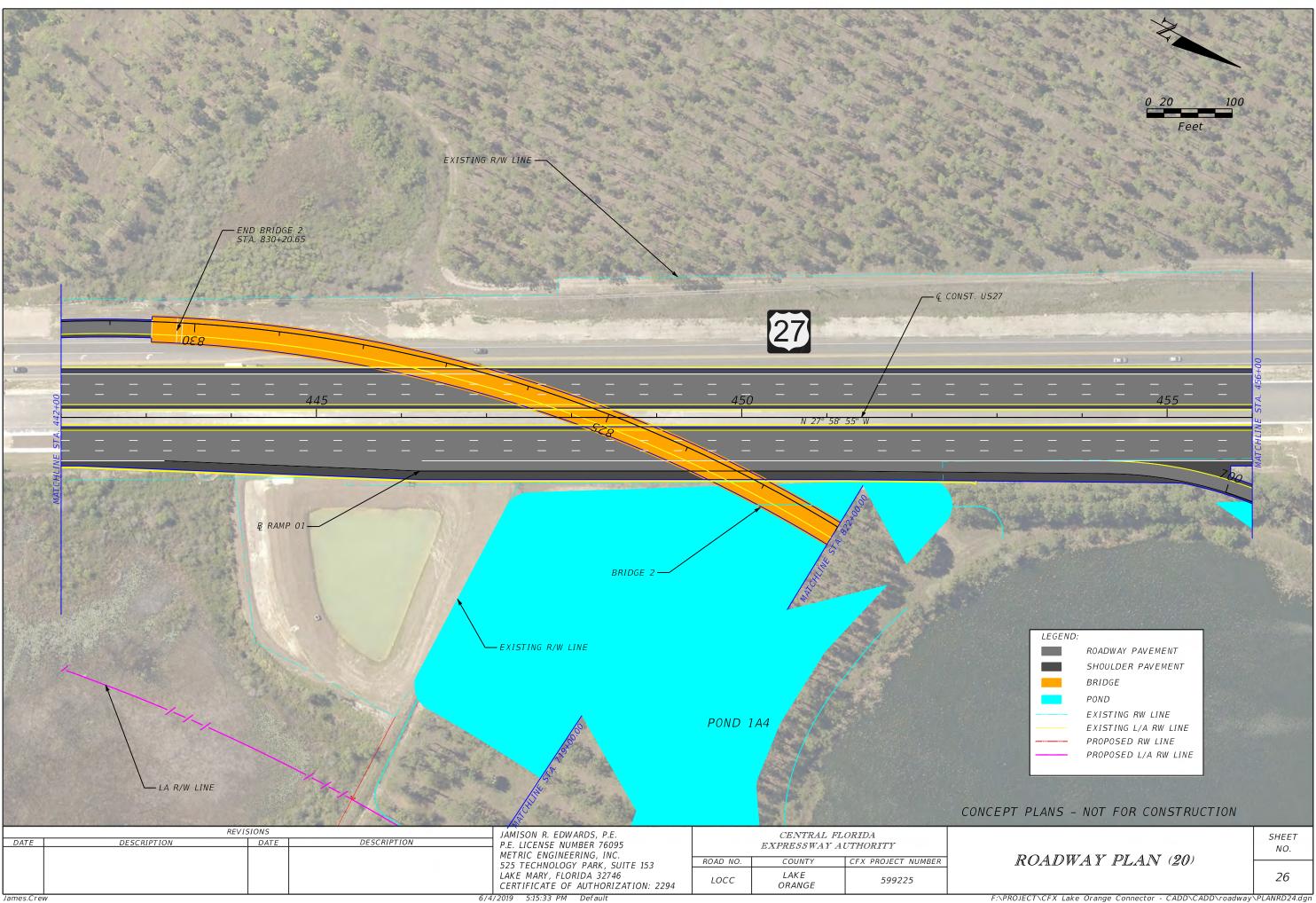


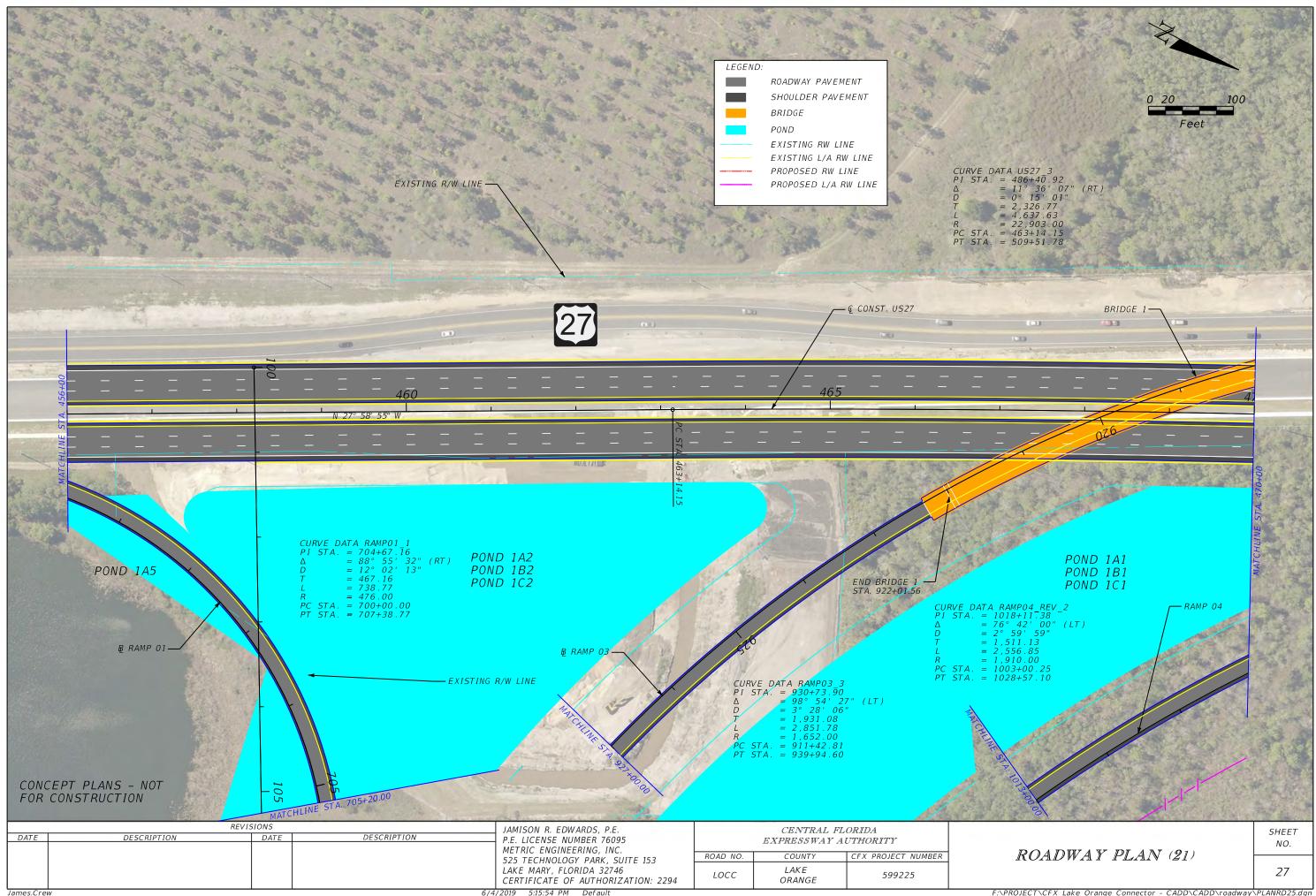
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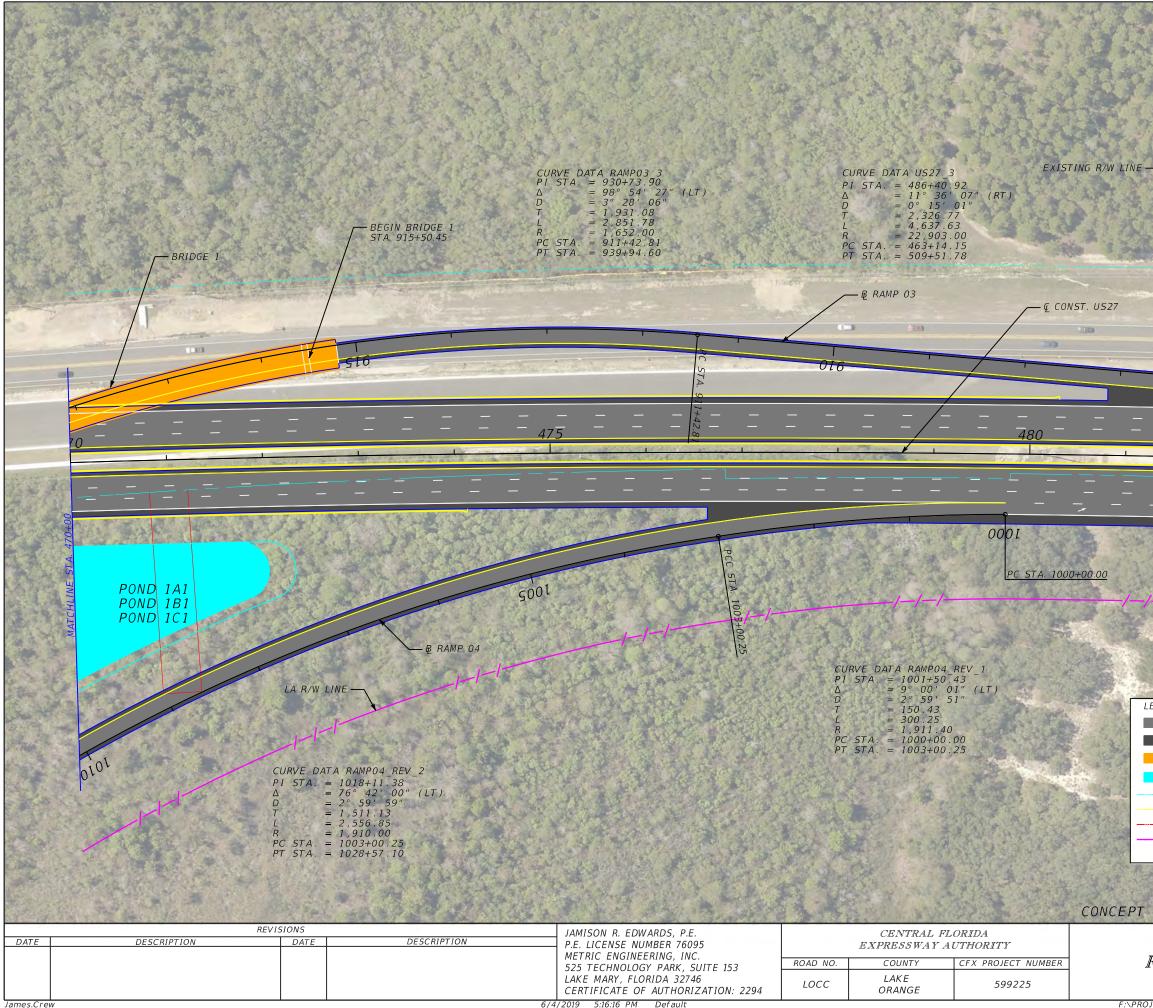
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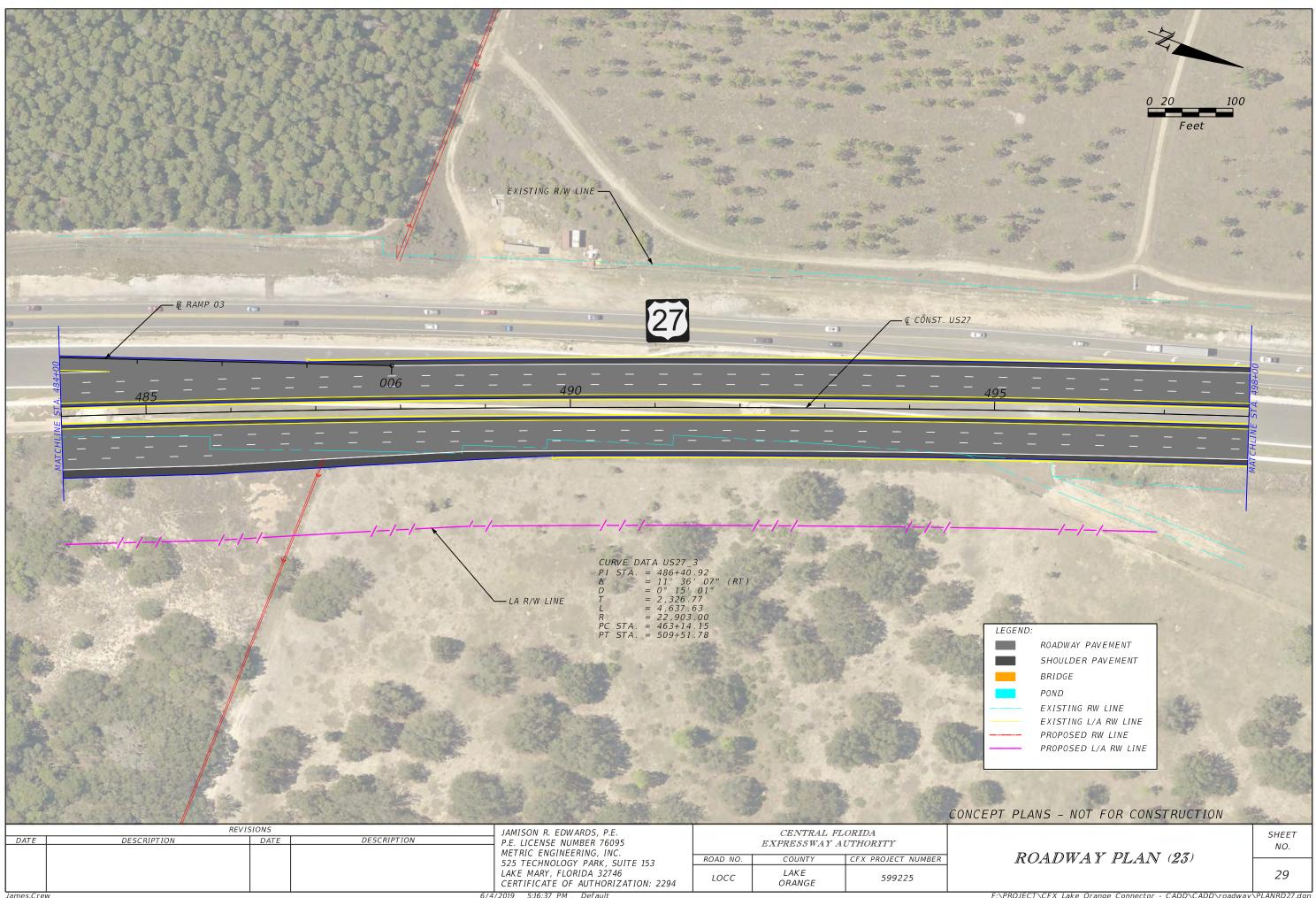
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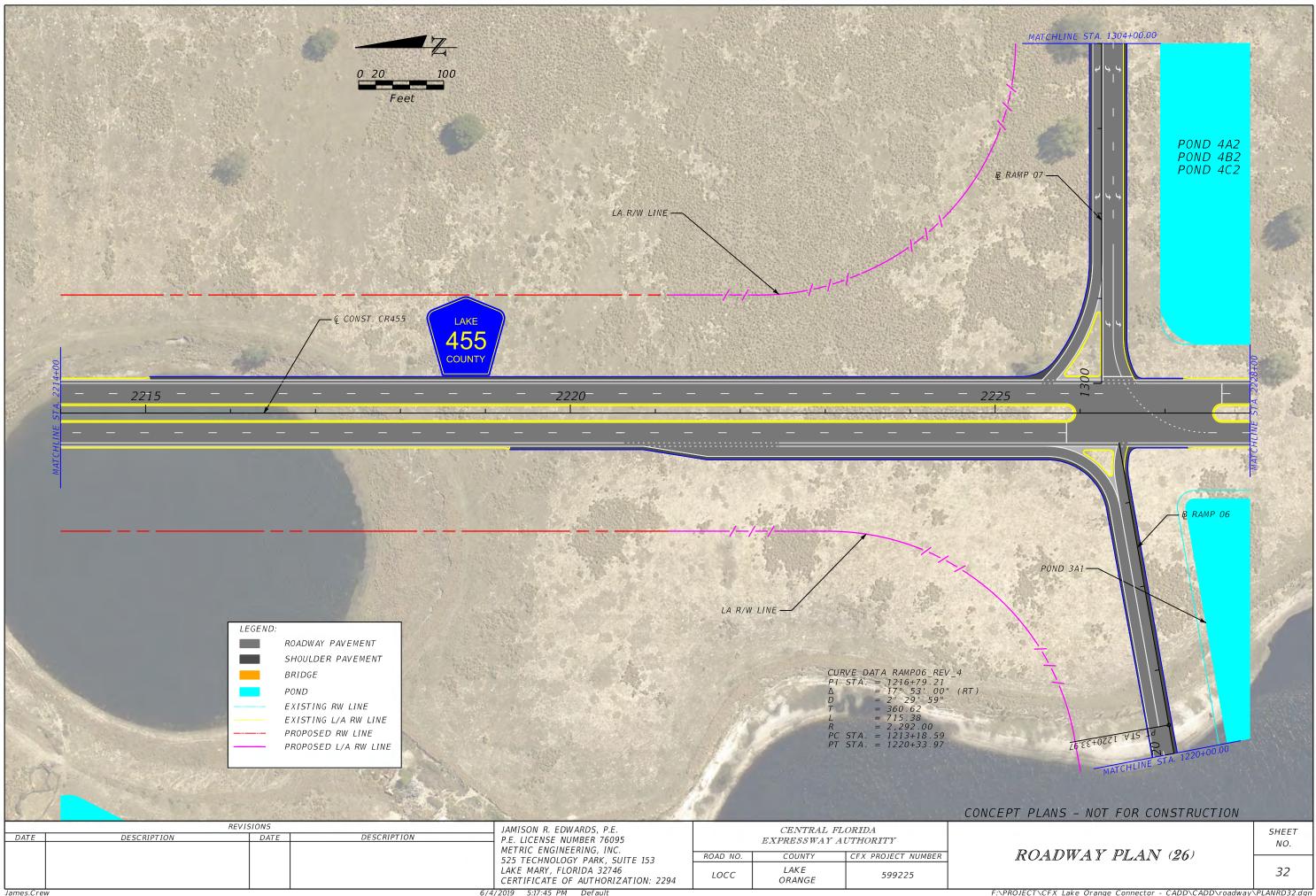
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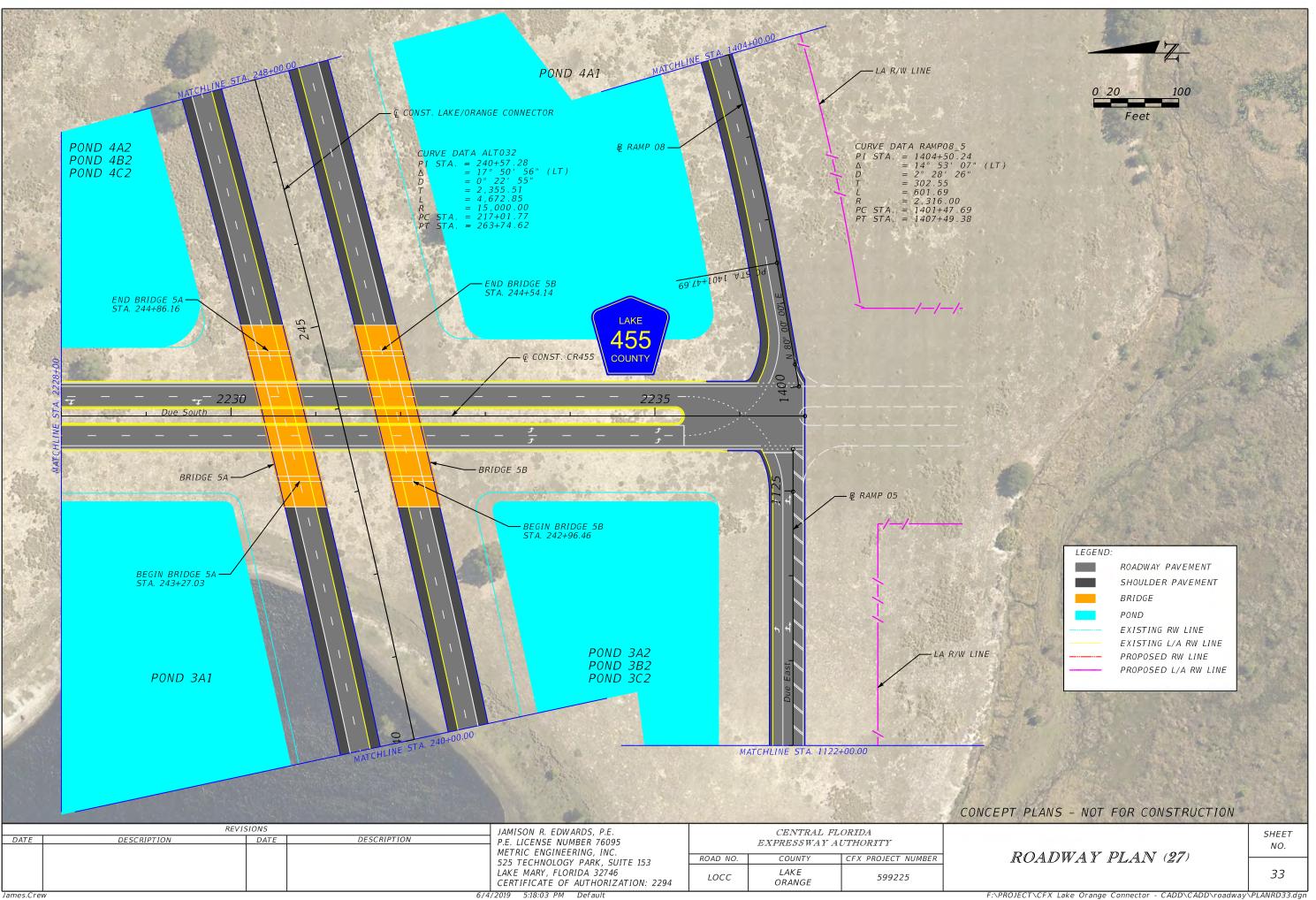
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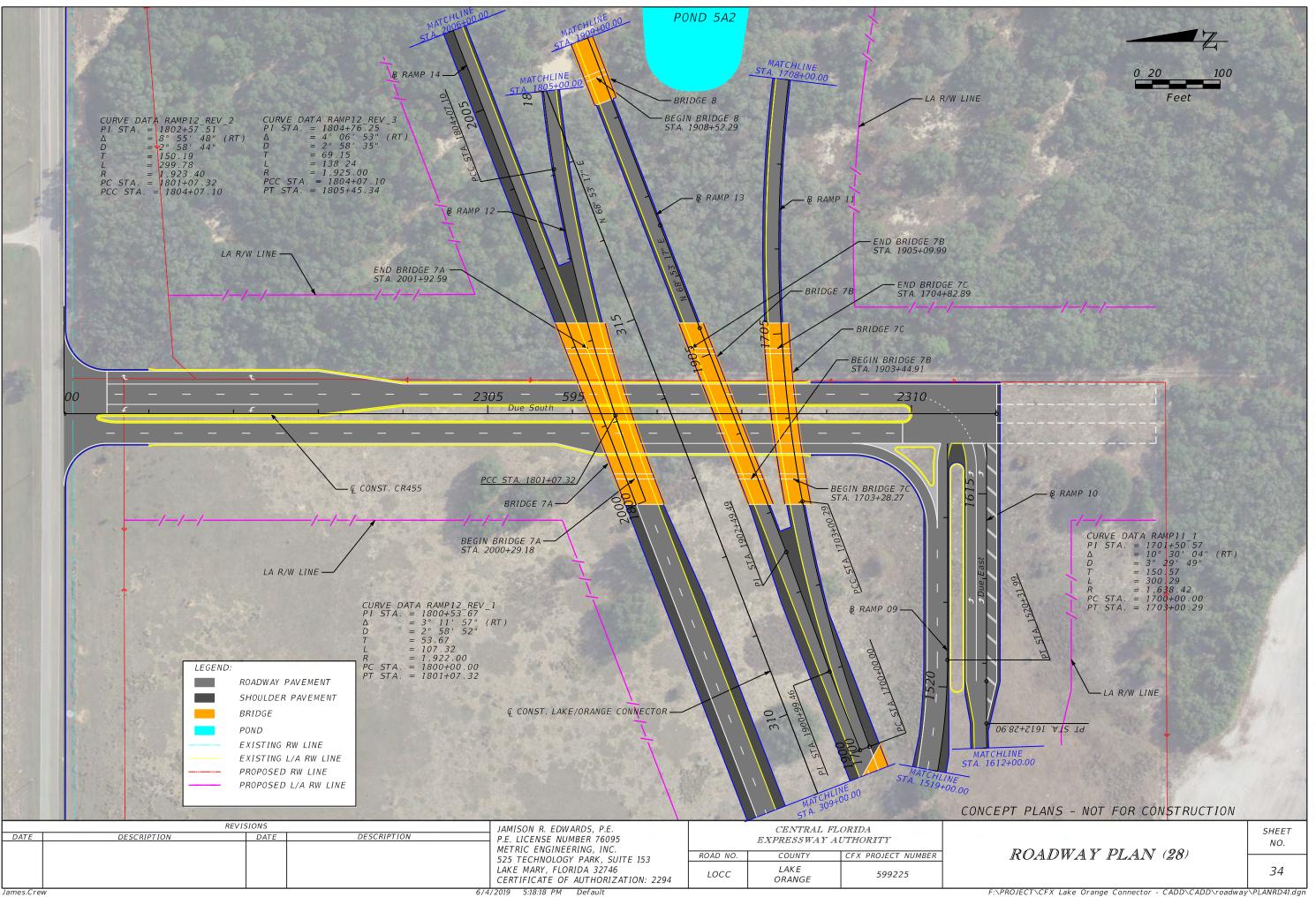


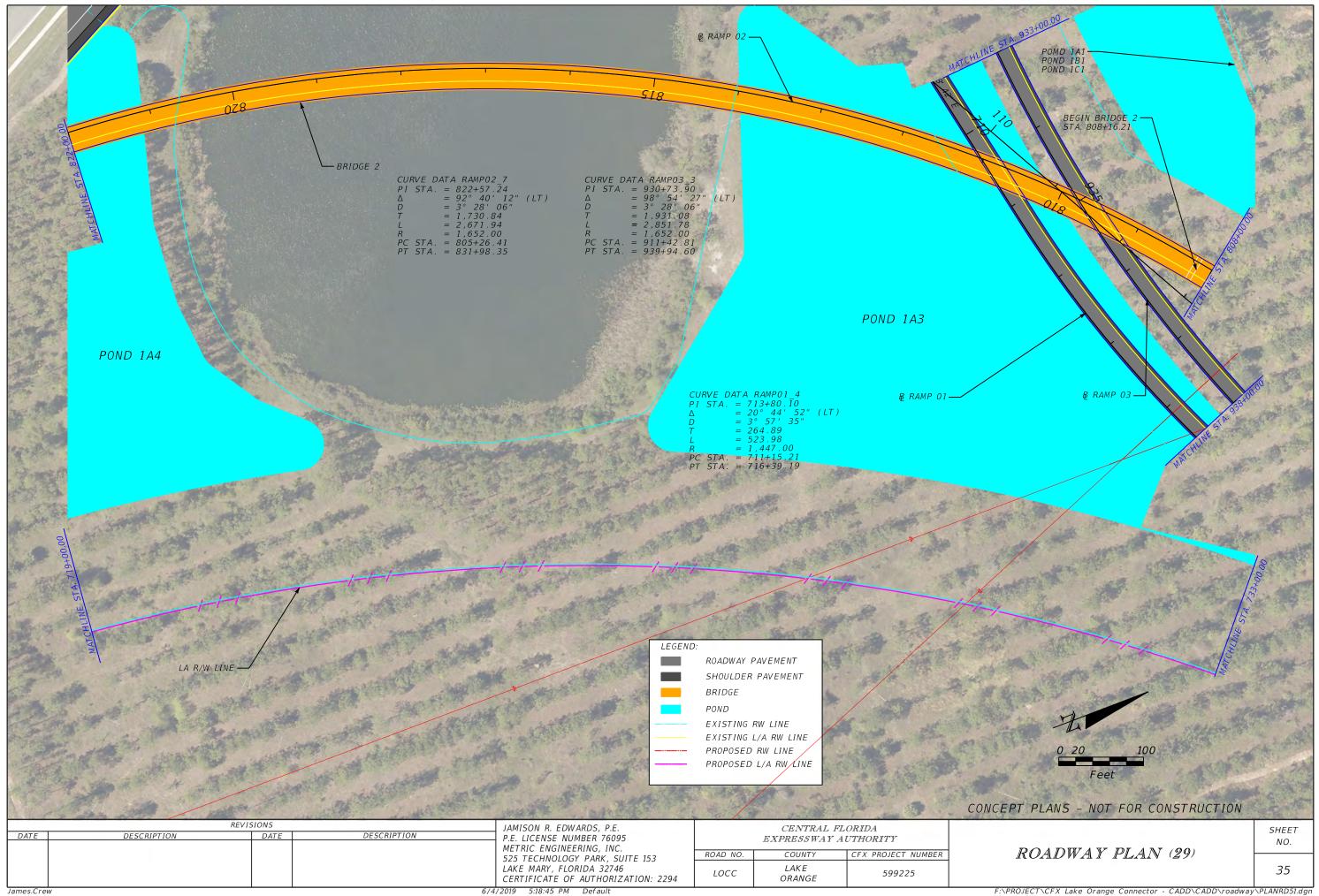
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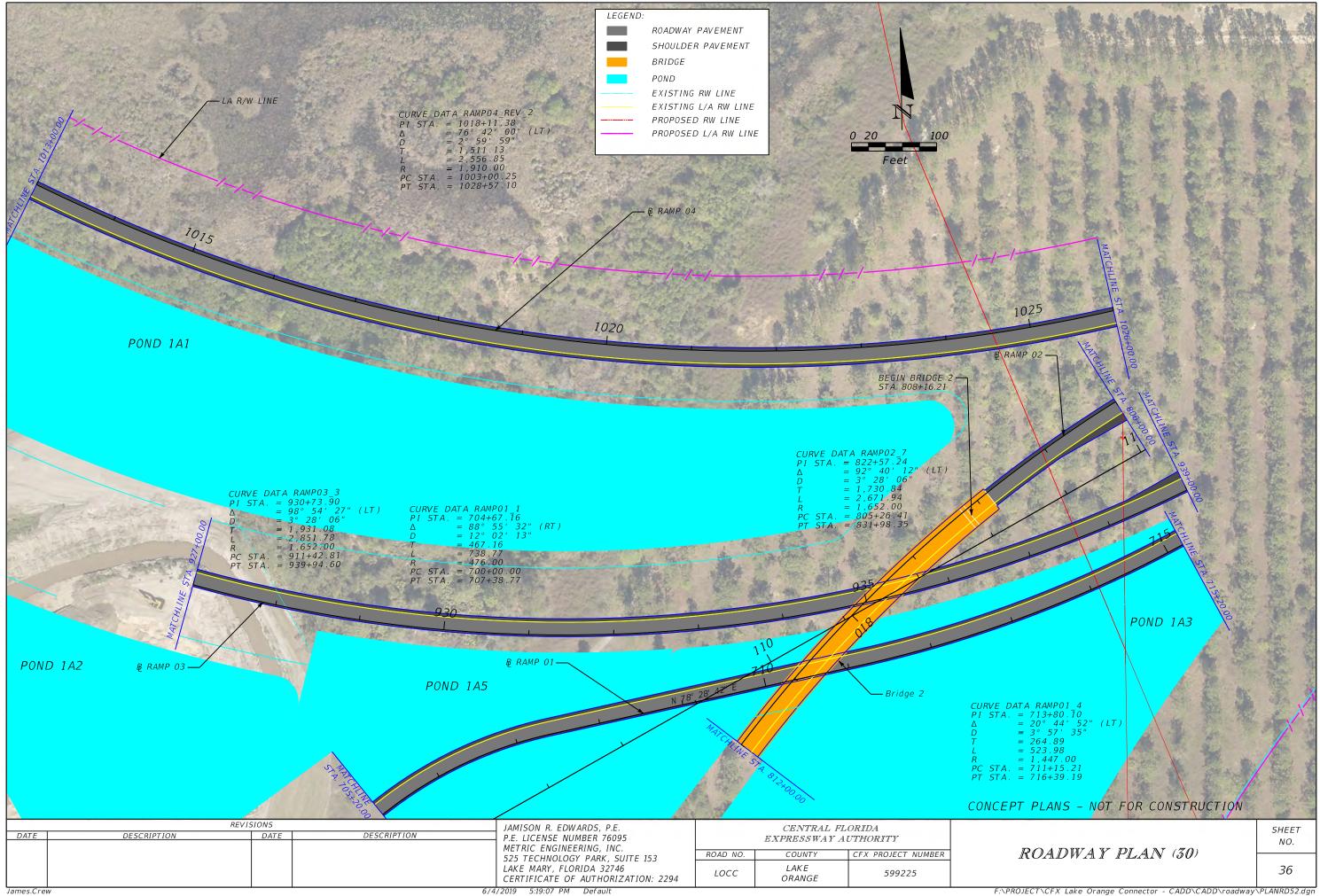


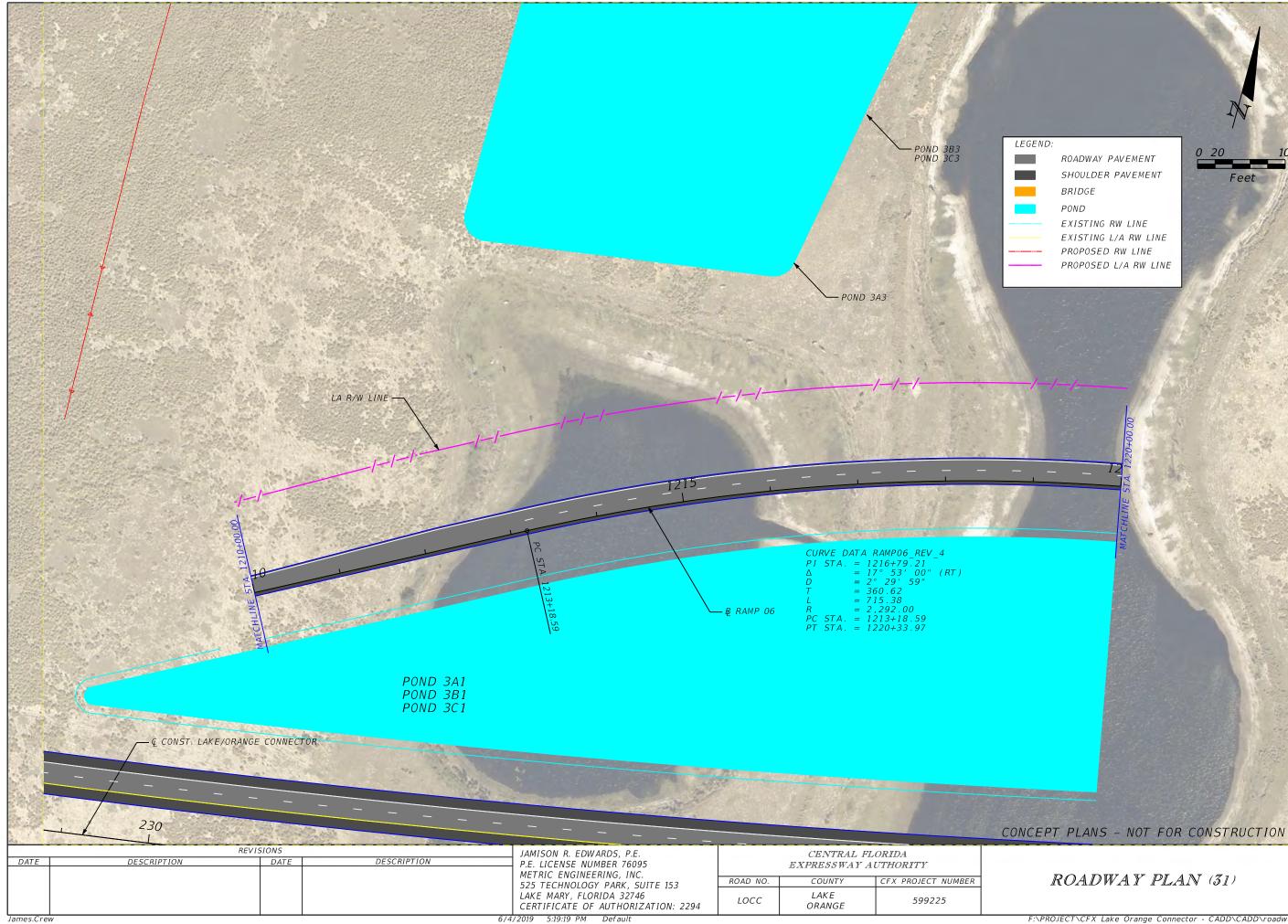
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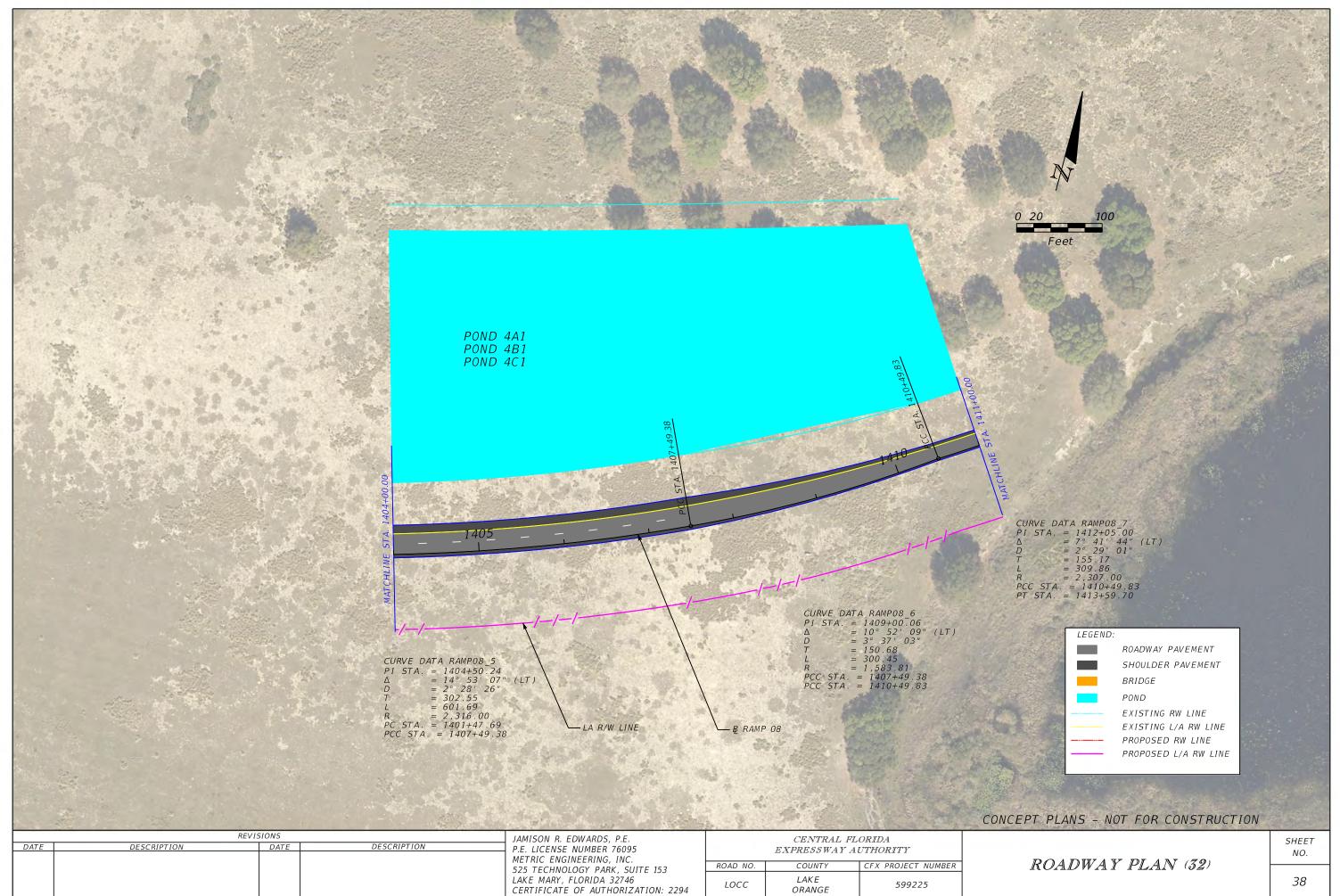


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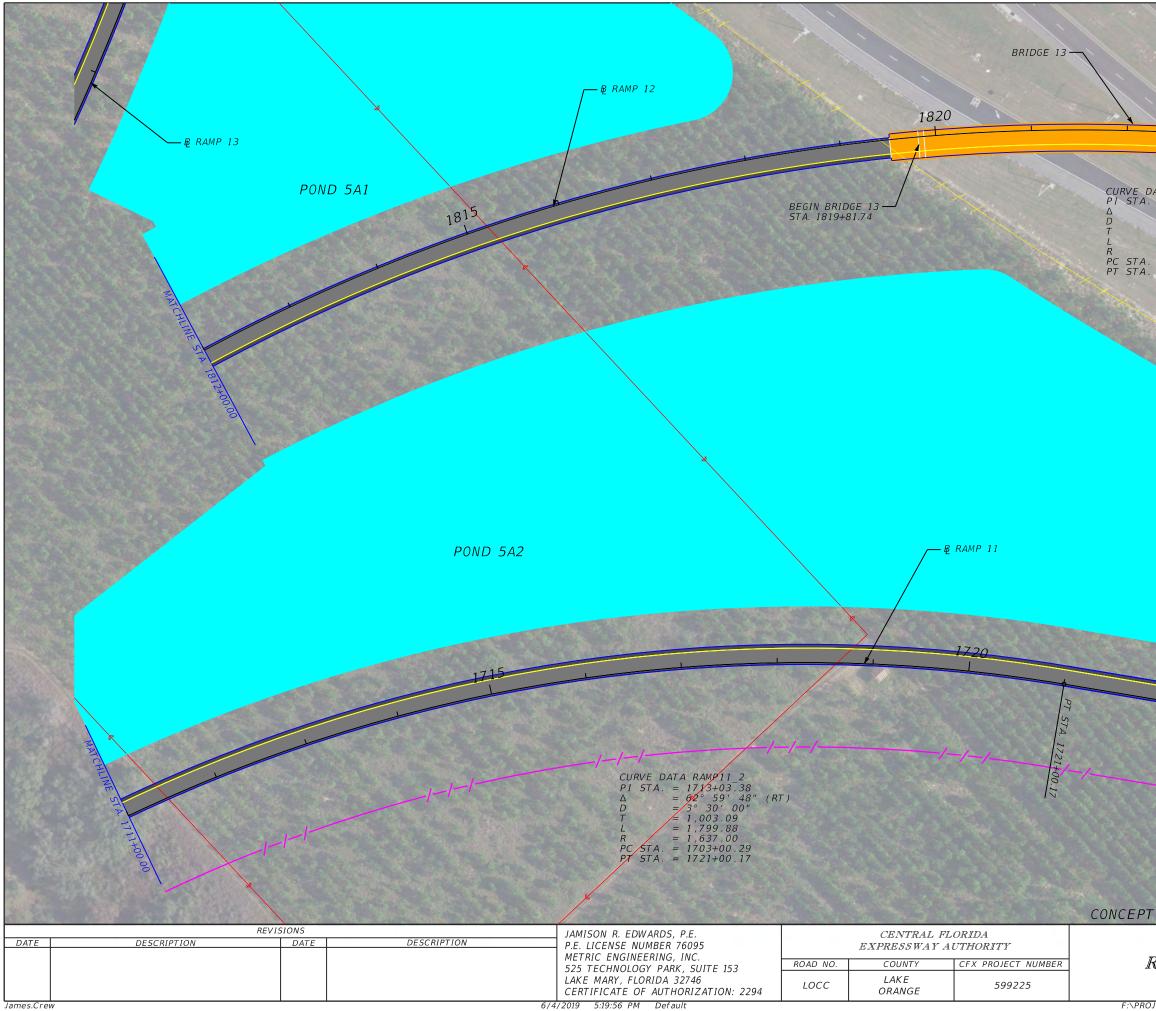
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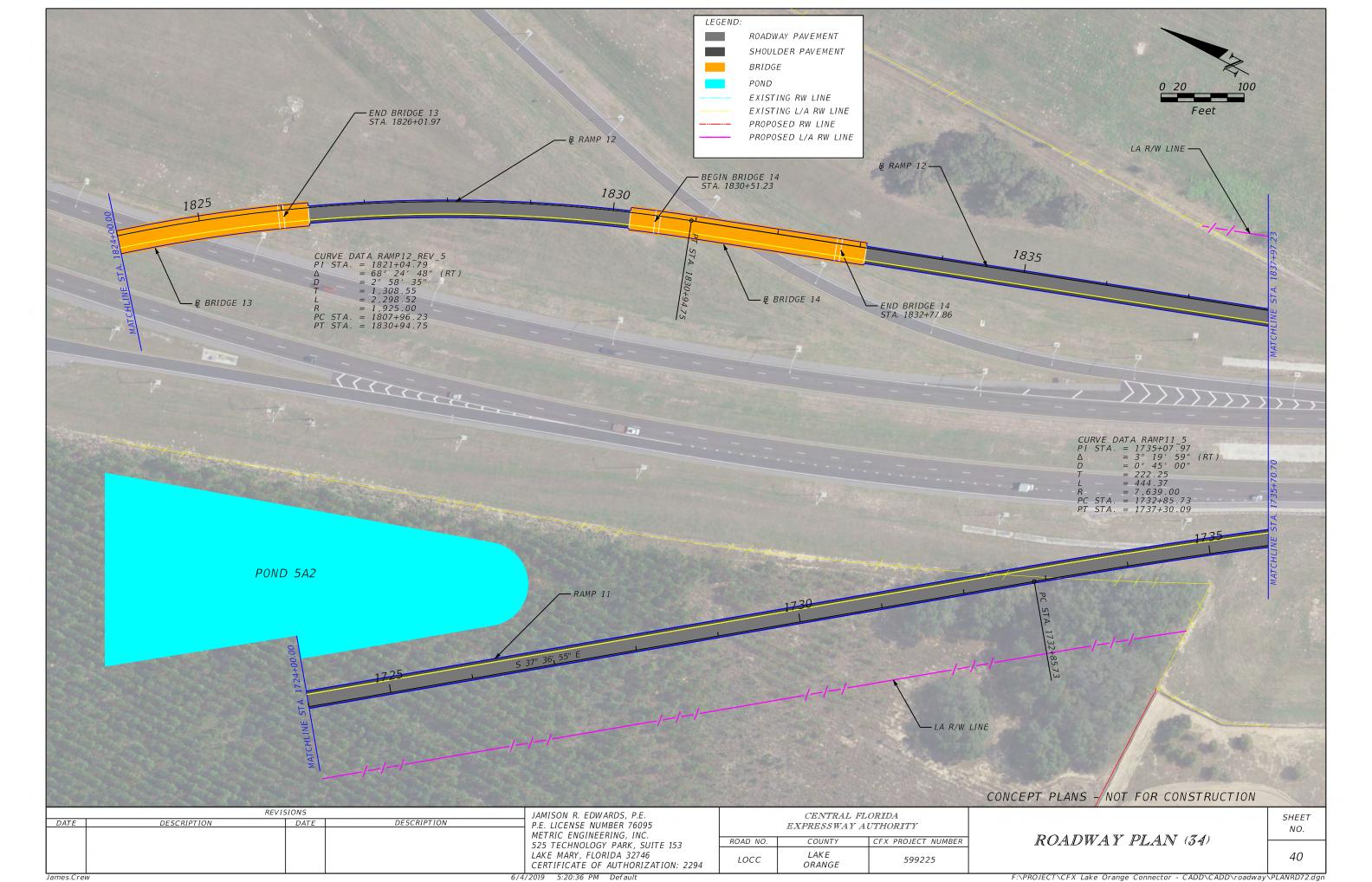
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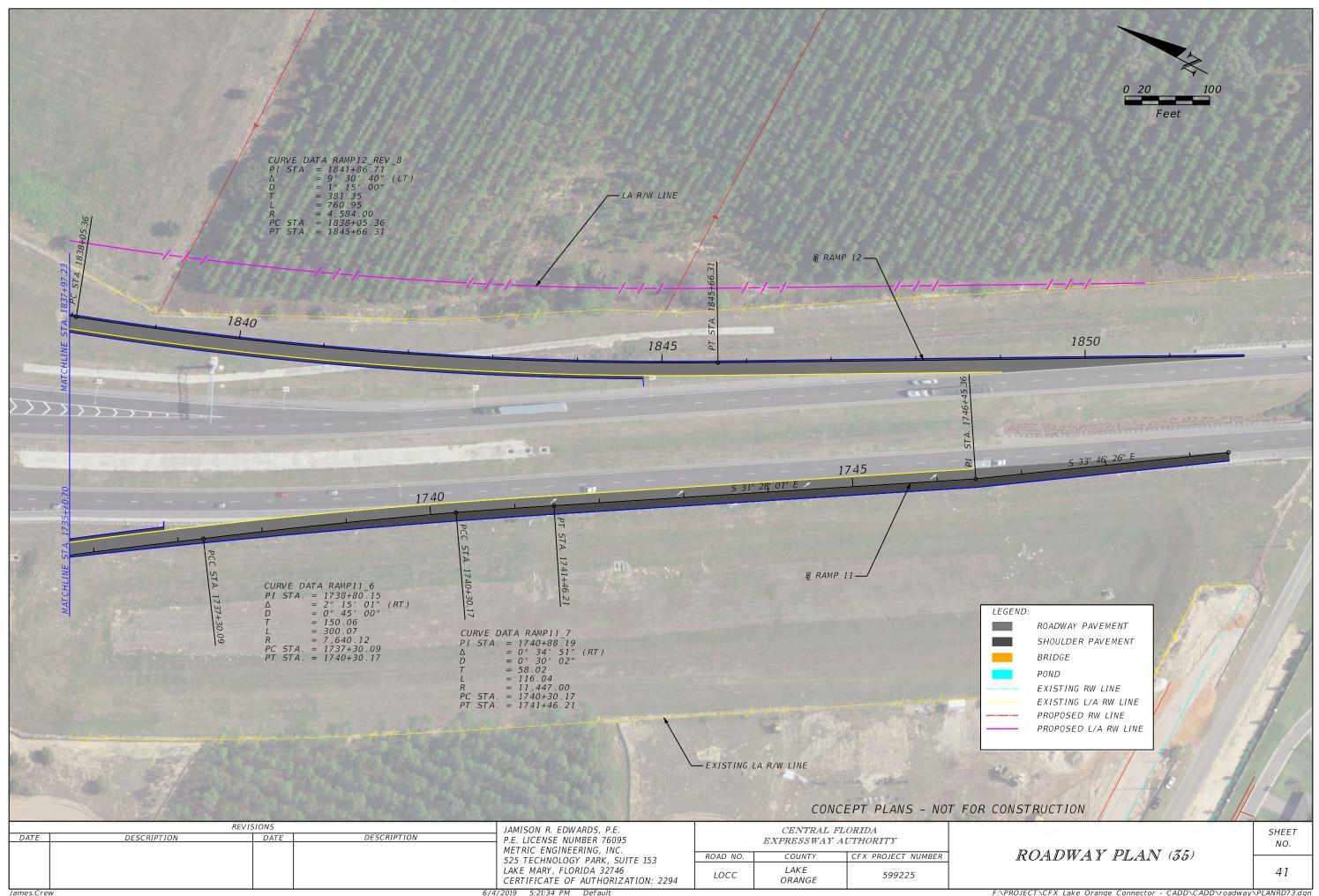
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