



Spring 2023

# SR 528/DALLAS BOULEVARD INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT STUDY

## PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

**DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023**  
**LOCATION: WEDGEFIELD GOLF CLUB**

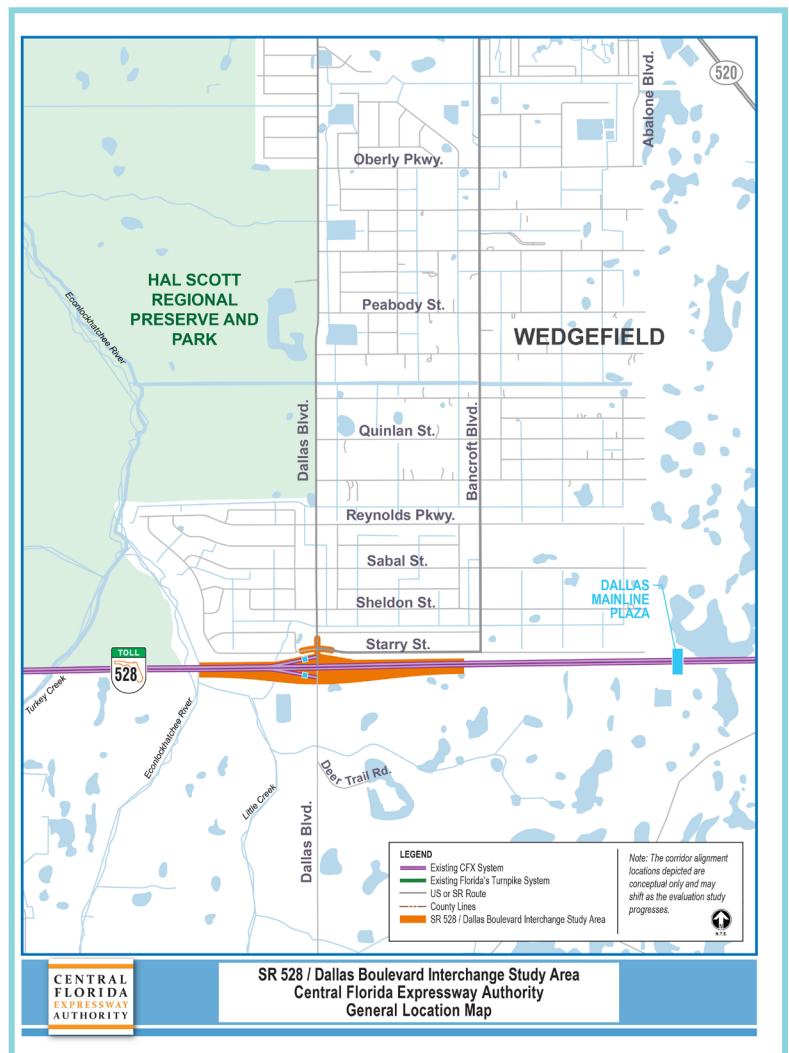
The Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX) held a public information meeting for the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study for the State Road 528 (Martin B. Andersen Beachline Expressway) and the Dallas Boulevard Interchange on Thursday, April 27, 2023. Participants could choose from an in-person and a virtual option for attendance:

- The in-person public meeting was held at Wedgfield Golf Club, 20550 Maxim Parkway, Orlando, FL 32833 on Thursday, April 27, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The open house format provided attendees the opportunity to view displays and a looped video presentation, ask questions about the project and get answers from project staff, and submit comments.
- A simultaneous virtual (online) session was hosted from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. through the online meeting platform GoToWebinar. Participants were able to view a presentation about the study and ask questions and provide comments in writing. The project is anticipated to move into the design phase and another public meeting will be held.

### I. Project Background

Currently, the Dallas Boulevard interchange (Exit 24) on SR 528 is a half interchange – an interchange consisting of a westbound on-ramp and an eastbound off-ramp. Residents within the Wedgfield community must travel north to access SR 520, then travel south to access SR 528 in the eastbound direction – a distance that can range from approximately seven to thirteen miles – and vice versa when travelling westbound on SR 528. This new interchange would provide enhanced access and mobility to the

## STUDY MAP





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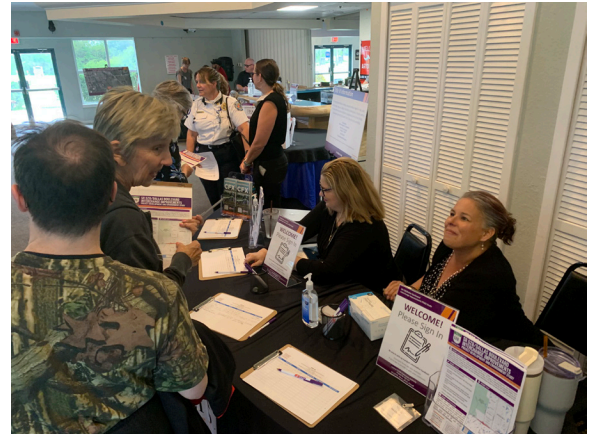
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community and eastern Orange County. Through requests from, and coordination with, Orange County staff, the SR 528/Dallas Boulevard interchange has been added to the CFX current work plan and is fully funded for all phases from this PD&E study through construction.

## Public Notification

Public meeting invitation letters were mailed on April 12, 2023 to 4,129 property owners and tenants along the corridor. Invitations were also emailed and mailed to 19 elected officials and their aides.

Meeting information was also posted on the project webpage and posted in the CFX lobby.



## II. Media Notification

The public meeting was advertised with legal ads in the Orlando Sentinel on April 20, 2023. A notice was published in the Florida Administrative Register (FAR) on April 20, 2023, and a press release was distributed to 42 media contacts on April 20, 2023.

## III. Public Meeting

The in-person public meeting at Wedgefield Golf Club was set up as an informal open house, where participants were welcome to come and go at their convenience, view displays, submit comments, and talk to the study team. The use of two large smart screens allowed the design team to provide meeting attendees with a more detailed view of the study exhibits, and toggle to the Orange County Property Appraiser's website as needed. A looping PowerPoint presentation gave attendees an overview of the project's need, scope, and other details.



The following display boards were exhibited at the in-person public meeting:

- Project location map
- Roll plots for each alternative

The presentation for the virtual meeting mirrored the presentation shown at the in-person meeting. Online attendees were able to view the same materials and displays shown at the in-person meeting. Throughout the virtual meeting, meeting attendees were able to submit comments and ask questions of the design team in writing via the GoToWebinar questions function.



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A recording of the presentation shown at the virtual meeting is available at: <https://youtu.be/Jet5k4rqKks>

## IV. Meeting Attendance

Approximately 90 people attended the meeting at Wedgefield Golf Club and 42 people attended the virtual meeting. Attendees included representatives from the Orange County Fire Rescue.

## V. Public Comments

Twenty-one comments were submitted during the in-person public meeting, and 24 comments were sent via the

GoToWebinar questions function during the virtual meeting. The following section summarizes the categories of comments received, as well as some related statements for each category.

Comments and questions received included Noise Walls:

- “We need the sound barrier walls.”
- “Requesting sound barrier walls.”

Support of the roundabout alternative:

- “The proposed interchange will add many benefits to our community by allowing additional evacuation routes, reducing motor vehicle traffic in the congested northern area of the community, and improve the current interchange along Dallas Blvd/SR528, especially the intersection of Starry Rd/Dallas Blvd that is disjointed and difficult to navigate due to poor road condition.”

Questions about tolls:

- “Will the Dallas toll be consistent with the 520/528 toll?”
- “Will they consider removing the toll coming and going out of the neighborhood? Or maybe give us a break by just removing one toll booth.”



## VI. Publicizing Public Meeting Materials

Study materials and the presentation were posted on the study webpage (<https://www.cfxway.com/agency-information/plans-studies/project-studies/pde-study-sr-528-dallasboulevard-interchange/>) on May 1, 2023.