

**Draft Meeting Minutes  
International Drive  
Community Redevelopment Area (CRA)  
Advisory Committee  
February 7, 2019**

Members Present: Kevin Kennedy – Vice Chairman  
Melanie Becker  
Sam Butler

County Staff Present: Carla Bell Johnson – Orange County Convention Center  
Raymond Williams – Public Works Engineering Division  
Jennie Perley – Public Works Engineering Division  
Colleen Lutz – Public Works Engineering Division  
Frank Yokiell – Public Works Traffic Engineering Division  
Jay Wallace – Office of Management and Budget  
Renzo Nastasi – Traffic Engineering Division

Others Present: Alan Helman  
Maria Triscari  
Chrissy Martin  
Ella Wood

**I. Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Kevin Kennedy called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. at the Convention Center, 9800 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819.

**II. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**III. Administrative Items**

The minutes for November 8, 2018 were not approved due to a lack of a quorum.

Ms. Beth Thibodaux's term has expired and we are pending a new Efficient Transportation for the Community of Central Florida, Inc. Representative.

**IV. Financial Overview**

Mr. Jay Wallace reviewed the current financial status and projection sheet.

**V. CIP Progress Report**

Mr. Raymond Williams reviewed the International Drive Area Roadway Projects status.

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Interchange at John Young Parkway/Sand Lake Road FDOT schedule for construction began September 2016, estimated completion in Spring 2020. Ms. Carla Bell Johnson stated that bridge should be open Summer 2019.

Sand Lake Road from Apopka Vineland Road to Turkey Lake Road widening is anticipating completion May 2020. Study has been complete and working on getting design consultant on board. Ms. Carla Bell Johnson stated that there are lots of underground utilities issues to be resolved before construction can be expedited.

International Drive- North Westwood Blvd to South Westwood Blvd is complete however there is an unresolved claim with the Contractor.

International Drive Transit Lanes project is approaching 90% construction plans. All title work has been received and new easements and rights of entry are required.

Mr. Renzo Nastasi reviewed the International Drive Transit Feasibility Study, FDOT Bridge Enhancements and Kirkman Road Extension projects.

International Drive Transit Network Feasibility Study originally included the International Drive corridor and a small portion of Universal Blvd. Orange County has reached out to HDR, Consultant, to complete a more in depth study to include the rest of Universal Blvd, an extension of Kirkman Rd and Tradeshow Blvd to assist in finding a more technologically advanced solution.

FDOT Bridge Enhancement bridge program currently includes two projects. Sand Lake Rd interchange with construction beginning in 2021 and Daryl Carter Parkway interchange with construction beginning in 2022. SR 528 interchange and Central Florida Parkway interchange has been moved off the 5-year plan. In the meantime, the current Westwood bridge will remain open.

Discussions with Universal Studios and FDOT have been ongoing to extend Kirkman Rd from Carrier Rd to Universal Blvd. Construction estimated to begin in 2020/2021. 30% plans have been submitted, pending 60% plans this month with projected design completed 2019. An MOU for Kirkman Rd Extension project between Orange County and Universal Studios will be on the BCC consent agenda of February 12, 2019 for approval.

**VI. Pedestrian Safety Updates**

Mr. Frank Yokiell discussed the International Drive Crosswalk Areas Study, Universal Blvd Safety Action Plan and Westwood Blvd Pedestrian Crossing Study.

Five midblock crossings were analyzed in the International Drive Crosswalk Areas Study. The study recommends a full traffic signal at Austrian Court to accommodate vehicles and pedestrians. The Embassy Suites/Howl at the Moon location is

recommended to reduce the turning radii and relocate the crosswalk and potentially add a pedestrian signal. The Dave & Buster's location is recommended to install a full traffic signal. The Pointe Orlando location recommends the concentration of multiple crossings into one location. Two options have been provided to Pointe Orlando and are pending their feedback. Pedestrian fencing is also under consideration for the median. The current recommendation at the Hyatt location is to reduce the turning radii, match current fencing to accommodate channelization of pedestrians to the pedestrian bridge and extend the bus pull outs.

Universal Safety Action Plan has a number of projects. Rosen College midblock crossing is being removed and repaving of Universal Blvd is required to remove the pavement markings. Estimated list of projects to be presented at May 2019 meeting.

Some Westwood Blvd Pedestrian Crossing work has been completed. Currently crosswalks are being removed and relocated and a mast arm for an overhead pedestrian signal is in the works.

## **VII. Regional Transportation Updates**

Ms. Carla Bell Johnson provided updates on projects within the district.

Turnpike Enterprise is designing a new interchange at Sand Lake Road and the Turnpike. 60% design complete, projected construction to start in 2022.

Beachline express lanes are now expected to be complete by June 2019.

I-4 continues and still scheduled for completion in 2021. I-4 Beyond the Ultimate schedule is in flux and would include the complete reconstruction of the Sand Lake Rd interchange.

Brightline has been rebranded to Virgin Trains USA. Service is expected in 2021/2022 at the intermodal transportation center. Virgin Trains USA has submitted an unsolicited proposal for an extension from Orlando to Tampa.

## **VIII. Other Business**

Ms. Carla Bell Johnson advised to Committee with the idea that the Redevelopment Plan will need to be amended to use funds to support the Kirkman Road Extension as it was not initially included on the Redevelopment Plan.

Mr. Kevin Kennedy inquired about pedestrian fencing. Mr. Frank Yokiell has been corresponding with FDOT. FDOT is currently backing away from the idea of fencing and supporting the idea of enhanced landscaping.

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Mr. Kevin Kennedy inquired about Sand Lake Rd to Jamaican Ct traffic markings. Visitors to the area are having difficulty with the double yellow line and a recommendation for a physical barrier was made. Plans for the Sand Lake Rd project would add a concrete median to prevent crossing what is currently double yellow lines.

Ms. Maria Triscari inquired about message board utilization. Ms. Carla Bell Johnson responded. The CRA has previously approved the purchasing of additional message boards along International Drive, however the maintenance and storage of such boards may require additional resources in the form of operating staff.

**IX. Adjournment**

With no further business, Vice Chairman Kevin Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.