

**Draft Meeting Minutes  
International Drive  
Community Redevelopment Area (CRA)  
Advisory Committee  
November 8, 2018**

Members Present: Phil Caronia - Chairman  
Kevin Kennedy – Vice Chairman  
Melanie Becker  
Beth Thibodaux  
Joelle Konze

County Staff Present: Jessie Allen – Orange County Convention Center  
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  
Christine Lofye – Public Works Traffic Engineering Division  
Frank Yokiell – Public Works Traffic Engineering Division  
Jay Wallace – Office of Management and Budget  
Krista Barber – Orange County Convention Center

Others Present: Luann Brooks  
Lex Veech  
Tommy To  
Jill Patel  
Colin Chou  
Tony Luke

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Phil Caronia called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. at the Convention Center, 9800 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819.

**II. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**III. Administrative Items**

There was a motion made by Mr. Kevin Kennedy and seconded by Ms. Beth Thibodaux to approve the August 9, 2018 meeting minutes.

Ms. Joelle Konze introduced herself as the newest member of the Board

#### **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.

Interchange at John Young Parkway/Sand Lake Road FDOT schedule for construction began September 2016, estimated completion in Spring 2020.

International Drive- North Westwood Blvd to South Westwood Blvd is complete, final completion scheduled for December 2018. Contractor has served notice of construction claims.

International Drive Transit Lanes project requires updated title work with new right of entries from property owners and easements, contractually obligated to complete title work January 2019. 90% plans are due December 2018. Construction scheduled to begin August 2020.

International Drive Transit Network Feasibility Study internal kickoff meeting is scheduled November 2018.

Sand Lake Road from Apopka Vineland Road to Turkey Lake Road design RFP has started and will be sent down shortly.

#### **VI. Pedestrian Safety Updates**

Mr. Frank Yokiell discussed the International Drive Crosswalk Areas Study. Mr. Tony Luke from LTEC was present. Five midblock crossings were analyzed in the study. LTEC inventoried the signage along International Drive, summarized crash data, and performed pedestrian counts. 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 move the crosswalk and provide a pedestrian signal with a canopy in the center of the median. The Dave & Buster's location is recommended to replace the rapid flashing beacons and install a full traffic signal. The Pointe Orlando location recommends the concentration of multiple crossings into two locations. More analysis is needed at the Pointe Orlando location to see if the crossing at Samoan Court can be signalized. The Hyatt/Convention Center recommends the removal of the rapid flashing beacons and guide pedestrians to the 2 pedestrian bridges with pedestrian channelization barriers (fencing).

Mr. Frank Yokiell discussed the Universal Safety Action Plan. Public Works Traffic Engineering has been working with Rosen College at the Universal Boulevard and Destination Pkwy location. The number one priority is to remove the rapid flashing beacon location on Universal Blvd and direct pedestrians to the traffic signal at Destination Pkwy. The sidewalk connection to Rosen College has been installed and pedestrian channelization barriers and/or landscaping in the median is needed to prevent pedestrians from crossing Universal Blvd.

Ms. Christine Lofye discussed the Westwood Boulevard Pedestrian Crossing Study. The resurfacing of Westwood Blvd is scheduled for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Recommendations include consolidating crosswalks, adding pedestrian signals, removal of multiple crosswalks and the potential relocation of Lynx transit stops. Additional improvements include adding detectable warning pads on handicapped ramps and reducing overgrown vegetation and landscaping that creates sight distance issues.

## **VII. Regional Transportation Updates**

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

Beachline express lanes are still on target to be complete by March 2019.

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

I-4 continues and still scheduled for completion in 2021. I-4 Beyond the Ultimate, public meeting postponed to Spring 2019. Range of potential start dates from 2020-2022. Internal conversations are still ongoing based on funding.

Brightline recently submitted an unsolicited proposal to FDOT to connect high speed rail from Orlando to Tampa. FDOT to make a decision by November 28, 2018.

FDOT is holding a public meeting in regards to the Kirkman Road extension on November 8, 2018.

## **VIII. Other Business**

Mr. Jessie Allen provided an update on the expansion of the Orange County Convention Center. RFP issued and two plans selected, currently in negotiation to develop a scope of service.

Mr. Lex Veech inquired about construction at Sand Lake Rd and International Dr intersection. Ms. Carla Bell Johnson advised that this is part of the Sand Lake Rd project which is on track to be complete November 2019. Intent of contractor is to accelerate completion by June 2019.

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**IX. Adjournment**

With no further business, Chairman Phil Caronia adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.