



**APPROVED Meeting Minutes  
International Drive Community  
Redevelopment Area (CRA) Advisory Committee  
February 18, 2021**

- Members Present: Marc Reicher – Chairman  
Sam Butler – Tangelo Park Civic Association  
Robert Haywood – IDMTID  
Tim Swan – ETC  
Daniel Giordano – I-Drive Chamber of Commerce
- County Staff Present: Raymond Williams – Public Works Engineering Division  
Carla Bell Johnson – County Administrator’s Office  
Irma Connelly – Public Works Engineering Division
- Others Present: Luann Brooks – I-Drive Business Improvement District  
Maria Triscari – I Drive Chamber of Commerce
- Virtual Attendance: Melanie Becker - Vice Chairman  
Renzo Nastasi – Transportation Planning Division  
Jay Wallace – Office of Management and Budget  
Frank Yokiell – Public Works Traffic Engineering Division  
Lauren Torres - Public Works Traffic Engineering Division  
Jennie Perley - Public Works Engineering Division  
Natalia Garcia – County Administrator’s Office  
David Ingram – Orange County Convention Center  
Ella Woods  
Jason Garcia

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Marc Reicher called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**II. Introduction of New Board Member**

Mr. Daniel Giordano was introduced as the new advisory committee member and representative of the I-Drive Chamber of Commerce.

**III. Public Comments**

Ms. Luann Brooks from the I-Drive Business Improvement District presented the Economic Impact Report Analysis. Report covers beyond the CRA area, about 81 hundred acres of land. Report gives a full scope of what the I-Drive District does for the region as it relates to economic impact.

Ms. Maria Triscari from the I-Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce presented the I-Drive CRA Analysis. Report gives a perspective on the impact the CRA has on the I-Drive Corridor.

**IV. Administrative Items**

A motion was made by Mr. Sam Butler and seconded by Mr. Tim Swan to approve the December 18, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote of all members present.

**V. Financial Overview**

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

**VI. CIP Progress Report**

Mr. Raymond Williams, Mr. Frank Yokiell and Mr. Renzo Nastasi presented project updates.

John Young Parkway/Sand Lake Road Interchange is a FDOT partnership project, which is open to traffic and is estimated for completion in December 2020. The overpass bridge was open to traffic January 2020.

Kirkman Road Extension is from Carrier Drive to Universal Blvd South. Segments 1 and 2 are from Universal Blvd to the Southern Interchange Ramps with Sand Lake Rd and within the County jurisdiction. Segment 3 is from the Southern Interchange Ramps to Carrier Drive and is within FDOT jurisdiction. Includes the reconfiguration of the Interchange. Utility work is estimated to begin Spring 2021. Roadway work is estimated to begin Winter 2021-2022. Final completion anticipated to be in Spring 2025.

Sand Lake Road (Apopka Vineland Road to Turkey Lake Road) design began in July 2020. Includes a 10' wide shared use path on south side, continuous eastbound and westbound lanes for right turning vehicles between Rialto Dr and Dr. Phillips Blvd, and a traffic signal warrant study at the Fountain and Plaza Venezia. Construction estimated to be completed in 2022.

I-Drive Transit Lanes is from Destination Parkway to Sand Lake Road, design plans are at 90%. Project will relieve Convention Center congestion, accommodates I-Ride Trolley and Charter Buses, connector to future Convention Center Circulator. Landscaping package is to be included to address impact. Currently in the process of updating plans, survey, utilities and re-establish easement documents. Construction is estimated to be a two years project estimated to start Fall of 2022 depending on easement donations. This is the first phase of the I-Drive Ultimate Transit Project.

Mr. Frank Yokiell gave update for Pedestrian Safety Enhancements. Austrian Court and Walgreens/International Drive are under design for full traffic signals. Design is complete for Hilton Las Palmeras/Universal Blvd. Shingle Creek Resort Hotel signal is up and running. Future traffic control – Lake Cay Place, Via Mercado, Tradeshow Road/Kirkman Road Extension.

Mr. Renzo Nastasi gave update for the I-Drive/Sand Lake Road Pedestrian Bridge Study which includes, public involvement/project advisory group, data collection, feasibility analysis, architectural renderings and Right-of-way evaluation. Project is currently in the procurement process. Project was re-advertised. A project advisory group will be established. This will be a partnership project with the property owners.

I-Drive Premium Transit Study incorporates the Transit Lane project. The Study limits are International Dr – Sea Harbor Dr to Sand Lake Rd, Via Mercado – International Dr to Universal Blvd, Destination Pkwy – International Dr to Tradeshow Blvd, Tradeshow Blvd – Destination Pkwy to Universal Blvd, Universal Blvd – Tradeshow Blvd to Sand Lake Rd. Results will incorporate the transit lanes on the Kirkman Road Extension project, Universal Blvd to Carrier Dr. This project will include the widening of Tradeshow Blvd from Universal Blvd to Destination Pkwy. Project is estimated to follow the completion of the Transit Lane project. Study is at 95% completion, estimated to be completed in Spring 2021. New transit stations will be constructed.

I-4/Sand Lake Road is a new interchange that FDOT will be undertaking. We are taking the opportunity to partner with FDOT to enhance the interchange as a gateway feature. Conceptual plans are completed. Design will be finalized for the landscape portion. FDOT estimated to finalize Design in 2022-2023. This project will require a maintenance agreement with FDOT. Construction is estimated to start 2023.

I-4/Daryl Carter Pkwy Interchange from Osceola Pkwy to Central Florida Pkwy (Seg. 1B). This is part of the Beyond the Ultimate Project. Right-of-Way acquisition is underway. Construction is estimated to start 2023.

## **VII. Update on Tangelo Park YMCA**

Ms. Carla Johnson gave update of discussion with the Commissioners. The YMCA closed due to the pandemic and decided not to reopen its doors. Built in 1981, the property is located on 5 acres of County-owned land. Administration building, Gymnasium and Swimming pool is a recreational facility and family center approximately 14, 855 Square Feet. In August 2020 our Community and Family Service Department conducted a Community Assessment. Identified needs include Social Services, Job Training, After School Programs and Community facility for meetings, programs and events. Atkins Engineering Firm was engaged to perform a full assessment of the building and facility. Assessment determined Administration Building requires major renovation or replacement. Gymnasium requires renovation. Swimming pool needs major renovation or replacement. Parking lot and retention pond need improvements. Three preliminary options came out of assessment. Cost for Option 1 - \$2,308,000.00, Option 2 - \$3,485,000.00 and Option 3 - \$3,985,000. It is currently being contemplated that this center will be jointly operated by the County's Community Action Division and the Parks & Recreation Division. It was shared with Commissioners the annual cost of Operational & Maintenance is estimated to be \$700,000. Potential funding sources could be from the County General Fund, County Parks Fund (for pool), I-Drive CRA, CDBG Capital Funding, and Countywide Capital Improvement Projects Fund. Next steps are to terminate lease with the YMCA, develop detailed Operating Plan, Develop Funding Plan and Commissioners Decision.

## **VIII. I-Drive CRA Redevelopment Plan Update**

Ms. Johnson gave an update of the I-Drive CRA Survey for Employees in the area. An effort was made to engage with employees working within the CRA by reaching out to General Managers and Human Resources Directors of hotels in the area. The I-Drive Business Improvement District and the I-Drive Resort Area Chamber of Commerce were asked to distribute survey through their normal distribution process. Centerplate and Unite Here Union were also contacted for their assistance with distributing survey. Survey will be open two full weeks. Top three responses for Survey are investing in programs and initiatives that retain existing tourism/hospitality jobs while also creating new jobs in other industries is important in order to diversify the economy in this area. More improvements for pedestrians to walk safely within this area are needed. There is a benefit to investing in employment training programs and reemployment training programs that support job opportunities within this area. A complete report of survey will be compiled and provided to members.

Ms. Johnson presented and distributed an updated Table 6.4 Proposed Funding Allocation Report. Major activity or focus: Transportation, Affordable and Attainable Housing, Economic Development, Community Culture and Institutional, Beautification and Aesthetics.

**IX. I-Drive CRA Advisory Committee – MMRB Sunset Review**

Ms. Carla Johnson updated members and distributed draft responses to questions for The County's Membership and Mission Review Board, who appoints representation on all advisory committees county-wide. A review is performed every 6 years. There are seven questions they ask regarding the role of the Advisory Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Daniel Giordano and seconded by Mr. Robert Haywood to approve the draft responses. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote of all members present.

**X. Other Business**

No Other Business.

**XI. Adjournment**

With no further business, Chairman Marc Reicher adjourned the meeting at 3:06 p.m.