



**APPROVED Meeting Minutes
International Drive Community
Redevelopment Area (CRA) Advisory Committee
May 20, 2021**

- Members Present: Marc Reicher – Chairman
Melanie Becker - Vice 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
Renzo Nastasi – Transportation Planning Division
Alberto Vargas – Planning Division
Irma Connelly – Public Works Engineering Division
Krista Barber – Orange County Convention Center
Ray Walls – Orange County Convention Center
- Others Present: Maria Triscari – I Drive Chamber of Commerce
- Virtual Attendance: Jay Wallace – Office of Management and Budget
Frank Yokiell – Public Works Traffic Engineering Division
Colleen Lutz – Public Works Traffic Engineering Division
Luann Brooks – I-Drive Business Improvement District
Jason Garcia
Gabriela Noa Betancourt

I. Call to Order

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

II. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III. Administrative Items

A motion was made by Mr. Daniel Giordano and seconded by Mr. Sam Butler to approve the March 29, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote of all members present.

Mr. Williams gave sunset review update. MMRB recommended approval of extension of the life of the I-Drive CRA Advisory Committee and the BCC approved the recommendation on May 11, 2021. The next sunset review for the Advisory Committee will be in 2026.

IV. Financial Overview

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

V. 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 has been completed and is open to traffic. With members agreement, project will be removed from project list.

Kirkman Road Extension is from Universal Blvd to South Carrier Drive. 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 currently in progress. 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, Walgreens/International Drive and Perimeter Road are under design for full traffic signals. Hilton Las Palmeras/Universal Blvd is under construction. 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. A project advisory group will be established. This will be a partnership project with the property owners. Avcon, Inc has been selected as the consultant for project.

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 was completed. A work shop was held with the local planning agency and Board of County Commissioners. A public hearing in July is a possibility. A recommendation for initial route was made to be Destination Pkwy – International Dr to Tradeshow Blvd.

Tradeshow Blvd., consultant is near completion of feasibility study. This is being done in coordination with the Kirkman Rd extension. This project adds roads, transit and freight capacity, supports convention center access for attendees and operational functions, connectivity with Kirkman Rd extension and Epic Universe. A lane will be accommodated for trucks only to ease congestion. Next phase will be Design.

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 2022. Local maintenance responsibilities to be discussed.

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.

VI. I-Drive CRA Redevelopment Plan Update

Mr. Williams gave an update of the work session held April 13, 2021 with the Board of County Commissioners. Staff presented an overview of the proposed redevelopment plan as discussed with members in the on March 29, 2021.

The plan included the expand use of CRA Revenue to five key investment areas. Transportation, Housing, Economic Development, Community, Cultural and Institutional Programs, and Beautification and Aesthetics. Plan also considered the extension of CRA Sunset date from 2028 to 2040 and cap on CRA Revenues. Specific recommendations from members were shared with the Board of County Commissioners.

Decision options were presented based on questions and feedback received from Commissioners. Option 1: Full decision now. Expand use, Sunset date, Cap. Option 2: Incremental Decision. Expand use to include Housing, continue implementing current transportation program, postpone decision on CRA extension and cap until better understanding of pace of economic recovery. Option 3: Postpone any decision/status Quo. Continue CRA as currently authorized.

Feedback from the Commissioners, included support of the expanded use of the CRA Revenues, maintaining 2028 sunset date, and cap of CRA revenues. No action was taken by the Board. The Redevelopment Plan was revised based on staff's understanding of the Commissioners feedback. The revised plan will be presented on June 8, 2021. A hard copy of the draft revised plan was distributed to members. More revisions are expected to be made.

Mr. Vargas updated members on the housing investment area through three key programs. This area covers housing for all in Tangelo Park, housing infill opportunities in the CRA area, and I-Drive Catalytic Site – mixed used/mixed income development. Infill capacity scenarios and catalytic sites were presented for the purpose of visualizing the potential of the sites.

Mr. Williams covered the next steps are to finalize draft of updated redevelopment plan and resolution necessary for the BCC to take action. A public hearing is scheduled June 8, 2021 where the board will hear Public Comments on this matter. This plan provides a framework for eligible expenditure of CRA funds. Actual decisions regarding expenditures on specific projects occurs during the County's annual process which begins in July of each year at the Board of County Commissioner's work sessions.

The Committee members expressed support for a 75/25 (County Reserves/CRA) distribution of any CRA Revenue that exceeds the cap, along with the cap being tied to an inflation index. They also expressed support for extending the sunset date to 2040 and expanding the use of CRA funds. No formal action was taken regarding these positions.

VII. Other Business

No Other Business.

VIII. Adjournment

With no further business, Chairman Marc Reicher adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.