

**Draft Meeting Minutes  
International Drive  
Community Redevelopment Area (CRA)  
Advisory Committee  
May 9, 2019**

Members Present: Phil Caronia - Chairman  
Kevin Kennedy – Vice Chairman  
Melanie Becker – Universal Boulevard POA  
Sam Butler – Tangelo Park Civic Association  
Robert Haywood - IDMTID  
Joelle Konze – At-Large Representative  
Tim Swan - ETC

County Staff Present: Carla Bell Johnson – Orange County Convention Center  
Raymond Williams – Public Works Engineering Division  
Irma Connelly – Public Works Engineering Division  
Colleen Lutz – Public Works Engineering Division  
Frank Yokiell – Public Works Traffic Engineering Division  
Jay Wallace – Office of Management and Budget  
Humberto Castellero – Public Works Traffic Engineering Division  
Jessie Allen - Orange County Convention Center

Others Present: Alan Helman  
Ella Wood  
Luann Brooks

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Phil Caronia called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. at the Convention Center, 9800 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819.

**II. Introduction of New Board Member**

Mr. Tim Swan was introduced as the new advisory committee member and representative of The Efficient Transportation for the Community of Central Florida, Inc.

**III. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**IV. Administrative Items**

There was a motion made by Vice-Chairman Kevin Kennedy and seconded by Mr. Sam Butler to approve the November 8, 2018 meeting minutes. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote of all members in attendance. There was a motion made

by Mr. Sam Butler and seconded by Mr. Robert Haywood to approve the February 7, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote of all members in attendance.

## **V. Financial Overview**

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

Mr. Tim Swan inquired if there is a target reserve we are trying to maintain for the budget. Mr. Raymond Williams and Mrs. Carla Bell Johnson stated we have not had to since cash flow has always been healthy and increasing. However, with the large impending Capital Improvement Program, this is a matter the committee may want to address in the future.

## **VI. CIP Progress Report**

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

Mr. Raymond Williams reviewed the I-Drive Transit Feasibility Study. The study originally included the International Drive corridor and a small portion of Universal Blvd. A change order has been processed to include the rest of Universal Blvd, an extension of Kirkman Rd, and Tradeshow Blvd.

I-Drive Transit Lanes - Destination Parkway to Sand Lake Road plans are at 60%. Projected to start construction next fall.

Mr. Tim Swan inquired about a second phase that will take the transit lanes south of SR 528 down I-Drive. Mr. Raymond Williams responded since that segment of I-Drive is already 6 lanes, it could be repurposed in the future to accommodate a bus transit system. The current scope does not incorporate that segment but it can be revisited during the I-Drive Transit Feasibility Study. The I-Drive stakeholders will have the opportunity to raise concerns like this during the study.

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

International Drive (Westwood to Westwood) is complete. However, there is an unresolved claim with the Contractor.

Kirkman Road Extension is from Carrier Drive to Universal Boulevard South. An MOU has been executed by the County with Universal Studios.

Mr. Phil Caronia made a suggestion to start thinking of projects beyond the 5-year window.

## **VII. Pedestrian Enhancement Updates**

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

Austrian Court has gone to consultant for design. The intersection will be signalized with full pedestrian features, and ensure design accommodates the future transit lanes.

The Embassy Suites/Howl at the Moon location is recommended to reduce the turning radii and relocate the crosswalk and add a pedestrian signal.

Ale House/Walgreens area has rapid flashing beacons. Proposing full signal, going to design this fiscal year.

Meetings with Pointe Orlando are ongoing. The Pointe Orlando location recommends the concentration of multiple crossings into one location. Two options have been provided to Pointe Orlando.

Convention Center has existing rapid flashing beacons and a bus stop. Proposing a barrier along the outside of the road to get pedestrians to the bridges. The Transit Lanes Project includes plans to relocate the bus stop.

Working with Universal Boulevard Property Owners Association to assist with a barrier for the Rosen College. The rapid flashing beacon has been removed. Summer is target time to get barrier installed.

Universal Safety Action Plan Study is complete. All three signals are going in concurrently.

Mr. Frank Yokiell will finalize report and send a link.

Mr. Phil Caronia inquired about barriers and Mr. Frank Yokiell confirmed barriers would continue down south on I-Drive.

## **VIII. FY 19/20 Budget Recommendation**

Mr. Raymond Williams discussed the I-Drive CRA proposed FY20 budget of \$3,750,000.00.

There was motion made by Vice Chairman Kennedy and seconded by Mr. Sam Butler to approve the budget recommendation. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote of all members in attendance.

## **IX. CRA Redevelopment Plan Update**

Ms. Carla Bell Johnson provided an overview of the adopted I-Drive CRA Redevelopment Plan and discussed the following proposed Redevelopment Plan Updates which would require an amendment to the Redevelopment Plan:

- Modify “Rail” Project
  - Replace “Rail” with “Transit”
  - Change limits to “Throughout CRA”
- Add Kirkman Road Extension (\$60 Million)
- Add Tradeshow Boulevard (\$7 Million)
- Extend CRA term from 2028 to 2040
  - Coincides with I-Drive 2040 Vision

There was a motion made by Chairman Caronia and second by Vice Chairman Kennedy to approve eligible Projects and proposed amendments. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote of all members in attendance.

## **X. Regional Transportation Update**

Ms. Carla Bell Johnson advised that the I-Drive Beyond the Ultimate Project interchange improvements at the Beachline are being pushed out past FDOT’s 5-year work plan.

## **XI. Other Business**

Chairman Caronia inquired on status of a proposed pedestrian bridge at International Drive and Sand Lake Road. Ms. Carla Bell Johnson advised of the commitment from the county to study the concept and confirmed consensus from the Advisory Committee to evaluate it. Mr. Caronia also suggested the need for a study of the entire corridor to review pedestrian bridge needs. Ms. Johnson confirmed the Advisory Committee’s approval to allow staff the flexibility to modify the proposed FY 20 budget if necessary to incorporate the additional evaluation of pedestrian bridge needs on S. I-Drive.

Mr. Sam Butler asked if there is any status update on Mandarin Drive Extension. Ms. Carla Bell Johnson will look into it and get back to him.

Ms. Melanie Becker suggested looking into the new scooter law being considered in Tallahassee.

## **XII. Adjournment**

With no further business, Chairman Caronia adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.