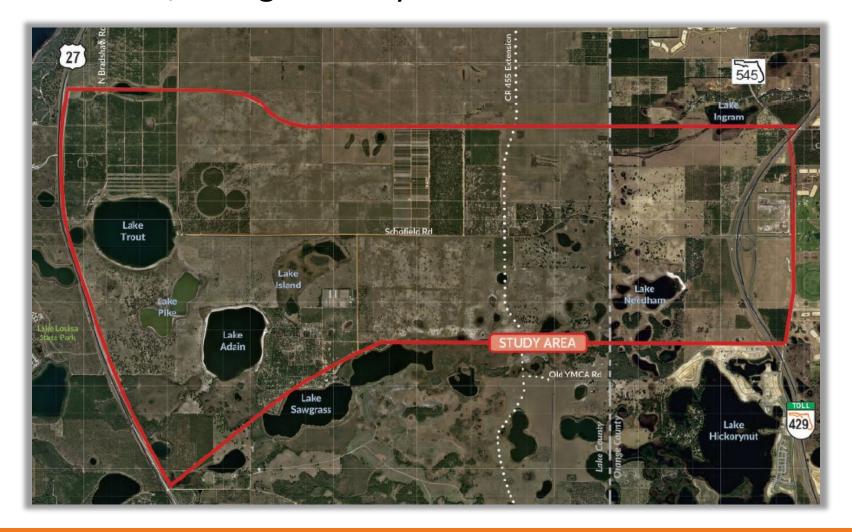


(US 27 to SR 429) Feasibility/Project Development & Environment Study February 27, 2019 —

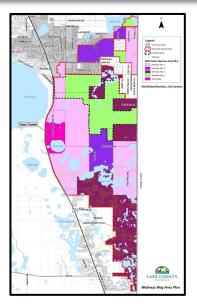
Study Objective

Determine if a Lake/Orange County Connector is viable and fundable.



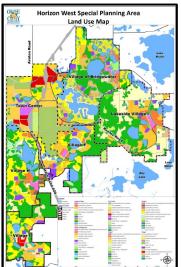


Future Land Use



Wellness Way Area Plan

- Lake County
- Significant economic development potential
- Anticipated build-out of 16,531 units will generate over 26,839 jobs



Horizon West Special Planning Area

- Orange County
- Fast-growing master-planned community
- Anticipated build-out of 40,000 dwelling units



Project's Development Process

Previous Feasibility Studies

- Feasibility studies conducted in 2002 and 2007
- Traffic and revenue analysis conducted in 2017

Identify Project

- Identified in the CFX 2040 Master Plan
- Identified in the Lake County and Orange County Long Range Transportation Plans

Work Plan

 PD&E and design phases funded (Design funds indicated as a placeholder pending the outcome of this PD&E Study)

PD&E Study

Current project phase



PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Feasibility Study

CFX Board

approves

findings of

feasibility study

on the project?

Project is placed on

hold to be revisited in

the future.

New Alignment Expansion Projects

Identify Project

Project identified in CFX Board approved Visioning +2040 Master Plan (Long-Range Transportation Plan).

Work Plan

Is project identified in the approved Five-Year Work Plan?

Project is placed on hold to be revisited in the future.



(We are here.)

PD&E Study

Does CFX **Board approve** PD&E Study?

Project is placed on hold to be revisited in the future.

Recommended Alternative/Final Design

Does CFX Board approve project for the Final Design Phase?

Project is placed on hold to be revisited in the future.

Right-of-Way

Does CFX Board accept the Right-of-Way Committee's requested acquisitions and approve start of right-of-way purchasing?

Permitting

Does CFX **Board accept** the proposed mitigation/ conservation easement settlements and approve permit agreements?

Utilities

Does CFX Board accept the proposed utilities relocation settlements and approve utility agreements?

Project is placed on hold to be revisited in the future.

Advertise Bids

Does CFX **Board approve** CFX's request to advertise bids for construction?

Award Contract

Does CFX accept bid and approve award of contract to construct roadway?

Project is placed on hold to be revisited in the future.

CFX may re-advertise project to accept new bids OR project design is revised and/or repackaged for bids.

Construction

Construction commences.

constructed roadway is opened to traffic.

Newly

Open to Traffic

CENTRAL FLORIDA AUTHORITY

Project Needs

- Improved connections between area roads
- 2 Future transportation demand
- **3** Consistency with local & regional plans
- 4 Economic viability & job creation
- 5 Intermodal opportunities
- 6 Evacuation & emergency services



PD&E Study

 The PD&E Study will determine if there is an engineering and environmentally feasible alternative to meet the project needs.

- Two main phases of this PD&E Study:
 - 1. Alternative Corridor Evaluation

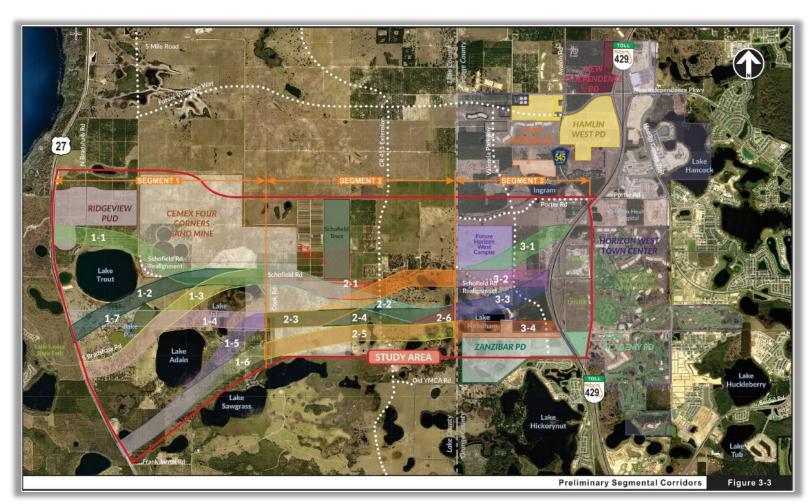
Identify roadway corridors to carry forward for additional analysis

2. Alternatives Analysis

Identify a preferred project alternative



Alternative Corridor Evaluation



Engineering Evaluation Criteria

Major Utility Conflicts
Geometric Considerations
Floodplain Encroachment
Traffic Considerations

Socio-Economic Evaluation Criteria

Approved Planned Unit Developments
Historical/Archaeological Resources
Parks/Recreational Facilities
Right-of-Way Impacts

Environmental Evaluation Criteria

Wetlands
Wildlife and Habitat
Conservation Lands/Mitigation Banks
Contamination

Stakeholder Outreach

- CEMEX
- FDOT
- Lake County
- Lake-Sumter MPO
- MetroPlan Orlando
- Orange County
- South Florida Water Management District
- Water Conserv II



















Public Involvement

- Public involvement and interagency coordination have been an integral part of the assessment process
- First Public Meeting was held August 30, 2018.
- Opportunities for participation will continue to be provided throughout the duration of the study





Advisory Groups

Environmental Advisory Group

Representatives from environmental organizations, as well as local, state and federal agencies

Project Advisory Group

Stakeholders within the project corridor

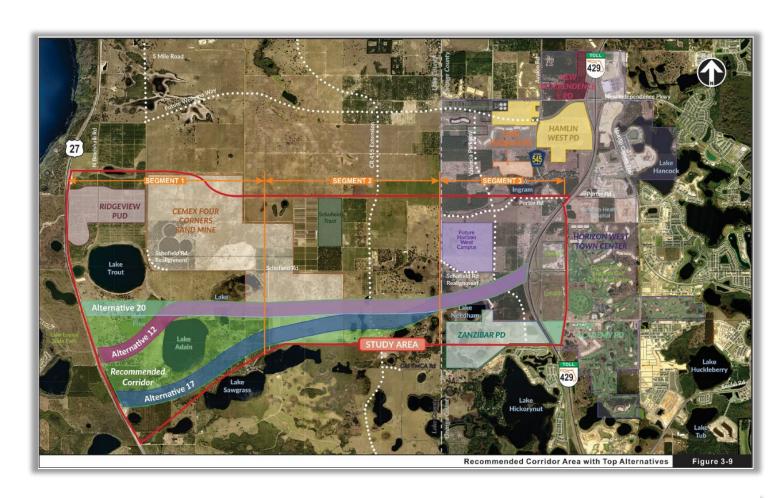
- First set of meetings held on July 30, 2018
- Second set of meetings held on Feb. 12, 2019





Alternative Corridor Evaluation Results

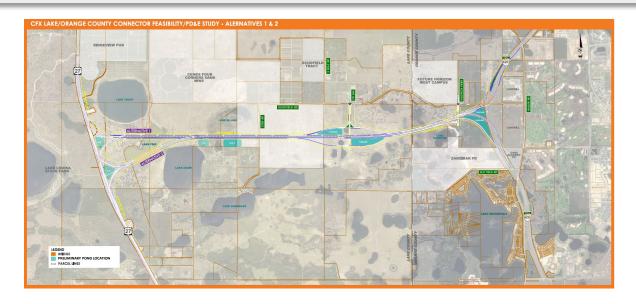
- Corridors 12, 17 and 20 ranked highest
- The recommended corridor encompasses the area that is bordered by Corridor 20 on the north and Corridor 17 on the south

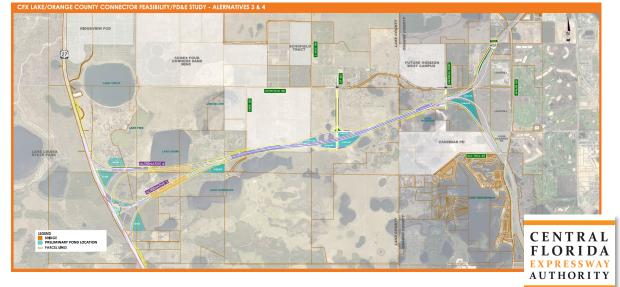




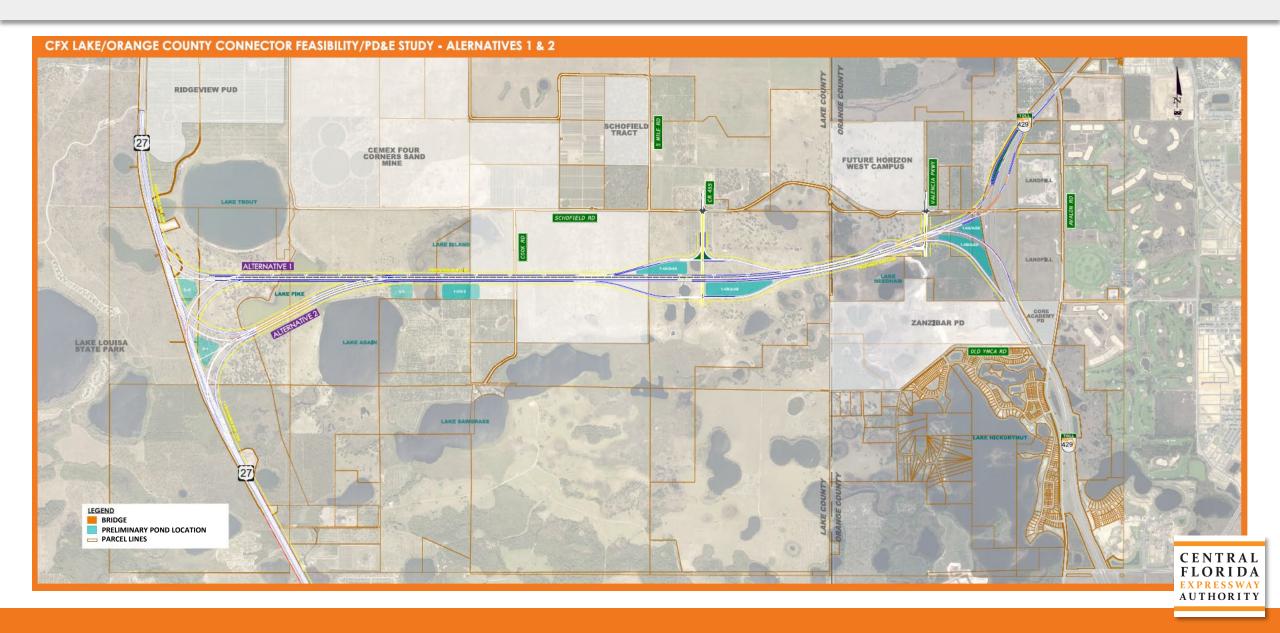
Alternatives Analysis

- Four Build Alternatives
- Proposed interchanges
 - o US 27
 - CR 455 future extension
 - Future Valencia Parkway
 - SR 429 (systems interchange)
- No-Action or No-Build Alternative

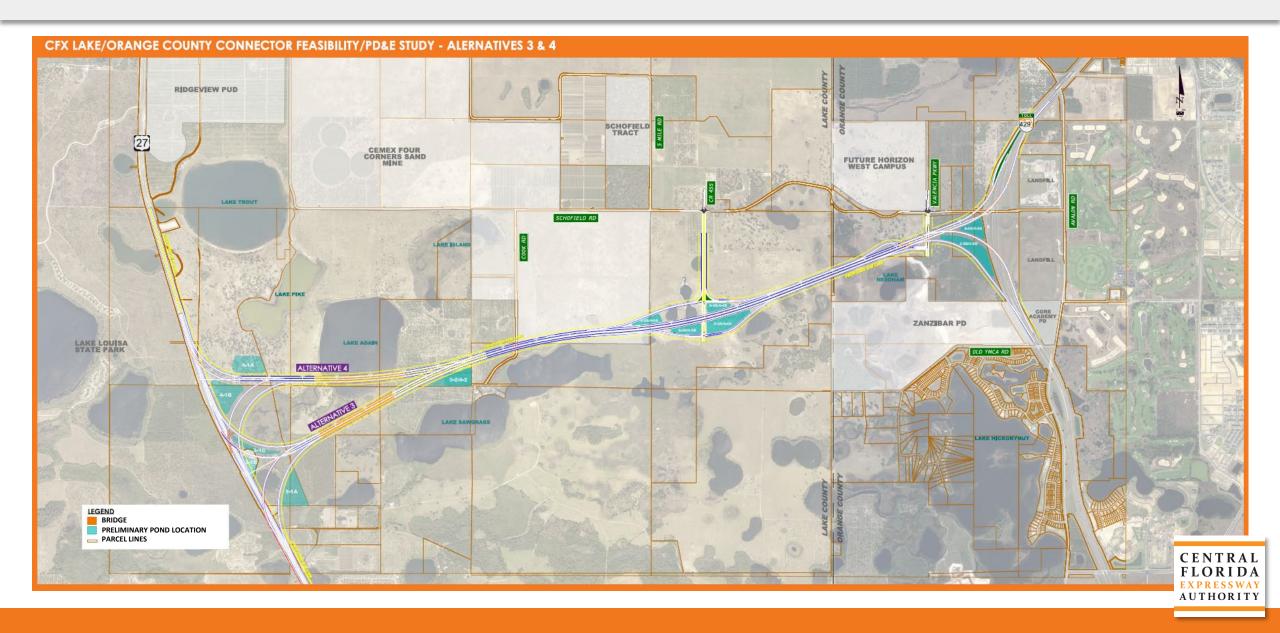




Alternatives 1 & 2

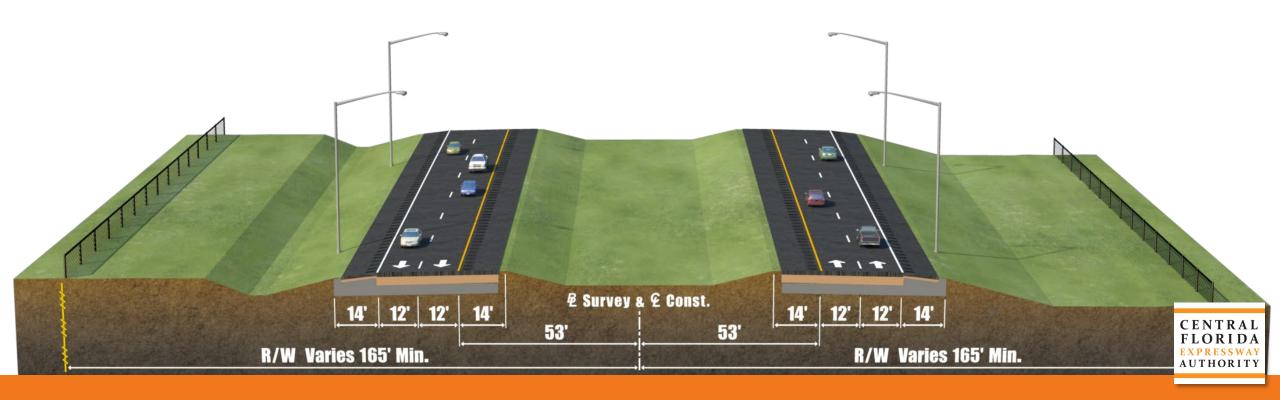


Alternatives 3 & 4



Proposed Typical Section

- 330-foot wide right of way
- Allows for future widening to the inside



Alternatives Analysis

What's Next?

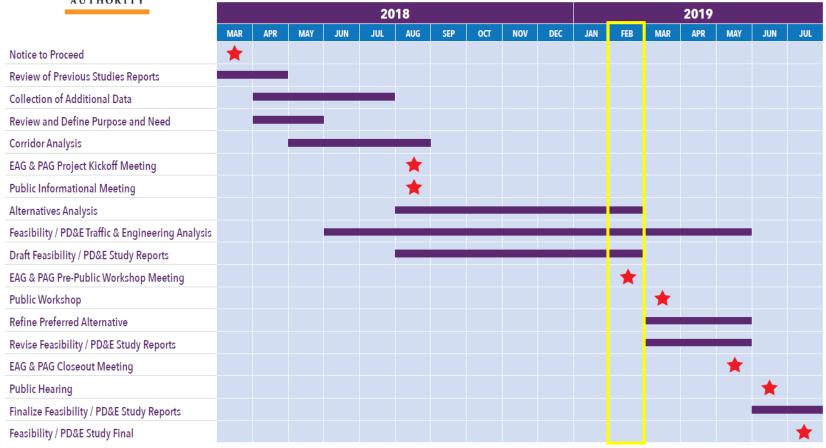
- Receive public input on the project alternatives
- Identify a recommended preferred alternative
- Conduct detailed engineering and environmental analysis
- Prepare engineering and environmental reports



Project Schedule



Lake/Orange County Connector - Study Schedule





Upcoming Public Involvement

Second Public Information Meeting

March 7, 2019
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Bridgewater Middle School Cafeteria
5600 Tiny Road
Winter Garden, FL

- Public Hearing is anticipated to occur in June 2019
- One-On-One or small group meetings available upon request



Study Website

- Study documents and meeting materials are posted to the study website
- Shortened study web address: <u>https://bit.ly/2MdwCmH</u>
- CFX web address: www.CFXway.com





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