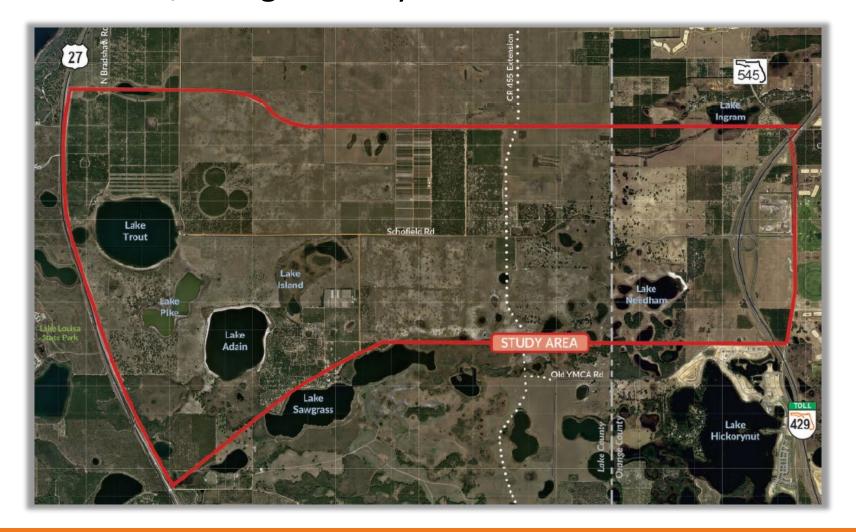


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Feasibility/Project Development & Environment Study
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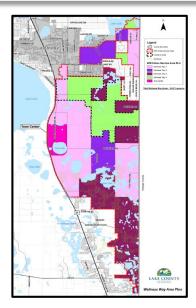
# **Study Objective**

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



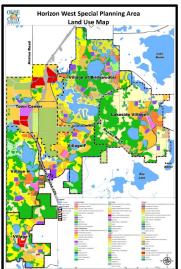


## **Future Land Use**



### **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
- Consistency with local & regional plans
- 4 Economic viability & job creation
- 5 Intermodal opportunities
- 6 Evacuation & emergency services



# **PD&E Study**

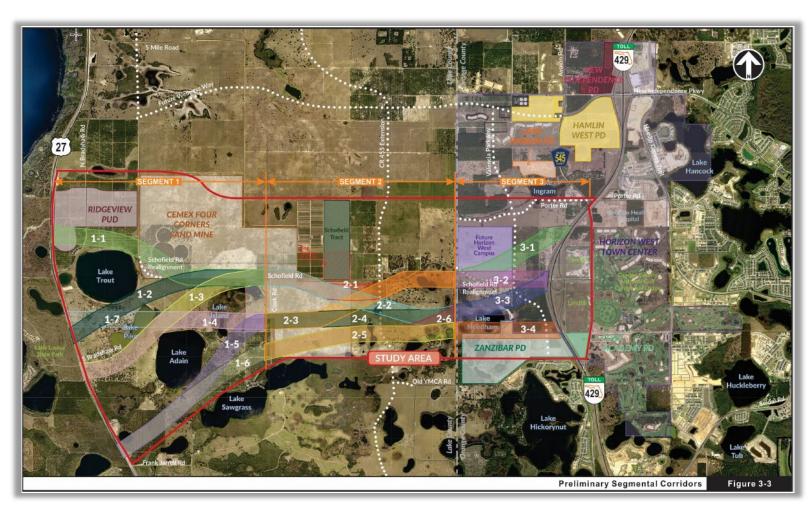
 The PD&E Study will determine if there is an engineering and environmentally feasible alternative to meet the project needs.

- 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

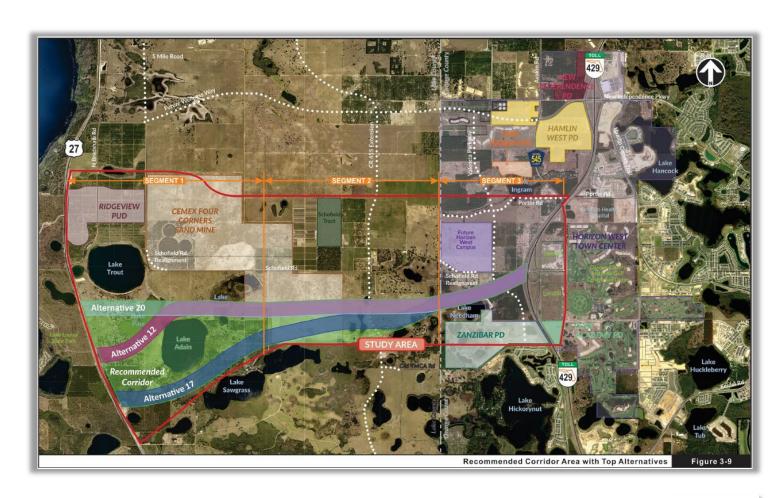
- First set of meetings held on July 30, 2018
- Second set of meetings held on Feb. 12, 2019





## **Alternative Corridor Evaluation Results**

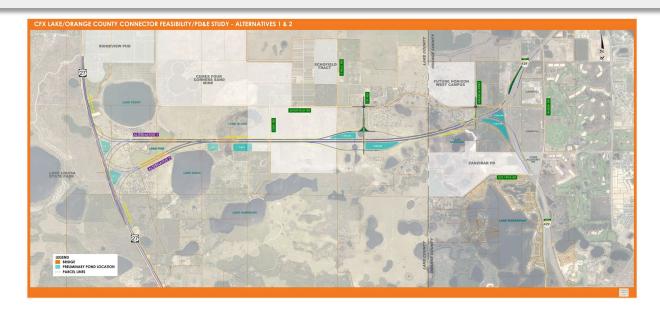
- Corridors 12, 17 and 20 ranked highest
- The recommended corridor encompasses the area that is bordered by Corridor 20 on the north and Corridor 17 on the south

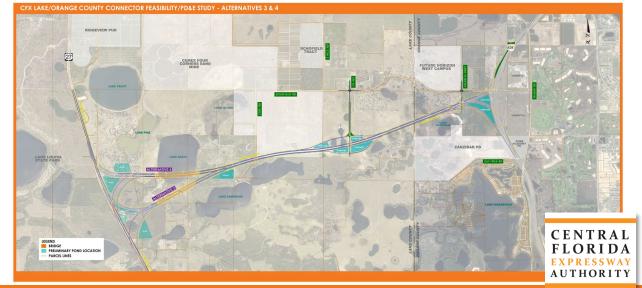




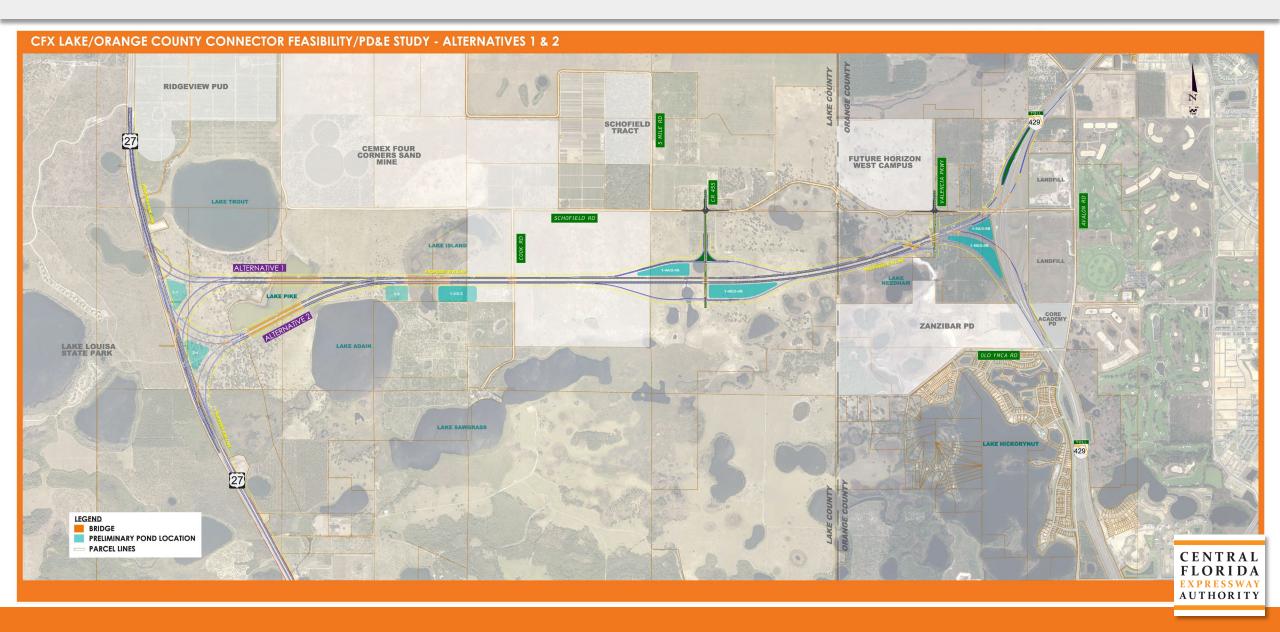
# **Alternatives Analysis**

- 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

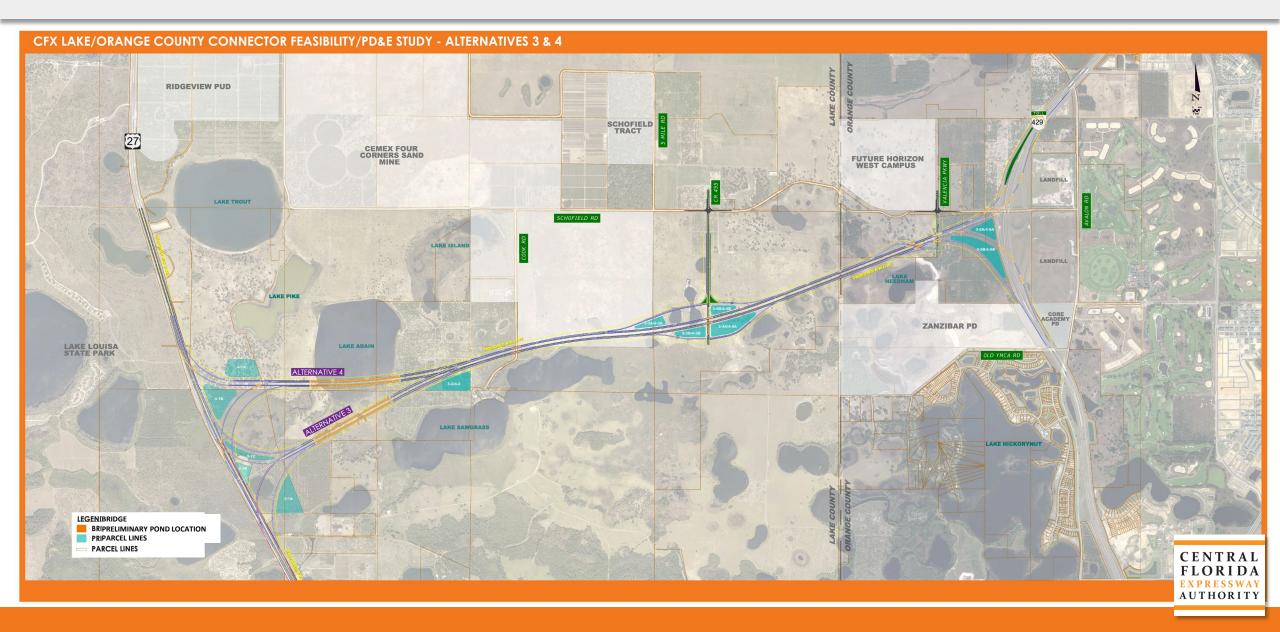




## Alternatives 1 & 2

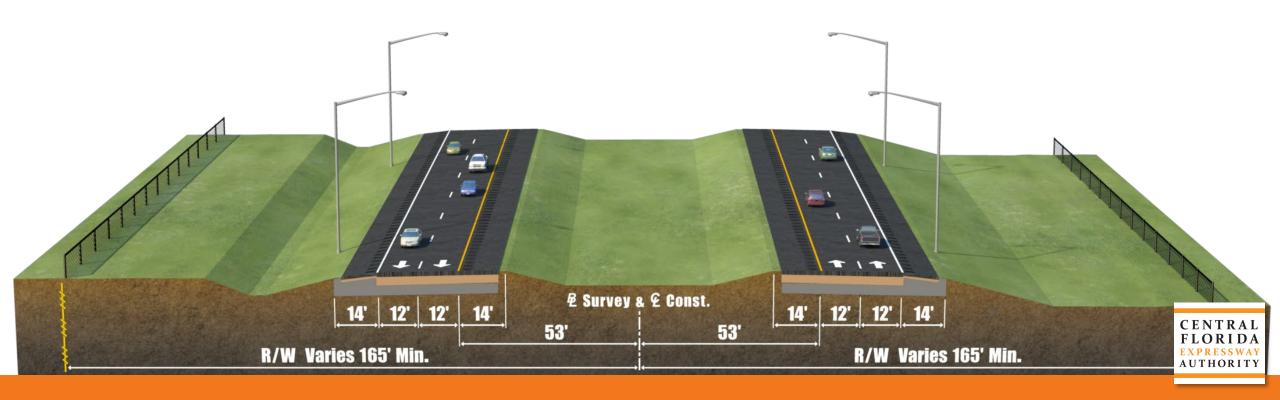


# **Alternatives 3 & 4**



# **Proposed Typical Section**

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



# **Alternatives Analysis**

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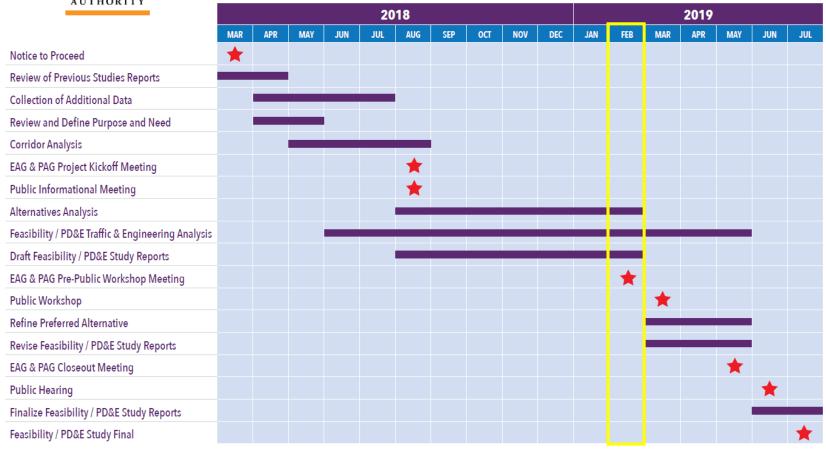
- Receive public input on the project alternatives
- Identify a recommended preferred alternative
- Conduct detailed engineering and environmental analysis
- Prepare engineering and environmental reports



# **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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