

Pine Hills Road Extension Roadway Conceptual Analysis
Public Meeting Summary
March 9, 2005

On March 9, 2005, a kick off meeting for the Pine Hills Road extension RCA was held at Lakeville Elementary School. Orange County and project team attendees included:

- Brian Sanders/Orange County
- Renzo Nastasi/Orange County
- Joe Perez/Orange County
- Anthony Washington/Orange County
- Heather Brownlie/Orange County
- Scott Bear/CH2M HILL
- Tim Walsh/CH2M HILL
- Kathleen Jorza/CH2M HILL
- Michele Gumm/CH2M HILL

The meeting was conducted in an open house format from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. Orange County Commissioner Robert Sindler welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Brian Sanders, the Orange County project manager.

At 7:15 p.m., Brian Sanders gave a formal PowerPoint presentation, introducing the public to the project and the RCA process. The presentation was followed by an informal question and answer period. Throughout the meeting, representatives from Orange County and the project team were available to talk one on one with the public. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Presentation Materials

Project information was displayed on presentation boards for public review. Presentation boards consisted of a Project Aerial and three Typical Sections that included a 4-Lane Suburban Roadway, a 4-Lane Divided Roadway, and a 5-Lane Undivided Roadway.

A formal PowerPoint presentation was given by Brian Sanders. The presentation focused on the following project issues:

- Roadway Conceptual Analysis (RCA) Process
- Public Involvement
- Project Schedule
- Question and Answer

Attendance

Thirty people attended the public meeting. The attendees consisted of thirteen residents, five representatives from local businesses, five agency representatives, four consultants, two attendees from Orange County Commissioner Sindler's office, and one representative from Parsons Transportation Group for the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority.

Question/Answer Session

Comments made during the question and answer portion of the meeting are summarized below.

- ***Has the County conducted an analysis of stormwater areas and where they would be located?***
 - The County must first define project corridors, which will then be analyzed to determine areas where stormwater ponds are most feasible and least impactful. This information will be presented at a future public meeting.

- ***Are there opportunities to combine stormwater areas for this project with those on the Edgewater Drive project?***
 - The Edgewater Drive project does have sites with the potential for sharing. However, the project team must first establish corridors for the Pine Hills Road Extension to ensure the drainage locations would be feasible. Commissioner Sindler added that the Edgewater Drive project does not have funding, so it would be beneficial to combine drainage areas for the two projects.

 - Joe Perez explained that the County is currently negotiating the Edgewater Drive design contract and should begin the design process within a month. The project limits extend east of 441 south to before Clarcona Ocoee Road. The Edgewater Drive contract will include a provision to incorporate the results from the Pine Hills Road Extension RCA into the design of Edgewater Drive.

The County is getting ready to begin the design of All American Boulevard, which will extend from Edgewater Drive at Clarcona-Ocoee Road to Forest City Boulevard at Kennedy Boulevard.

- ***So the design (Edgewater Drive) may be ready before schedule?***
 - Commissioner Sindler explained that since the Orange County Commission voted on the RCA over a year ago, the project has been shelved due to a lack of funding. Even upon completion of the design, funds must still be identified to begin construction. The County staff added that the process may be lengthy even after funding is identified. From the start of an RCA to the completion of construction can take between six and eight years.

- ***Two residents commented on the drainage problems along Beggs Road and Pine Hills Road and also in the ditches along Overland Road.***
 - Commissioner Sindler requested the residents contact his office to discuss these specific drainage issues.

- ***How many corridors have been discussed thus far for the project?***
 - The project team is looking at a number of corridors, while taking into account environment and social constraints and current intersections. Corridors will be presented in the next public meeting in May. Commissioner Sindler added that the project team hopes to receive input from the public at this time to help define corridors.

- *Why can't the Pine Hills Road extension connect at the Maitland Boulevard/US 441 interchange?*
 - Due to the type of intersection (grade separated) and its complexity and traffic volume, adding a Pine Hills Road connection would cause safety problems.
- *A resident expressed interest in a parcel of land on the north side of Beggs Road between US 441 and the railroad. He desires ingress/egress in both directions across from the Orange County Fire Station.*
 - That section of roadway is part of an alignment the County is analyzing and possibly re-working with the Edgewater Drive improvements.

Public Comments Received

Three written comments were received at the meeting and two were received via postal mail. The comments and responses are listed below:

- **Comment** – Desire ingress egress for Yang property, on north side of Beggs Road across from Fire Station.
 - **Response** – Orange County is analyzing and possibly re-working that section of roadway with the Edgewater Drive improvements. Determination of access will be discussed with that effort.
- **Comment** – Ingress egress for Yan's property.
 - **Response** – Orange County is analyzing and possibly re-working that section of roadway with the Edgewater Drive improvements. Determination of access will be discussed with that effort.
- **Comment** – Please do not consider the 200 foot wide maximum version. More comments to follow.
 - **Response** – Due to environmental and social constraints, and the type of two-lane urban roadways in the study area, it is unlikely that a 200-foot wide typical section will be selected.
- **Comment** – I appreciate being on the mailing list. It does appear that to follow the already existing roadway along Overland Road would be the most logical, also the best way to “keep it simple.” The more challenging part may be the intersection of Pine Hills Road and Beggs Road. I do hope the plans for a water pond for the Edgewater and Pine Hills Road Extension is combined into one pond, possibly under the wires on Beggs Road pass Pine Hills on the left where already exists a public works area. Thanks -
 - **Response** – The project team is looking at a number of corridors for the extension, while taking into account environmental and social constraints and current intersections. After establishing corridors, Orange County will look for opportunities and determine the feasibility of using joint stormwater pond locations with those on the Edgewater Drive project.

- **Comment** - I support the project.
 - **Response** - Thank you for your interest in and support of the Pine Hills Road Extension RCA project.