

**Pine Hills Road Extension Roadway Conceptual Analysis
Public Meeting Summary
July 21, 2005**

On July 21, 2005, Orange County conducted the second public meeting for the Pine Hills Road Extension Roadway Conceptual Analysis (RCA) at Lakeville Elementary School in Apopka, Florida. Orange County representatives and project team attendees included:

- Brian Sanders/Orange County
- Joe Perez/Orange County
- Esther Fernandez/Orange County
- Heather Brownlie/Orange County
- Scott Bear/CH2M HILL
- Tim Walsh/CH2M HILL
- Omar Stephenson/CH2M HILL
- Brian Manwaring/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. Brian Sanders, Orange County project manager, welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced public officials.

At 7:15 p.m. Mr. Sanders gave a formal PowerPoint presentation, reacquainting the public with the project and providing an update of project activities since the last public meeting. An informal question and answer period followed the presentation. Throughout the meeting, Orange County representatives and project team members were available to talk one on one with the public. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Presentation Materials

Project information was displayed on presentation boards for public review. The boards consisted of a Project Corridor Map, Corridor A Map, Corridor B through F Map, Matrix 1 (Corridors A-C), Matrix 2 (Corridors D-F), and Typical Sections including a Four-Lane Divided Roadway and a Five-Lane Undivided Roadway. Two sets of boards were displayed.

The PowerPoint presentation focused on the following topics:

- Roadway Conceptual Analysis Study Process
- Corridor Analysis
- Project Schedule
- Public Involvement

Attendance

Thirty-one people attended the public meeting. The attendees consisted of fifteen residents, six representatives from local businesses, five agency representatives, three consultants, a representative from Orange County Commissioner Sindler's office, and State Representative Fred Brummer.

Question/Answer Session

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

- *What is the timing for the project - 6 to 8 years was mentioned during the presentation. Will Apopka Boulevard be cut off by the Maitland Boulevard extension? Will traffic disruptions occur during construction since the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority (OOCEA) is ahead of schedule on the Maitland Boulevard extension?*
 - The timing to finish the Pine Hills Road extension is six to eight years; however, funding has not been identified beyond the study phase.
 - Apopka Boulevard will end in a cul-de-sac adjacent to the Maitland Boulevard extension. During construction, drivers can utilize side roads to reach US 441. OOCEA will also improve the railway corridor in this area as part of the Maitland Boulevard extension project.
- *Will OOCEA open the Maitland Boulevard extension in 2009?*
 - Yes, that is the projected date.
- *This resident has lived in the area for 44 years and believes that most people agree something needs to be done. When they extended Maitland Boulevard and Pine Hills Road, they created a problem because the roads do not intersect. The speaker asked the audience if anybody opposes the project. There were two yes's.*
 - Thank you for your comments.
- *Is it true that the extension of Pine Hills Road will not intersect with Maitland Boulevard due to issues trying to connect the roads?*
 - That is correct.
- *What is the project trying to accomplish with traffic?*
 - This area currently lacks a north/south connection that would improve traffic operations. The regional traffic model confirms this need. Orange County recognizes the benefit of this connection and has including the project in the Long-Range Comprehensive Plan.
- *Are you trying to get traffic east?*
 - The activity center in Maitland and the downtown Orlando job market have increased north/south traffic. The extension of Pine Hills Road creates a north/south connection that will straighten out the traffic movement and provide a regional transportation benefit.
- *Overland Road is a bad south connection.*
 - Overland Road in its current state does not fill the need for a north-south corridor to connect U.S. 441 with Pine Hills Road.
- *Is OOCEA planning to extend Maitland Boulevard to SR 429?*
 - Yes, that is correct.

- *What will dictate the alignment on the south end of the project?*
 - An alignment decision is based on several components. First, roadway geometry must meet criteria. Orange County will also seek to minimize impacts to businesses, homes, schools and churches. Impacts to the natural environment and construction costs also factor into the equation. A combination of these components will drive an alignment decision.
- *Is Overland Road a County road?*
 - Yes.
- *Will the project include sound barriers?*
 - Sound barriers are not included as a part of this project. A decision to install sound barriers must be made by the Orange County Board of County Commissioners.
- *Will the project increase the noise level?*
 - Yes, noise level will increase as traffic increases.
- *Will the project include landscaping, like that seen on Maitland Boulevard?*
 - Landscaping for the Pine Hills Road extension will follow a similar pattern as that seen on Maitland Boulevard. Orange County will assess landscape alternatives and locations during the design phase of the project.
- *What is the timeline for the design phase?*
 - The project's design phase is projected 10 years out, and there is currently no funding available. Funding will determine the timetable for the design phase.
- *When does Orange County anticipate purchasing properties?*
 - Orange County will begin this process when funding is available.
- *Will Orange County design Alternative B at grade level?*
 - The grade level of Alternative B may fluctuate to meet drainage criteria and accommodate stormwater.
- *When will a decision be made on the final alignment?*
 - A decision will be made at the Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing. The Board's approval of Orange County's alignment recommendation will allow Orange County to move forward with the project.

Public Comments Received

One written Public Comment Form and one Action Request Form were received at the public meeting. The comments and responses are listed below:

Public Comment Form:

- **Maurine Buckley**, 2842 Apopka Lane, Apopka, Florida 32703. Corridor A choice is the choice that looks logical to me. I believe "A" displaces fewer affordable housing sites

than the two other corridors. It is my belief that corridor A is the safest route also. It certainly is the shortest and straightest.

➤ **Response** - Thank you for your comments.

Action Request Form:

- **Don Smyth, Jr.,** 2722 Apopka Boulevard, Orlando, Florida.
 - Location of Problem: Corner of Apopka Blvd. and Palm Avenue.
 - Description of Desired Action: Many large potholes in this intersection that need to be patched. Also lots of trash on Palm Avenue.
 - **Response** - Orange County will forward your comments regarding potholes and refuse within the right-of-way to the Orange County Roads and Drainage Department. If the refuse is outside of the right-of-way on Palm Avenue then Orange County will notify the Code Enforcement Department to look into this matter.