



A Regional Transportation Solution

FDOT Sections 3 & 5 Public Hearing
July 12, 2016



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More than 200 people attended the July 12, 2016 Access Management Public Hearing hosted by the Florida Department of Transportation for Wekiva Parkway Sections 3A, 3B and 5. The hearing, which included an open house, a formal presentation and a public testimony period, took place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Mount Dora Community Center, 520 N. Baker Street in Mount Dora.

Members of the public submitted 19 comment forms. Four people spoke during the public testimony period, and one person testified to the court reporter. The public comment period continued through July 26, 2016; information from the public during that time became part of the hearing record. All comments will be responded to in writing.

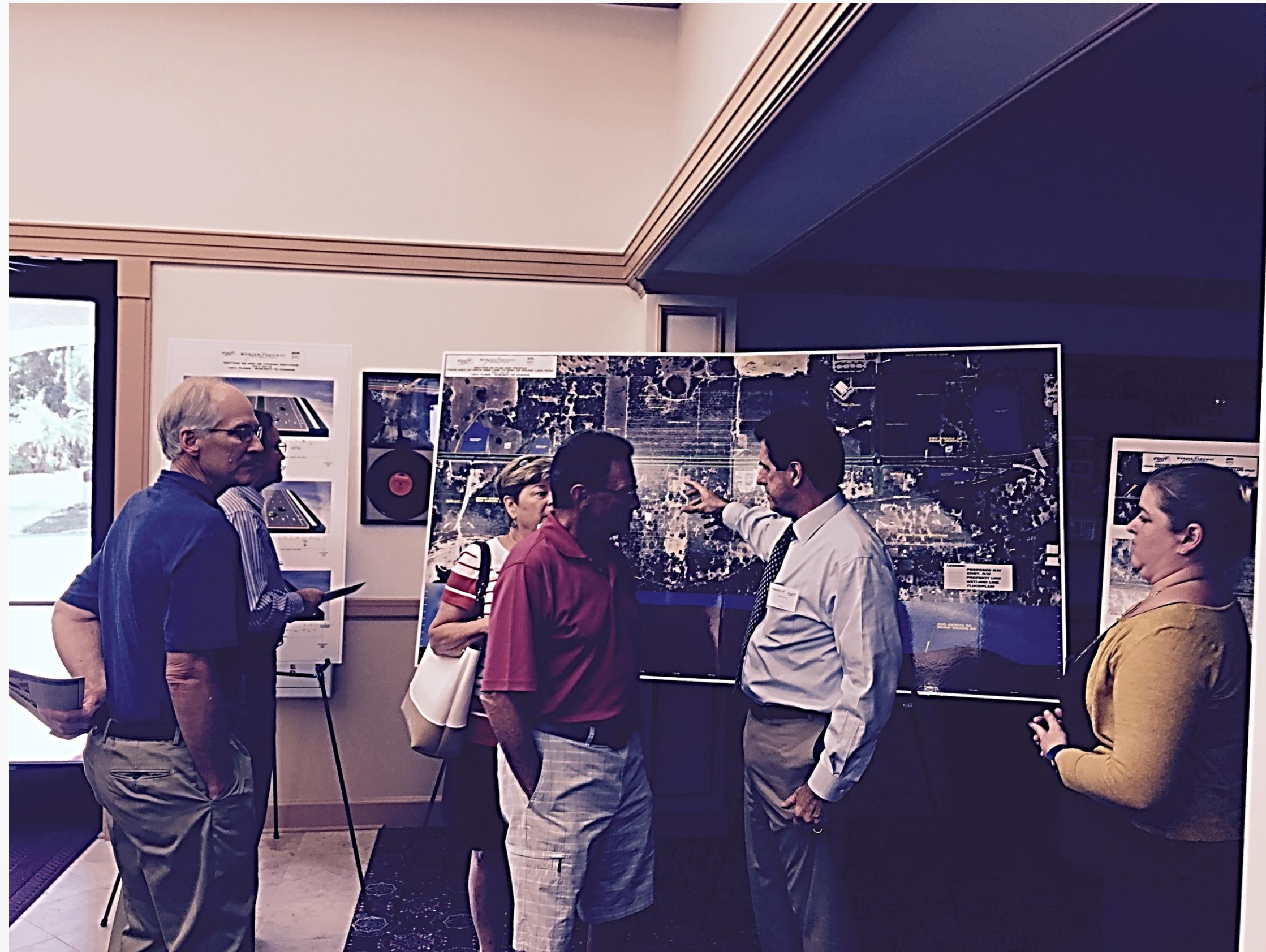
Among the officials attending the public hearing were: Mount Dora City Council members Cal Rolfson and Ed Rowlett and former Mayor Jim Yatsuk; TJ Fish of the Lake Sumter MPO; Jim Stivender, Lake County Public Works Director; and Morgan Hatfield from State Rep. Jennifer Sullivan's office.

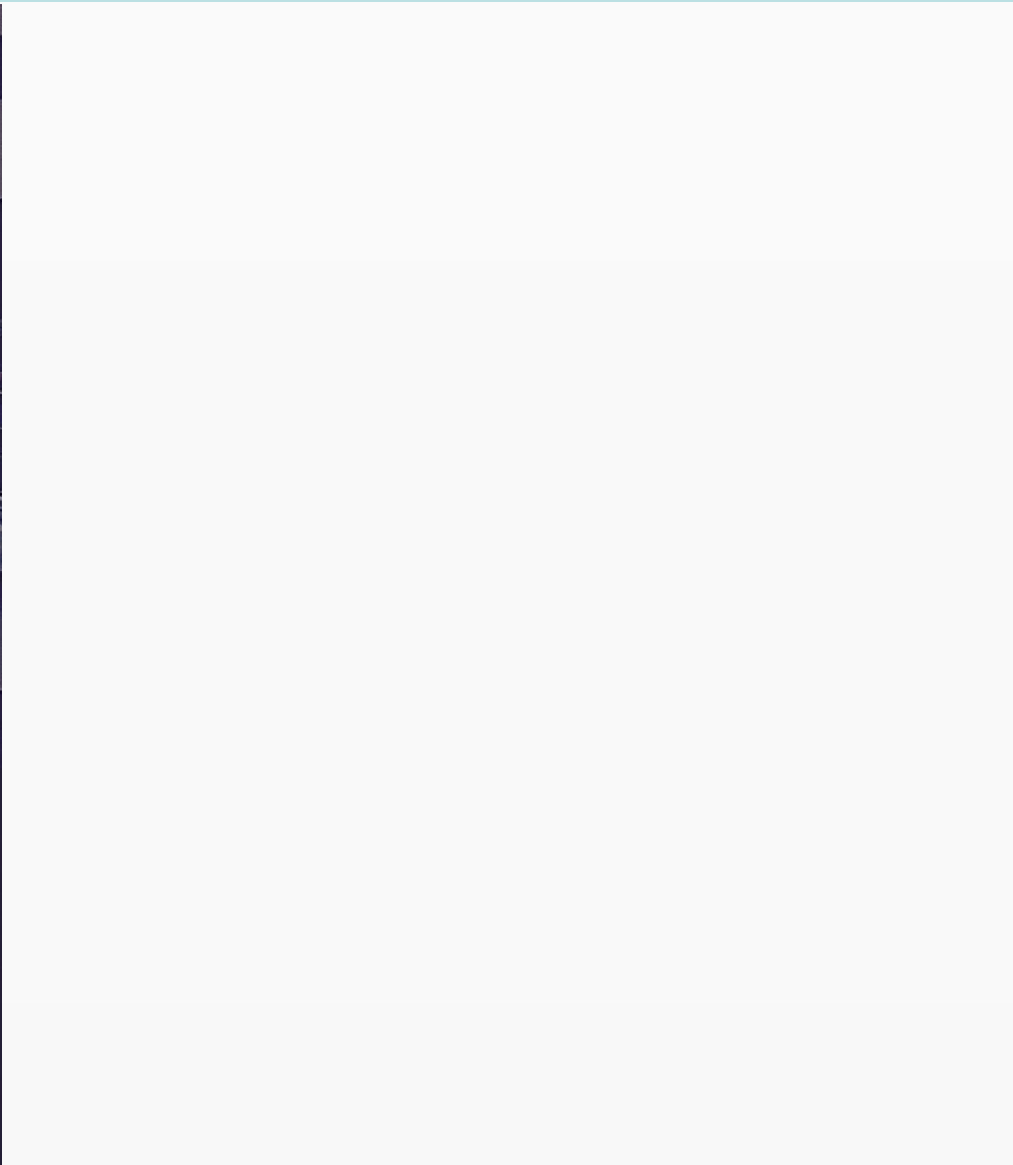
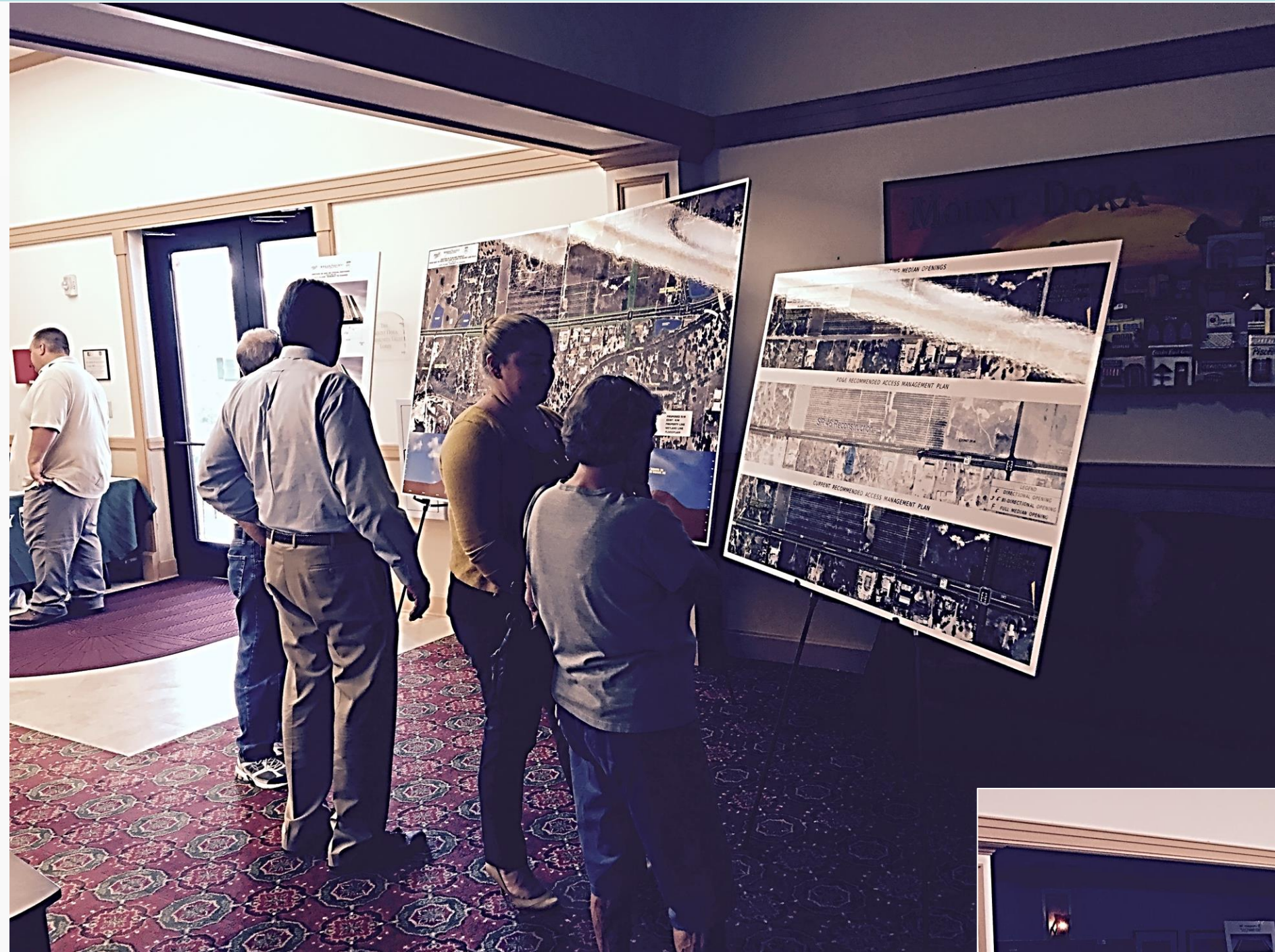
There were a number of repeated concerns, including noise and proximity issues, impacts to quality of life/property values, access management (having to make U-turns), removal of trees and impacts to wildlife and local roads. Many other comments were positive, with folks saying the project is needed and will help them in their travels greatly.







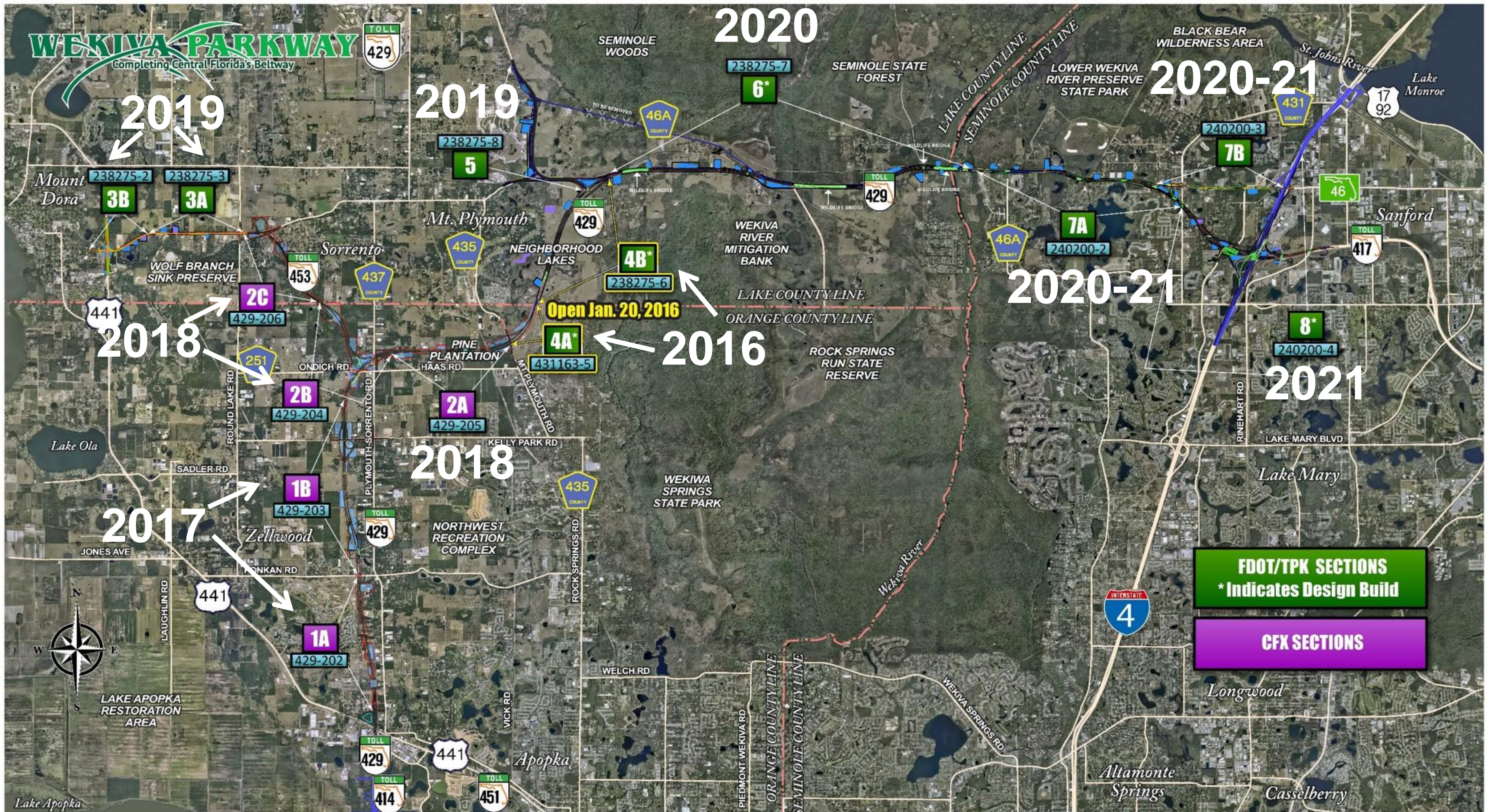






WEKIVA PARKWAY

Completing Central Florida's Beltway



FDOT/TPK SECTIONS
* Indicates Design Build

CFX SECTIONS



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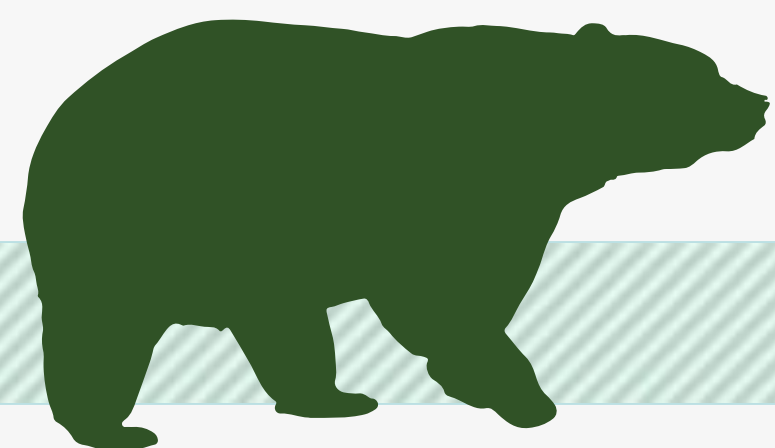
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The screenshot shows the official website for Wekiva Parkway. At the top, the logo reads "WEKIVA PARKWAY" with the tagline "Completing Central Florida's Beltway" and the route number "429". Navigation links include "HOME", "FDOT SECTIONS", "CFX SECTIONS", "SECTIONS BY COUNTY", "PROJECT HISTORY", "FAQ", and "CONTACT US".

The main content area features a "WELCOME" section with text: "On behalf of the Florida Department of Transportation and the Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFE), formerly the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority, thank you for your interest in the Wekiva Parkway design and construction projects. The Wekiva Parkway (State Road 429) is a cooperative effort between these agencies and the Florida's Tropicana Enterprise." It also lists project goals: "The Wekiva Parkway (SR 429) would connect to SR 417, completing the beltway around northeast metropolitan Orlando. This estimated \$1.6 billion project includes \$200 million of non-toll road improvements including: - Widening seven (7) miles of SR 46 in Lake and Seminole Counties; - Rebuilding the US 401/SR 46 interchange in Mount Dora; - Shifting the CR 466 connection to SR 46 so wildlife can move more safely between habitats." A link is provided to view the overall Project Schedule.

Below this is the "WEKIVA PARKWAY PROJECT SECTION MAP" with a note to "Click on a Section Number for Project Details." The map shows various sections of the parkway, with a callout for "SECTION 10" and "SECTION 11". A link "Click here to view larger map" is provided.

Text below the map states: "The 22-mile tolled expressway will provide travel alternatives and relieve US 401, SR 46 and other area roads of traffic congestion resulting from growth and travel between Orange, Lake and Seminole Counties." It also mentions that the project is authorized by the Wekiva Parkway and Protection Act (Chapter 206, Part II, F.S.) and includes setting aside more than 2,000 acres of land for conservation.

On the right side, there is a "LATEST NEWS" section with a list of events from April to June 2014, including public meetings and board hearings. Below this are sections for "PROJECT DOCUMENTS", "PRESENTATIONS", and "PRESS RELEASES".

The "CONTACT US" section lists Mary Brooks as the Public Information Officer, with an email address Info@wekivaparkway.com and phone number 407-694-5505. There is also a small image of a natural landscape.

At the bottom, there are "HELPFUL LINKS" to the Central Florida Expressway Authority, Florida Department of Transportation, Florida's 511, SunRail, and I-75 Project. There are also "FOLLOW US" links for Facebook and Twitter. A copyright notice for 2013 and a public participation statement are at the very bottom.

