#### **PROJECT STATUS**

The Wekiva Parkway will be designed and built in sections. Design projects are scheduled to take approximately 18-24 months, followed by right-of-way acquisition and permitting.

Both the Expressway Authority and the FDOT will continue to communicate with - and solicit input from - the public during the design process. The public can also make comments and view project updates on the project website at www.wekivaparkway.com. Full construction of the beltway's missing link is expected to take at least seven (7) years.

#### **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

A public meeting to review the 60% design plans for Sections 1A and 1B is scheduled for March 21, 2013 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Apopka High School. For more information log onto www.wekivaparkway.com.

Responsible Agency	Map Section Number	Project Limits	Status*
OOCEA	1A	From North of US 441 to North of Ponkan Road	Final design to reach 60% FebMar. 2013
OOCEA	1B	From North of Ponkan Road to North of a New Kelly Park Road Interchange	Final design to reach 60% FebMar. 2013
OOCEA	2A	From North of Kelly Park Road and East to CR 435/Mt. Plymouth Road	Final design 30% complete Feb. 2013
OOCEA	2B	Systems Interchange West of Plymouth Sorrento Road and Ondich Road/Haas Road	Final design to reach 30% April 2013
OOCEA	2C	From East of Round Lake Road to the Lake CoOrange Co. Line	Final design began Jan. 2013
FDOT	3A	SR 46 From East of Pond Road to East of Round Lake Road	Final design to begin May-June 2013
FDOT	3B	SR 46 From West of US 441 to West of Vista View Lane	Final design to reach 30% AprMay 2013
FDOT	4A	From CR 435/Mt. Plymouth Road to Orange Co./Lake Co. Line	Construction to begin Feb. 2013
FDOT	4B	From Orange Co./Lake Co. Line to West of Old McDonald Road	Construction to begin Feb. 2013
FDOT	5	CR 46A Realignment from North of Arundel Way to SR 46	Final design to begin FebMarch 2013
FDOT	6	From West of Old McDonald Road to East of Wekiva River Road	Final design to begin March – April 2013
FDOT	7A	From East of Wekiva River Road to Orange Boulevard	Final design to begin June-July 2013
FDOT	7B	From West of Center Road to Interstate 4	Schedule TBD
FDOT	8	From Orange Boulevard to East of Rinehart Road including the SR 417/I-4 Interchange	Schedule TBD

\*Please be advised that schedules are subject to change

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**PROJECT OVERVIEW** Among the primary goals are to meet regional mobility needs while minimizing impacts to the Wekiva River Basin and improving The Wekiva Parkway (State Road 429) will connect to SR 417, wildlife habitat connectivity between conservation lands. completing the beltway around northwest metropolitan Orlando. Development of the expressway has included setting aside more The planned 25-mile tolled expressway will provide an alternative than 3,400 acres of land for conservation. The parkway also will to Interstate 4, and relieve US 441, SR 46 and other area roads include numerous wildlife bridges, and will be largely elevated to of traffic congestion resulting from growth and travel between reduce accidents between vehicles and wildlife. Orange, Lake and Seminole Counties. The parkway also will help improve safety and reduce vehicle crash fatalities, particularly on SR 46.

This is a cooperative effort between the Florida Department of The parkway will provide access to private properties and a non-Transportation (FDOT), the Orlando-Orange County Expressway tolled option for local trips from the County Road 46A realignment Authority and the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise. The Expressway in Lake County to Orange Boulevard (CR 431) in Seminole Authority is primarily responsible for the Orange County portion, County. That will be accomplished by a new two-lane, non-tolled while the FDOT is responsible for the portions in Lake and service road parallel to the Wekiva Parkway. Seminole counties.

The parkway will feature all electronic tolling for the greatest customer convenience and to maximize traffic flow. This estimated \$1.7 billion project also includes approximately \$500 million of non-toll road improvements including:

- Widening seven (7) miles of SR 46 to four or six lanes in Lake and Seminole Counties
- Rebuilding the US 441/SR 46 interchange in Mount Dora
- · Relocating the CR 46A connection to SR 46 to provide improved wildlife connectivity and additional local road system benefits

#### **PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT**

Authorized in 2004 by the Wekiva Parkway and Protection Act (Chapter 369, Part III, F.S.), this expressway has been heralded as a shining example for transportation planning through an environmentally sensitive area.



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### ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

## **PROJECT HISTORY**

The FDOT and Expressway Authority collaborated on a Project Development and Environment Study beginning in January 2005. The study engaged thousands of state and local agency staff and community members in developing and evaluating alternatives that meet the region's transportation needs, while also seeking to minimize public and environmental impacts.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on May 11, 2012 approved the Wekiva Parkway. The FHWA issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), accepting the location and design concept. This allowed the project to move forward for design and construction.

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