AGREEMENT BETWEEN ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND CENTRAL FLORIDA EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY REGARDING THE WESTERLY EXTENSION OF NEW INDEPENDENCE PARKWAY

THIS AGREEMENT (the "Agreement"), effective as of the latest day of execution (the

"Effective Date"), is entered into by and between ORANGE COUNTY, a charter county and

political subdivision of the state of Florida, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 1393, Orlando,

Florida 32802-1393 ("County"), and CENTRAL FLORIDA EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY,

a body politic and corporate and an agency of the state, under the laws of the State of Florida,

whose mailing address is 4974 ORL Tower Road, Orlando, Florida 32807 ("CFX").

**RECITALS** 

WHEREAS, a portion of a County roadway known as New Independence Parkway

currently extends a short distance west of CR 545/Avalon Road in western Orange County; and

WHEREAS, County has acquired title to the right-of-way to accommodate the westerly

extension of New Independence Parkway to the Lake County line (the "Extension"); and

WHEREAS, attached as Exhibit "A" is an aerial photo depicting the alignment of the

Extension; and

WHEREAS, County desires to complete construction of the Extension as a functionally

classified County road and pursuant to a public-private partnership with Hamlin Partners at

Silverleaf, LLC as Constructing Owner in accordance with the Silverleaf Road Network

Agreement as originally entered into between County and Jen Florida 36, LLC, a Florida limited

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liability company, approved by the County on September 1, 2020 and recorded at Doc #20200467436, as thereafter amended (collectively the "Silverleaf Road Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, CFX and County agree that the Extension will serve a public purpose and is necessary; and

WHEREAS, CFX is willing to contribute a portion of the cost of the Extension to accelerate construction of the Extension and increase traffic flow to SR 429; and

WHEREAS, the Extension meets the definition of a Feeder Road under applicable CFX bond covenants and CFX is willing to partner with County to complete the Extension; and

WHEREAS, CFX and County now desire to set forth certain terms and conditions related to the above referenced partial CFX funding of the Extension construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises herein contained, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, County and CFX agree as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct, and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Extension Design and Construction. The Extension shall be designed, engineered, permitted, and constructed pursuant to the provisions of the Silverleaf Road Agreement requiring County approved final construction plans, permits, the final construction contract, approval of the general contractor and inspection and payment procedures, all as more fully set forth in the Silverleaf Road Agreement. Upon completion of construction, approval of all inspections by County and acceptance by County for maintenance, the Extension shall constitute a public roadway.

Section 3. CFX Contribution. Promptly upon receipt of notification from County that it has approved the final Extension construction plans, the final construction contract, including applicable payment and performance bonds, and confirming that all other requirements under the

Silverleaf Road Agreement to permit commencement of Extension construction have been satisfied, CFX shall pay to County Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) as its contribution (the "CFX Contribution") to the Extension cost, which as agreed above constitutes a Feeder Road. No portion of the CFX Contribution shall be applied to any other County roadway. At such time as CFX has remitted the full payment of the CFX Contribution to County, CFX's obligation hereunder shall be satisfied and this Agreement may be terminated as hereafter provided.

- Section 4. Termination of Agreement. County and CFX may terminate this Agreement without penalty, and such termination shall not be considered a breach by either party, (i) at such time that the entire CFX Contribution has been paid to County, or (ii) in the event that County removes the Extension from its Capital Improvement Program and abandons completion of the Extension.
- Section 5. Recording of Agreement. An executed original of this Agreement shall be recorded in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida within thirty (30) days after the Effective Date, at the County's expense.
- Section 6. Further Documentation; Cooperation. The parties agree to confer as reasonably necessary with respect to the terms of this Agreement.
- Section 7. Entire Agreement. This Agreement, along with its Exhibit, constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties regarding the subject matter hereof. Accordingly, any prior oral or written agreements or understandings of any kind between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof are null and void and of no effect.
- Section 8. Amendments. This Agreement may be amended only by express written instrument properly executed by the parties' respective governing boards in the same manner as this Agreement.
- Section 9. Validity. County and CFX each represents, warrants, and covenants to and with the other its respective power under Florida law to enter into this Agreement; acknowledges the

validity and enforceability of this Agreement; and waives any future right of defense based on claim of illegality, invalidity, or unenforceability of any nature. Additionally, County and CFX each represents, warrants, and covenants to and with the other that this Agreement has been validly approved, and that this Agreement constitutes a legal, valid, and binding contract enforceable against the other party in accordance with the terms hereof.

Section 10. Governing Law; Venue. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. Venue for any action arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be in the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Orange County, Florida.

Section 11. Disputes. Any disputes with regard to the rights and obligations of the parties shall be governed by and subject to the provisions of Chapter 164, Florida Statutes, including but not limited to the duty to negotiate under Section 164.1041.

Section 12. Counterparts. This Agreement and any amendments thereto may be executed in up to two (2) counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and both of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Section 13. Third Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement does not create, and shall not be construed as creating, any rights enforceable by any person or entity other than County and CFX.

Section 14. Severability. The provisions of this Agreement are declared by the parties to be severable only to the extent that the remaining provisions can effectuate the purpose and intent of the parties.

Section 15. Construction. Both parties have been allowed equal input regarding the terms and wording of this Agreement and have had the benefit of consultation with their respective legal counsel prior to execution of this Agreement, such that all language herein shall be construed equally against the parties, and no language shall be construed strictly against its drafter.

Section 16. Headings. The headings or captions of sections or subsections used in this Agreement are merely for the convenience of the parties for reference only and are not intended to define or limit their contents, nor are they to affect the construction of or to be taken into consideration in interpreting this Agreement.

Section 17. Notices. Any notice required to be given or otherwise given by one party to the other party shall be in writing and shall be deemed delivered when given by hand delivery; five (5) days after being deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, certified or registered; or the next business day after being deposited with a recognized overnight mail or courier delivery service; or when transmitted by facsimile or telecopy transmission, with receipt acknowledged upon transmission; and addressed as follows:

If to County: Orange County Administrator

P.O. Box 1393

Orlando, FL 32802-1393 Email: byron.brooks@ocfl.net

With copy to: Director, Orange County Public Works Department

4200 South John Young Parkway

Orlando, Florida 32839

Email: joseph.kunkel@ocfl.net

County Attorney

Orange County Administration Center

201 South Rosalind Avenue Orlando, Florida 32802

If to CFX: Executive Director

Central Florida Expressway Authority

4974 ORL Tower Road Orlando, FL 32807

with a copy to: General Counsel, Central Florida Expressway Authority

4974 ORL Tower Road Orlando, FL 32807 In all cases, notices shall be deemed delivered to a party only upon delivery of copies to the persons indicated above in the same manner as for the party being notified. Either party may change its designated official or address for receipt of notice by giving notice of such change to the other party in the manner provided in this section.

[SIGNATURES APPEAR ON FOLLOWING PAGES]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement: Orange County, signing by and through its Mayor, authorized to execute same by Board action on the day of February, 2025,, and Central Florida Expressway Authority, signing by and through its Executive Director, authorized to execute same by Board action of the day of February, 2025.	
ATTEST: Phil Diamond, Orange County Comptroller as Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners By:	COUNTY  ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA  By: Board of County Commissioners  By:
Deputy Clerk	By: Jerry Demmings Orange County Mayor
Print Name:	Date:, 2025
APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR EXECUTION BY A SIGNATORY OF THE CENTRAL FLORIDA EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY	CENTRAL FLORIDA EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY, a body politic and corporate, and an agency of the state, under the laws of the State of Florida
By: Angela J. Wallace General Counsel	By: Michelle Maikisch  Title: Executive Director  Date:

## EXHIBIT "A"

Depiction of proposed alignment of extension to New Independence Parkway



