




**Interoffice Memorandum**

December 4, 2019

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–AND–  
Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: December 17, 2019 – Discussion Item  
Osceola Parkway Extension and the Split Oak Forest  
Wildlife and Environmental Area

On December 12, 2019, the Central Florida Expressway (CFX) Authority's Governing Board is scheduled to meet and select their preferred alignment of the Osceola Parkway Extension. If lands within the Split Oak Forest Wildlife and Environmental Area (SOFWEA) are proposed to be impacted by the proposed Osceola Parkway Extension, Rule 62-818.015, Florida Administrative Code, outlines a process for the Florida Communities Trust (FCT) to consider allowing a linear facility, such as a roadway, through a FCT project site. FCT must determine that there is no reasonable alternative to the proposed land use modification and that the land use is designed to have a minimal impact on the site. In addition, any involved local governments must provide a written statement indicating that they have reviewed and approved the proposed use. Furthermore, the FCT Grant Agreement, Interagency Agreement with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the SOFWEA Management Plan will need to be amended. More specifically, adoption of a management plan, or modification to the existing Interagency Agreement and SOFWEA Management Plan, should include the proposed additional 1550 acres of lands to be placed into conservation in Orange and Osceola counties.

During the presentation, an overview of the preferred alignment for the Osceola Parkway Extension and its impacts to SOFWEA will be presented by County and CFX staff. Contingent upon a determination by FCT that there is no other reasonable alternative, staff will bring back the amended Grant Award Agreement, Interagency Agreement, and Management Plan for Board approval at a future date.

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**ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval and execution of Resolution of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners regarding approval of the Central Florida Expressway (CFX) Authority preferred alternative for the Osceola Parkway Extension Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Re-evaluation and petitioning the Florida Communities Trust for a modification of the Grant Award Agreement, Interagency Agreement, and Management Plan. District 4

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Attachment