## Interoffice Memorandum



#### **REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT ITEM 17**

**DATE:** 

July 24, 2017

TO:

Mayor Teresa Jacobs

and the

**Board of County Commissioners** 

THROUGH:

Paul Sladek, Manager

Real Estate Management Division

**FROM:** 

Virginia G. Williams, Senior Title Examiner

Real Estate Management Division

CONTACT

**PERSON:** 

Paul Sladek, Manager

**DIVISION:** 

Real Estate Management

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**ACTION** 

**REQUESTED:** 

APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF RESOLUTION AND

AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS

**PROJECT:** 

Econlockhatchee Trail (Lake Underhill Road to S.R. 50)

District 3

**PURPOSE:** 

Acquisition of one fee simple parcel for right-of-way required for road

widening improvements.

ITEM:

Resolution (Parcel 1065)

**BUDGET:** 

Account No.: 1023-072-5024-6110

**APPROVALS:** 

Real Estate Management Division

Public Works Department

**REMARKS:** 

This is the sixth submittal of parcels for this project to be acquired through

eminent domain.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and carried with all members present and voting AYE by voice vote, the Board adopted the following:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, during FY 04/05, the Board approved the project known as Econlockhatchee Trail (Lake Underhill Road to S.R. 50) to improve the existing roadway, add sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and turn lanes, address the drainage problems, and improve the traffic flow as outlined in the staff report attached as Exhibit "A".

WHEREAS, in connection with the construction, repair and maintenance of the Econlockhatchee Trail (Lake Underhill Road to S.R. 50) project by Orange County, a charter county and political subdivision of the state of Florida, it is necessary that said County have the required area for road right of way and it is necessary and in the public interest that there be acquired the required fee simple interest in certain lands for proper construction and maintenance of the above road in the County's Road System and

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by Orange County, a charter county and a political subdivision of the state of Florida, by and through the Board of County Commissioners of said County, that the acquisition of the required fee simple interest in the required land necessary for road right of way purposes has been found to be and is hereby found to be necessary, practical, and to the best interest of Orange County, Florida, and the people of said County, and the same is for a County purpose; and be it further

RESOLVED that for the purposes aforesaid, it is necessary, practical, and to the best interest of the public and Orange County and of the people of said County that the fee simple interest for roadway purposes be acquired in the name of said County by gift, purchase, eminent domain proceedings, or otherwise over and upon that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being in Orange County, Florida, as described in the attached Schedule "A" and Schedule "B".

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property description under parcel number 1065 is ratified and confirmed and found necessary for this project to the extent of the estate or interest set forth as a part of the parcel description, the above referenced description being attached hereto as Schedule "A" and Schedule "B", and made a part by reference hereof, that Orange County, the Board of County Commissioners of said County, the Deputy Clerk of said Board of County Commissioners, the attorneys of said Board of County Commissioners and County, and all appropriate departments, officers and employees of said County be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to take necessary steps to institute and prosecute such necessary actions and proceedings as may be proper for the acquisition of the required fee simple interest in said land by gift, purchase, eminent domain proceedings or otherwise, and to prepare, sign, execute, serve, publish, and file, in the name of the County by its commissioners, all eminent domain papers, affidavits and pleadings, and said attorneys are authorized to have prepared, at said County's expense, such abstract of title search as may be necessary in connection therewith.

AD	OPTED THIS	_ DAY OF	AUG	2 2 2017	, 2017.
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	Phil Diamond, CPA, County Comptroller as Clerk of the Board of County Commissione  i huit Deputy Clerk	rs		27 Sa4 eresa Jacobs range County	Mayor
	Katie Smith		DATE:	8.22.	17
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Econlockhatchee Trail
From: Lake Underhill Road

To: SR 50 CIP 5024

### **PROJECT HISTORY**

- 1. Orange County began the Roadway Conceptual Analysis (RCA) for the Econlockhatchee Trail Project in January 2002. The *Econlockhatchee Trail Roadway Conceptual Analysis Report* documents the need for improvement, existing conditions, design criteria, traffic analysis, corridor analysis, alternative alignment analysis and preliminary design analysis.
- 2. The First Public Meeting for the Econlockhatchee Trail RCA was held on April 24, 2002. The purpose of this meeting was to inform the community about the roadway project. The meeting included a formal presentation by Orange County, followed by an informal question and answer period.
- 3. The Second Public Meeting for the Econlockhatchee Trail RCA was held on September 4, 2002 to discuss the Preliminary Preferred alternative.
  - The following concerns were discussed and evaluated: right-of-way acquisition necessary to construct the project, speed limit, location of retention ponds, median openings, traffic signals, and placement of turn lanes.
- 4. The Third Public Meeting for the Econlockhatchee Trail RCA was held on February 26, 2003. The preferred improvement concept and typical sections were discussed and displayed for review and comment.
- 5. A Local Planning Agency (LPA) Workshop was held on September 16, 2004. A brief project presentation was given to the LPA Board. Orange County and Dyer, Riddle, Mills & Precourt Inc. (DRMP) presented the results and recommendations of the Econlockhatchee Trail RCA to the LPA and solicited comments and ideas.
- 6. A LPA Public Hearing was held on November 18, 2004. A brief project presentation was given to the LPA Board. The presentation outline was as follows: project needs, public involvement, project elements, property impacts, estimated costs, project schedule, and action requested. The LPA found that the proposed improvements were consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
- 7. The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Public Hearing was held on February 22, 2005. County Staff made a brief presentation. The presentation outline was as follows: project need, public involvement, project elements, estimated costs, project schedule, and action requested. The BCC approved proceeding with the design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of the project.

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## PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS

Some of the important elements in determining the need for the roadway improvements are existing conditions, long range planning, safety considerations, environmental considerations, evaluation of alternative alignments, engineering recommendations and project cost.

### **Existing Conditions**

Econlockhatchee Trail (from 1,075 feet south of Lake Underhill Road to 330 feet north of SR 50) is currently a two-lane, undivided roadway. The road serves residential and commercial developments located adjacent to the roadway. The posted speed limit is 35 mph.

The existing roadway consists of two twelve-feet wide travel lanes (one in each direction) with no paved shoulders or bicycle lanes. Some of the more recent housing or development projects have installed sidewalks along a portion of the roadway, but the majority of the roadway lacks a sidewalk system. The stormwater system collects drainage through open swales.

The right-of-way throughout the project varies. The Econlockhatchee Trail right-of-way is 96 feet wide at the beginning of the project 1,075 feet south of Lake Underhill Road to the intersection of Lake Underhill Road and Econlockhatchee Trail. Between Lake Underhill Road and SR 408, the Econlockhatchee Trail right-of-way varies from 60 feet wide to 100 feet wide. In the vicinity of SR 408, the right-of-way varies extensively, but exceeds 100 feet. North of SR 408 to 330 feet north of SR 50, the right-of-way ranges between 58 feet and 88 feet.

The stormwater from 1,075 feet south of Lake Underhill Road to the southern end of the bridge embankment over SR 408 is collected in open swales and conveyed to the canal on the south side of Lake Underhill Road. From the bridge over the SR 408 to Millinockett Lane, the stormwater is collected in open swales and treated in ponds that eventually outfall into the Little Econlockhatchee River. From Millinockett Lane to SR 50, the stormwater is collected in shallow ditches through ditch bottom inlets, then conveyed through a 48" reinforced concrete pipe that outfalls to the Little Econlockhatchee River. The stormwater collected from SR 50 to 330 feet north of SR 50 will drain to the north to the E-4 canal. The stormwater retention pond for this area was constructed with the improvements to the Econlockhatchee Trail from SR 50 to Trevarthon Road.

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## Long Range Planning

The limits of the Econlockhatchee Trail RCA are from Lake Underhill Road to SR 50. A future conditions analysis was performed to identify the effects between a build scenario for Econlockhatchee Trail as a 4-lane facility and a no-build scenario, in which no improvements are made to the existing 2-lane facility. The build scenario shows that all roadway segments will operate at a level of service 'D' or better through the year 2027, except for the SR 50 intersection. Level of service 'A' is very good, and a level of service 'F' is failing. Orange County requires that collector roads, such as the Econlockhatchee Trail, maintain a level of service 'E' or better. If the existing Econlockhatchee Trail roadway is not improved, it is expected that traffic volumes will increase and the unimproved facility would not adequately serve the projected traffic demands and the levels of service will continue to deteriorate to an unacceptable level by 2007.

## **Safety Considerations**

The widening of Econlockhatchee Trail should provide for both traffic and pedestrian safety. The following are some of the improvements associated with Econlockhatchee Trail: signalization, increased sight distance, raised medians, sidewalks and bicycle lanes. New traffic signals will be installed at Lake Underhill Road, Valencia College Lane, Millinockett Lane and SR 50. The traffic signals at SR 50 will be coordinated with FDOT during the widening project of SR 50. Increased sight distance along the project corridor will provide an increased factor of safety. The raised medians will also provide adequate separation for the two directions of traffic. The installation of sidewalks and bicycle lanes will provide designated areas for pedestrians and bicyclists.

#### **Environmental Considerations**

The environmental considerations include land use, cultural features and community centers, threatened and endangered species, impacts to wetlands, and contaminated sites.

The predominant land use along the existing Econlockhatchee Trail corridor is residential and multi-family along with sparsely scattered commercial and ranch parcels. There are several businesses along the corridor that include a Progress Energy substation, Econ Golf and Baseball, Palm Gardens Assisted Living Center, Whistle Junction (formerly Ryan's steakhouse), Seven-Eleven Store, Mobil Gas Station, United States Post Office and Shell Service Station. Residential and multi-family developments include Deerwood Village, Valencia Gardens, Sutton Ridge, Rosewalk, Sundance at the Econ and Valencia Trace Apartments. There are three major cultural features, or community centers, which are as follows: Valencia Community College, Hindu University and the Orlando Lutheran Academy.

A survey of threatened and endangered species found that none were within the project area. There were no recorded historical or archaeological sites within the study area.

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Multiple types of wetland systems exist within the study area. They include forested wetlands and the Little Econlockhatchee River. The Little Econlockhatchee River flows parallel to the Econlockhatchee Trail along the entire project corridor from Lake Underhill Road to SR 50, approximately 1000 feet east of the road. The proposed roadway project is expected to impact less than an acre of wetlands. Mitigation for impacts will be determined during permitting with the St. Johns River Water Management District and the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Preliminary investigations indicate that there may be some soil or groundwater contamination near the proposed stormwater retention pond just south of the SR 50 intersection. Further investigation will be done during the design process. Special construction procedures may be required. The stormwater pond will be a joint use pond with FDOT for the SR 50 project.

## **Evaluation of Alternative Alignments**

Three roadway alignment alternatives were considered. The alternatives were developed to address several different concerns including: traffic capacity needs of the study area, pedestrian and bicyclists needs, access management and minimization of impacts to residents, planned development, businesses and the environment. The roadway alignments were evaluated based on the recommended typical section. These alternative alignments were based on left, right and center orientations with respect to existing pavement and right-of-way location. Each segment of the road was evaluated for its best alignment. The recommended alignment was a combination of the alignments for each segment.

## **Engineering Recommendations**

From Lake Underhill Road north the recommended alignment is generally centered on the existing right-of-way. Near SR 50, the alignment shifts to west to accommodate turn lanes for the intersection and connection to the bridge north of SR 50 The alignment discussed above was selected because of its less significant impacts to the local community. According to the Joint Participation Agreement, FDOT will be constructing the intersection with SR 50.

The recommended typical section for this project is as follows:

- Four lanes (two, each direction)
- Raised landscaped median
- Bicycle lanes (one, each direction)
- Sidewalks (one, each direction)
- Curb and gutter stormwater drainage system with retention ponds
- 110 feet-wide minimum proposed right-of-way
- Landscaping
- Roadway Lighting

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## **Project Costs**

The right-of-way costs include land, attorney fees and expert costs were estimated for each individual parcel. The total right-of-way cost for the recommended alignment is approximately \$4,836,650.

The Engineering Design cost for the recommended alignment is approximately \$2,000,000.

The estimated construction cost for the recommended alignment is approximately \$17,600,000.

Therefore, the total project cost is approximately \$24,436,650.

#### Conclusion

In accordance with the Econlockhatchee Trail Roadway Conceptual Analysis, the Econlockhatchee Trail project from Lake Underhill Road to SR 50 should be designed and constructed as a four lane urban, divided facility. This project is needed to increase the traffic operation capacity of the existing two-lane roadway. Also, the improvements are required in order to accommodate the increased transportation demands resulting from current and future growth in the area.

## LEGAL DESCRIPTION

SCHEDULE "A" PARCEL: 1065

A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PORTION OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

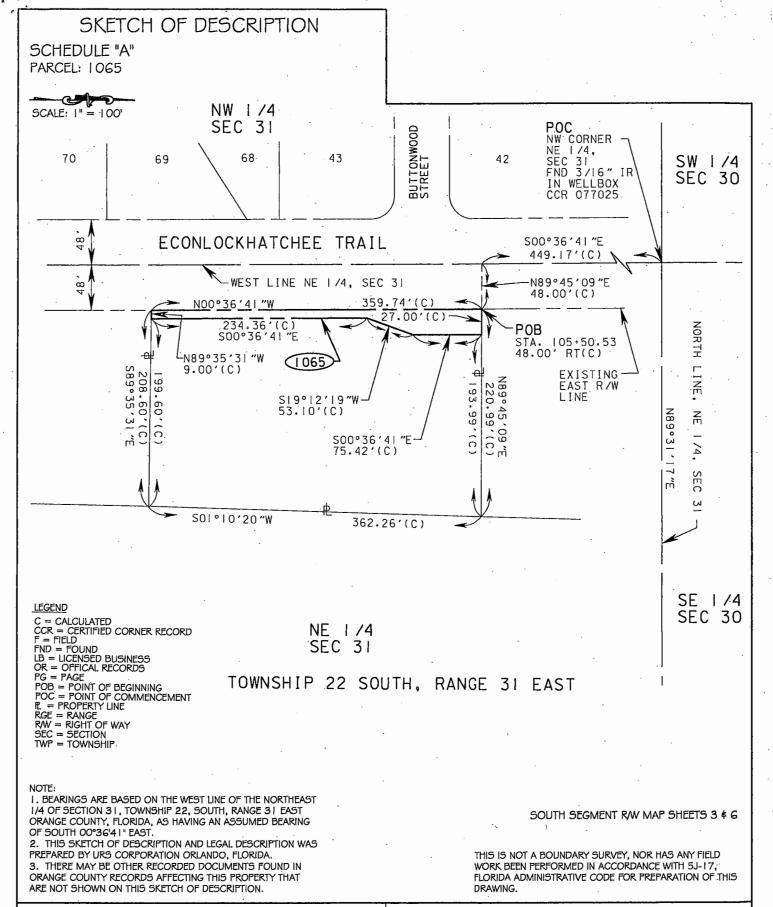
COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4 (A 3/16" IRON ROD IN A WELLBOX AS NOW EXISTS); THENCE SOUTH 00°36'41" EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE THEREOF A DISTANCE OF 449.17 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID WEST LINE NORTH 89°45'09" EAST A DISTANCE OF 48.00 FEET TO THE EXISTING EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF ECONLOCKHATCHEE TRAIL AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE DEPARTING SAID EXISTING EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE CONTINUE NORTH 89°45'09" EAST A DISTANCE OF 27.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°36'41" EAST A DISTANCE OF 75.42 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 19°12'19" WEST A DISTANCE OF 53.10 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°36'41" EAST A DISTANCE OF 234.36 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°35'31" WEST A DISTANCE OF 9.00 FEET TO SAID EXISTING EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE; THENCE NORTH 00°36'41" WEST ALONG SAID EXISTING EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 359.74 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 5,046 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS.

THIS IS NOT A BOUNDARY SURVEY, NOR HAS ANY FIELD WORK BEEN PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH 5J-17, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE FOR PREPARATION OF THIS DRAWING.

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DRAWN BY: DJK	JOB NO: 5024		SUITE 245 ORLANDO, FL 32801-1949	
APPROVED BY: RJM	COUNTY PROJECT NO: Y6-816	·	PH (407) 422-0353 LICENSED BUSINESS NO. 6839	SHEET: 1 OF 2



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# SCHEDULE "B"

# 5024 ECONLOCKHATCHEE TRAIL PARCEL 1065

## **FEE SIMPLE**

Parcel 1065: the interest being acquired is fee simple.