

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

For

**McCulloch Road – Roadway Conceptual Analysis Study
(Ken Dixon Way to North Tanner Road)**



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Revision (February 2026): During the McCulloch Road Roadway Conceptual Analysis (RCA), North Orion Boulevard was change to Ken Dixon Way. The title has been updated with the remaining portions keeping with the original name of North Orion Boulevard.

Introduction

The McCulloch Road Roadway Conceptual Analysis (RCA) study focuses on the corridor along McCulloch Road from west of North Orion Boulevard to east of North Tanner Road. This segment of McCulloch Road has two travel lanes (one in each direction) with three signalized intersections at North Orion Boulevard, Worchester Drive/Keats Way and North Tanner Road. The existing roadway elements include intermittent sidewalks and turn lanes. The study area is a mixture of neighborhoods, minor commercial properties, a fire station, wetlands/conservation lands and property owned by the University of Central Florida. The intersection of McCulloch Road and North Orion Boulevard is a major northern entrance to the University of Central Florida. The study shall place particular emphasis on the interaction of vehicular traffic and pedestrian, bicycle and other modes of transportation utilizing this intersection. The intersection is primary access to the university's sports facilities and is frequently congested and law enforcement routinely overrides traffic operations during major sporting events. The purpose of this RCA study is to evaluate the widening of McCulloch Road. The roadway serves the University of Central Florida community and surrounding area along the Seminole-Orange County line and it is anticipated that the proposed improvements will improve multi-modal mobility and safety in the area.

The *Public Involvement Plan (PIP)* for this RCA study establishes the framework for informing and engaging elected and appointed officials, agencies, businesses, residents, advocacy groups, community asset representatives, and interested parties within the RCA study area. This *PIP* also describes opportunities for stakeholders to share their ideas and concerns with the study team, thus creating an open and transparent flow of information between the study team and those affected by the proposed improvements in the McCulloch Road area. Stakeholder contributions to this study will ensure that a final set of recommendations will have community acceptance while also being technically sound. This *PIP* will be updated as key outreach activities are completed during the RCA study.

Project Contact Information

The project contacts for the McCulloch Road RCA study are provided below:

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Identification of Stakeholders

A key component of this *PIP* is the open and transparent exchange of information between the study team and the public. Contact lists (email and mailing addresses) are being developed, which will include elected officials, appointed officials, Study Advisory Group, neighborhood associations, and interested parties. It is anticipated that these lists will expand and change as

the RCA study progresses. Below are the names of groups that will be informed about the RCA study.

Elected & Appointed Officials

- Orange County Board of County Commissioners (study area within District 5)
- Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings
- Orange County Planning and Zoning Commissioners
- State Representative David Smith (District 28)
- State Senator Jason Brodeur. (District 9)
- US Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy (District 7)
- US Senators: Marco Rubio and Rick Scott
- Orange County School Board (study area in District1) Metroplan Orlando Board
- LYNX Board of Directors
- Seminole County Board of County Commissioners
- Seminole County Chairman Lee Constantine (District 3)

Orange County Departments

- Planning, Environmental, and Development Services Department
 - Director
 - Transportation Planning Manager
 - Planning Manager
 - Environmental Protection Manager
 - Neighborhood Manager
- Public Works Department
 - Director
 - Deputy Director
 - County Engineer
 - Traffic Engineering Manager
 - Highway Construction Manager
 - Development Engineering Manager
 - Roads & Drainage Manager
 - Stormwater Management Manager
- Orange County Utilities
- Orange County Administrator's Office
 - County Administrator
 - Deputy County Administrator
- Orange County Attorney's Office
 - County Attorney
 - Assistant County Attorney
- Orange County Public Information Office
 - Public Information Officer
- Orange County Fire Rescue
 - Planning Manager

Other Agencies

- Seminole County
- Florida Department of Transportation – District Five
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

- LYNX
 - Chief Executive Officer
- MetroPlan Orlando
 - Executive Director
- Orange County Public Schools
 - Planning and Governmental Relations Senior Administrator
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- St. Johns River Water Management District

Advocacy Groups

- University Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
- Catholic Campus Ministry

Neighborhoods

- University Estates
- Madison Park
- Hawthorne Glen
- Ashington Park
- West Hampton

Community Assets

- University of Central Florida (Adjacent to project)
- University High School (3 miles from project)
- Riverdale Elementary School (3.7 miles from project)
- Orange County Preparatory Academy Charter School (2.5 miles from project)
- Carillon Elementary School (2.6 miles from project)
- Hagerty High School (2.4 miles from project)
- Northgate School (less than 1 mile from project)
- Orange Co./Seminole Co. Fire Station 65 (Adjacent to project)
- University Carillon United Methodist Church (less than 1 mile from project)
- Pursuit Church (less than 1 mile from project)
- UCP Bailes Community Academy (K-8) (less than 1 mile from project)
- Econ River Wilderness Area (Adjacent to project)
- Northview Student Housing Center (less than 1 mile from project)

Retail Centers

- None

Individual Businesses

- Dollar General
- Econ River Family Dental
- Chevron (&-11)

Property Owners

Property owners located within 300 feet of the rights-of-way of McCulloch Road will be identified.

Public Outreach Activities

Study Website & Electronic Communication

Study information and updates will be posted on the Orange County website (www.ocfl.net). Also, a link will be provided in order to access study details, such as: study area map, schedule, meeting notices, newsletters and study documents.

Email will be the primary means of communication between the study team and stakeholders throughout the RCA study. The study team will use the email lists to share study updates and to notify stakeholders of upcoming meetings. Stakeholders will be encouraged to share their ideas and concerns through email, providing a platform for documenting this input and study team responses. Also, social media (Facebook, Twitter and YouTube) will be used as additional ways to share information.

Newsletters

A newsletter will be created for the RCA study, providing opportunities to learn about the study's progress and upcoming meetings. Five (5) editions will be prepared.

- Newsletter #1: Prior to Kick-off Alternatives Information Public Meeting-February 2022
- Newsletter #2: Prior to the Recommended Improvement Concept Meeting-April 2022
- Newsletter #3: Prior to the Local Planning Agency Public Hearing-July 2022
- Newsletter #4: Prior to the Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing-August 2022
- Newsletter #5: After final action by the Board of County Commissioners-October 2022

The newsletters will be mailed to the property owners and stakeholders without email addresses. For the other stakeholders, the newsletter will be emailed. In addition, the newsletter will be posted on the study website. Printed copies will be available at the Orange County Public Library-Alafaya Branch.

Media Contact

Orange County's Public Information Officer will handle all contact with the media, which at a minimum will include local newspapers (*The Orlando Sentinel*, *El Sentinel*), local television stations (Channel 2 - WESH, Channel 6 - WKMG, Channel 9 - WFTV, Channel 24 – PBS, Channel 35 – FOX, and Univision Orlando), and social media. The study team will provide study specific information to the County's Public Information Officer for use in press releases, interviews, and news articles.

Public Meetings & Hearings

There will be a series of public meetings and hearings throughout the RCA study.

Community Public Meetings

There will be two community meetings during the RCA study, which will be held at a location in or near the McCulloch Road RCA study area. The first meeting will be held after a range of alternatives have been identified and evaluated and the second meeting will be held to present the study's recommendations. Meeting notifications will include: study newsletter, newspaper advertisements (*Orlando Sentinel* and *El*

Sentinel), Orange County website, and press releases. At each meeting, study information will be displayed in an open house format and study team members will be available to hold “one-on-one” conversations. In addition, a study presentation will be given followed by a “question and answer” forum.

Orange County Board of County Commissioners

The study’s recommendations will be presented to the Orange County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) two times; first as a work session agenda item and second as a public hearing item. Both times, the Orange County Project Manager will provide the highlights of the study findings and the PZC/LPA recommendations, followed by input from citizens and Commission members. It is anticipated that the District 5 commissioner will host a community meeting specifically about this project after the BCC workshop and before the BCC public hearing.

Small Group Meetings

The project team will hold small group meetings with stakeholders on an as needed basis. The small group meetings can be held throughout the RCA study and will provide an opportunity to review study materials and to share comments.

All of these meetings will be open to the public and meeting summaries will be posted on Orange County’s website.

Additional Orange County Information Outlets

The Orange County Project Manager will work closely with the County’s Public Information Officer for distribution of study information through the following outlets:

- Mayor Demings’ Orange County Connect Electronic Mail Newsletter;
- District 5 Commissioner newsletter/eblast;
- Orange TV;
- Next Door Platform
- Orange County Homeowners Association Directory contacts; and
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, YouTube, etc.).

The Orange County Project Manager will identify when these resources will be used as a means to augment the other outreach activities for this RCA study.

Schedule of Outreach Meetings

A study schedule for the McCulloch Road RCA has been established which includes anticipated dates for the following key outreach meetings. All of these events are open to the public.

Kick-off Alternative Public Information Meeting (Preferred Alternative) – March 2022
Recommended Improvement Public Meeting (Recommended Alternative) – April 2022
Orange County PZC (LPA) Work Session – June 2022
Orange County PZC (LPA) Public Hearing – July 2022
Orange County BCC Work Session – August 2022
Orange County BCC Public Hearing – September 2022

Environmental Justice

Environmental justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, disability, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Fair treatment means that no group of people should bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, governmental and commercial operations or policies. The purpose of Environmental Justice is to allow everyone the same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards and equal access to the decision-making process in order to have a healthy environment in which to live, learn, and work. Environmental Justice ensures that:

- All people have an opportunity to participate in decisions about activities that may affect their environment and/or health;
- The public's contribution can influence the regulatory agency's decision;
- Concerns of the local stakeholders will be considered in the decision-making process;
and
- The decision makers seek out and facilitate the involvement of those who are potentially affected.

Throughout the McCulloch Road RCA, provisions will be made so that those individuals who only speak and read Spanish and Creole can obtain information about the study or voice their concerns in their preferred language. The study team will need one week to accommodate these language requests, especially prior to a public meeting or hearing. Printed materials in languages other than English will be provided upon request.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Statements regarding the Title VI program and compliance will be included in all meeting notifications, newsletters, handouts, and public meeting presentations.

Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance

Notification of Orange County's intent to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) will be provided in the public meeting notifications, newsletters, handouts, and public meeting presentations. In addition, selected meeting locations will be ADA compliant.

Public Involvement Summary Report

A summary report will be developed to summarize the results and recommendations of the scheduled public meetings and hearings, and will include copies of the exhibits, presentations, hand-outs, comments/response letters. The report will also contain the overall input provided through the other public involvement techniques utilized in the project development process. The report will be submitted to the Orange County Transportation Planning Division. The summary report will also be included as an appendix to the Final Roadway Conceptual Analysis Report.