

## April 2024 Letter from Osceola Traffic Engineer describing status of Poinciana Road Projects

Dear Poinciana Citizen,

Thank you for your email. Our traffic engineering staff will take a look at the signal timing at Cypress Pkwy and Doverplum Ave to see if any adjustments are required.

The County also is advancing numerous other improvements to address transportation challenges in the Poinciana area. For example, construction is currently underway to four-lane Poinciana Boulevard from Trafalgar Boulevard to Pleasant Hill Road.

Other projects that we're currently working on, and coordinating with the Florida Department of Transportation and the Central Florida Expressway Authority, include: a) US17-92 and Pleasant Hill Road Quad Road: This is a project being advanced by the Florida Department of Transportation in coordination with Osceola County to help relieve traffic at the US 17-92 intersection at Pleasant Hill Road. For more information on that project, please visit FDOT's roads website at

<https://www.cflroads.com/project/418403-7>

b) Osceola County also recently completed an access management study for Pleasant Hill Road to improve safety along the roadway. We are exploring design and construction funding to implement the recommendations included in that that study, which examines median openings, traffic signalization and the like.

c) Poinciana Parkway Extension: This is a Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX) Project; however, it would also provide relief for some of the traffic in Poinciana. Here is a link to the PD&E Study web page that CFX is currently conducting:

<https://www.cfxway.com/agency-information/plans-studies/project-studies/poinciana-parkway-extension-pde/>

d) CR532 / Osceola Polk County Line Road: This project, which is being designed by CFX, is intended to be done in coordination with the CFX improvements to CR 532 in conjunction with the Poinciana Parkway Extension. The project calls for the widening of CR 532 (Osceola Polk County Line Road) from 2-lane Rural Arterial to 4-lane Divided Urban Framework Roadway. That project is in the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) phase of development, and progress on that study can be reviewed at this link:

<https://www.cfxway.com/agency-information/plans-studies/project-studies/county-road-532-osceola-polk-line-road-widening/>

e) CR532 and I-4 Intersection Improvements: FDOT, in coordination with Osceola County, recently completed an interchange rebuild to help address some of the congestion issues at that intersection near the Championsgate area. Again, you can find more information about this project on the FDOT's

<https://i4beyond.com/>

f) Storey Creek Boulevard: This is a connector framework roadway that is being constructed by developers to provide a connection between Pleasant Hill Road and Reaves Road. The Reaves Road side has started, and the County is coordinating with the developer on a timeline for the portion at Pleasant Hill Road to complete the connection.

g) Marigold Avenue and the intersections of Peabody, Laurel Avenue and San Lorenzo: At the County's behest, FDOT last year conducted a safety study of this area and recommended that the three intersections be redesigned as roundabouts. That project is currently in design, with construction expected to begin in late 2024. More information on that project can be found at <http://www.osceola.org/go/marigoldavenue>

g) The Central Florida Expressway Authority is also in the Project Development and Environment stage of study for a project called the Southport Connector, which ultimately will connect to the Poinciana Parkway and I-4 and provide an important beltway link around Osceola County.. During this process, CFX examines the social, economic, cultural, natural and physical environmental effects associated with a proposed transportation improvement project to develop what is called a "preferred alternative" that can potentially advance into the design phase of development, and ultimately construction. This process, which includes extensive public involvement, is still ongoing. For more information on the current study, please contact CFX and Ms. Mary Brooks at

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or visit the project website at

<https://www.cfxway.com/agency-information/plans-studies/project-studies/southportconnectorexpressway/>

Should you have any additional questions or if I may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Respectfully, Henry Salinas

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