



CFX has a solution to move the Southport Connector forward to help ease local travel and accommodate new communities in fast-growing Osceola and Polk Counties. The CFX Governing Board on August 13 reviewed a phasing proposal that brings the expressway and local road improvements much closer to moving into design and construction.

By breaking the project into phases, CFX can provide congestion relief to the Poinciana community sooner – and improve regional connectivity through access to Florida's Turnpike.

Phased Improvements:

- Initially widen Cypress Parkway to four lanes from the Poinciana Parkway to Marigold Avenue.
- Widen Cypress Parkway to six lanes from Marigold Avenue to Pleasant Hill Road.
- Build two multi-use paths and some sound walls.
- Build an initial two-lane, elevated expressway in the Cypress Parkway median from Marigold Avenue to Pleasant Hill Road.

Final improvements – the full buildout of the approved Preferred Alternative – would be made when traffic warrants and further funding is available.

The phasing plan significantly reduces the estimated cost and gets the project much closer to being financially viable. CFX will continue discussions with potential public and private partners to close the remaining project funding gap.
