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### **WEKIVA PARKWAY WEBSITE EXPANDS WITH NEW MAPS, FEATURES INTERACTIVE SITE NOW PREMIUM SOURCE FOR PROJECT INFO**

**ORLANDO, FL** – From a new interactive map to the latest project news, the expanded [www.wekivaparkway.com](http://www.wekivaparkway.com) website launched today is now the ideal source for information about the design and construction of the Wekiva Parkway (State Road 429).

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority together have developed the go-to source for information on the parkway, which will complete the beltway around Central Florida. The website is just one way the agencies will continue to communicate with – and solicit input from – the public during the design process.

The expanded site features an interactive map where users can click on a project section icon to find out more information, as well as preliminary engineering maps for each of the 14 project sections. Details in the maps and other exhibits are subject to change as final design gets underway for the 25-mile expressway.

Visitors will find an interactive latest news page, social media links and helpful information on the property acquisition process for both agencies. Community presentations, public meeting notices and community event information are also easily accessible. Visitors also can submit inquiries for additional information.

The estimated \$1.7 billion Wekiva Parkway is a collaborative effort between the FDOT, Expressway Authority and the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise. Final design on the Expressway Authority's first three segments, including the systems interchange near Ondich Road-Haas Road and Plymouth Sorrento Road, began this summer. Three FDOT projects are expected to move into final design or design-build later this year.

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**More information about the Wekiva Parkway**

The planned 25-mile toll road will complete Central Florida's beltway around northwest metropolitan Orlando. The Wekiva Parkway also will provide an alternative to Interstate 4, and relieve US 441, SR 46 and other area roads of traffic congestion resulting from growth and travel between the Lake, Orange and Osceola counties.

Environmentalists hail the Wekiva Parkway as a shining example for transportation planning through environmentally sensitive areas. Authorized by the landmark 2004 Wekiva Parkway & Protection Act, development of the Wekiva Parkway has included setting aside more than 3,400 acres of land for conservation. The parkway also will include numerous wildlife bridges, and will be largely elevated to reduce accidents between vehicles and wildlife.

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