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SR 40 PD&E Study – Wildlife Crossings Meeting No. 3 Summary

Mtg. Date: September 18, 2006
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Lake George Ranger Station
Project: SR 40 PD&E Study
From Silver Springs to US 17 in Marion, Lake and Volusia Counties

Attendees:

Bill Walsh – FDOT
Steve Tonjes – FDOT
Alex Hull – Inwood
David Dangel – Inwood
Tom Roberts – EMS

Ray Emmett – EMS
Carrie Sekerak – USFS
Walt McCown – FWC
Terry Gilbert – URS/FWC

A meeting was held to review potential wildlife crossing locations in the field. The group met at the Lake George Ranger Station and discussed the objective of the field visit. There was considerable discussion regarding the wildlife crossings, land acquisition and the evaluation process. It was agreed that representatives from the Silver River State Park and the Office of Greenways and Trails will be invited to future meetings. The group then agreed to look at the sites that were identified as part of the original SR 40 Task Force concept (A through F) in the field.

The field review was conducted from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The group reconvened in the conference room at the Ranger Station to discuss the next steps.

Alex outlined his proposed approach:

1. Conduct a site visit to review the potential wildlife crossing sites within the proposed four-lane segment of SR 40. (Completed)
2. Agree on the methodology to evaluate and rank the wildlife crossing sites.
3. Rank the sites and determine preliminary type, size, etc.
4. Develop site specific design details for each site that address access and the ability for the Forest Service to manage the forest (fire management, hunting, fencing, etc.).

It was agreed that EMS will finalize their evaluation of the wildlife crossings and FWC (Terry Gilbert and Walt McCown) will prepare their analysis/ranking independently. The two will then meet to discuss their findings. The sites (A through F) will be looked at independently of the wildlife crossing sites through the portion of SR 40 east of SE 183rd Avenue.

Preliminary dates for future meetings were generally discussed, but were not finalized.

Rank the sites – 9/25/06

Collaborate – 10/2/06

Reconvene to talk about the results – 10/11/06

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 4:30 pm.

cc: File, All Attendees (via e-mail)

Note: The above reflects the writer's understanding of the contents of the meeting. If any misinterpretations or inaccuracies are included, please contact David Dangel at (407) 971-8850 as soon as possible for resolution and revisions if necessary.