Seminole County Leisure Services Advisory Committee Trails, Blueways & Bike Paths SubCommittee Meeting

October 7, 2009—7:30 a.m.

City of Oviedo City Hall Commission Chambers 400 Alexandria Blvd. Oviedo, FL 32765

In attendance: Mike Williams, Mike Martin, Bob Goff, Barbara Wittier, Robert Bowden, Mark Brandenburg

Staff: Bryan Nipe, Julia Thompson, David Martin

Oviedo staff: Dru Boulware, Susan Sheik, Bobby Wyatt, Bryan Cobb

Consultants present on behalf of City of Oviedo: Inwood Engineering - Coco Wu, Glatting Jackson - Bruce Hall, HDR - Jamie Krzeminski

Meeting called to order at 7:35 am by Chairman Mike Williams

Mr. Williams opened discussion thanking the City for welcoming the Committee to City Hall.

Discussion revolved around the proposed Tunnel at Lake Mary Blvd and International Pkwy. Mr. Goff noted that the tunnel would be a replication of the one at 434 and Douglas and would need to be closed at night limiting access to users to daytime only. Mr. Goff noted that his Commissioner has received concerns from citizens over the tunnel layout. Mr. Nipe was asked about alternative designs such as a bridge or a straight tunnel. Mr. Nipe elaborated on the constraints involved according to Engineering having to do with utility relocation and ROW issues. David Martin stated that residents and business owners were against a bridge in town hall meetings.

Agenda item requested for October 21st LSAC Committee Meeting: Lake Mary Tunnel Design, Public Works to be invited.

Mr. Williams turned the meeting to presentation by the City of Oviedo.

Dru Boulware, Parks and Rec. Director gave an overview of the City's Masterplan and introduced Bruce Hall from Glatting Jackson. The City and designers are focusing on overall connectivity utilizing existing infrastructure where available. Currently, plans are unfunded.

Mr. Martin asked if there are any conflicts with future development. Bryan Cobb, City Development Review Director stated that parks and trails are part of the process up front with development rather than a "snatch and grab" effort at the end.

Mr. Williams inquired about some of the proposals to develop the downtown area and how the trail system would fit. Bryan Cobb discussed "Complete Streets" as part of the overall process fitting all uses into corridors. The focus will be getting people into the downtown rather than the periphery.

Mr. Goff inquired about 8' sidewalks and the City's use as a trail. Mr. Boulware stated that they are not suitable for full recreational trails.

Mr. Martin inquired about the area south of 426 and east of 434. The City stated that it would become part of one of the mixed use concepts. The city utilized University of Central Florida grad students to analyze the area. One student envisioned an uptown, midtown and downtown scenario.

Presentation given on roadway expansion of 419 by Inwood Eng, Coco Wu 419 will be expanded to 5 lanes with bike lane, curb and gutter, and sidewalk.

Mr. Goff relayed concerns over an 8' trail on 434. David Martin stated that this would act as a secondary connector with the major connector heading further west then north to connect to Oviedo's existing spur. 8' wide sidewalks offer two wheelchairs room to pass or a pedestrian and bicyclist to pass.

The City has received grants through Metro Plan through the Safe Routes to School initiative.

Mr. Goff stated that the wheelchair scenario put an 8' wide sidewalk into perspective.

Jamie Krzeminski from HDR gave an overview of the Transportation Master Plan

Julia Thompson gave an overview of the Gateway Community Initiative.

Chairman Mike Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.