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Commissioners
Meeting

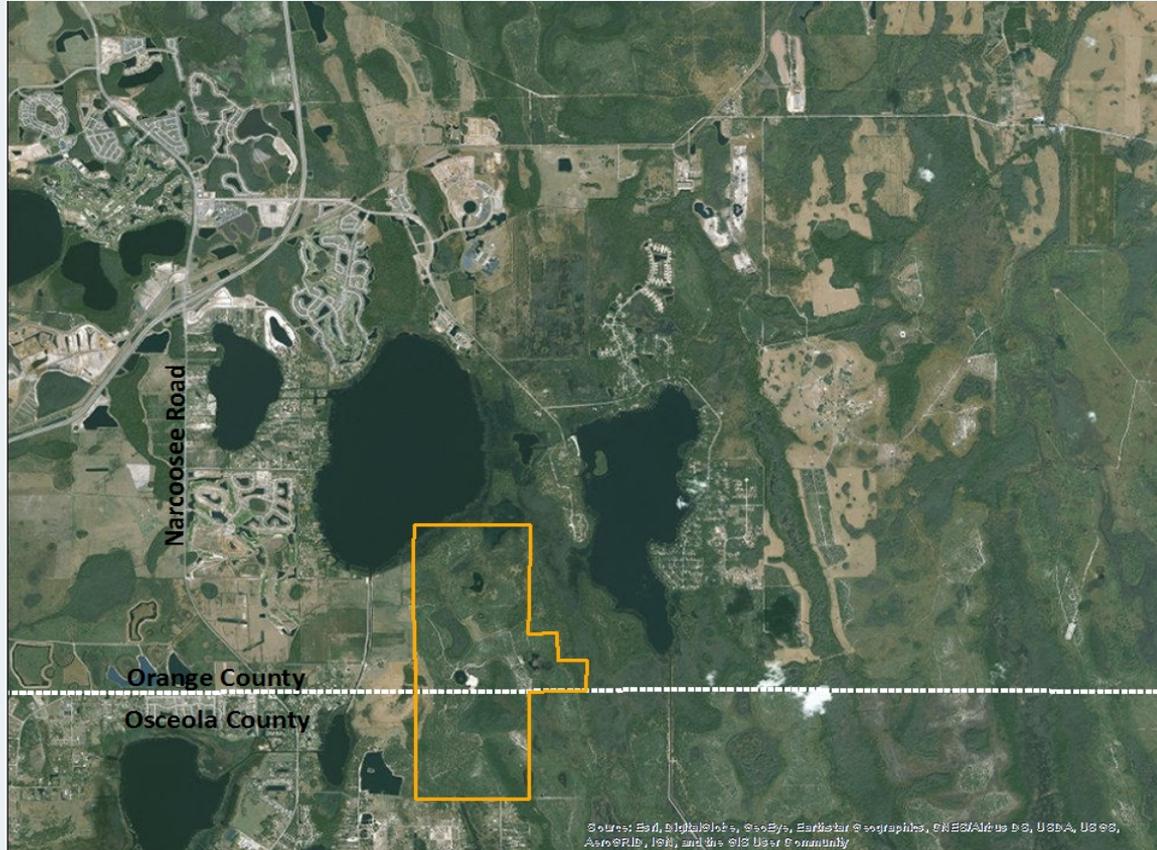
Osceola Parkway Extension Presentation

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Split Oak Wildlife and Environmental Area

- Acquired in 1994
- Purchase Price:
\$8,613,900
- Total 1,684 acres
 - 1,049 Orange County
 - 635 Osceola County
- Partners:
 - Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
 - Florida Communities Trust
 - Orange County
 - Osceola County



Split Oak Wildlife and Environmental Area

- Acquisition Purpose:
 - Wetland permitting mitigation
 - Preserve suitable Gopher Tortoise habitat
- Acquisition Consequences:
 - Protects a diverse range of natural communities
 - Designated as a Great Florida Birding Trail
 - Florida National Scenic Trail
 - Future Land Use Designation of Conservation

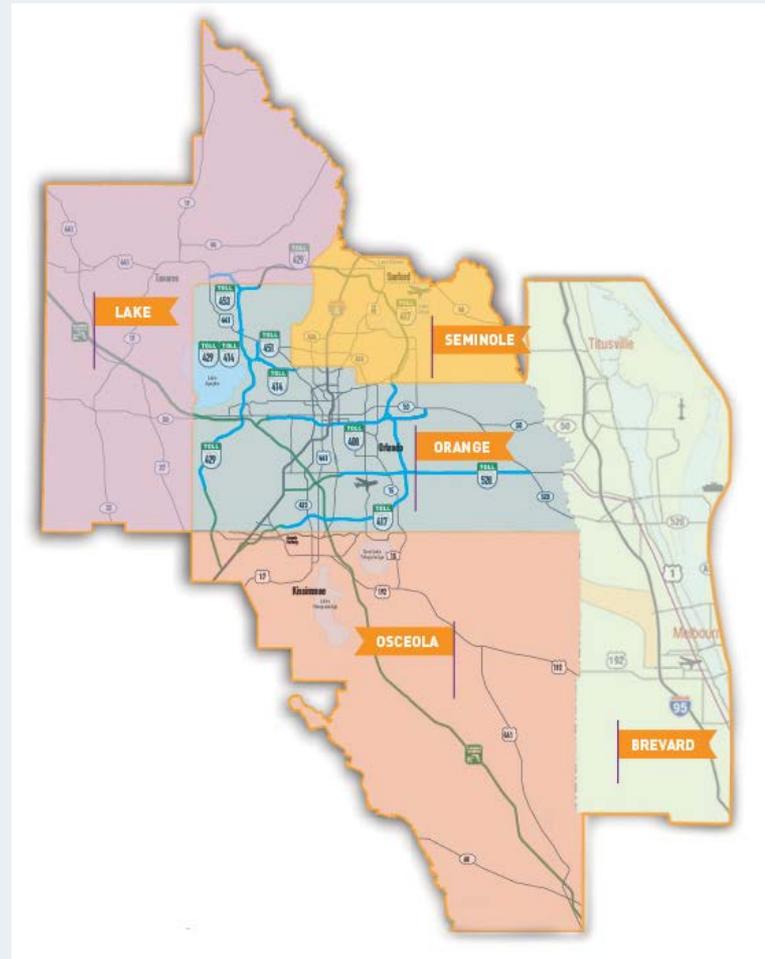


Osceola Parkway Extension Overview



2014 Florida
Legislation created
CFX, a regional
expressway
authority.

local, independent,
special district agency
of the state

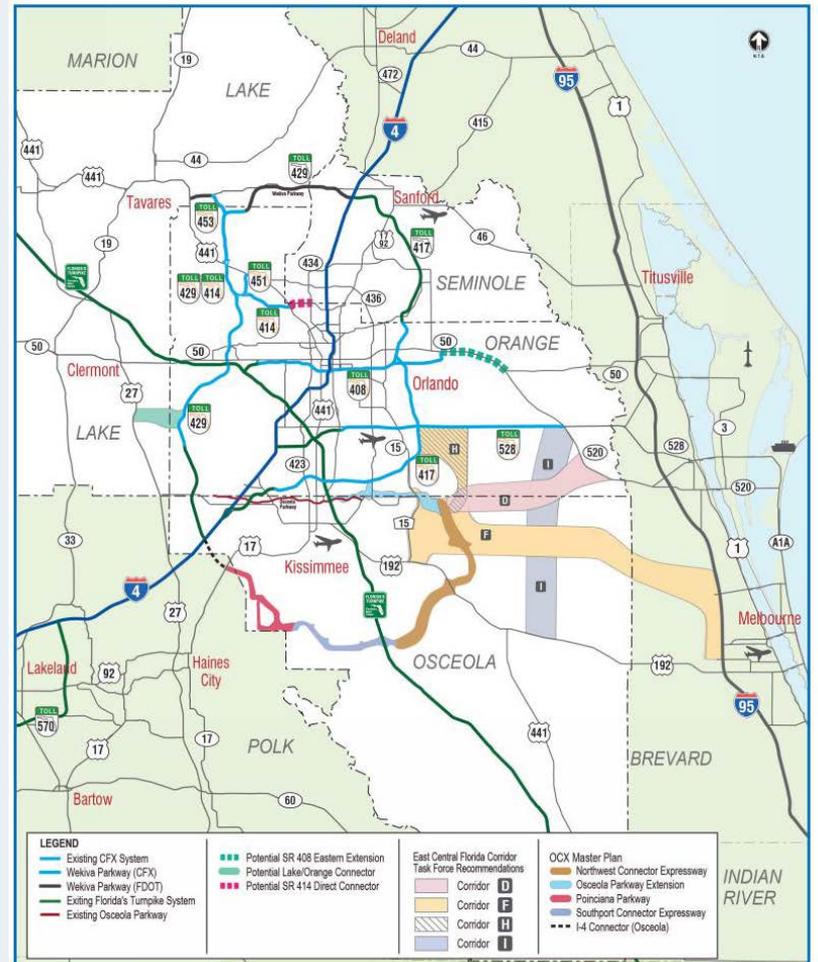


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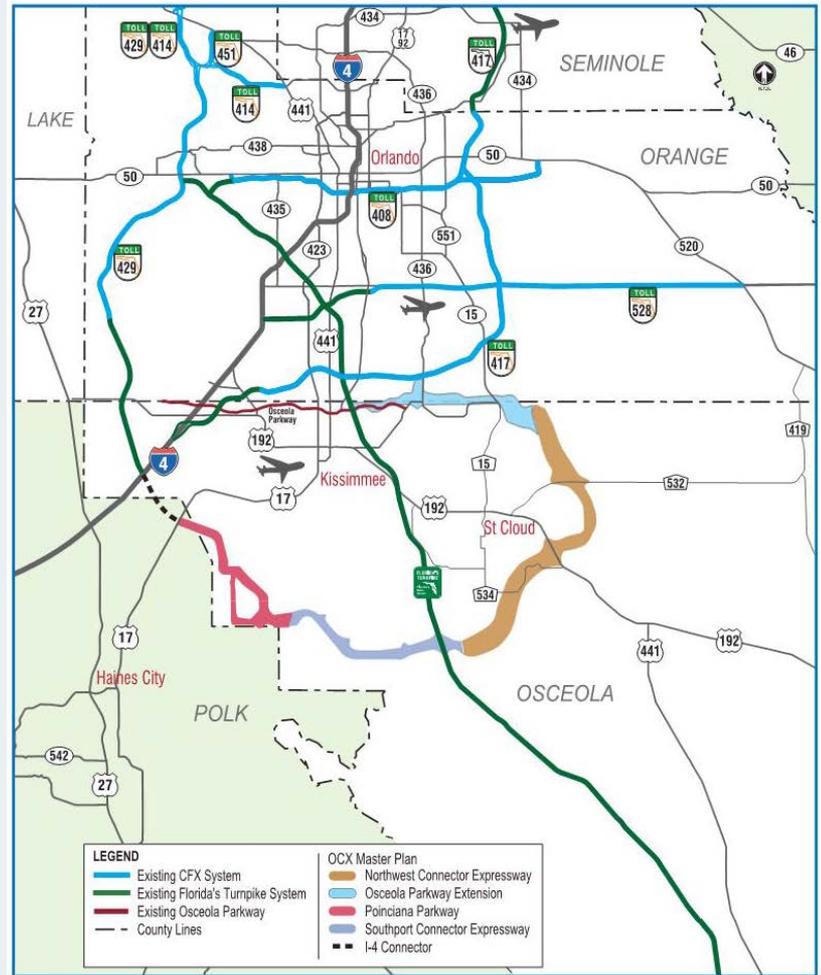
Potential New Expressway Projects



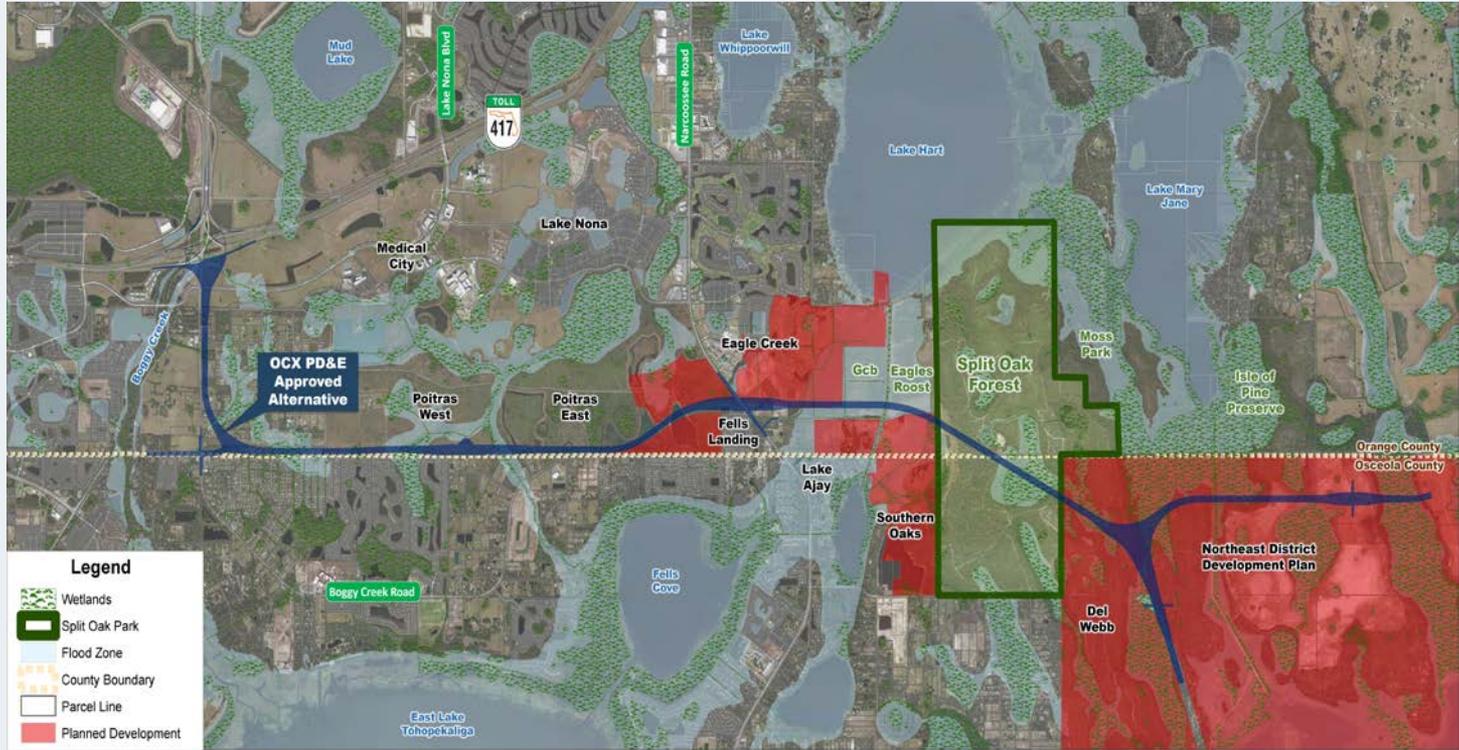


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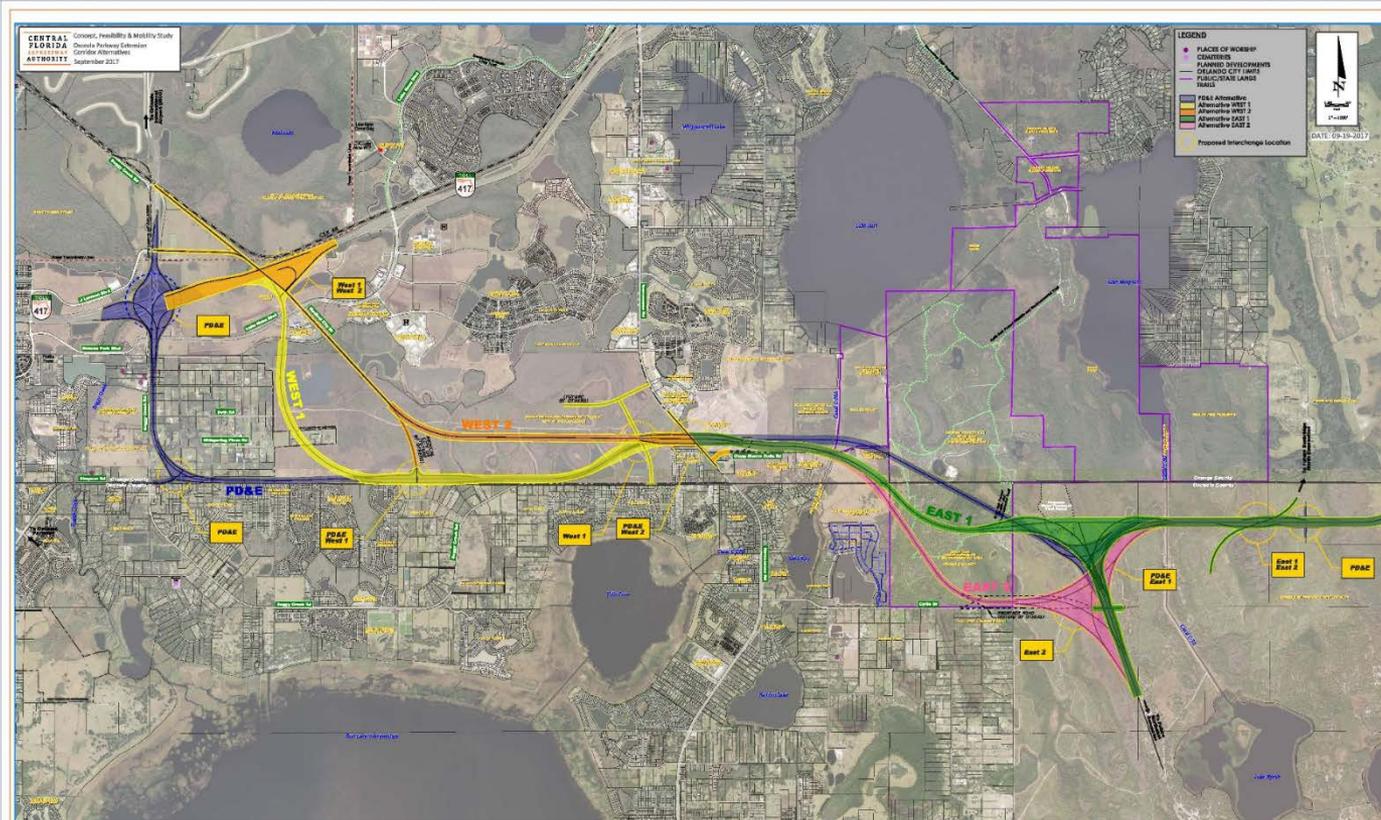
Osceola County Expressway Authority Master Plan Projects



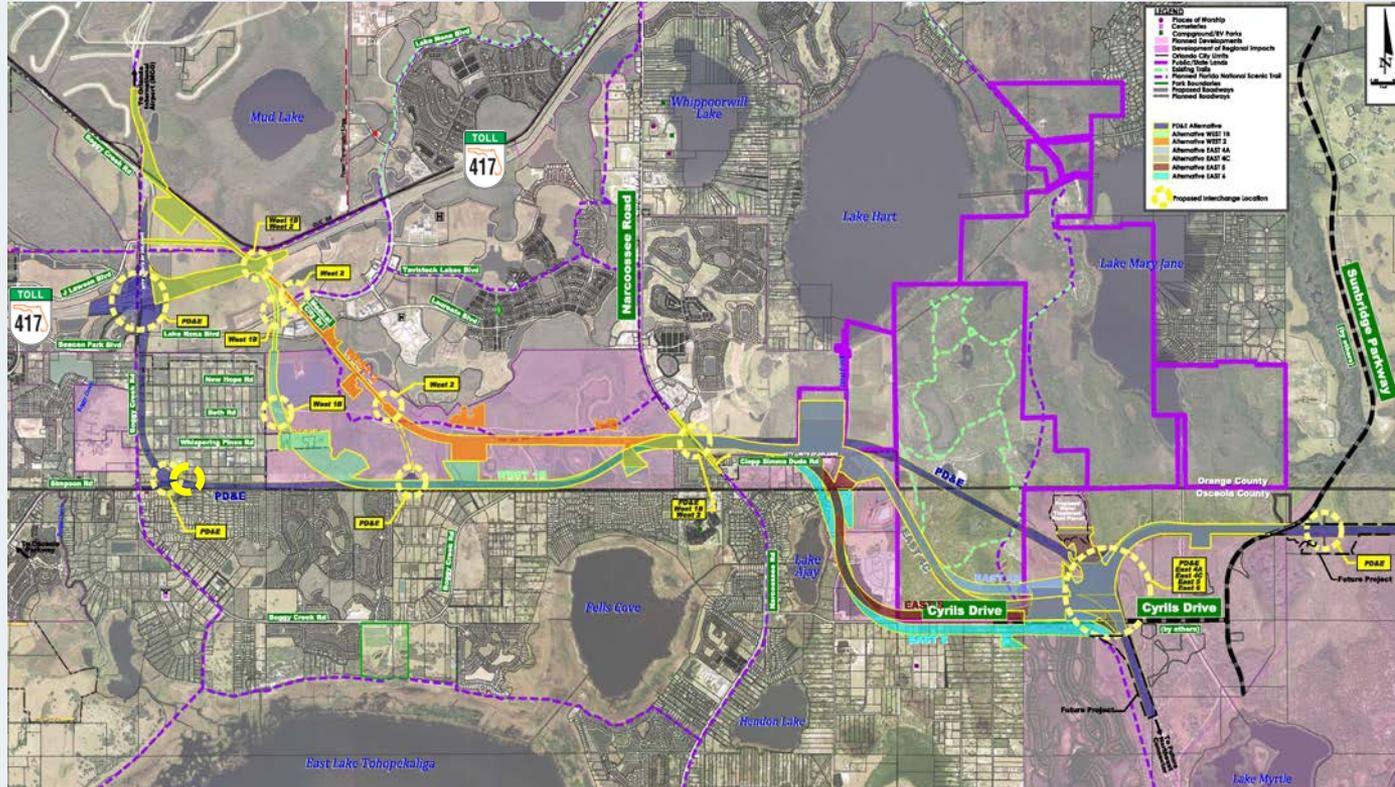
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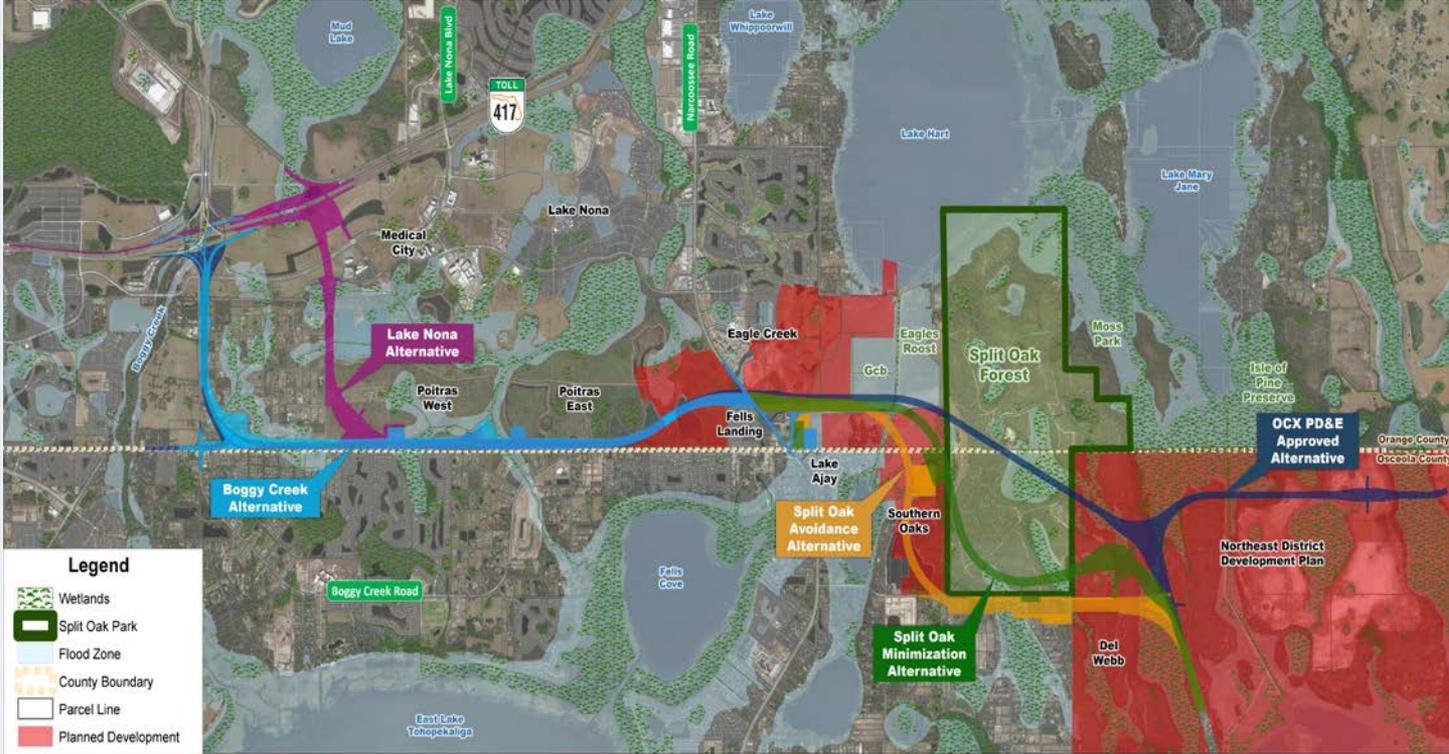
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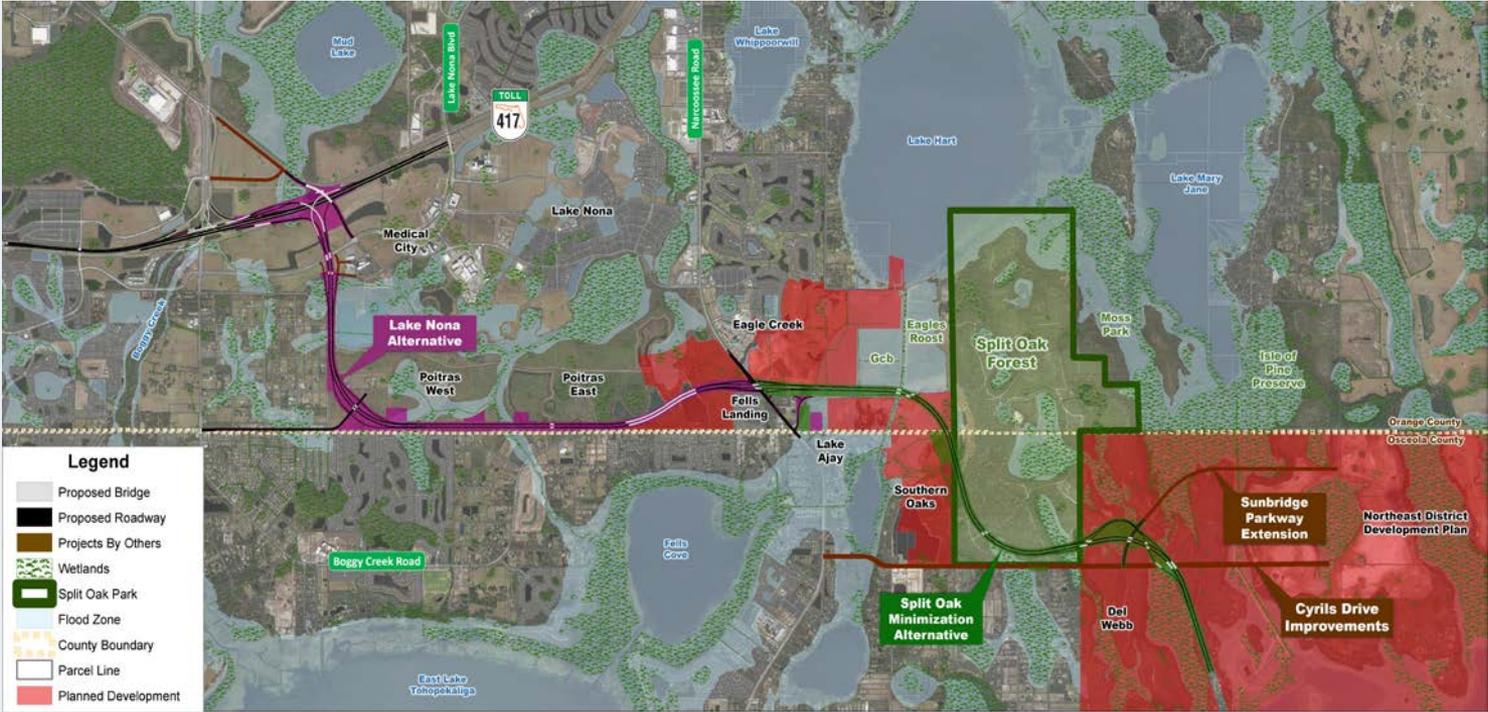
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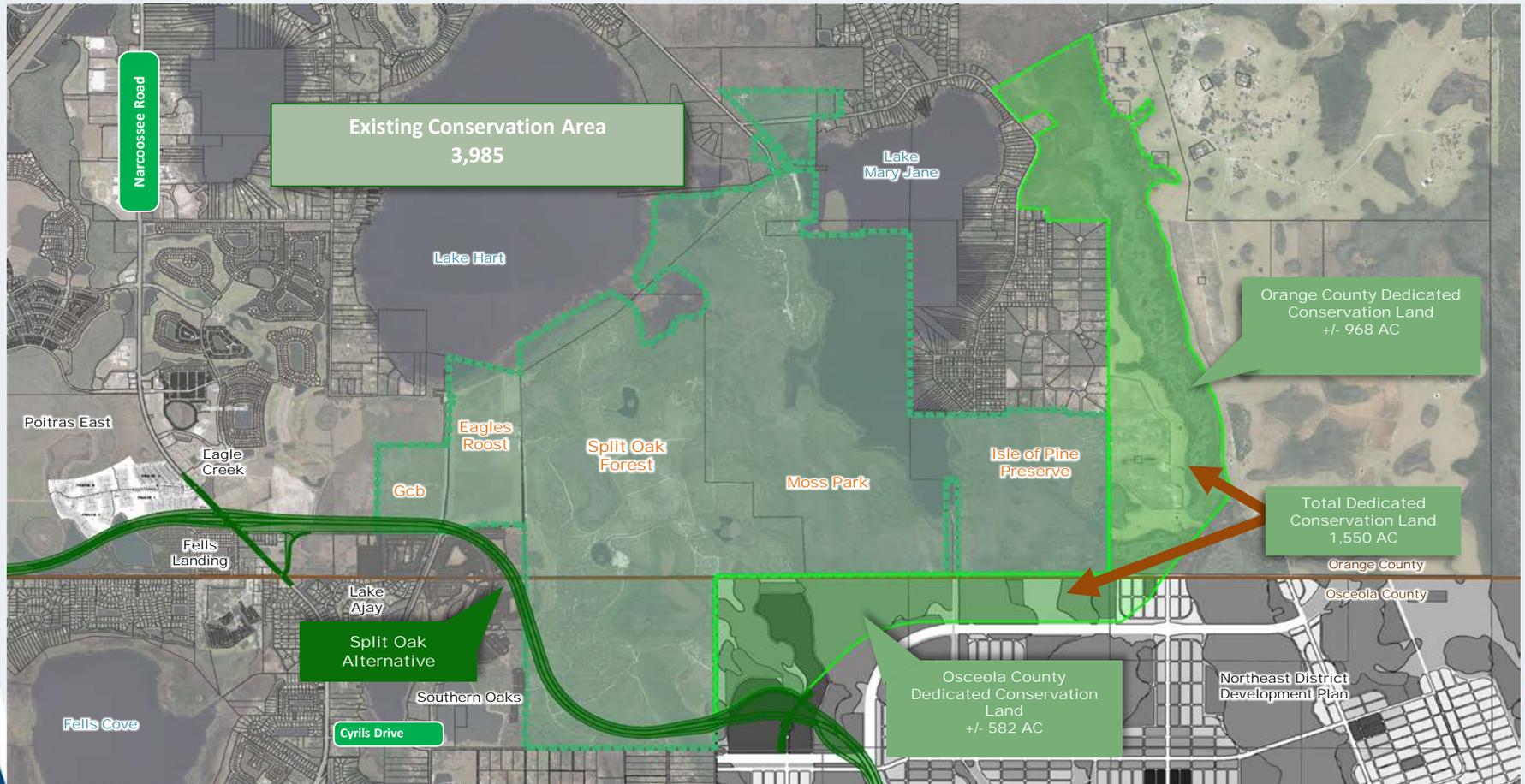
Osceola Parkway Extension Project Development & Environmental Study Re- Evaluation Alternatives



Osceola Parkway Extension Preferred Alternative Adopted



Conservation Lands

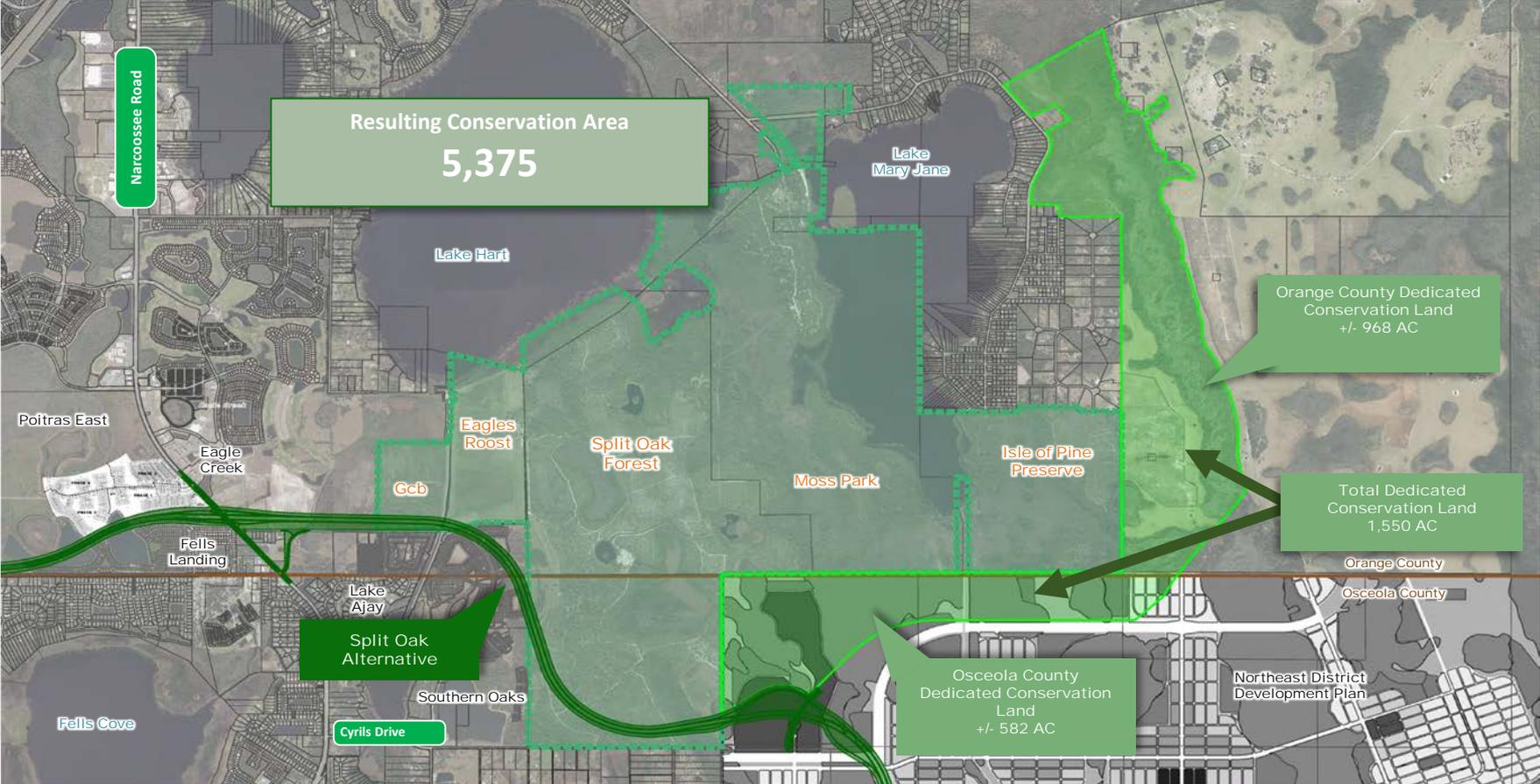


Osceola County

+/- 582 Acres



Conservation Lands



Florida Communities Trust Process

- Florida Statute 704.06 subsection 11 states:
Nothing in this section or other provisions of law shall be construed to prohibit or limit the **owner of land**, or the owner of a conservation easement over land, **to voluntarily negotiate the sale or utilization of such lands or easement for the construction and operation of linear facilities, including** electric transmission and distribution facilities, telecommunications transmission and distribution facilities, pipeline transmission and distribution facilities, **public transportation corridors**, and related appurtenances, nor shall this section prohibit the use of eminent domain for said purposes as established by law. In any legal proceeding to condemn land for the purpose of construction and operation of a linear facility as described above, the court shall consider the public benefit provided by the conservation easement and linear facilities in determining which lands may be taken and the compensation paid.



Florida Communities Trust Process

- Rule 62-818.015, Florida Administrative Code outlines a process for FCT to consider allowing a linear facility, such as a roadway, through a FCT project site
- Rule 62-818.015 Process Requires:
 - FCT has to make a determination that there is no other reasonable alternative
 - That the land use is designed to have minimal impact to the site
 - That other options have been considered by the Recipient



Florida Communities Trust Process

- If FCT determines that there are no practical alternatives, the following is required:
 - A written statement from the local government that they have reviewed and approved the proposed use
 - A description and dimensions of the proposed linear facility
 - Information on the natural communities and cultural features on and adjacent to the proposed linear facility
 - A statement on how the proposed linear facility will be compatible with planned recreational uses
 - A proposed mitigation (e.g., compensation) plan for impacts to the site
 - A modified master site plan



Florida Communities Trust Process

- FCT staff then evaluates the request and may approve accordingly
- If public objections are received, FCT will present the request to the Trust Governing Board for consideration
- Once approved, the following is required:
 - An appraisal of the land use area as approved by the FCT
 - A legal description from a licensed surveyor
 - Execute an amended Declaration of Restrictive Covenants
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Florida Communities Trust Process

- Future Board actions related to Split Oak:
 - Approve an amended FCT Grant Award Agreement with Orange County and FCT
 - Approve an amended Interagency Agreement with Orange County and FWC
 - Execute an agreement that identifies the funding responsibility for restoration and management activities of the proposed preservation of 1,550 acres with Orange County and CFX
 - Execute an easement granting the conveyance of the approximately 60 acres of the Split Oak Property to CFX for the Osceola Parkway Extension



Resolution Summary

- Background and context
- **Preferred Alternative** – Approval of the use of approximately 60 acres for Osceola Parkway Extension Project
- **FCT** – Approval of joint submission with Orange County to FCT for modification of Interagency Agreement, Management Plan, and Grant Award Agreement for use of 60 acres for Osceola Parkway Extension Project
- **Additional Conservation Lands** – Approval contingent upon additional 582 acres to be placed into conservation
- **Delegation to Staff** – Authorize staff to coordinate with Orange County and CFX for submission to FCT
- **Conveyance of Land** – Approval of conveyance of an easement to CFX for Osceola Parkway Extension Project



Action Requested

- Approval of Item number 13 of the Consent Agenda:
 - **Adoption of Resolution #19-203R, supporting the CFX preferred alternative for the Osceola Parkway Extension Project, Development, and Environmental (PD&E) Study Re-Evaluation and petitioning the Florida Community Trust for a modification of the grant award agreement.**





Questions?

