

Why is the Proposed Plan for a Pioneer Trail/I-95 Interchange so Harmful?

KNOW the FACTS!

1. Irreversible Environmental Damage:

- 64+ acres of pristine wetlands from the imperiled Spruce Creek watershed will be destroyed
- Project threatens numerous ailing species, like the manatee, scrub jay, and gopher tortoise
- Damages biodiversity by cutting off Volusia Nature Corridor and Spruce Creek Preserve
- Runoff from project would pollute Spruce Creek, a waterway on the brink of collapse

2. Cost Burden for Taxpayers (you and me!):

- Estimated cost of \$80+ million means less money for other essential infrastructure
- \$30+ million in Right-of-Way acquisition alone is way more than the public should be paying
- Previous investments along Pioneer Trail would be undone while inviting costly sprawl to area
- Developers legally responsible for building their own infrastructure, not relying on public funds

3. Will Worsen Traffic/Harm Transportation Needs:

- Experts say issues on Dunlawton Ave. and SR-44 will be “duplicated” on Pioneer Trail
- No true alternatives ever considered by FDOT, like improving other roads or adding nature pass
- There are ways to create emergency access other than the high-impact design they chose
- With more cars will come more accidents and deaths to the rural community

4. Increased Risk of Flooding/Noise/Pollution Decreases Quality of Life, Hurts Tourism:

- Underground and/or overground water flow will be disrupted to Spruce Creek
- Paving wetlands increases flood risk for neighboring homes and businesses
- Additional trucks entering Pioneer Trail add noise and pollution
- General loss of cherished character of the area, negatively impacting tourism

5. No Transparency or Consideration of Public Input:

- Agencies proceeding despite receiving hundreds of comments in opposition
- Opposition rate is around 90%, and has been opposed by the public for over 30 years
- Since last public FDOT meeting, new irrelevant segments were added without public disclosure
- CARES Act money illegally applied for using an improper “Categorical Exclusion” claim

There is still time to stop this awful project, but we need your help!

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