

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

KNOW the FACTS!

1. Irreversible Environmental Damage:

- ~50 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
- Would harm biodiversity of Spruce Creek Preserve by cutting of last remaining land corridor
- Runoff from project would pollute Spruce Creek, a waterway on the brink of collapse

2. Extreme Cost to Tax-payers (you and me!):

- Estimated cost of \$120+ million means less money for other more needed infrastructure
- \$30+ million in Right-of-Way acquisition is an extreme overappraisal with no oversight
- Previous investments along Pioneer Trail would be undone or paved over
- Developers in that area are legally responsible for building their own infrastructure, not us

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 nature pass
- There are ways to create emergency access without the monstrous 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 expected to be disrupted to Spruce Creek
- Paving wetlands can result in increased flood risk for neighboring homes and businesses
- Additional trucks entering Pioneer Trail will add noise and pollution
- General loss of cherished character of the area, harming tourism

5. No Transparency or Consideration of Public Input:

- Agencies have received hundreds of comments in opposition, but proceeded anyway
- Opposition rate is around 90%, and had been opposed by the public for over 30 years
- Since the last public FDOT meeting, new irrelevant additions were sneakily added
- CARES Act/ARPA money illegally applied for using an improper “Categorical Exclusion”

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

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