



Dear Residents,

I spent last Friday doing one of my favorite things, touring District 1 with County staff to review current projects and see in person the progress taking place in our communities.

Trader Joe's vertical construction is well underway, and the schematics and permitting paperwork have been submitted for the two water features on the property. As a reminder, an important part of this project includes the creation of a right turn lane that will extend from the Trader Joe's property west to Apopka-Vineland as well as median improvements on Sand Lake Road. The plans for these two items are currently being reviewed by County staff.

The Chase Road and Overstreet Road connector, which has been named Ingrid Road, is now open and in use. Resolving the traffic congestion at Sunset Park Elementary continues to be evaluated but this road has provided a new point of access. My goal is to continue to work with our Traffic Engineering team and school officials to most effectively take advantage of this road's potential.

To aid in traffic control, Orange County will be installing three-way stop signs at the intersection of the school exit and the connector road. We expect that will promote a more steady and controlled flow of traffic. We are also looking at traffic signal timing and relocating the crosswalk to move pedestrian traffic away from the vehicular cross traffic.

I had the opportunity to visit the construction site of the Schofield Road/429 ramp and see the project is well underway. As we mentioned in our June newsletter, the new road is planned to improve connectivity to State Road 429 (Daniel Webster Western Beltway) and accommodate future growth in west Orange County. The project will include four ramps and two ramp plazas. The ramp plazas will feature both exact change and dedicated E-PASS lanes. The project also includes new drainage, signage and pavement markings.

I also was pleased to see the first phase of the Gotha island improvements have been completed, and my office is now working with staff on the beautification plans.

As I mentioned in the newsletter, we were able to see construction of a new elementary school in Independence has broken ground.

As always, I am amazed to see how far District 1 has come since I have been in office, and I was thrilled to see the wealth of progress as well as meet with local business owners and constituents to answer questions and respond to concerns.

It is my sincere pleasure to serve the residents of District 1, and I truly appreciate your continued feedback as we make southwest Orange County a great community to live, work and play.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Scott Boyd".

S. Scott Boyd
Orange County Commissioner, District 1