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## **City of DeLand, Lake Helen negotiating future of I-4/Orange Camp Road interchange**

(DeLand, FL) – Representatives from the Cities of DeLand and Lake Helen met on April 17 and discussed a number of matters related to development of all four quadrants of the I-4 and Orange Camp Road/Main Street interchange.

The preliminary discussions identified agreements both cities would be interested in negotiating with each other. As a result of that productive meeting, Lake Helen and DeLand jointly requested a 30 day continuance of the April 25 meeting of the Volusia County Growth Management Commission which was scheduled to hear the Lake Helen land use change for the I-4 Automall Property. DeLand has challenged that land use amendment.

Lake Helen Mayor Daisy Raisler said, "Communication is a hallmark of great relationships, and I believe now we are on the right track. I believe that by maintaining open dialogue followed by using established processes, will provide the structure needed to ensure a positive and forward direction in resolving issues that have concerned both cities."

During the meeting, the two cities agreed upon a series of meetings and topics to include meetings on a utility service and a joint planning agreement for the interchange, a meeting with the Florida Department of Transportation, Volusia County, and City staffs to discuss traffic impacts along Orange Camp Road and a meeting with the developer to discuss DeLand's remaining concerns on the proposed I-4 Automall project. During this process, both cities understand and appreciate the importance of discussing all of these interrelated issues together to ensure better planning and quality development at the interchange and create an opportunity for collaboration and not adversity.

"I am encouraged by the spirit of cooperation between the two cities and am pleased that meaningful conversation has commenced between DeLand and Lake Helen on issues at the I-4 interchange," said Mayor Robert F. Apgar. "We have a shared history and any development at that interchange affects both our cities. I am optimistic both cities will work to address all areas of mutual concern as this interchange is a gateway to both our cities."

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