

## Orlando leaders get update on I-4 Ultimate Project

\$2.3 billion project will add 4 toll lanes to middle of interstate

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### ORLANDO, Fla. -

Orlando city leaders were briefed Monday on the "Ultimate I-4 Project."

The \$2.3 billion project will add four toll lanes in the middle of Interstate 4 and maintain the existing free lanes for use. The Florida Department of Transportation will retain the toll revenue and control the rates of the tolls.

Mayor Buddy Dyer and the Orlando City Council heard a presentation Monday from the construction partners and other transportation leaders at council chambers.

Construction is expected to start in early 2015, and it's expected to be completed in March 2021.

As part of the project, 21 miles of Interstate 4 from west of Kirkman Road in Orange County to east of State Road 434 in Seminole County will be reconstructed. More than 75 bridges will be replaced and 15 major interchanges will undergo complete construction.

FDOT said the project will ease traffic along I-4.

Officials said art will also be a part of the project, with \$1.5 million allotted for statues and sculptures in 15 locations.

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