

Seminole County cedes power on major road project

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The Seminole County has approved a plan that would outsource control over a major road construction project.

The Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority will design, construct and then place tolls on the Wekiva Parkway.

"The citizens of Seminole County who are going to be mostly be impacted by this will now no longer have a voice," said Brenda Carey, the only commissioner to vote "no" on the plan. Her colleagues said the plan is the only way to finish the beltway around Central Florida.

"The beauty about them building it is that they're using toll money from the region to build a small section in Seminole County," said Commissioner Bob Dallari.

He says Seminole County will have influence shaping the parkway with a seat on a right-of-way subcommittee.

But Commissioner Carey says the important decisions like where to place tolls and how much to charge will be made without local input.

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