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Community and Economic Development Advisory Board

**I-75 Interchange
Activity Center 6
April 4, 2018**

✓ **BACKGROUND**

- An interchange located at Yorkshire Street would offer direct access to industrial, office and commercial development in addition to a future community or regional level park.
- North Port's Comprehensive Plan has designated the Yorkshire site as a preferred location for an interchange; and is supported within the recently updated Economic Development Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

✓ INTERCHANGE BENEFITS

- The lack of industrial rail service in SW Florida is an important reason that interstate access is important.
- Another point of access to I-75 for emergency evacuation.
- Another alternative for use as an incident diversion route, if I-75, between Toledo Blade Boulevard and Kings Highway, was closed.



I-75 Interchange at Yorkshire Street



0 0.2 0.4 0.8 Miles



Legend

-  Activity Center 6
-  North Port City Boundary



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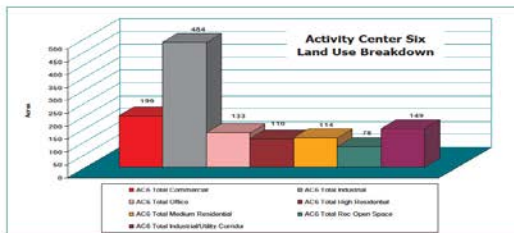
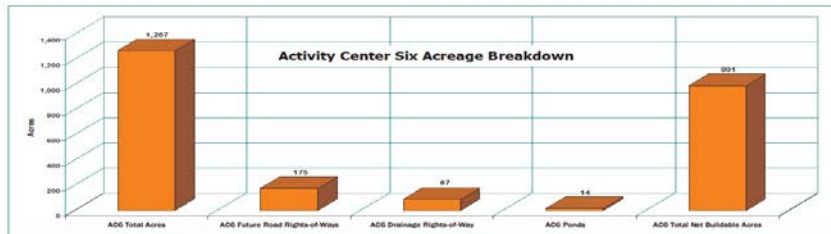
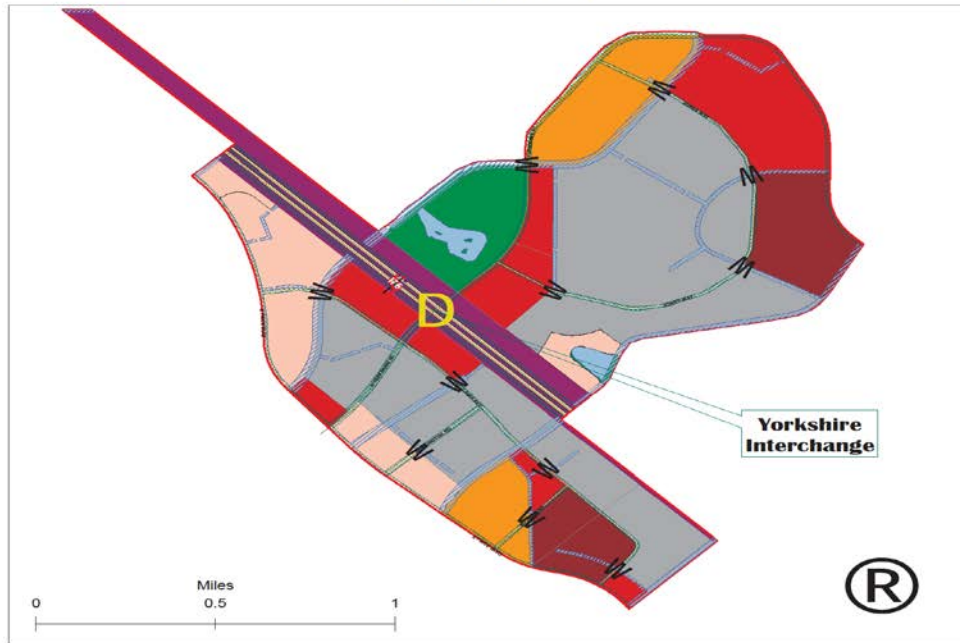
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✓ **Yorkshire Street vs Raintree Boulevard** **Location for Interchange**

- The Yorkshire Street location would serve larger tracts of land designated for commercial and light industrial development.
- In addition, the Yorkshire Street location would offer direct access to a future community or regional level park.
- The Yorkshire Street provides direct and easy access for employees, freight and vendors servicing AC-6.
- The Raintree Boulevard location would primarily serve residential neighborhoods.

Proposed Activity Center Six

EXHIBIT A - 1



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✓ **Yorkshire Street vs Raintree Boulevard** **Location for Interchange**

- The proposed interchange location at Yorkshire meets the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) spacing requirements for interchanges (3 miles minimum in rural settings similar to the existing one along I-75 in this vicinity).
- An interchange at Raintree Boulevard is 2.1 miles from the existing interchange at Kings Highway and 6.8 miles from Toledo Blade Interchange.
- An interchange at Yorkshire Street is approximately 3.5 miles from the existing Kings Highway interchange and 5.4 miles from Toledo Blade Interchange..

✓ **Yorkshire Street vs Raintree Boulevard Location for Interchange**

- The Yorkshire Street interchange is included in the Sarasota-Manatee MPO's 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.
- It is also included in the Charlotte County/Punta Gorda MPO's 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.
- It is supported by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), as it complies with the FHWA's spacing criteria for interchanges in non-urbanized areas.

✓ **Yorkshire Street vs Raintree Boulevard Location for Interchange**

- North Port's Comprehensive Plan has designated the Yorkshire site as a preferred location for an interchange.
- It is supported within the recently updated Economic Development Element of the Comprehensive Plan.
- The Yorkshire Street interchange was the top priority endorsed on March 6, 2018, by the City of North Port Commission to the Sarasota-Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

✓ **Yorkshire Street / I-75 Interchange**

Potential Federal Impact

- An infrastructure proposal is set to be coming up before the Congress after the Easter recess. While the administration has outlined a proposal, no revenue stream has been identified. Some proposals involve a mix of private and public investment using tax credits. Lawmakers have also introduced a bipartisan bill to speed up infrastructure permitting that would facilitate projects.
- Prior Transportation Bills, like SAFETEA, TEALU, MAP 21, FAST are many acronyms used to describe these large scale bills. With the lack of specific earmarks, projects must now compete based upon the biggest bang for the buck – like regional economic impact, job creation etc.

✓ **Yorkshire Street / I-75 Interchange**

Potential Federal Impact

- The \$1.3 Trillion 2018 Omnibus Spending bill just passed by Congress includes 10 billion in new transportation program funding.
- The FY 2018 Omnibus Spending Bill provides \$70.3 billion for the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), a \$12.65 billion increase above FY 2017. Much of this increase was designed as part of a \$10 billion infrastructure boost included in the Congressional budget agreement reached in February 2018.
- Although the President recently released his \$1.5 trillion, 10-year infrastructure plan, the Omnibus Spending Bill does not include money for many of the new programs proposed by the White House and instead directs additional money at existing programs.

✓ **Yorkshire Street / I-75 Interchange**

Potential Federal Impact

- The Omnibus Spending Bill allocates \$45 billion from the Highway Trust Fund to be spent on the Federal-Aid Highways Program, which is \$3.5 billion above FY 2017 levels. This funding matches the levels authorized in the “Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act” (FAST Act), enacted in 2015.
- The Omnibus Spending Bill triples funding for National Infrastructure Investment Grants (also known as TIGER grants), making \$1.5 billion available until September 30, 2020.
- TIGER Grants have a direct impact on the ability to utilize federal dollars within communities.

✓ **Yorkshire Street / I-75 Interchange**

- At the joint Sarasota-Manatee MPO meeting of January 22, 2018, Charlotte County expressed a desire for an interchange on I-75 at Raintree Boulevard.
- At a Joint Charlotte County-Sarasota County Commission meeting on March 21, 2018, Charlotte County again expressed a desire for an interchange at Raintree Boulevard.
- Both the Raintree Boulevard and Yorkshire Street locations are in the limits of City of North Port and Sarasota County.
- Due to the Federal government's recent emphasis on economic stimulus, the geographic location of Yorkshire Street at I-75 and development potential of the southeast area of the City, we are promoting an interchange project through the Sarasota-Manatee MPO.

✓ **Yorkshire Street / I-75 Interchange**

- Based upon the circumstances previously cited, it is important for the City of North Port to demonstrate our interest and position to promote an interchange on I-75 at Yorkshire Street.



QUESTIONS
