



JOINT MEETING OF THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY-PUNTA GORDA & SARASOTA/MANATEE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS



DATE: Monday, January 23, 2023

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Venice Community Center
326 Nokomis Avenue South
Venice, Florida 34285



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JOINT MEETING AGENDA

1. **Call to Order and Confirmation of a Quorum: Joint Chairs**
Commissioner Christopher G. Constance, MD, Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO and
Commissioner Ron Cutsinger, Sarasota/Manatee MPO
2. **Public Comment**
Speakers during the meeting will be limited to two minutes.
3. **Opening Comments**
4. **FDOT Update**
5. **Regional Discussion Items (May Require Action)**
 - a. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Projects (Charlotte-Punta Gorda MPO, Sarasota/Manatee MPO)
 1. Proposed New I-75 Interchange at Yorkshire/Raintree and Prerequisite Projects
 2. River Road
 - b. Joint Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Project Priority List
 - c. I-75 Master Plan Central Corridor Study Update & Presentation – Southwest Connect (FDOT)
 - d. Sarasota/Manatee & Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPOs 2021 Joint Meeting Minutes (For reference purposes only no action required)
6. **Board Member Comments**
7. **Adjournment of Joint Regional Meeting**



MPO BOARD JOINT MEETING
January 23, 2023
326 Nokomis Avenue South, Venice, Florida 34285



ITEM NUMBER: 5.a.1.

DISCUSSION: Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Projects (Charlotte-Punta Gorda MPO, Sarasota/Manatee MPO)
Proposed New I-75 Interchange at Yorkshire/Raintree and Prerequisite Projects

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PRESENTER: Ryan Brown, Sarasota/Manatee MPO
Lakshmi N. Gurram, Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO

SUMMARY: The Yorkshire/Raintree interchange was a discussion item on the January 2018 joint meeting agenda for the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda Metropolitan Planning Organization (CC-PG MPO) and the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (S/M MPO).

The MPO's have worked collaboratively to develop a planning document that highlights existing conditions of the area, reviewed both MPO's LRTP plans for consistency, and coordinated with all pertinent local jurisdictions' proposed Capital Improvement Plans. After assessment of existing plans, staff compiled a comprehensive list of recommendations and next steps. Ongoing evaluation of this process and continued support from local officials is vital to ensure successful implementation of the proposed new I-75 Interchange in the future.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RECOMMEND APPROVAL of Planning Document by the MPO Boards

RECOMMENDED ACTION: APPROVAL of Planning Document by the MPO Boards

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Sarasota County Yorkshire/Raintree Interchange Planning Document
2. Joint Resolution City of North Port and Charlotte County

Yorkshire/Raintree Interchange Planning

December 2022



Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization

Yorkshire/Raintree Interchange Planning

December 2022

BACKGROUND

Ideas for a new I-75 interchange in North Port have been considered for almost two decades. The most recent effort began in the last half of 2017 after Hurricane Irma focused attention on the need for more evacuation routes. As a result, the Yorkshire/Raintree interchange was a discussion item on the January 2018 joint meeting agenda of the Charlotte County/Punta Gorda Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) presented the state and federal requirements for interchange development, and a lengthy debate about the merits and drawbacks of Yorkshire vs. Raintree followed. While Raintree may provide the most direct route for evacuation, Yorkshire might have the most potential for economic development.

FDOT also made it clear that, to move forward, the local jurisdictions, including Charlotte and Sarasota Counties, the City of North Port, and both MPOs, would need:

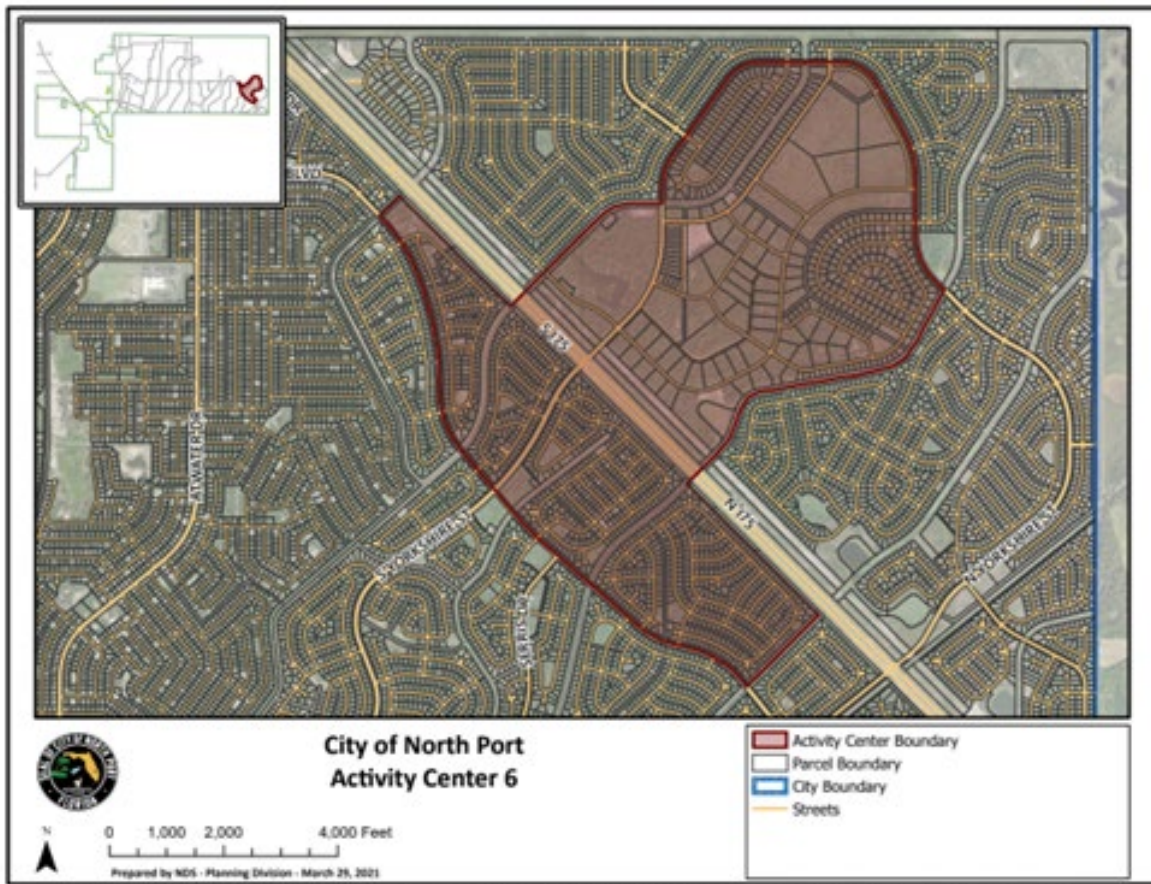
- **UNIFIED APPROACH:** Work together to reach consensus and present a unified approach for FDOT consideration,
- **MPO PLANS:** Prioritize the interchange in both MPO Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTP),
- **LOCAL PLANS:** Include the interchange and connecting local roads in all city and county planning documents,
- **INFRASTRUCTURE:** Develop and construct the supporting roadway and utility infrastructure, and then, in the future,
- **NEXT STEPS:** Demonstrate the current and future traffic volume to successfully complete the Interchange Justification Report (IJR) required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

UNIFIED APPROACH

Over the next year, the stakeholders concluded that it was most important to agree on the need for an interchange and not let the specific location be a barrier to gaining FDOT support. Ultimately, FDOT would need to develop the IJR for review by FHWA. At the next joint meeting of the MPOs in January 2019, the two boards presented a common message, and FDOT asked that both MPOs make formal, written requests for FDOT to review the potential need for an interchange and a possible location. On the afternoon of the board meeting, the MPOs hosted a transportation workshop for Southwest Florida which began the two-year process of developing the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Sarasota County, Charlotte County, and the City of North Port acknowledged many years ago the importance of an interchange at this location and worked together to add it to both MPO's long range plans. All three have continuously supported the interchange as a needed evacuation route. They also recognize that the city's designated Activity Center will support industrial, office, and commercial development, providing value-added employment opportunities as both counties continue to see high levels of population growth year after year.

North Port is planning for the continued growth of its platted lots as the population of the city moves eastward. Sarasota County has worked with the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to identify additional areas for business parks and light industrial and office space to support the county's growing population. The North Port Activity Center 6 will provide a non-residential framework of support and tax base diversification, not only for North Port, but for regional residents in Charlotte, Desoto, and Sarasota Counties as well. Sarasota County Planning, Transportation Planning, and Economic Development departments are in full support of advancing the Yorkshire/Raintree interchange.



The Sarasota EDC has identified the Yorkshire/Raintree area as the only real opportunity for future industry in Sarasota County

In February 2019, at a joint meeting of the Charlotte and Sarasota County Commissions, FDOT made a presentation on their upcoming Southwest Connect Interstate Program which would analyze future I-75 capacity needs, express lanes, managed lanes, and interchanges. The Central Corridor Study was started in early 2020 and included the area between the Lee/Charlotte County line north to River Road. With complementing written requests from both MPOs in hand, FDOT committed to include a feasibility study for an interchange between King's Highway and Toledo Blade. Preliminary study information will be presented to the MPOs in early 2023 and the final report should be available by summer 2023.

On June 9, 2022 the two MPO's hosted a meeting in North Port to review the interchange plans that were approved by their boards as part of their 2045 Long Range Transportation Plans. Planning, economic development, and other staff from Charlotte, Desoto, and Sarasota Counties, and the City of North Port participated in the meeting where all organizations had an opportunity to report their current planning activities and their support for the future interchange. It was agreed that the group would continue to meet periodically and would report back to their respective elected representatives.

At a joint meeting of the North Port City Council and the Sarasota County Commission on July 14, 2022 it was again agreed that both jurisdictions would support the proposed interchange plan outlined by their respective MPOs. Both jurisdictions supported the recommendations to update their internal plans for consistency and to begin planning the supporting infrastructure. Support for the plan was also affirmed at the Charlotte County/Punta Gorda Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting on July 18, 2022. Following Hurricane Ian, the City of North Port and Charlotte County adopted a joint resolution on November 22, 2022 affirming their support for an interchange in the Yorkshire/Raintree area.

MPO PLANS

In October 2020 each of the MPO Boards adopted their 2045 Long Range Transportation Plans, including the Yorkshire/Raintree Interchange. Both 2045 long range plans connect either Harbor Blvd or Veteran's Blvd in Charlotte County to Hillsborough or Raintree Blvd in North Port to provide a direct route to the future interchange location. In addition, the Sarasota/Manatee plan includes widening Raintree to four lanes from Harbor Blvd at the Charlotte County line to Blueleaf Dr just north of I-75 and extending Raintree as a two-lane road from Blueleaf to the Desoto County line. Although the interchange is outside the authority of the Charlotte County/Punta Gorda MPO, they included the interchange as a project on their needs list. The Sarasota/Manatee MPO identified potential funding for the first three phases of the interchanges in their plan.

Sarasota/Manatee MPO 2045 Cost Feasible Plan Technical Report (pages 5-26 and 5-55)

COMMERCE CONNECTORS The MPO has identified the need for two new interchanges on I-75 to serve as commerce centers that will support the community's vision of a diversified economy. Because these projects have not been prioritized in the SIS plan, the MPO has elected to invest Other Roads (OR) funds in the early phases of both projects.

The development of the local road network in North Port, funded through the FDOT Partnership Program, along with the city's designated economic development area will create the demand for the important Yorkshire/Raintree interchange. This interchange will spark the potential for commercial development on the northeast side of I-75 as well as providing a new evacuation route for southern Sarasota and Charlotte counties.

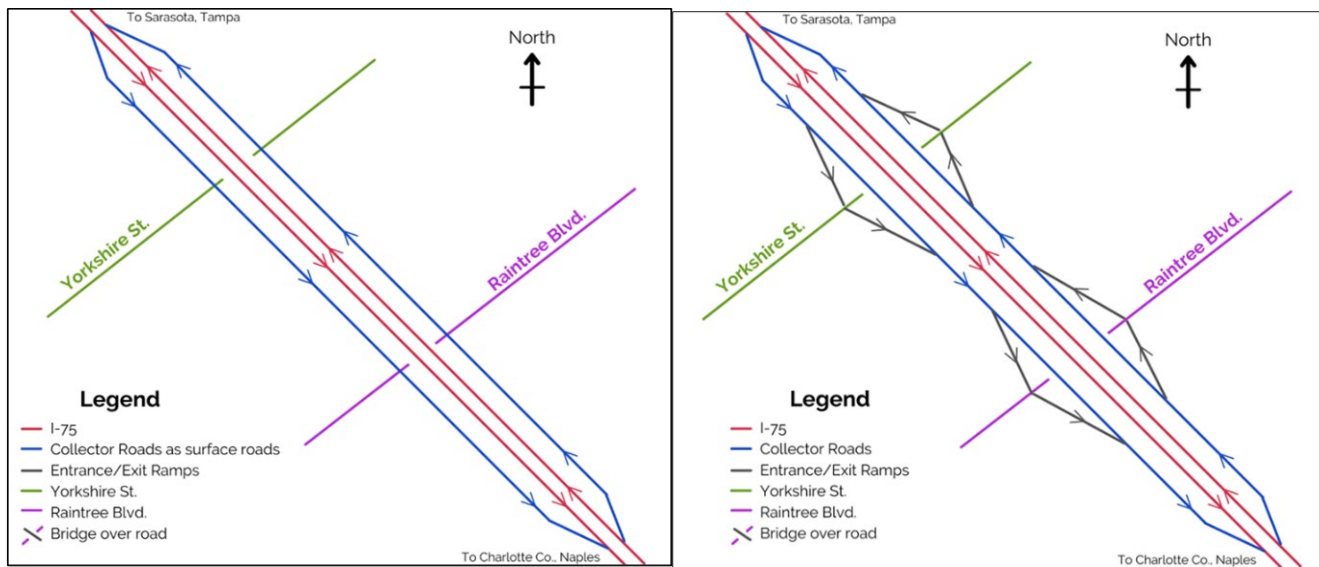
FACILITY	FROM/TO	TYPE	LOCATION	2026-2030		2031-2035	
I-75	Yorkshire/Raintree	New Interchange	North Port	PD&E	\$2,824M	ROW	\$48,846M
				PE	\$8,472M		

In January 2021, the adopted LRTP plan for Yorkshire/Raintree was presented at the annual joint meeting of the two MPOs with clear support from elected officials at the meeting. The plans were also presented at a Charlotte County Commission meeting in early February. Over the next few years, the development of the local roads across county lines could be submitted for TRIP funds and supporting drainage infrastructure could be considered for legislative appropriations.

As proposed by FDOT staff and adopted by the MPOs, one potential interchange concept includes Yorkshire AND Raintree, supporting multiple planning objectives and combining traffic volume from surrounding roads. Vehicles traveling south on I-75 would exit at Yorkshire and enter on Raintree. Those traveling north would exit at Raintree and enter at Yorkshire. This would be accomplished by having connecting roads between Yorkshire and Raintree parallel to I-75. These collector/distributor roads, often abbreviated as C/D roads, are one-way roads next to a highway through areas where closely spaced major arterials are present. With new developments, these roads sometimes include utilities.

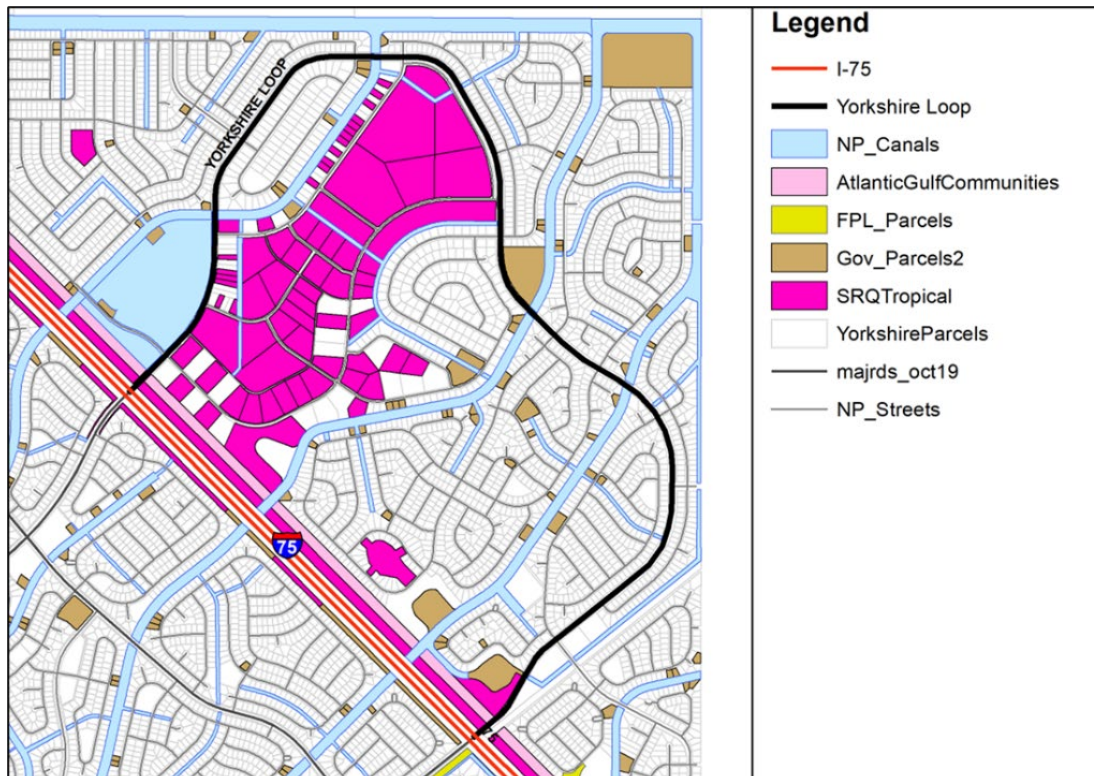
C/D facilities allow a single exit ramp to distribute vehicles to two or more crossing arterials or collect vehicles from several crossing arterials, so that they can enter at a single entrance ramp. While this design helps to limit highway access points, it does require more right-of-way. C/D roads meet safety and congestion management goals because they:

- Improve safety through reductions in highway main line merging and weaving intensity.
- Increase traffic flow and speed on freeways and their entrance and exit ramps.



Northeast of I-75, all adjacent right-of-way is owned by SRQ-Tropical Land. Additional right-of-way north of I-75 is owned by Atlantic Gulf Communities Corp. On the Southwest side of I-75 the right-of-way is owned by either SRQ-Tropical Land or the North Port Road and Drainage District. Florida Power and Light (FPL) also owns right-of-way and adjacent land between Raintree and King's Highway.

SRQ-Tropical Land owns much of the commercial land in the north part of the activity center and has a vested interest in road access and utilities. FPL has partnered with communities, using public and/or private land, for solar equipment that then provides power back to the community. This partnership could be especially interesting in conjunction with autonomous/electric freight operations. Florida Statute allows FDOT to advance public/private partnership projects and this is the best opportunity for accelerating the interchange.



F.S.334.30 (1) Public-private transportation facilities. ...The department may advance projects programmed in the adopted 5-year work program or projects increasing transportation capacity and greater than \$500 million in the 10-year Strategic Intermodal Plan...

In August 2022, FDOT began discussions of potential projects for their 2050 Strategic Intermodal System Long Range Plan. This plan is prepared with the MPOs to address major highways and other regionally significant state infrastructure. The plan has three sections for each FDOT district: First five years, second five years, and needs list. The Yorkshire/Raintree Interchange was included in the first draft list of potential projects for the Sarasota/Manatee MPO and it will be essential for the interchange to be listed in the FDOT SIS 2050 Long Range Plan on one of the three lists.

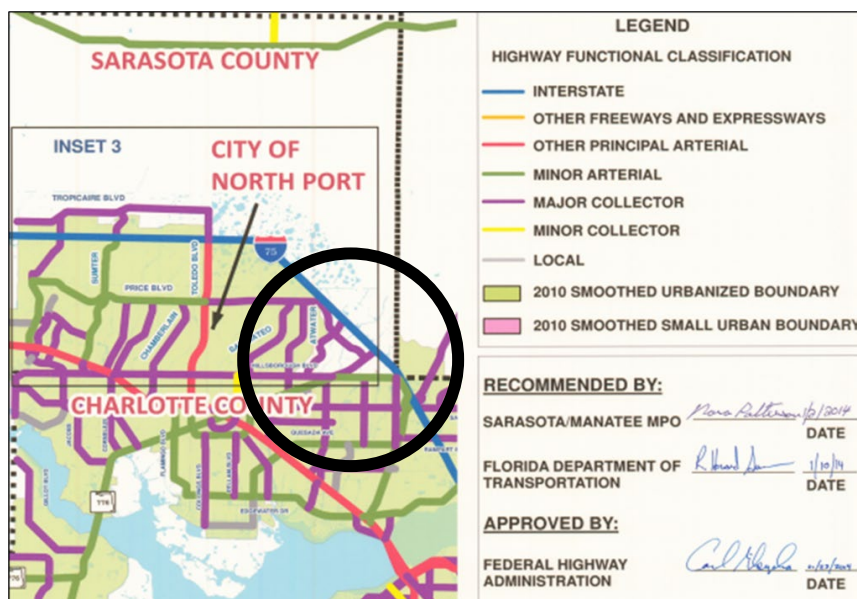
By the end of 2023, the MPOs will begin developing their 2050 long range plans. The widening of Raintree and the connection across county lines can be advanced along with the I-75 Yorkshire/Raintree collector/distributor interchange. If local jurisdictions have developed plans and set aside local funding for development of Yorkshire, they could consider submitting improvements/widening of Yorkshire Blvd from Veteran's Blvd. in Charlotte County to Langlais Drive north of I-75 in Sarasota County for inclusion in the 2050 plans for TRIP or MPO matching funds. Stakeholders will need to secure support from Desoto County and work with the Heartland Regional TPO to add the northern connections in their 2050 plan.

The MPOs, the counties, and North Port will need to work closely with FDOT to update the Urban Boundaries and Functional Classification of the supporting roadways. The Functional Classification of roadways are critical for Federal-Aid eligibility (roadways, bridges, and transit projects) and are assigned into systems according to the character of service they provide in relation to the total roadway network.

Every 10 years following the Census, FDOT (in coordination with FHWA and local partners) is required to update Urban Boundary and Functional Classification for the State of Florida. FDOT Districts and local partners use the census information to adjust the 2020 Urban Area boundaries around current land use conditions. FDOT expects to receive the proposed urban boundaries in winter 2022 and conduct the review in 2023. These adjustments will be reviewed by Central Office and submitted for approval by FHWA.

In 2024, FDOT Districts will collaborate with local partners to inventory roadways and update existing roadways in the Roadway Characteristics Inventory (RCI) system with proposed functional classifications in relation to the new urban area boundaries. New classifications are finalized and submitted to FHWA for approval after the FHWA urban area boundary adjustments are finalized.

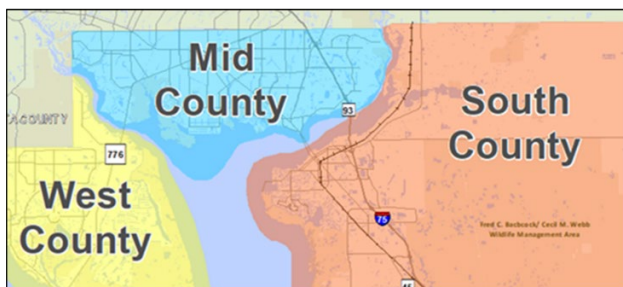
Based on the 2010 census, the small triangle bordered by Hillsborough, Yorkshire, and I-75 is considered rural and outside the urban boundary. Everything north of I-75 in Sarasota County is considered rural, but the bordering corner of Charlotte County is inside the urban boundary. In rural areas, state guidelines only allow interchanges with 6-mile spacing so bringing this area inside the urban boundary is crucial.



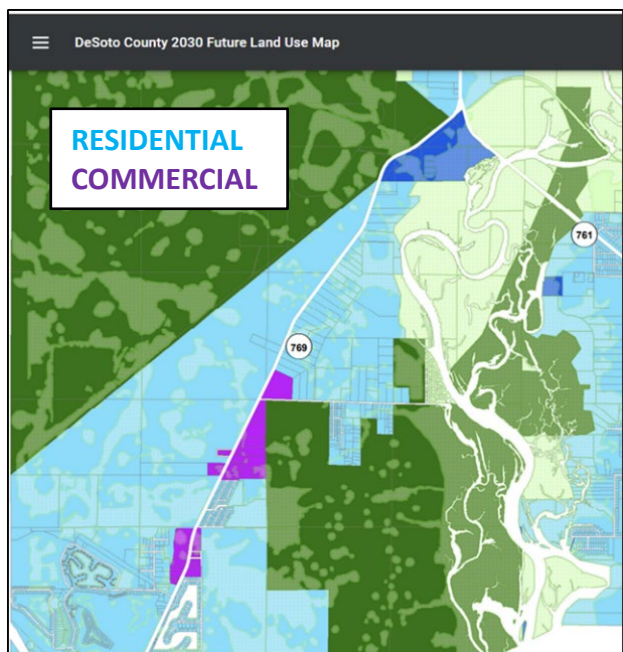
Functional Classifications range from local (smallest), to collectors, then to arterials, up to interstates (largest). Veteran's Blvd is only a minor arterial which is currently the highest classification in the area. The only principal arterials are US 41 and Toledo Blade.

LOCAL PLANS

Sarasota County's population will surpass a half million with a higher concentration of working age residents in Bradenton and North Port. On May 26, 2022 the US Census Bureau released a list of the fastest growing cities and North Port was ranked number nine out of 19,500.



Charlotte's mid county area adds over 23,000 residents, 9000 jobs, and 17,000 housing units. The estimated traffic from this growth indicates Kings Highway will fail by 2038 – a clear case for adding a new interchange. The combined population of Charlotte's mid- and west- county grows to almost 175,000 highlighting the need for additional transportation infrastructure and connectivity.



By 2045, Desoto County will add about 8000 residents and 1300 jobs. Planned residential growth is concentrated in the southwest corner of the county bordering Charlotte and Sarasota. To support this growth, Kings Highway will be widened to four lanes north to Peace River Street.

It is important for FDOT to see the local infrastructure and the interchange discussed in comprehensive plans, capital improvement programs, and other planning and zoning documents. Charlotte, Desoto, and Sarasota Counties, plus the City of North Port can include the interchange on their annual project priorities list submitted to the MPO in the fall. Because I-75 is part of Florida's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), funding is from a separate source and will not compete with local projects. All the proposed transportation facilities could be included in economic development, emergency management, and water management plans. Elected officials might include them in their community goals and objectives, strategic plans, or long range plans.

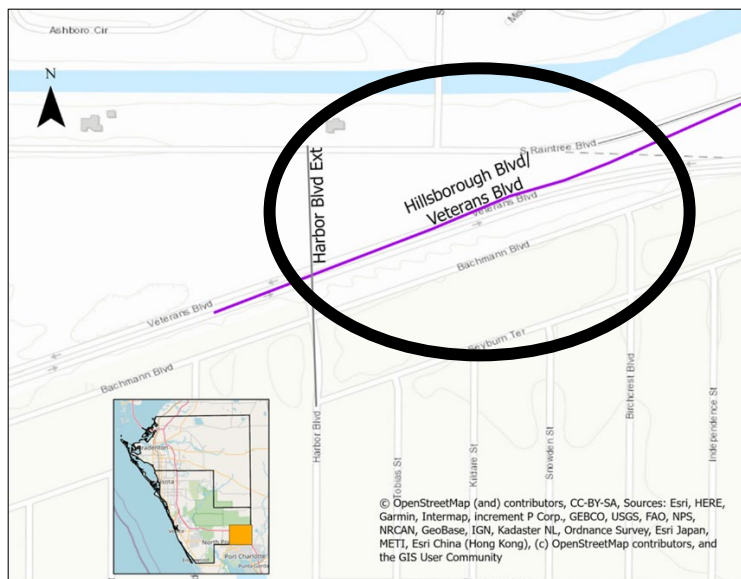
With the potential for commercial development and job creation, it is essential for the economic development organizations and chambers of commerce to prioritize the local connecting infrastructure and the interchange in their strategic plans. Including logistics and distribution as a target industry for the area will support FDOT's freight goals for southwest Florida. Currently, there is minimal truck staging south of Hillsborough County and very limited locations for future autonomous and electric trucking and distribution points. In FDOT's review, there are no freight activity centers between Clark Road in Sarasota and the Punta Gorda Airport.

Supporting the project as an evacuation route is another opportunity. Discussion of adding this route for the safety of the citizens could be included in hurricane preparedness and emergency management briefings to generate community interest. There is also the potential to gain support from homeowner's associations, civic groups, and non-profit agencies engaged in storm recovery.

The local governments, EDCs, and chambers can also garner support by including the transportation network in their legislative agendas and involving their government relations staff. Engaging the legislative delegations in both counties and the congressional office can help to advance the project. In an election year, the importance of the project can be addressed in candidate briefings, and questions about project support could be included in candidate debates. Having multiple organizations with a common theme presenting at the annual legislative delegation meeting elevates the importance of the project to the whole community.

INFRASTRUCTURE The local infrastructure will need to be developed first to generate the future traffic volume and to successfully complete the IJR for FHWA approval. These projects will support the development of the interchange:

- Connecting Raintree Blvd. across the county line to Veteran's or Harbor Blvd. Charlotte County has taken steps to preserve the potential corridors bordered by Veteran's, Harbor, and Hillsborough Bvlds. and both MPOs have this project funded in their long range plans. Charlotte County and the City of North Port will need to submit this to respective MPOs during the fall 2022 call for projects and consider local funding to make this eligible for TRIP funding.



- Widening Raintree from the county line connection to the first cross street north of I-75. This road provides a straight and shorter distance to I-75. The corridor has 80 feet of right-of-way, three single access points to residential developments, and one intersection at Price Blvd. At the southern end, there are 17 individual lots bordered by a canal on the north and Raintree Blvd on the south. Two are owned by the City of North Port, each is valued at about \$8000, and none have any structures, but future development of these lots could impede the flow of traffic. The City of North Port will need to identify local funds to support this project and can also submit this to the MPO during the fall 2022 call for projects to be considered for matching state or federal funds.
- Extending Raintree north from I-75 across the Desoto County line and making a connection to King's Highway. Desoto's largest planned residential development is the area on either side of King's Highway between the Peace River and the Sarasota County Line. It is expected that King's Highway will be widened from I-75 to Peace River Street to accommodate this growth causing the King's Highway interchange to fail by 2038. The City of North Port can seek matching funds from the MPO at some point in the future but working with Desoto County to prioritize the northern connection will need to come first.

- Widening Yorkshire Blvd from Veteran's Highway to the first cross street north of I-75. Although this route to I-75 is a longer distance, it has the advantage of 100 feet of right-of-way. There are 19 single access points into residential neighborhoods (4 in Charlotte County), two intersections at Pilgrim Road and Price Blvd, and no residential lots facing the road. This project is not currently in either MPO plan, so it should be submitted for inclusion in the 2050 plans. In the meantime, because it crosses the county line, it would be eligible for matching funds through the TRIP program.
- Developing plans for the local collector/distributor roads parallel to I-75 between Yorkshire and Raintree. On the northeast side of I-75, all right-of-way properties are owned by SRQ-Tropical Land LLC from south of Raintree to the canal several miles north of Yorkshire. Additional right-of-way on this side of I-75 is owned by Atlantic Gulf Communities Corp. On the Southwest side of I-75 the right-of-way is owned by either SRQ-Tropical Land LLC or the North Port Road and Drainage District.

SRQ-Tropical Land LLC owns a significant number of commercial and residential parcels in the proposed North Port activity center. Accelerating development of the activity center by building the road and utility infrastructure provides the perfect opportunity for a public/private partnership. With the vacant land in and around the area, there is also the potential for partnership with FPL to develop solar energy.

- Improving Veteran's Boulevard from east US-41 to King's Highway. An FDOT study of this corridor was completed in December, 2022. The overall objective of the study was to improve mobility, safety, reliability, and connectivity for people who drive, walk, bike, and use transit within the study corridor. Based on future traffic projections, the short term plans include a signal or roundabout at the intersection of Veteran's Blvd and Harbor Blvd. As these recommendations move from planning to design, it will be important for Charlotte County and the MPO to make sure that any short term improvements support the long term vision of connecting across county lines.

NEXT STEPS

Many of the steps for success have already been identified in the previous sections of this document. Current partners need to build a coalition of stakeholders and communicate with them often for consistency and continuity. Jurisdictions may want to consider identifying one person or position to provide staff support for organizing meetings, keeping minutes, following up on commitments, providing regular communications, and reporting to elected officials at least annually. Term limits elevate the importance of identifying new commission and council member champions every few years.

For 2023, here is a suggested list of actions:

- Update all local planning documents to include the interchange and supporting infrastructure.
- Identify, plan, and budget local and matching funds for connecting infrastructure.
- Request FDOT funds for the Raintree/Veteran's/Harbor connection and Raintree widening in the MPO annual call for projects.
- Include Logistics and Distribution as EDC and Chamber of Commerce target industries.
- Add Yorkshire/Raintree and supporting infrastructure to legislative agendas.
- Review and update the FHWA/FDOT urban boundaries and functional classifications to ensure eligibility for federal funding.
- Identify local and state incentive opportunities and begin discussion with major landowners regarding right-of-way.
- Work closely with FDOT to add the interchange as a project priority in the 2050 Strategic Intermodal System plan which is the first step towards funding the IJR and the future interchange.

REFERENCES/LINKS

- [Charlotte County-Punta Gorda Metropolitan Planning Organization 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan](#)
- [Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO and Sarasota/Manatee MPO Joint Meeting](#); January 2021; Yorkshire/Raintree Adopted Plan presentation; **VIDEO** at 34:35
- Enterprise Florida; [Florida's Major Industries](#); [Logistics and Distribution](#)
- [FDOT District 1 Freight Resources](#)
- [FDOT District 1 Regional Planning Model Networks](#)
[FDOT Freight Mobility and Trade Plan](#)
- [FDOT Southwest Connect I-75 Central Corridor](#); I-75 from north of Bayshore Road (SR 78) in Lee County to south of the River Road (SR 777) interchange in Sarasota County, approximately 45 miles in length.
- [FDOT Strategic Intermodal System Cost Feasible Plan](#); 2029-2045
- FDOT Systems Implementation Office; [Interchange Access Request](#)
- [FDOT Urban Boundary and Functional Classification Process](#); Decennial review, 2020 U.S. Census population and urban boundary data
- FHWA Highway Functional Classifications; [Definitions and Classifications](#)
- [Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan](#)
- [Heartland 2060: Building a Resilient Region](#)
- [How to Fix Congestion](#); Texas A&M Transportation Institute; Transportation Policy Research; [Collector-Distributor Roads](#)
- [Sarasota County Commission Joint Meeting with Charlotte County Commission](#); February 28, 2019; FDOT Southwest Connect presentation; **VIDEO** at 40:40 minutes
- [Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization 2045 Cost Feasible Plan Technical Report](#); Commerce Connectors, page 5-26;
- [Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan](#)
- U.S. Census; [Fastest Growing Cities are Still in the West and South](#); May 26, 2022
- [Veteran's Boulevard Corridor Planning Study](#); December, 2022

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JOINT RESOLUTION

CITY OF NORTH PORT RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-R-69
CHARLOTTE COUNTY RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-151

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTING INTERCHANGES ON INTERSTATE 75 AT NORTH YORKSHIRE STREET AND INTERSTATE 75 AT NORTH RAINTREE BOULEVARD; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2022 the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, and the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County held a joint meeting to discuss a future interchange on Interstate 75 located within the City of North Port; and

WHEREAS, a future interchange on Interstate 75 located within the City of North Port will have a positive impact on economic growth and development of the City's Activity Center 6, and will have a positive impact to resolve severe traffic congestion in Charlotte County at the existing King's Highway interchange; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission and Board of County Commissioners support the Florida Department of Transportation constructing an interchange in the vicinity of Interstate 75 and North Yorkshire Street and Interstate 75 and North Raintree Boulevard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1 – INCORPORATION OF RECITALS

- 1.01 The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated in this Resolution by reference.

SECTION 2 – RESOLUTION

- 2.01 The City Commission and Board of County Commissioners jointly request that the Florida Department of Transportation expedite the process to advance the concept, funding, and construction of an interchange in the vicinity of Interstate 75 at North Yorkshire Street and Interstate 75 at North Raintree Boulevard.

SECTION 3 – CONFLICTS

- 3.01 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Resolution and any other Resolution, in whole or in part, the provisions of this Resolution will prevail to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 4 – EFFECTIVE DATE

- 4.01 This Resolution takes effect immediately.

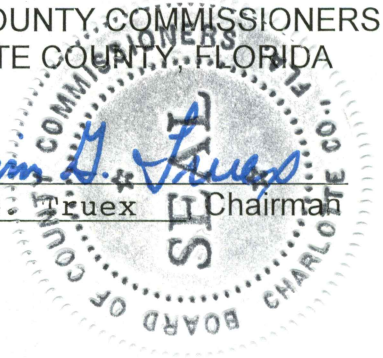
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PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 22nd day of November, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:

William G. Truex Chairman



ATTEST:

Roger D. Eaton, Clerk of Circuit
Court and Ex-officio Clerk of the
Board of County Commissioners

By:

Roger D. Eaton
Deputy Clerk

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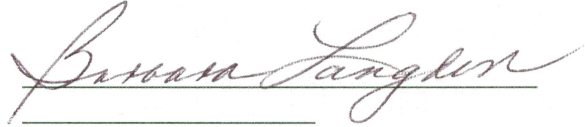
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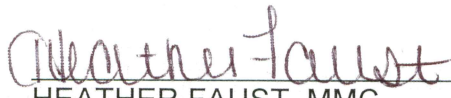
ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, in public session on
December 13, 2022.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

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MAYOR

ATTEST

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HEATHER FAUST, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS

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AMBER L. SLAYTON, B.C.S.
CITY ATTORNEY



MPO BOARDS JOINT MEETING

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SUMMARY: River Road from I-75 to US 41 is currently under construction and will be a much need improvement to the roadway network in South Sarasota County. With the northern segment nearing completion, attention has turned to the southern segment of River Rd from US 41 to Winchester due to an ever-growing population and the need to provide better connectivity to Charlotte County.

This segment is identified as an FDOT Partnership Project in the Sarasota/Manatee MPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The program utilizes FDOT Other Roadway (OR) funds and requires a local match in order to access the funds.

In Charlotte County the S. Winchester Blvd from Placida Rd to SR 776 was completed in 2015 as a four-lane divided roadway. N. Winchester Blvd from SR 776 to S. River Rd was complete in 2003 as a two-lane roadway funded from the 1998 Sales Tax Extension. N. Winchester Blvd project was contracted and managed by Sarasota County but funded by Charlotte County from sales tax extension tax revenues. The completion of these two segments provides a vital link between West County and I-75 for traffic circulation and emergency evacuation. In the current 2045 MPO's 2045 LRTP, intersection improvements were proposed at SR 776 & Winchester Blvd.

This project would likely still need supplemental funds from local, state, and federal sources in order to be programmed in the earlier time band than identified in the 2045 LRTP. Ongoing cooperation amongst all jurisdictions, the private sector, MPOs, and FDOT will be necessary in order to allocate the funds required for this effort.

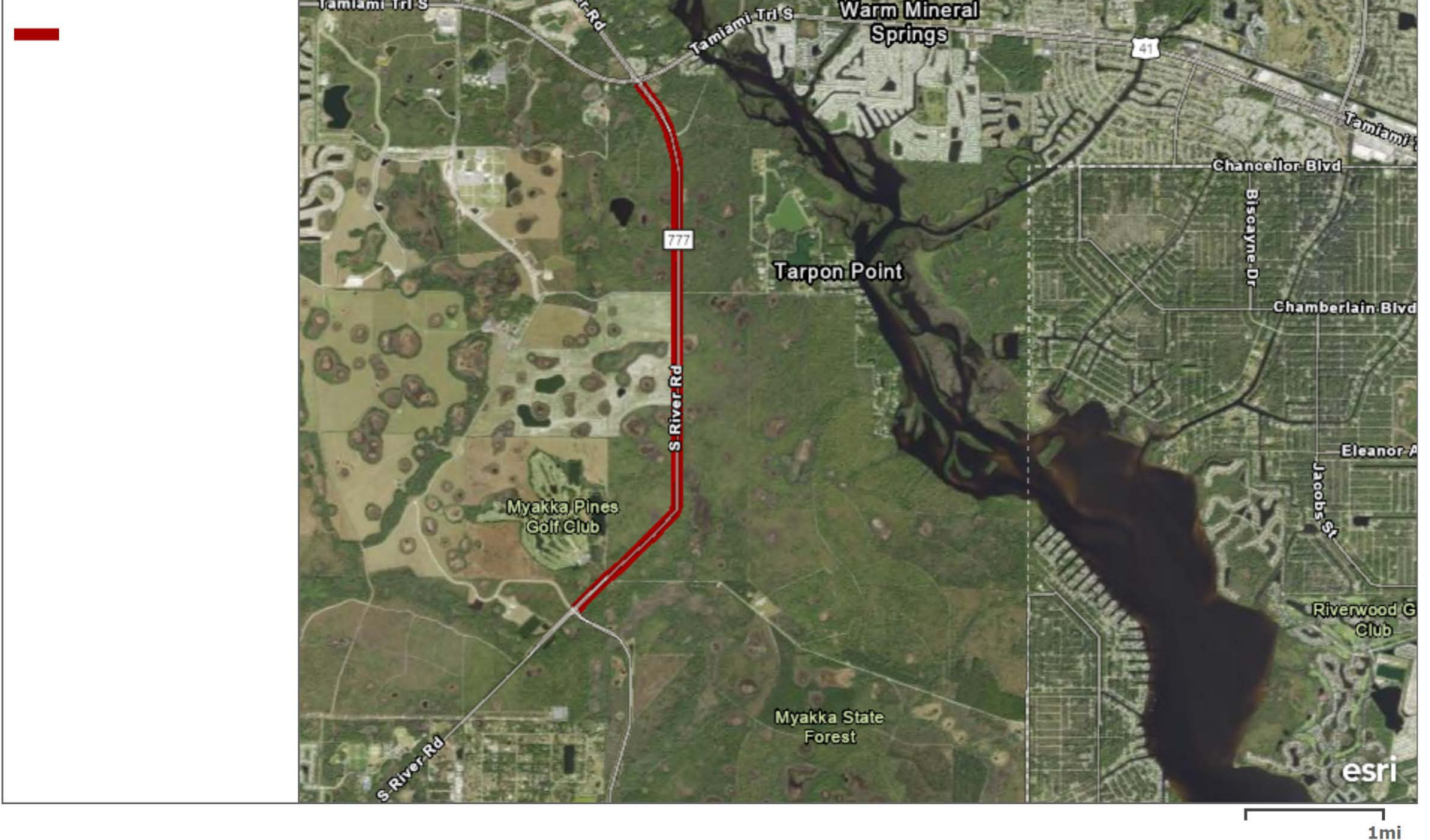
RECOMMENDED ACTION: NONE

ATTACHMENTS:

1. South River Road Improvements from US 41 to Winchester
2. Englewood Interstate Connector
3. Sarasota/Manatee MPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
FDOT Partnership Program Projects

South River Road Improvements

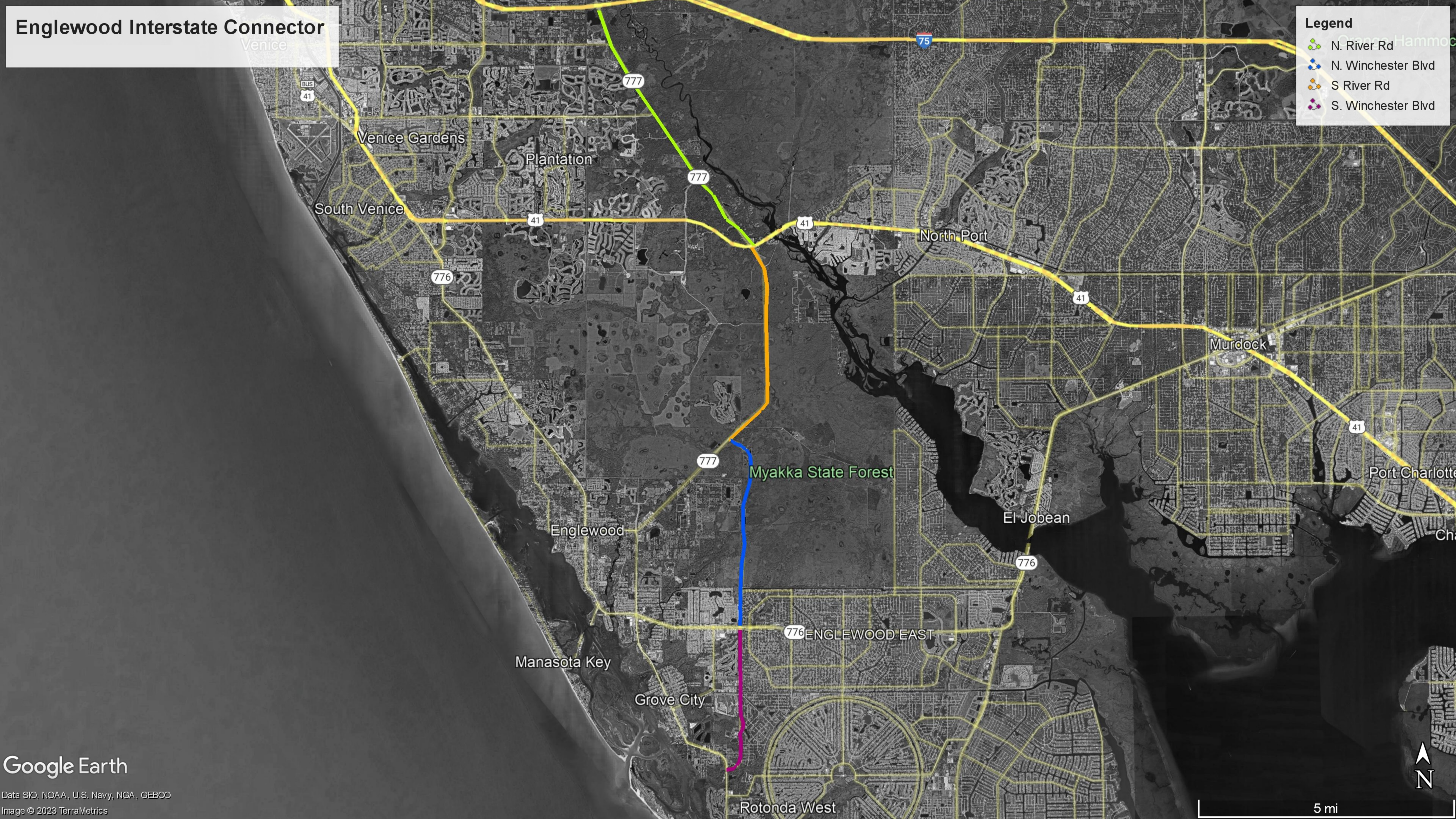
River Rd from US41 to
Winchester



Englewood Interstate Connector

Legend

- N. River Rd
- N. Winchester Blvd
- S River Rd
- S. Winchester Blvd



1.B. FDOT Partnership Program

FDOT allows up to 10% of FDOT non-SIS Other Roads (OR) funds to be used on local roads providing an additional \$118 million to support local priority projects. The MPO worked closely with FDOT to develop a new partnership opportunity so that FDOT, the MPO, counties, and cities have the potential to fund a significant number of local and state capacity projects that support growth and new development with a mix of local and state funding. The following projects may be funded with a combination of impact fees or other local revenue matched with state funds. The Cost Feasible Plan includes an additional \$255 million in boxed OR funds to be used primarily on state roads. Local jurisdictions may submit applications for projects on state roads, or other local roads, to access these funds by providing local match. Local match of at least 50% is required. FDOT will choose projects based on local match percentage and documentation of local commitment to completion of the project.

1.B. FDOT Partnership Program Cost Feasible Projects

Project Name	From	To	Improvement Type	CST	Rank
15th Street East	63rd Avenue	60th Ave Dr E	Complete Street	2030	1
15th Street East	44th Ave East	US 41	Complete Street	2035	2
15th Street East	52nd Ave East	44th Ave East	Complete Street	2035	3
N Tuttle Avenue	MLK Way	University Parkway	Widen to 4 lanes	2040	4
N Tuttle Avenue	Fruitville	MLK Way	Complete Street	2040	5
Honore Ave	Fruitville	17th Street	Widen to 4 lanes	2030	6
University Parkway	I-75	Lorraine Road	Widen to 6 lanes	2030	7
River Road	Winchester	US 41	Widen to 4 lanes	2040	8
Laurel Road	I-75	Knights Trail	Widen to 6 lanes	2030	9
East-West Roadway C	to SR 681		New 2 lane	2040	10
Buckeye Road	I-75	Fort Hamer Rd	Widen to 4 lanes	2035*	11
Upper Manatee River Rd	Fort Hamer Rd	Rye Road	Widen to 4 lanes	2045	12
Commerce Connector	US 41	Fort Hamer Rd	New 2 lane	2035	13
Lorraine Road	Knights Trail Road	SR 72	New 2 lane	2035	14
Laurel Road	Knights Trail	Jacaranda Blvd	Widen to 4 lanes	2040	15
Upper Manatee River Rd	SR 64	Fort Hamer Rd	Widen to 4 lanes	2035	16
Dove Avenue	Lorraine Road	SR 72	New 2 lane	2045	17
Moccasin Wallow Rd	Carter Rd	US 301	Widen to 4 lanes	2030	18
Ellenton Gillette Rd	Memphis Road	Mendoza Road	Complete Street	2030	19
Raintree Boulevard	I-75	Desoto County Line	New 2 lane	2045	20
University Parkway	Bourneside Blvd	SR 70	New 4 lane	2045	21
Raintree Boulevard	Harbor Boulevard	Blueleaf Drive	Widen to 4 lanes	2035	22
Ft Hamer Rd	Buckeye Road	County Line Road	New 2 lane	2035	23
Lorraine Road	Palmer Boulevard	Fruitville Road	New 2 lane	2030	24
Ibis Street	Ibis Street	Lorraine Road	New 2 lane	2045	25
University Parkway	Lorraine Road	Bourneside Blvd	Widen to 4 lanes	2030	26

*Buckeye Road is funded for PD&E, PE, and ROW but not for Construction.

The following requirements must be met for projects to be eligible for funding by the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

FDOT Partnership Requirements:

1. Road Type:
☐ Local
☐ State
2. Is the Project listed on Table 1.B on page 4 of this document?
☐ Yes
☐ No
3. Local Match* Percentage: _____ %

*50% Local Match is REQUIRED

FDOT will choose projects based on local match percentage and documentation of local commitment to the completion of the project.



MPO BOARDS JOINT MEETING
January 23, 2023
326 Nokomis Avenue South, Venice, Florida 34285



ITEM NUMBER: 5.b.

DISCUSSION: Joint Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Project Priority List

STAFF CONTACT: Ryan Brown, Sarasota/Manatee MPO
Ryan@mympo.org for additional information

PRESENTER: Ryan Brown, Sarasota/Manatee MPO
Lakshmi N. Gurram, Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO

SUMMARY: The Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) was created to improve regionally significant transportation facilities in "regional transportation areas". State funds are available throughout Florida to provide incentives for local governments and the private sector to help pay for critically needed projects that benefit regional travel and commerce. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will pay up to 50 percent of the non-federal share of project costs for public transportation facility projects.

The Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO and Sarasota/Manatee MPO Interlocal Agreement for Joint Regional Transportation Planning and Coordination asks that FDOT attempt to award funding on an equitable basis among the three counties (Charlotte, Manatee, and Sarasota) when funding new TRIP projects. As Charlotte County has received a majority of the TRIP funding since the program's inception, the MPO Directors at the January 25, 2021, Joint MPO Board meeting agreed to list Charlotte County's priorities as the third priority on the next Joint TRIP Project Priority list for 2023.

Both MPO staffs will coordinate with their respective local agencies to complete the 2023 TRIP project applications for consideration of funding by FDOT. Once complete, each MPO will request approval at their respective individual MPO Board Meetings.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: NONE

ATTACHMENT: Draft 2023 TRIP Project Priority List

Adopted – _

2023 TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP)

PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

CHARLOTTE COUNTY-PUNTA GORDA MPO - SARASOTA/MANATEE MPO

Priority Rank	Project	Jurisdiction	TRIP Funds Requested
1	Moccasin Wallow from US 301 to 115 th Ave E (Segment 1)	Manatee County	\$3,600,000
2	Fruitville Rd. from Sarasota Center Blvd to Lorraine Rd	Sarasota County	\$7,515,000
3	Harborview Rd from Melbourne St to I-75	Charlotte County	\$4,000,000
4	Moccasin Wallow from 115 th Ave E to I-75 (Seg. 2 & 3)	Manatee County	\$14,400,000
5	Lorraine Rd from Palmer Blvd to Fruitville Rd	Sarasota County	\$11,125,000
6	Edgewater Dr/Flamingo Blvd Ext from Midway Blvd to SR 776	Charlotte County	\$2,200,000
7	Honore Ave from Fruitville Rd to 17 th St	Sarasota County	\$5,010,000
8	Lorraine Rd from SR 72/Clark Rd to Knights Trail	Sarasota County	\$34,430,000
9	Jones Loop Rd from Burnt Store Rd to Piper Rd	Charlotte County	TBD
10	Kings Hwy from Sandhill Blvd to DeSoto County	Charlotte County	\$5,000,000

Requested TRIP Funds amounts reported by local jurisdictions in Project Priority applications.

The Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO and Sarasota/Manatee MPO interlocal agreement for joint regional transportation planning and coordination, asks that FDOT attempt to award funding on an equitable basis among the three counties (Charlotte, Manatee, and Sarasota) when funding new TRIP projects.



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ITEM NUMBER:	5.c.
DISCUSSION:	I-75 Master Plan Central Corridor Study Update & Presentation – Southwest Connect (FDOT)
STAFF CONTACT:	Ryan Brown, Sarasota/Manatee MPO Ryan@mympo.org for additional information
PRESENTER:	FDOT
SUMMARY:	FDOT District 1 will be presenting an update to the I-75 Southwest Connect Master Plan Central Corridor Study. The planning and feasibility study (FPID No.: 448864-1) is from north of Bayshore Rd (SR 78) in Lee County to south of River Rd (SR 777) in Sarasota County. The study is evaluating strategies for the mainline and interchanges, including managed lanes, that will improve accessibility, mobility, and safety. Completion of the master plan is scheduled in Summer 2023.
Visit the study website:	https://www.swflinterstates.com/i75-central-corridor/
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	NONE
ATTACHMENT:	I-75 Master Plan Central Corridor Study Update & Presentation



I-75 MASTER PLAN UPDATE

(CENTRAL CORRIDOR)

JOINT TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING
SARASOTA/MANATEE & CHARLOTTE COUNTY-PUNTA GORDA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS

JANUARY 9, 2023



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I-75 CENTRAL CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN UPDATE



ON THE **AGENDA**

JANUARY 9, 2023

- Study Area
- Milestones
- Existing Traffic Conditions
- Future Traffic Conditions
- Recommendations
- New Interchange Feasibility
- Next Steps

MASTER PLAN STUDY AREA

- Extends from north of Bayshore Road (SR 78) in Lee County to south of N. River Road in Sarasota County
- Includes the following interchanges:
 - Sumter Boulevard
 - Toledo Blade Boulevard
 - Kings Highway (CR 769)
 - Harbor View Road (CR 776)
 - Duncan Road (US 17)
 - N. Jones Loop Road (CR 768)
 - Tuckers Grade (CR) 762



EXISTING TRAFFIC CONDITIONS



Mainline Conditions

All Segments LOS A or LOS B

- Northbound & Southbound, AM & PM Peak Periods

Exceptions at LOS C

- Northbound AM - Toledo Blade to North of Sumter Blvd
- Northbound PM - US 17 to Harbor View Rd
- Southbound PM - North of Sumter Blvd to Toledo Blade Blvd



EXISTING TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

Signalized ramp terminals

- LOS C or better (AM/PM)

Unsignalized ramp terminals

- LOS C or better (AM/PM); Except following exit ramp movements:

LOS E

- NB Left at Tuckers Grade (PM)
- SB Right at Sumter Blvd (PM)

LOS F

- SB Left at Harbor View Rd (AM)
- NB Left at Toledo Blade Blvd (AM/PM); SB Right (PM)

Existing Peak Hour Intersection Level of Service (LOS)

Signalized Intersection	AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour	
	Delay (sec/veh)	LOS	Delay (sec/veh)	LOS
I-75 SB and North Jones Loop Road (CR 768)	18.7	B	21.1	C
I-75 NB and North Jones Loop Road (CR 768)	15.1	B	17.1	B
I-75 SB and US 17/ Duncan Road	32.9	C	27.0	C
I-75 NB and US 17/ Duncan Road	7.9	A	8.9	A
I-75 SB and Kings Highway (CR 769)	5.4	A	9.4	A
I-75 NB and Kings Highway (CR 769)	25.1	C	19.5	B
Unsignalized Intersection*	Delay (sec/veh)	LOS	Delay (sec/veh)	LOS
I-75 SB and Tuckers Grade (CR 762)	10.4	B	11.2	B
I-75 NB and Tuckers Grade (CR 762)	23.9	C	46.2	E
I-75 SB and Harbor View Road (CR 776)	105.3	F	29.0	D
I-75 NB and Harbor View Road (CR 776)	19.1	C	19.4	C
I-75 SB and Toledo Blade Boulevard/Choctaw Boulevard**	20.9	C	15.7	C
I-75 NB and Toledo Blade Boulevard/Choctaw Boulevard	>300	F	>300	F
I-75 SB and Sumter Boulevard**	20.9	C	20.3	C
I-75 NB and Sumter Boulevard	>300	F	59.3	F

NB = Northbound, SB = Southbound

*Unsignalized intersection delay/LOS reported for exit ramp left turn

**Exit ramp right turn movements are operating at LOS E or F in the PM Peak Hour

FUTURE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS – 2045 No Build

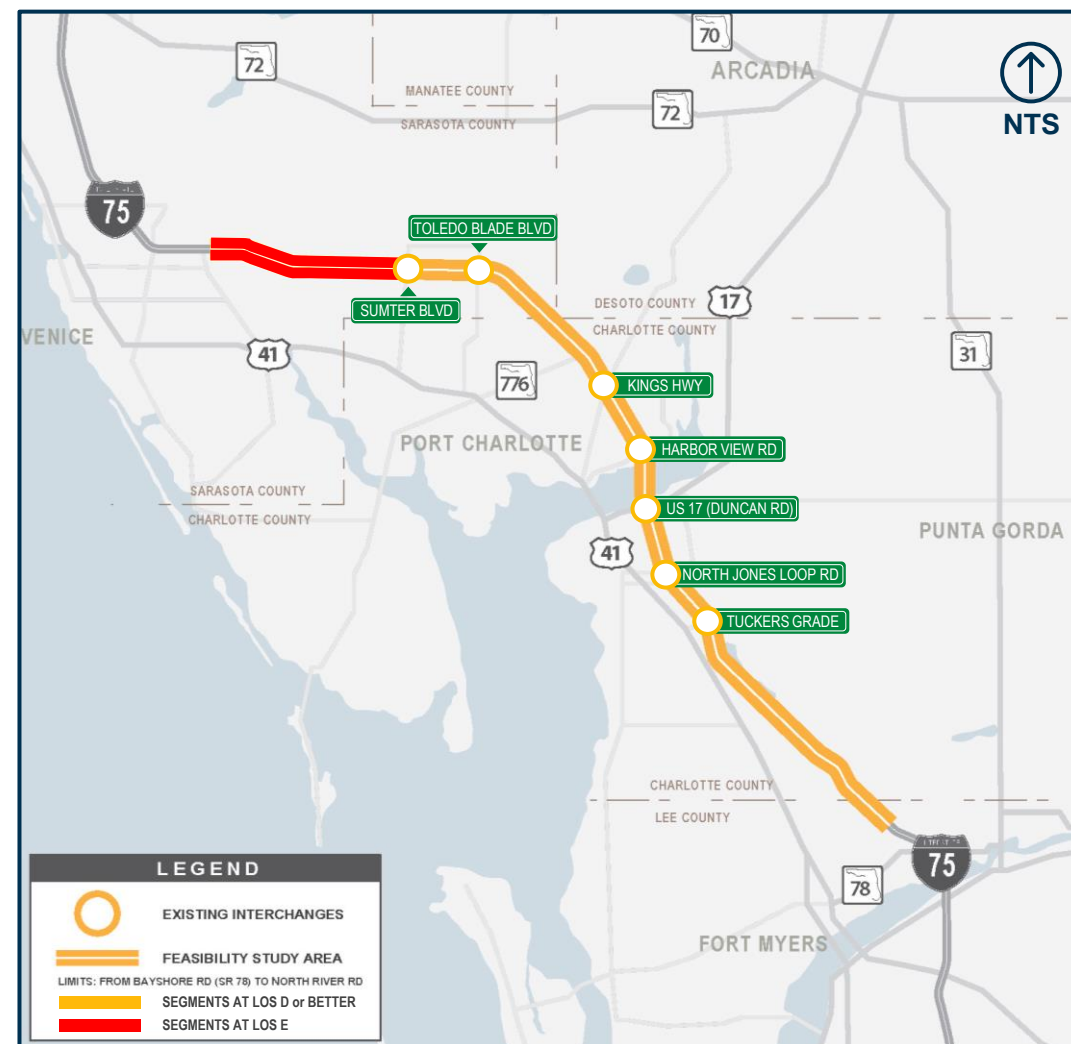
Mainline Conditions

All Segments LOS D or better

- Northbound & Southbound, AM & PM Peak Periods

Exceptions at LOS E

- North of Sumter Blvd - Northbound AM & Southbound PM



FUTURE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS – 2045 No Build

Signalized ramp terminals

- Mostly LOS E or F (AM/PM)

Unsignalized ramp terminals

- Nearly all LOS F (AM/PM)

2045 No-Build Peak Hour Intersection Level of Service (LOS)

Signalized Intersection	AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour	
	Delay (sec/veh)	LOS	Delay (sec/veh)	LOS
I-75 SB and North Jones Loop Road (CR 768)	107.5	F	138.1	F
I-75 NB and North Jones Loop Road (CR 768)	103.4	F	75.5	E
I-75 SB and US 17/ Duncan Road	103.4	F	37.0	D
I-75 NB and US 17/ Duncan Road	12.8	B	13.9	B
I-75 SB and Kings Highway (CR 769)	27.5	C	16.6	B
I-75 NB and Kings Highway (CR 769)	80.9	F	26.2	C
Unsignalized Intersection*	Delay (sec/veh)	LOS	Delay (sec/veh)	LOS
I-75 SB and Tuckers Grade (CR 762)	14.0	B	18.1	C
I-75 NB and Tuckers Grade (CR 762)	>300	F	>300	F
I-75 SB and Harbor View Road (CR 776)	>300	F	60.6	F
I-75 NB and Harbor View Road (CR 776)	131.3	F	182.8	F
I-75 SB and Toledo Blade Boulevard/ Choctaw Boulevard**	Left Turn	35.1	E	D
	Right Turn	220	F	F
I-75 NB and Toledo Blade Boulevard/ Choctaw Boulevard	>300	F	>300	F
I-75 SB and Sumter Boulevard**	Left Turn	>300	F	F
	Right Turn	12.7	B	F
I-75 NB and Sumter Boulevard	>300	F	>300	F
Notes: NB = Northbound, SB = Southbound *Unsignalized intersection delay/LOS reported for exit ramp left turn **In the case where the worst-case LOS is not the left turn during either peak hour, the right turn LOS is also reported				

RECOMMENDATIONS – Future 2045 Build

I-75 Mainline and Ramps

Segment	Location	Year of Need	Recommended Improvement
I-75 Mainline	Sumter Blvd. to End Project Limit	2034	Add Auxiliary Lane
I-75 SB Off Ramp	to Sumter Boulevard	2036	Widen Exit Ramp to 2 Lanes

Detailed evaluations to be completed in future Phases



I-75 CENTRAL CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN UPDATE



RECOMMENDATIONS – Future 2045 Build

I-75 Interchanges

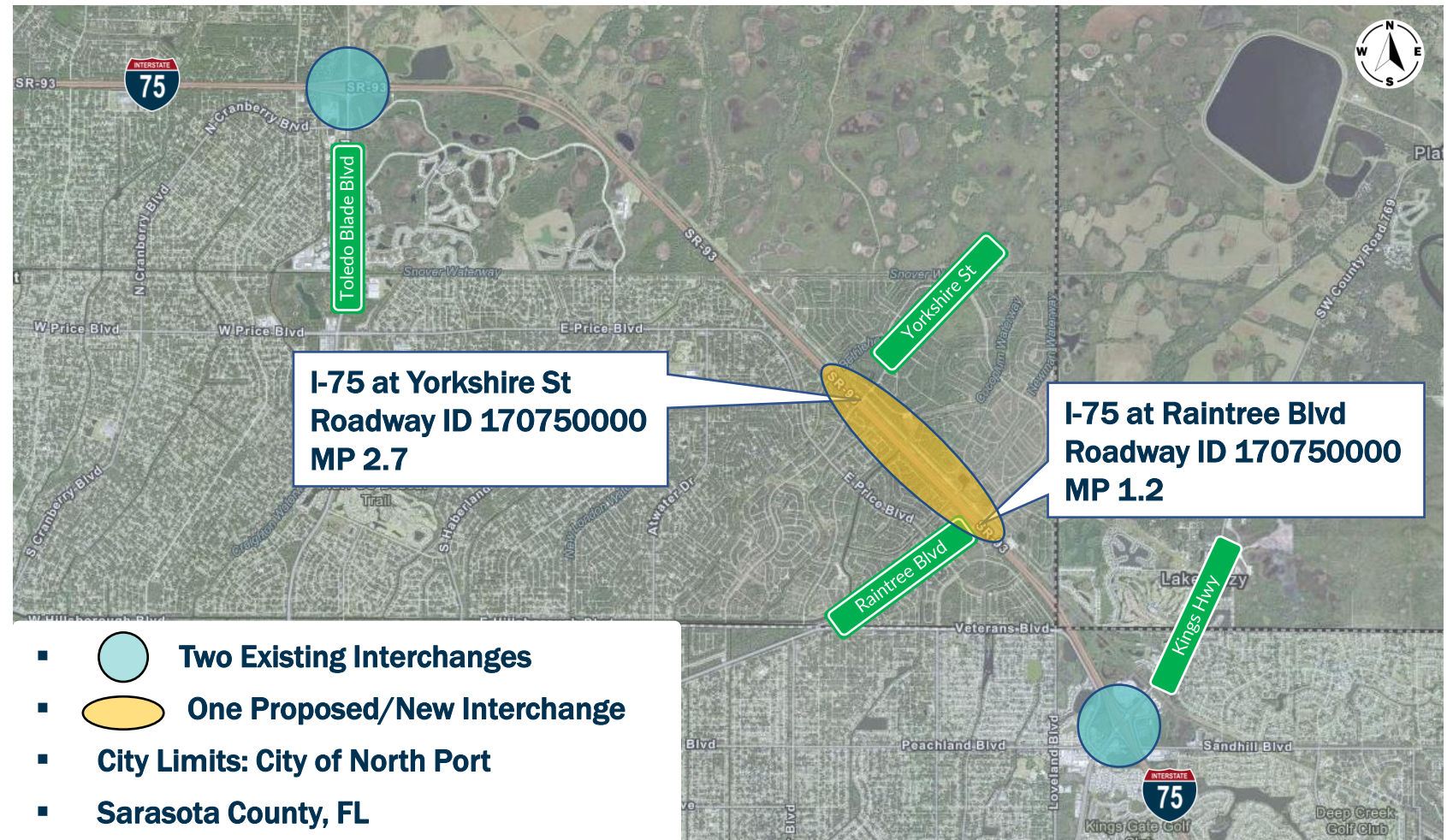
Ramp Terminal Intersection	Year of Need	Recommended Improvement
I-75 & Tuckers Grade (CR 762) (NB Ramp)	2019 (Existing) ⁽¹⁾	Future Traffic Control & Modifications through Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) process
I-75 & Harbor View Road (CR 776) (SB Ramp)	2019 (Existing) ⁽¹⁾	
I-75 & Harbor View Road (CR 776) (NB Ramp)	2030	
I-75 & N. Jones Loop Road	2038	Add through lane West of I-75
	2037	SB Exit signal control & lane modification
	2040 ⁽²⁾	NB Add Turn Lane, Widen Entry Ramp
I-75 & US 17	2032 ⁽²⁾	Add or Extend Turn Lane, Widen Entry Ramp
I-75 & Kings Highway (NB Ramp)	2038 ⁽²⁾	Add Turn Lane, Widen Entry Ramp
I-75 & Toledo Blade Boulevard	2019 (Existing) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ Signal Warrants Met in 2018	Future Traffic Signal
I-75 & Sumter Boulevard		Add Turn Lane, Widen Entry Ramp

Notes:

- 1) Exit ramp turns operating at LOS E/F in the existing condition
- 2) Existing left turn volume > 300 vph or existing queue storage insufficient

NEW INTERCHANGE FEASIBILITY - I-75 at Yorkshire St./Raintree Blvd.

- Proposed new interchange
- Two potential locations identified
- Adjacent interchange to north is I-75 at Toledo Blade Boulevard in Sarasota County
- Adjacent interchange to south is I-75 at Kings Highway in Charlotte County





I-75 CENTRAL CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN UPDATE

NEW INTERCHANGE FEASIBILITY - I-75 at Yorkshire St./Raintree Blvd.

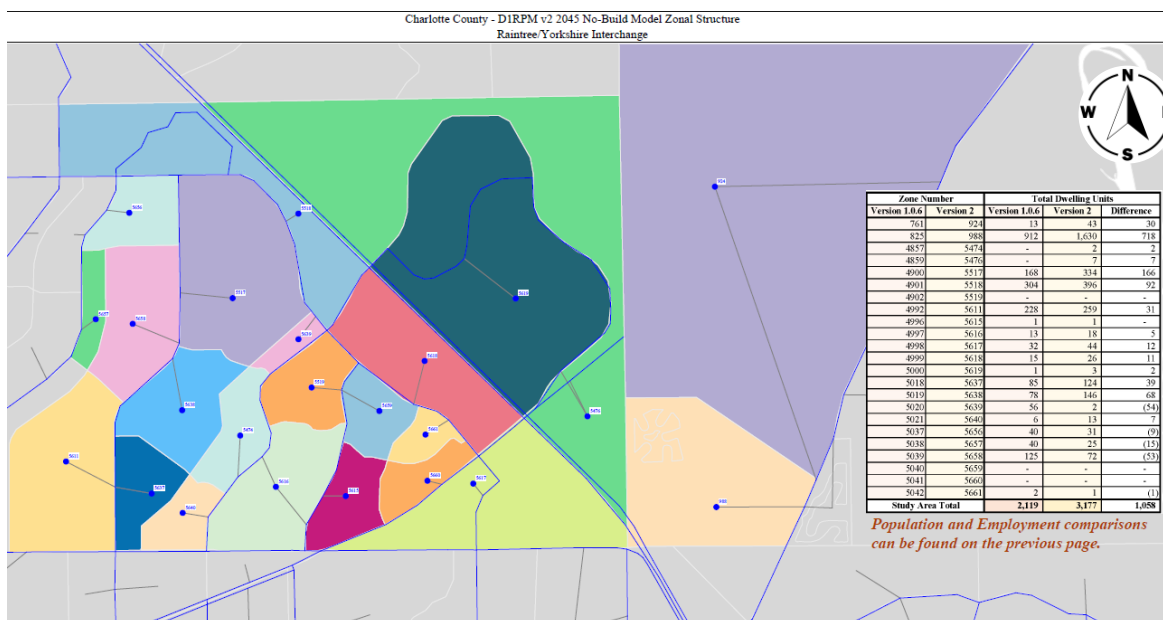


- **Multiple-Agency Coordination (April - August 2022/Ongoing)**
 - Local agencies - City of North Port, Charlotte County, Desoto County, and Sarasota County
 - MPOs - Sarasota/Manatee MPO and Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO
 - FDOT IPO and Local agencies, MPOs

- **Based on ongoing coordination, three alternatives were identified for evaluation**
 - Raintree Boulevard Interchange Build Alternative
 - Yorkshire Street Interchange Build Alternative
 - Collector/Distributor (C/D) System Build Alternative

NEW INTERCHANGE FEASIBILITY - I-75 at Yorkshire St./Raintree Blvd.

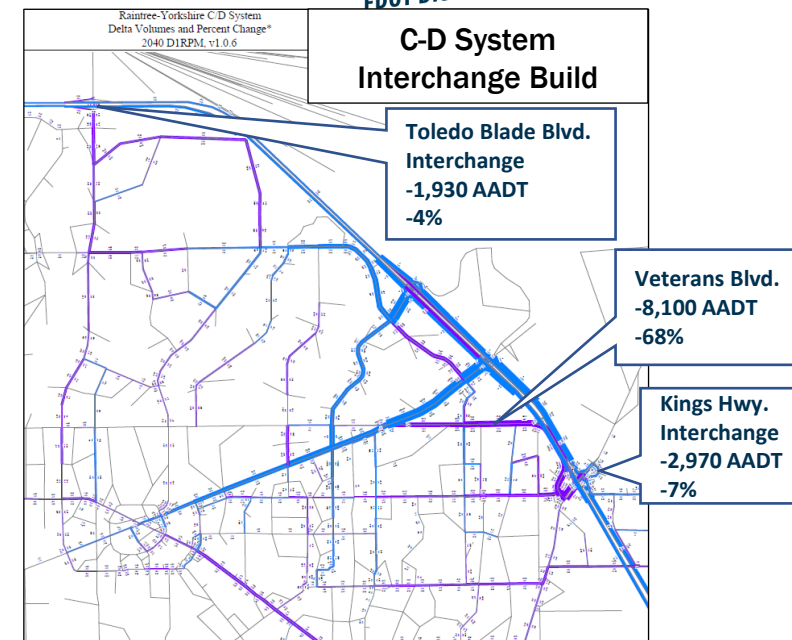
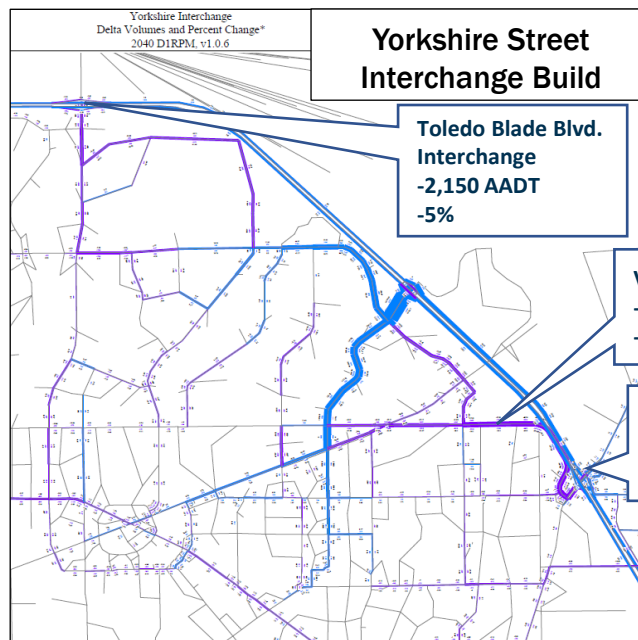
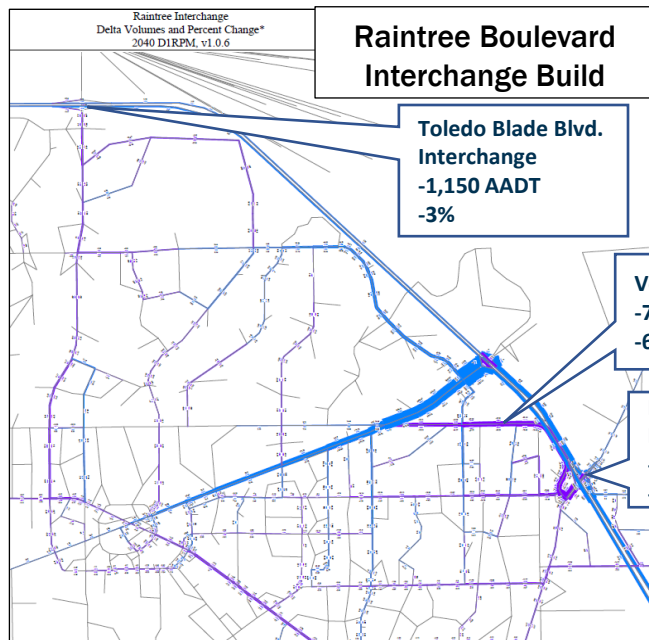
- High-level feasibility analysis completed as part of the I-75 Central Corridor Master Plan
 - I-75 Southwest Connect™ District One Regional Planning Model (D1RPM) with future year 2040 was updated with D1RPM v2 (future year 2045) socio-economic data.
 - Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) from D1RPM shows annual growth rate of 2.5% to 3.0% with the new interchange Build alternatives compared to 1.7% under No-Build



Future 2045 No Build and Build Model Volumes		
I-75 SW Connect D1RPM Model Scenario	I-75 Mainline (North of Kings Highway)	
	AADT (2-Way Total)	Model Growth Rate
No Build	62,308	1.7%
Raintree Interchange Build	75,494	2.8%
Yorkshire Interchange Build	72,241	2.5%
C/D System Build	77,661	3.0%

Note: Model growth rate represents annual growth computed between 2015 model base year and 2040 model horizon year; model volumes extrapolated to 2045.

NEW INTERCHANGE FEASIBILITY - I-75 at Yorkshire St./Raintree Blvd.



Road Links with Decrease in Daily Volume Compared to No Build

Roadway Link/Segment	Raintree Boulevard Interchange Build		Yorkshire Street Interchange Build		C-D System Interchange Build	
	Delta Volume	% Change	Delta Volume	% Change	Delta Volume	% Change
Kings Highway (West of I-75)	-11,000	-22%	-5,300	-11%	-10,400	-21%
Veterans Blvd. (North of Kings Hwy.)	-12,200	-41%	-7,600	-26%	-12,100	-41%
Veterans Blvd. (East of Price Blvd.)	-7,600	-64%	-6,800	-57%	-8,100	-68%

NEW INTERCHANGE - NEXT STEPS

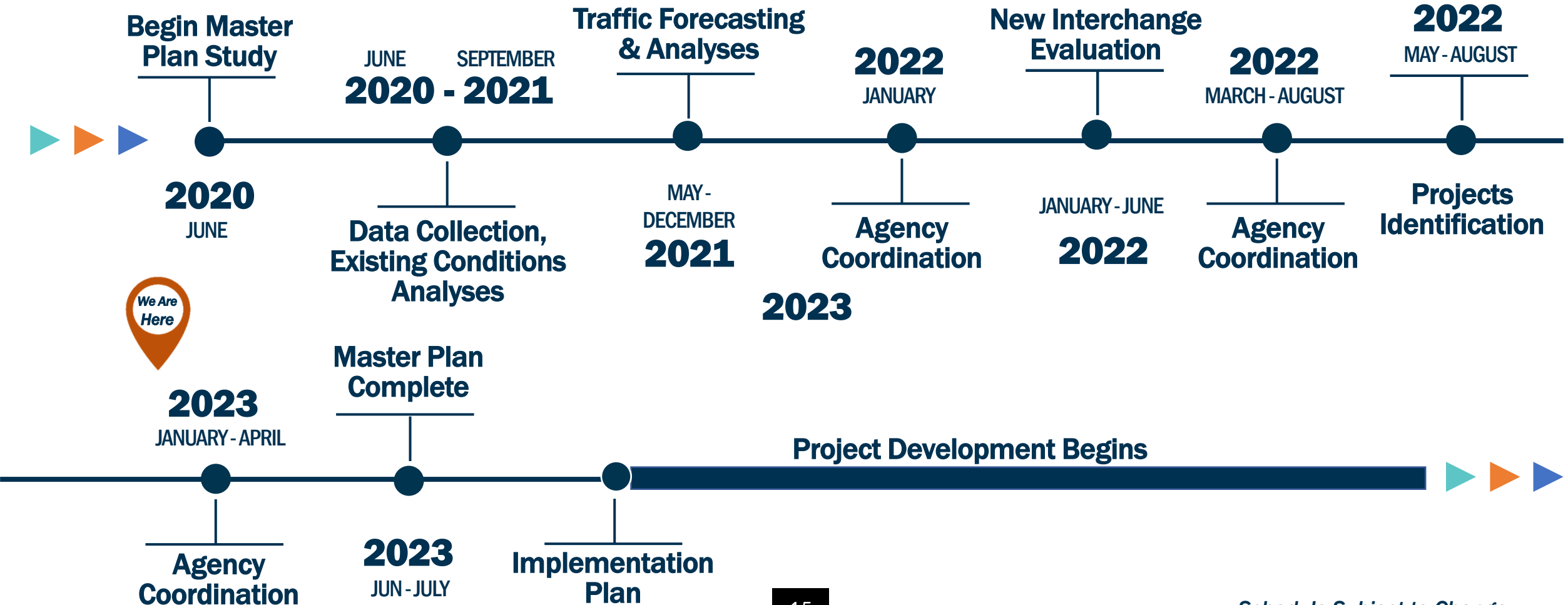
- **FDOT and MPOs Continued Coordination**
 - Include Interchange and supporting infrastructure in planning documents
 - Establish Funding and Project Prioritization
 - Review and adjust Urban Boundaries and roadway functional classifications
- **Interchange Access Request - Interchange Justification Report (IJR)**
 - Required for all new service interchanges providing access to limited access facility
 - Safety, Operational and Engineering (SO&E) Acceptability
- **NEPA/Environmental Documentation (PD&E)**
 - May be completed concurrently with IAR or following SO&E
 - Preferred alternative/concept is same in NEPA and SO&E

IMPORTANT:

FDOT will determine when to begin project development once anticipated future improvements to local roadway network is known.

Multiple agency coordination regarding local network improvements is ongoing.

MASTER PLAN STUDY MILESTONES





Thank You!



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ITEM NUMBER: 5.d.

DISCUSSION: Sarasota/Manatee & Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPOs 2021 Joint Meeting Minutes

STAFF CONTACT: Nanette Eubanks, Sarasota/Manatee MPO
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PRESENTER: Sarasota/Manatee MPO Staff

SUMMARY: As a requirement of the Interlocal Agreements between the MPOs and its member governments, and in accordance with the Florida Public Records and Open Meeting ("Sunshine") Law, MPO staff is required to keep an accurate record of the MPOs Board proceedings and an accurate record of the proceedings of all committees and subcommittees.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Informational Only

ATTACHMENT: January 25, 2021 Joint Meeting Minutes of the Sarasota/Manatee & Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPOs



Joint Meeting Minutes
Sarasota/Manatee & Charlotte County-Punta Gorda
Metropolitan Planning Organizations

DATE: Monday, January 25, 2021

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Bradenton Area Convention Center
One Haben Boulevard
Palmetto, Florida 34221



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JOINT MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2021

Call to Order and Confirmation of a Quorum: Joint Chairs

Commissioner Liz Alpert, Sarasota/Manatee MPO and Commissioner Joseph Tiseo, Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Joseph Tiseo turned the gavel over to Chair Commissioner Liz Alpert. Commissioner Joseph Tiseo, Charlotte County-Punta Gorda led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Self-introductions were made. Ms. Nanette Eubanks, Clerk to the Board, confirmed a quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO Board

Chair, Commissioner Joseph Tiseo	Charlotte County
Vice Chair Commissioner Christopher Constance	Charlotte County
Commissioner Ken Doherty	Charlotte County
Commissioner James Herston	Charlotte County Airport Authority
Mayor Lynne Matthews	City of Punta Gorda

Sarasota/Manatee MPO Board

Chair, Commissioner Liz Alpert	City of Sarasota
Vice Chair, Commissioner Vanessa Baugh	Manatee County
Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant	City of Palmetto
Commissioner Ron Cutsinger	Sarasota County
Commissioner Jack Daly	Town of Longboat Key
Commissioner Nancy Detert	Sarasota County
Councilmember Joe Neunder	City of Venice
Commissioner Kevin Van Ostenbridge	Manatee County
Commissioner Misty Servia	Manatee County
Commissioner Christian Ziegler	Sarasota County

FDOT District One Non-Voting Advisor

Secretary L.K. Nandam

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Sue Clapsaddle, Fiscal/HR Manager
Alvimarie Corales Cuadrado, Principal Planner
Nanette Eubanks, Clerk to the Board
Leigh Holt, Strategic Planning Manager
David Hutchinson Executive Director
Corinne Tucker, Multi Modal Planner
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Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO Staff

L.N. Gurram, Principal Planner
Gary Harrell, Executive Director
Bekie Leslie, Administrative Services Coordinator

Others

Jesten Abraham, FDOT
Wayne Gaither, FDOT
Moe Lavasani, CALTRAN Engineering Group, Inc.
Mike Koenig, Charlotte County



Joint Meeting Minutes Sarasota/Manatee & Charlotte County-Punta Gorda Metropolitan Planning Organizations

3. Public Comment

The public was encouraged to provide comments in advance. Information regarding technology and access was on page 2 of the agenda and posted on the MPO website at www.mymppo.org.

No public comments were received.

4. Opening Comments

Mr. David Hutchinson, Sarasota/Manatee MPO (S/M MPO), and Mr. Gary Harrell, Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO (CC-PG MPO) thanked everyone for coming to Manatee County and Manatee County for the use of the Bradenton Area Convention Center.

5. FDOT Update

a. Multi-Use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES)

This initiative was created to prepare for Florida's added growth and involves one new corridor and extensions of two existing corridors. A major objective is to provide the needed structure for rural areas to attract businesses through enhancing infrastructure.

Secretary L.K. Nandam, FDOT, explained when the statute was passed for Multi-Use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) initiative and signed by the Governor, the first requirement was for FDOT to create a task force for each of the three corridors identified in the M-CORES program.

The Southwest Central Florida Task Force was created and was comprised of approximately 47 members. Secretary L.K. Nandam expressed appreciation to Commissioners Christian Constance and Ken Doherty, CC-PG MPO, for their time and effort through the 15-month Task Force process, which started in August 2019 and finished in November 2019. The deadline was met, and the Task Force submitted the report to the Legislature and the Governor's Office.

One of the main topics of conversation in the report was the M-CORES program should not impact the Work Program as it is developed by each of the MPOs within the region of the M-CORES corridors and should not impact any MPO priorities. FDOT has made that commitment and recently at a Senate Committee meeting the Secretary of Transportation made that commitment through his comments to the legislature.

The second requirement by the Task Force was to go through a high-level Needs Analysis; it was felt there was not enough data to identify the needs of the corridor and the economic feasibility of the corridors. This process has been started and within the next few months (May/June time frame) the Needs Analysis will be finished. The first step is dividing the corridor into multiple sections and perform independent analysis for all those sections.

Going into the Alternate Corridor Evaluation, the starting process for the Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study, will prioritize the different sections so that the PD&E analysis can be started. The deadline for finalizing the PD&Es and get to construction for the M-CORES corridors is December 2022.

Secretary L.K. Nandam stated FDOT is also looking for "low-cost wins" or environmental enhancements, particularly as it relates to the Florida Panther and continues to work on the list to include in the Task Force report.



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6. Regional Discussion Items

a. I-75 Corridor Studies Update – Southwest Connect

Mr. Jesten Abraham, FDOT, stated this presentation will be brought back to the Sarasota/Manatee MPO Board at its February meeting and presented at the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda and Lee MPOs Joint Meeting. He provided a brief update: FDOT and the Southwest Connect Interstate project teams have decided to take a proactive approach to revise the current direction of I-75 Southwest Connect projects. The planning and feasibility study and subsequent PD&E Study are currently funded phases of the Southwest Connect projects. This new direction will allow for more opportunities for flexibility for funding future phases. The Department is currently revising the planning phase to produce an I-75 Master Plan that will document the future needs of the I-75 corridor. Anticipated completion of the Master Plan is early Spring 2022. Once completed the Master Plan will identify needs that will result in prioritized projects that will advance as smaller individual PD&E Studies. While the current planning and feasibility study is being completed the Department is placing the Southwest Connect PD&E Studies on hold. The Southwest Connect has been divided into 3 segments:

1. Northern Segment: from North River Road up to Moccasin Wallow
2. Center Segment: Bayshore Road (SR 778) up to River Road
3. Southern Segment: Collier Boulevard (SR 951) up to Bayshore Road (SR 778)

b. 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Projects

Ms. Leigh Holt, Sarasota/Manatee MPO, provided an overview of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Projects. Ms. Holt noted the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO and the Sarasota/Manatee MPO worked closely together during the development of their 2045 LRTPs to coordinate projects of regional significance to both areas:

- River Road
The widening of River Road from US 41 to I-75 is fully funded in the FDOT work program in FY 2021/22 as a design/build project. The widening of River Road from US 41 to Winchester is fully funded in the Sarasota/Manatee 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan.
- Yorkshire/Raintree
The development of the local road network in North Port, along with the city's designated economic development area will create the demand for the Yorkshire/Raintree interchange. Connecting Veteran's Highway with Hillsborough/Raintree will further support demand. The interchange has not been prioritized in the FDOT SIS plan, so the Sarasota/Manatee MPO elected to invest Other Road (OR) funds in the early phases of the project in their 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan.

c. SUNTrail Extension Feasibility Study

Mr. Moe Lavasani, CALTRAN Engineering Group, Inc., and Mr. Mike Koenig, Charlotte County, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the progress of the SUNTrail Extension Feasibility Study:

- A SUNTrail grant was received by Charlotte County to conduct a feasibility study along the State Road (SR) 776 corridor to link into Sarasota County.
- The SUNTrail Extension Feasibility Study extends from the Myakka State Forest in Gulf Cove along SR 776 to the intersection of US 41/Tamiami Trail.
- Trail Path: Gisinger Boulevard from Jennings Boulevard to Gillot Boulevard; Gillot Boulevard from Gisinger Boulevard to SR 776; and SR 776 from Gillot Boulevard to US 41.
- Trail length is 11 miles.
- Provide connectivity to Myakka State Forest and close part of existing trail gap. Periods



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- Expand overall trail system connectivity and facilitate jurisdictional agencies coordination.
- Define preferred route that achieves jurisdictional agency consensus and meets SUN Trail criteria.

d. Joint Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Project Priority List

Mr. David Hutchinson, S/M MPO, explained the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) was created to improve regionally significant transportation facilities in "regional transportation areas." State funds are available throughout Florida to provide incentives for local governments and the private sector to help pay for critically needed projects that benefit regional travel and commerce. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will pay up to 50 percent of the non-federal share of project costs for public transportation facility projects. There are no TRIP funds available for this year.

Mr. David Hutchinson, S/M MPO, noted the Interlocal Agreement for Joint Regional Transportation Planning and Coordination asks that FDOT attempt to award funding on an equitable basis among the three counties (Charlotte, Manatee, and Sarasota) when funding new TRIP projects. As Charlotte County has received a preponderance of TRIP funding since the program's inception, the MPO Directors have agreed to recommend that Charlotte County's priorities should be listed as the third priority on the next Joint TRIP Project Priority list for 2021. Proposed TRIP Project Priority list for 2021:

1. Moccasin Wallow from I-75 to US 301	Manatee County	\$33,353,750
2. Harborview Road from Melbourne Street to I-75	Charlotte County	\$ 4,000,000
3. Edgewater Drive/Flamingo Boulevard Extension From Midway Boulevard to Collingswood Boulevard	Charlotte County	\$ 2,200,000
4. Jones Loop Road from Burnt Store Road to Piper Road	Charlotte County	To be determined

e. I-75 Purple Heart Highway

Mr. Gary Harrell, CC-PG MPO, explained the designation of highways is not a MPO or FDOT process but a legislative process. The Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO has put the designation of I-75 as a Purple Heart Highway on its Legislative Priorities. He noted that I-95 in the eastern part of Florida has been designated as a Purple Heart Highway and the goal is to have I-75 named the same. This item will be presented at the upcoming Charlotte County-Punta Gorda and Lee MPOs Joint Meeting.

7. Board Member Comments

- Commissioner Jack Daly, S/M MPO, stated regarding the pedestrian monitors at the St. Armands Circle, Longboat Key, City of Sarasota, and FDOT Staff are working diligently to implement that process. This is very important to Longboat Key because it potentially will have the affect of smoothing out and moderating traffic impediments around St. Armands Circle.
- Commissioner Ron Cutsinger, S/M MPO, stated he was happy to be attending the meeting.
- Commissioner James Herston, CC-PG MPO, stated this was a well-ran meeting that provided good information.
- Councilmember Joe Neunder, S/M MPO, also stated he was happy to be at the meeting.
- Commissioner Christian Constance, CC-PG MPO, thanked everyone for attending and the great presentations.
- Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant, S/M MPO, welcomed the new members and thanked everyone for coming.
- Commissioner Tiseo, CC-PG MPO, stated 2021 is going to be very interesting across the country due to the illusive national infrastructure plan that is being discussed and with consideration of possibly raising the federal gas tax. Everyone will be affected with the potential policy changes that will be coming forward within the next 12 months.

8. Adjournment of Joint Regional Meeting