



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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**Sarasota-Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Project Priorities**

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## ✓ **BACKGROUND**

- ❑ Annually the Sarasota-Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) solicits, ranks and submits projects from the cities and counties to recommend to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for allocation of state and federal funds.
- ❑ Three project funding applications were prioritized and endorsed by the City Commission at their May 23, 2017, meeting.
- ❑ These projects did not receive funding and staff is again recommending the City Commission endorse them for funding consideration in 2018.

# ✓ **CHANGES IN RANKING ANALYSIS**

- ❑ The Federal Highway Administration now requires alignment of funding allocations to expected benefit.
- ❑ Performance measures have been established by the Sarasota-Manatee MPO and approved by FDOT for use in ranking and prioritizing project applications for funding.

# ✓ **RECOMMENDATION OF PROJECTS FOR 2018**

- ❑ Due to the substantial shortfall of state and federal funding available to projects through the MPO process, MPO staff suggested cities and counties consider resubmitting projects from last year that were not awarded funds, unless new projects appear better positioned for receiving funds.
- ❑ Staff recommends submitting the same projects as last year, in the same order of priority, plus prioritizing two other projects of significance to the City that would not compete with for funding through the MPO, but may be eligible for Federal funding through different sources.

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## **Interchange on I-75 at Yorkshire Street**

- ❑ The Federal Government Administration indicates funding priority to projects that derive an economic benefit. As the City has designated Activity Center 6, in the Yorkshire Street/I-75 area of the City for industrial development, an interchange will definitely promote interest for development.
- ❑ Federal funds, outside of the MPO purview, could be used for this project.
- ❑ Prioritizing an interchange at this location further demonstrates the City's interest for this location of a new interchange between the Toledo Blade Boulevard and Kings Highway interchanges.
- ❑ The interchange would be another access point onto I-75 in the event of emergency evacuation.

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## **River Road Widening, US41 to I-75**

- ❑ Sarasota County is negotiating with the FDOT to trade ownership and maintenance of River Road with other roadway segments in Sarasota County. As River Road extends into Charlotte County and is the primary evacuation route for the western portion of Charlotte County, the justification for the transfer to FDOT is solid.
- ❑ Many City of North Port residents use River Road to commute to their jobs in mid and north Sarasota County.
- ❑ As a state roadway, the River Road Widening Project would be funded by sources outside of those available to the MPO.

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## **Price Boulevard Widening, Sumter Boulevard to North Port High School/Heron Creek Middle School**

- ❑ This segment of Price Boulevard has the next highest traffic volume after the Sumter Boulevard to Toledo Blade Boulevard segment.
- ❑ The existing two lane bridge over Myakkahatchee Creek will be replaced with a four lane structure.
- ❑ Continuous sidewalks and bicycle lanes will span between Sumter Boulevard and the North Port High School and Heron Creek Middle School.
- ❑ The estimated total project cost is \$29,850,000

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## **Biscayne Drive Bicycle Lanes Extension, Glenallen Boulevard to Ponce de Leon Boulevard**

- ❑ This segment will extend the dedicated bicycle lanes on Biscayne Drive, which start on the north side of Myakkahatchee Creek (at Safford Terrace), to Ponce de Leon Boulevard.
- ❑ A project extending the bicycle lanes on Biscayne Drive, from Elyton Drive to Glenallen Boulevard was awarded a grant and staff is proceeding with procurement of professional engineering services for the design and permitting.
- ❑ The estimated total project cost requested for the grant is \$2,256,000.

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## **Ponce de Leon Boulevard Bicycle Lanes, Biscayne Drive to Tropicaire Boulevard**

- ❑ This project will utilize the existing paved shoulders of the I-75 overpass for the bicycle lanes.
- ❑ It will compliment the bicycle lane projects contemplated on Biscayne Drive and the City's Tropicaire Multi-Use Pathway Project, funded in the current fiscal year for design and construction.
- ❑ The estimated total project cost requested for the grant is \$5,620,000.

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If any of the three projects eligible for funding through the MPO process are selected for funding, the first phase of the project would be funded in the fifth year of the five year Transportation Improvement Program.



# QUESTIONS

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