

Motion to Support Corkscrew Road I-75 Intersection Improvements

Whereas; Estero has now a population of well over 35,000 residents and 24,000 residential units with at least 3000 more residential units that are planned;

And whereas; Estero will be the worldwide headquarters for Hertz that is planning a 300,000 square foot building that will result in a greater demand for good and safe access to and from Estero, especially by I-75;

And whereas; Estero is growing faster than any other community in Lee County;

And whereas; Corkscrew Road is the only intersection in Estero that allows all Lee County and especially the residents of Estero, to enter and exit from and to I-75;

And whereas; The Corkscrew Road Interchange Improvements were included to the 2030 LRTP back in 2005;

And whereas, The need for better access to egress and enter onto Corkscrew Road by way of the I-75 Interchange was foreseen and a commitment to make substantial improvements were identified as part of the right-of-way acquisition consistent with the ultimate improvements, the project was deemed to be cost feasible as part of the LRTP and the project was then added to the SIS Priority List based on the Need in 2010;

And whereas; Similar changes have been made on interchanges throughout Lee and Collier Counties;

And whereas; This project has remained on the top 10 SIS priority list since 2010;

And whereas; The residents of Estero have been informed that the Corkscrew Road Interchange Improvement project did not get funded in FDOT's 2040 SIS Cost Feasible Plan which means for all sakes and purposes that none of these improvements will occur;

Therefore; We, the members of the Estero Council Community Leaders, are adamantly opposed to this decision and request this project be found to be cost feasible and viable and be added into the SIS Cost Feasible Plan with a completion date within the next 5 years.