



# **Cedar Rapids Business Survey**

#### Economic Development Services July 12, 2016





## Outline

- Concept, Benefits and Process
- Survey Organization
- Key Findings
- Next Steps
- Questions



## Concept

#### • <u>Definition:</u>

 Organized visitation program expressing interest and concern in business's needs.

#### • <u>Strategy:</u>

Grow tax base through existing industry expansions
Avoid (or delay) adverse impacts to tax base

#### • <u>Duration:</u>

• Ongoing initiative enhancing outreach to business



## **Benefits**

- Support economic diversification
- Help increase local employment options
- Protect property values
- Grow municipal tax base
- Promote community as "business friendly" location



### Process

#### • <u>Method</u>

o Interview senior management (half hour)

#### • <u>Data</u>

- o Identify current trends & conditions in marketplace
- Generate input for City ED policy
- Aid performance measurement

#### • Program Goals

- Advance continuous improvement of city services
- Fill information gaps
- Help implement ED strategic and marketing plans



## Survey Organization

- Data Collection: 90 visits (Feb. to April 2016)
- *Margin of error +/- 7.0%; Confidence Interval 90%*
- Mix of multiple-choice & questions seeking business comments -> 90/10 ratio
- Economic profile accompanies the survey for added background
- All data summarized in Cedar Rapids Business Survey
  2016





## **Key Findings**

#### **Economic Profile:**

- CR ranks at 80<sup>th</sup> percentile of US Metro Regions in Per Capita Personal Income
- Ranks at 89<sup>th</sup> percentile in median family Income
- Total value of goods and services ranks at the 67<sup>th</sup> percentile; despite a population size near median for US metro areas.
- Almost twice US national average of local workforce employed in manufacturing



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## **Key Findings**

#### **Survey Results:**

- Over half businesses surveyed plan to expand facilities or increase jobs in next three years.
- Half of firms more profitable than three years ago
- Strong support for urban core district revitalization
- 87% categorized the business climate in Cedar Rapids as "excellent" or "good."
- Most view current workforce as <u>stable</u> and <u>productive</u>



## Next Steps

- June: Integrate findings into city marketing plan development
- June to August: Migrate survey data to EnerGov
- Sept. to December: Planning and early retention visits
- **<u>Ongoing</u>**: Assess survey dataset for potential policy recommendations
- **<u>Ongoing</u>**: Elevate visibility and awareness of existing industry priorities in ED program administration.



## Questions

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# City of Cedar Rapids C Avenue NE from Collins Road to 40<sup>th</sup> Street Special Assessment Public Hearing

# July 12, 2016



# Key Facts About Proposed Assessment

- Project assessing Sanitary Sewer Service Replacement, Sidewalk, Engineering, Administration and Legal fees
- Process Sets Maximum Assessment
- Nothing Due Until Project Completion (est. 2 years)
- Assesse Chooses to Pay in Full or Installment Plan
- Consistent with the past assessments
- \$155,420 Total Maximum Assessment
- 52 Parcels Average Assessment \$2,990



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# **Council Options**

- Adopt
- Adopt with Amendment
- Defer
- Other
  - Abandon





## Recommendation

• Defer action on Resolution of Necessity until September 27, 2016 Council meeting.

### 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE from 36<sup>th</sup> Street to 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Roadway and Utility Improvements Contract Number 3012127-02 Bid Date: June 29, 2016

Rathje Construction Co., Marion, IA\$2,114,135.10Pirc-Tobin Construction, Inc., Alburnett, IA\$2,368,364.10Ricklefs Excavating, Ltd., Anamosa, IA\$2,533,926.54

Curb Ramp Repair Project – NW Bid Package No. 3 Contract Number 3016016-04 Bid Date: June 29, 2016

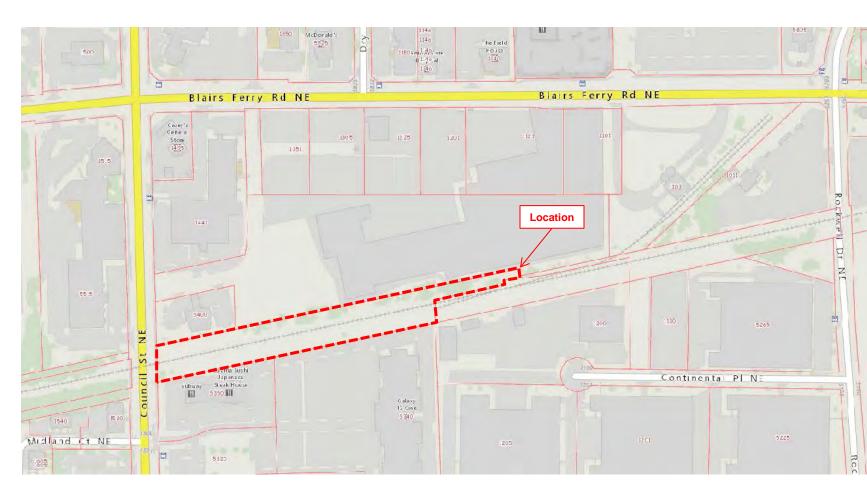
Vieth Construction Corp, Cedar Falls, IA, \$697,351.00

Ti-Zack Concrete, Inc., LeCenter, MN \$729,440.00





### Location







## Aerial







## Zoning







#### Site Plan



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## Next Steps

- July 12, 2016 City Council Public Hearing & Possible 3 Readings of the Ordinance.
- ➤ July 16, 2016 Ordinance published in The Gazette.

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# S/o Skylee Drive NE & E/o Council Street NE

Rezoning

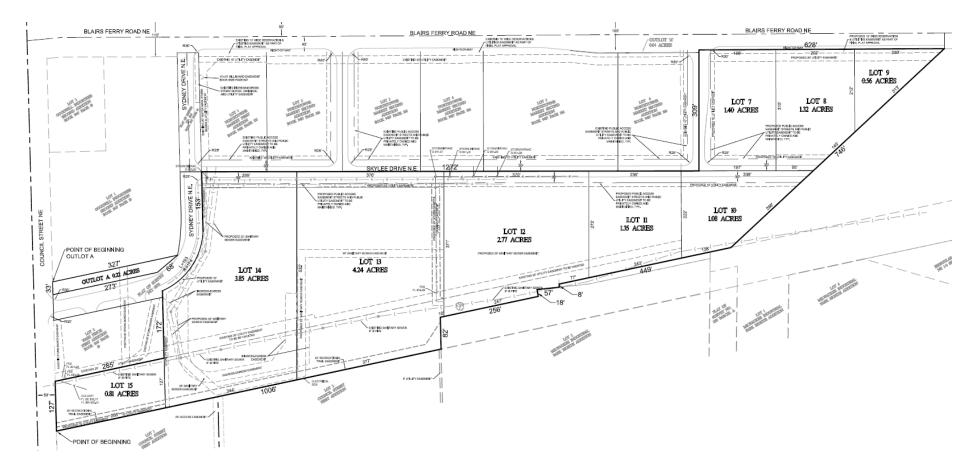
#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

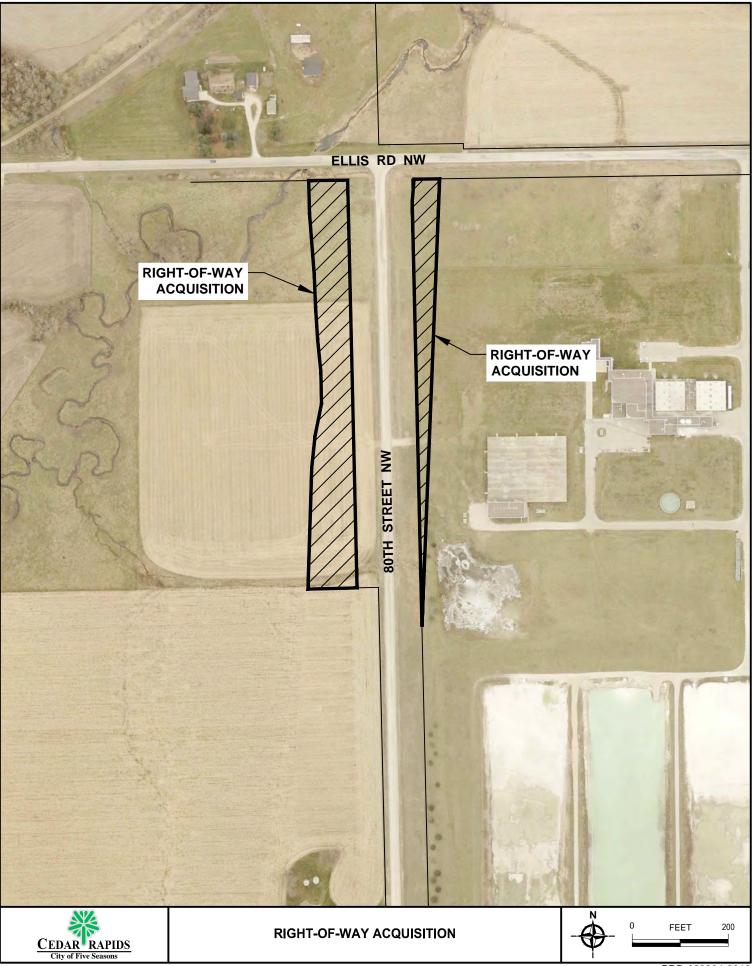
This is a request to rezone a portion of former railroad right-of-way area zoned I-1, Light Industrial Zone District, to the PUD-1, Planned Unit Development One District to allow for the property to be combined with the rest of the Northtowne Market Additions area for future commercial development. The property is identified as "Urban High-Intensity" on the City's Future Land Use Map in EnvisionCR, the City's Comprehensive Plan.

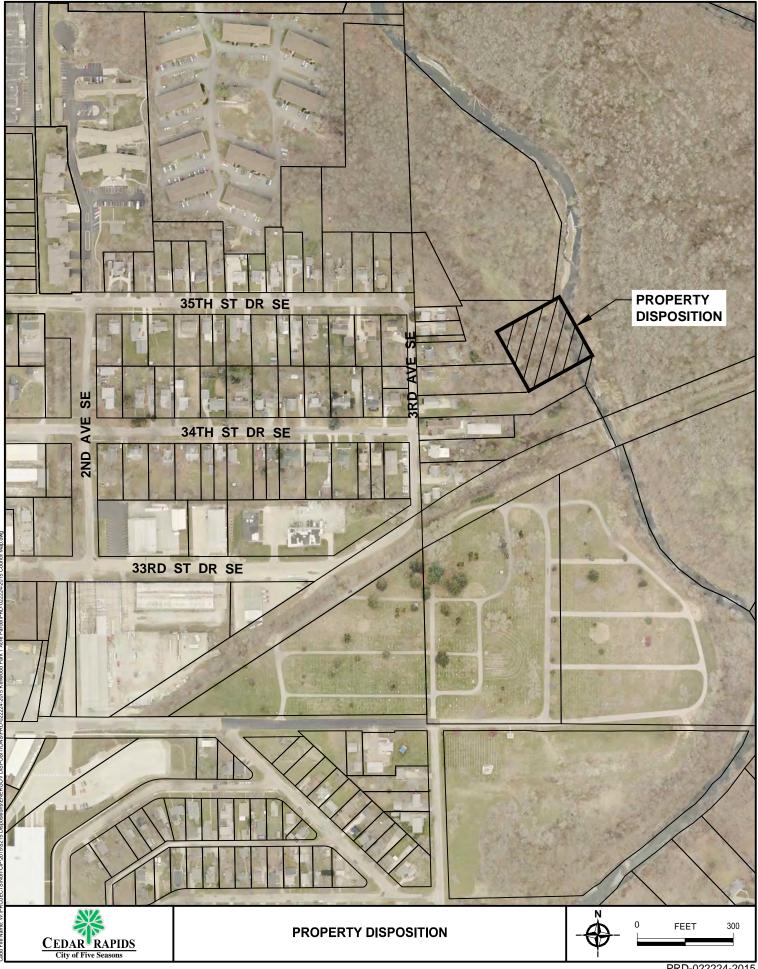
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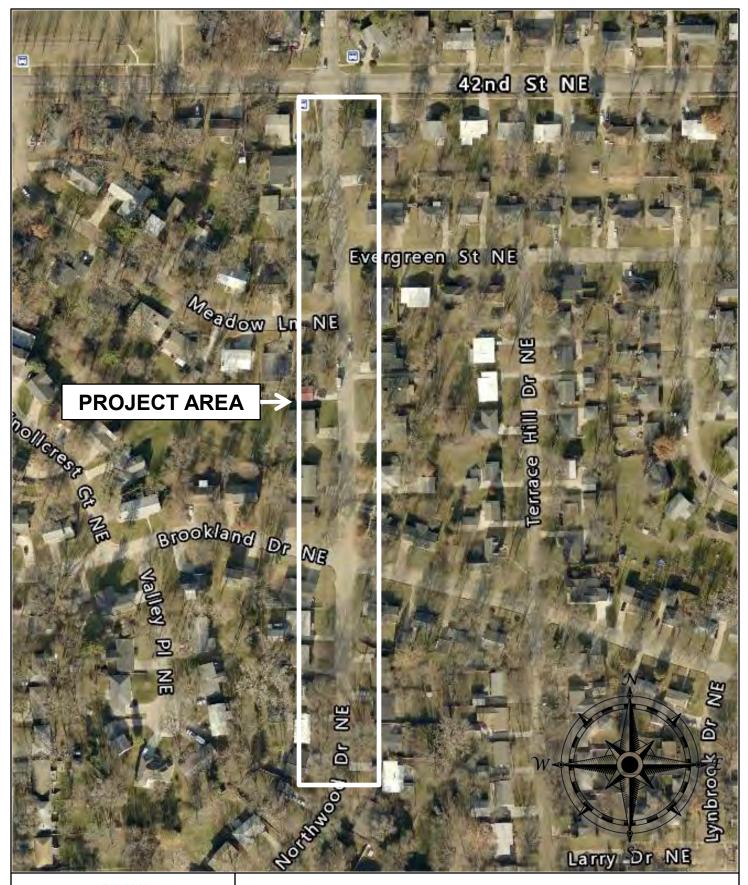


#### CEDAR RAPIDS City of Five Seasons\* Revised Major Preliminary Plat











NORTHWOOD DRIVE NE FROM SOUTH OF BROOKLAND DRIVE NE TO 42<sup>ND</sup> STREET NE ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION