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A look at commercial real estate trends and topics in Southwest Florida



The Nickel Ride announced the launch of its free ride-share service in Punta Gorda, the third city where the Fort Myers-based company now operates.

Nickel Ride offers ride-share service in Punta Gorda

The Nickel Ride, an eco-friendly transportation service that connects communities with local commerce, announced a launch in Punta Gorda, its third city. In announcing the launch, Founder and CEO Judah Longgear shared, "Punta Gorda is a growing community and we are thrilled to add them to the Nickel Ride network. This is the ideal time to commit our investment to this area and look forward to serving the community for years to come." The Fort Myers company is also completely rebuilding its popular mobile app.



Longgear

Charlotte Harbor.

The Nickel Ride plans to operate in Punta Gorda's downtown location

Officials say the city offers businesses a year-round clientele, which is made up of local, domestic and international customers, including waterside leisure and shopping at the Harborwalk and at Fishermen's Village on

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Collier County seeking proposals for sports complex

Collier County Commissioners are currently accepting Invitation to Negotiate proposals for the management, operation, advertising and marketing of a planned 120-acre multipurpose sports event and entertainment complex that will be for all ages and types of users.

Plans call for the opening of the facility in three phases. Phase one includes eight multipurpose artificial turf fields ready for play in June 2019; phase two includes a three to five-thousand seat stadium ready for play in December 2019; and phase three envisions eight additional multipurpose field and indoor sports facility in late 2020.

The intent of the proposed facility is to attract and host visiting youth and adult league and tournament play, local sports activities, and other events designed to draw visitors and local attendees.

Collier County is interested in learning what experienced organizations can offer related to the proposed facility in the following categories: ticketing/admissions; bookings; food and beverage concessions; registration; vendors; onsite activation and signage, parking, entertain-

ment, marketing and all other aspects of managing an amateur sports-focused complex.

This public and private partnership will share in the revenue generation from, but not limited to, the following: parking, concessions, registrations, onsite-advertising, admissions and vendor registrations.

The County intends to fund, design and construct the 120-acre complex that will also include concession areas, restaurants, classrooms, locker rooms, coach's offices and other facilities.

The County desires to maximize the use of the complex and its revenue generating capacity while also providing a broad array of cultural, educational, entertainment and sporting activities to meet the demands of the local community and provide revenue generation from visiting tournaments and sports organizations.

This ITN is not directed to any design, construction or related contractor or subcontractor. Submittals from such firms or teams will not be accepted.

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