

Site Advantages

<p>Feasibility Study concludes both station sites as viable options</p>	<p>Large percentage of regional population within a short drive</p>	<p>Design provides for a multi-modal transportation hub</p>
<p>Both evaluated sites can be designed to accommodate 20,000 – 100,000 arrivals & departures per year and provide room for future growth if needed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Population within a 15-minute drive: 493,444 – Population within a 30-minute drive: 1,429,007 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Passenger rail station – Bus Transit (current & future COTA lines) – Multi-use trail access – Shuttle (on-demand micro-transit)
<p>Land previously purchased for proposed locations</p>	<p>Location within an existing mixed-use district</p>	<p>Justice40 conditions addressed with proactive planning & development</p>
<p>The foresight and leadership of Hilliard City Council resulted in key parcels being purchased in 2016 & 2022 on each side of the rail line, providing station options and room for future expansion.</p>	<p>Immediately surrounding the station location is a wide variety of convenient amenities including restaurants, grocery stores, retail and hotel options.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Currently fifty-nine percent (59%) of residents in the Cemetery Road Focus Area, where the station would be located, earn less than \$40,000/year. – The percentage of disadvantaged residents within a 30-minute commute of the station equals 23.4% (334,615) of total population within the same commute. – The City’s 2023 Comprehensive Community Plan states this area of the City should redevelop with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A transportation hub providing a mix of safe and affordable options. – A mix of housing options, including affordable housing.
<p>Ease of access to & from Interstate 270</p>	<p>Location adjacent to area planned for significant redevelopment</p>	
<p>Located near the north & southbound Interstate 270 exits, the site allows for quick and convenient access in & out of the station.</p>	<p>The City’s 2023 Comprehensive Community Plan calls for the Cemetery Road Focus Area to redevelop as a mixed-use district that is a regionally significant economic development hub.</p>	