



**AGENDA
LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY
THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023
5:30 PM
ANNEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 4. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Linear Park and 98 Palms Extension Conceptual Design**
- 5. MEMBER DISCUSSION**
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 7. NEXT MEETING DATE: April 20, 2023**

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CITY OF DESTIN – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: April 6, 2023
BOARD/COMMITTEE: Local Planning Agency
TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM: Presentation
OUTLINE NUMBER: 4.A.

TO: Local Planning Agency

THRU: Lance Johnson, City Manager
Louis Zunguze, Community Development Director
Krystal Strickland, Finance Director
Jeffrey Cozadd, Grants Manager
Kimberly Kopp, Land Use Attorney

FROM: Ryan Scott, City Engineer

DATE: March 24, 2023

SUBJECT: Linear Park and 98 Palms Extension Conceptual Design

I. BACKGROUND: Per the City's **Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Corridor Management Plan, Pathways Master Plan, and Town Center CRA Master Plan**, the Linear Park and 98 Palms Boulevard Extension is a priority City project.

In late 2020, Staff presented a preliminary Project Description (Scope of Work) for the Proposed Linear Park and 98 Palms Street Extension. Both the Parks & Recreation (October 27, 2020) and the Town Center CRA (November 18, 2020) committees recommended approval of the Project Description (Scope of Work). City Council approved the Project Description (Scope of Work) for the project on September 19, 2022, allowing Staff to apply for and obtain grant funding for the design of the Linear Trail. A conceptual plan was put together and Staff is looking to move the project forward. There is an executed matching grant for the design of the Linear Park **ONLY**.

II. DISCUSSION: As Staff started looking into the full scope of the project, it was determined that **Florida Power & Light (FPL), Destin Water Users (DWU)**, and three residential owners would be impacted by any development of the park and right-of-way. Therefore, their cooperation is needed to bring the entire project to fruition.

A meeting was held October 19, 2022 with Staff, FPL and DWU to discuss what challenges will need to be addressed for this project. It was determined that FPL is planning on installing a new transmission line along the corridor for the linear park and roadway

extension. It was also determined that DWU has four existing utility lines and a couple monitoring wells within the designated corridor that will need to be raised and/or relocated as part of the project.

Staff have taken the above-mentioned information into account and redesigned the concept and is currently coordinating with FPL. (See attachment I)

A. Link to Strategic Goals / Objectives: II. Enhanced quality of life and safety for families.

IV. Effective, efficient, and aesthetically pleasing infrastructure.

V. Improve mobility and connectivity.

B. Effect on Budget (EOB):

C. Level of Service (LOS): Improved mobility and connectivity

D. Legislative Sponsor:

III. CONCLUSION: There is a lot of complexity along this corridor due to elevation changes, wetland impacts, existing utilities, and ADA compliance issues, to name a few. This roadway and linear park are vital pieces to infrastructure, allowing the Destin residents to move around the city more easily. The connection, specifically, will allow the majority of Destin residents to travel from their homes to shopping without having to drive on to Highway 98. Thus, easing traffic impacts and congestion on the main roads.

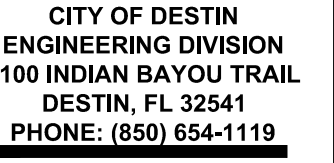
Staff is seeking feedback from the Town Center CRA, Public Works/Public Safety and Parks and Recreation Committees, as well as, the Local Planning Agency, to have design ideas to take to the selected Consultant for incorporation into the plans.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff are requesting feedback on the concept plan that can be incorporated into the design plans.

IV. RECOMMENDED MOTION: None- Staff is seeking feedback from the Local Planning Agency on the concept plan to be incorporated into the design plan.

Attachments:

1. Linear Park and 98 Palms Extension
Concept Plan (1)
2. Linear Park and 98 Palms Extension
Concept Layout Power Point



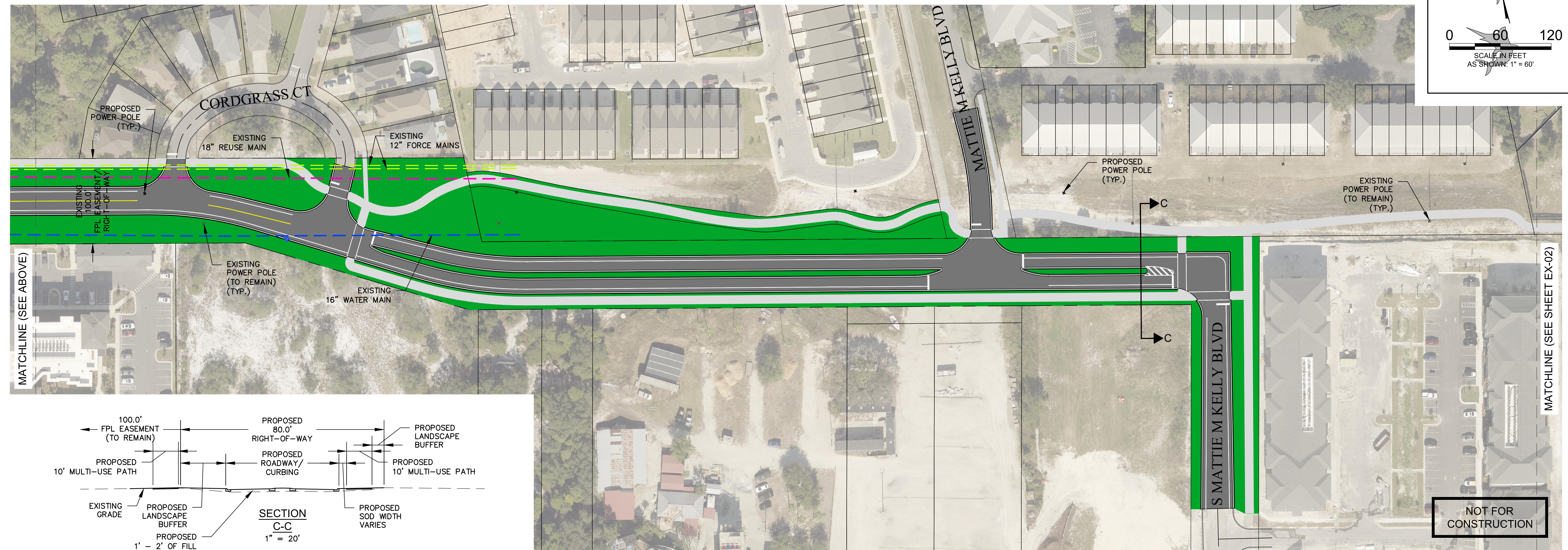
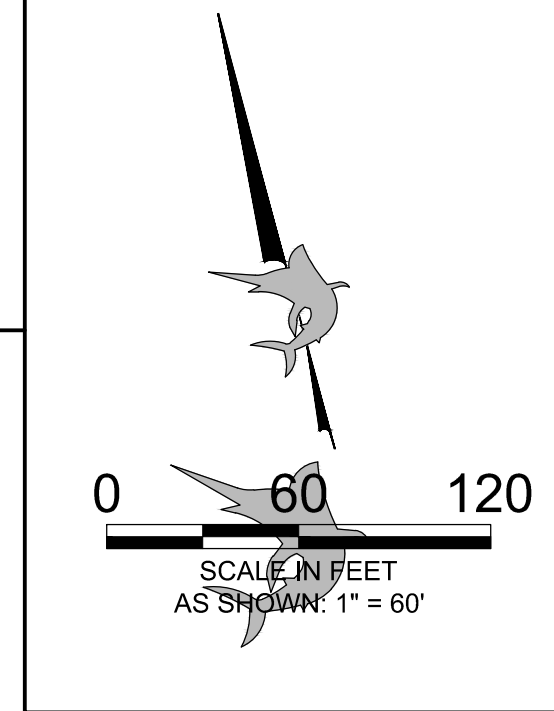
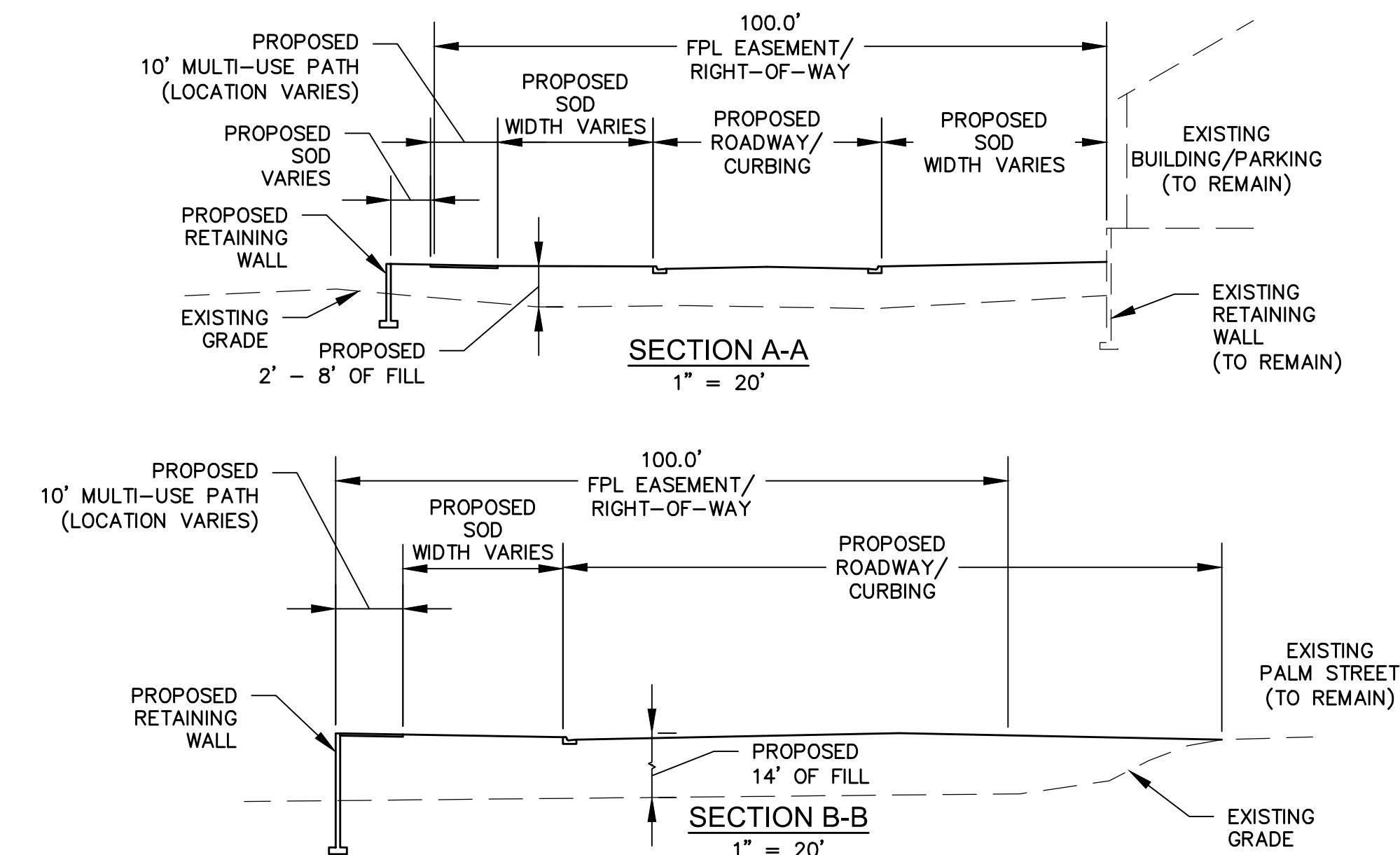
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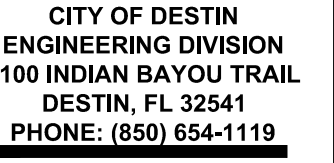
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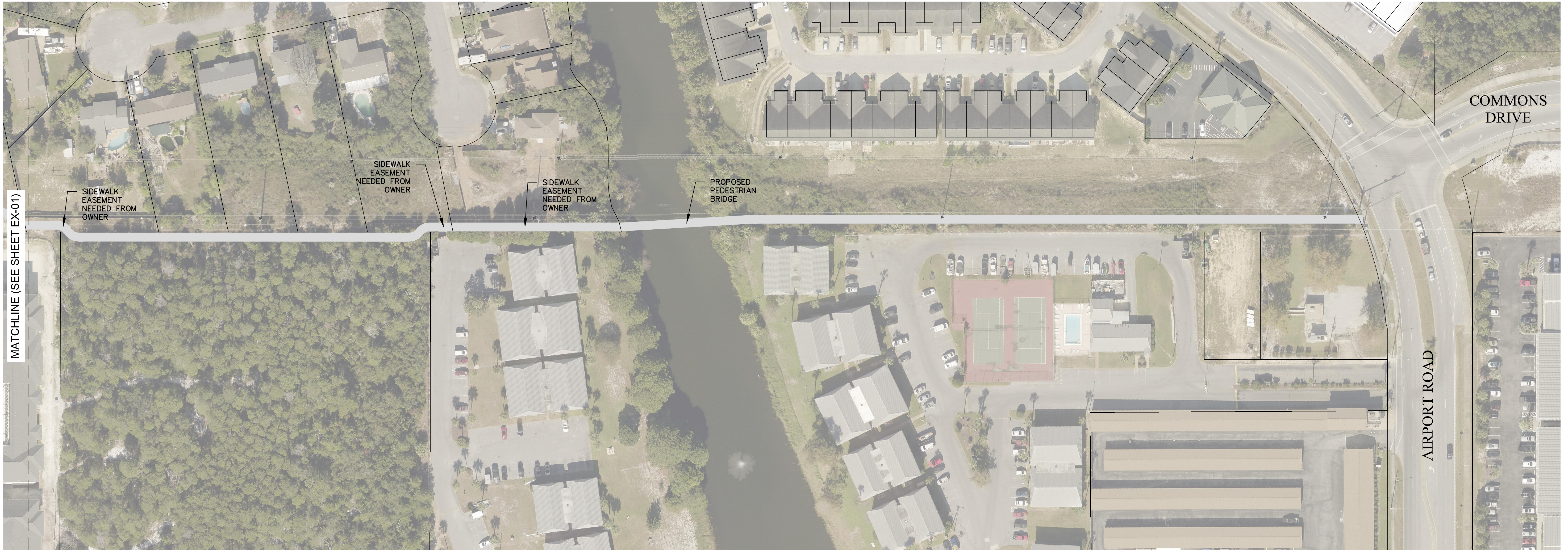
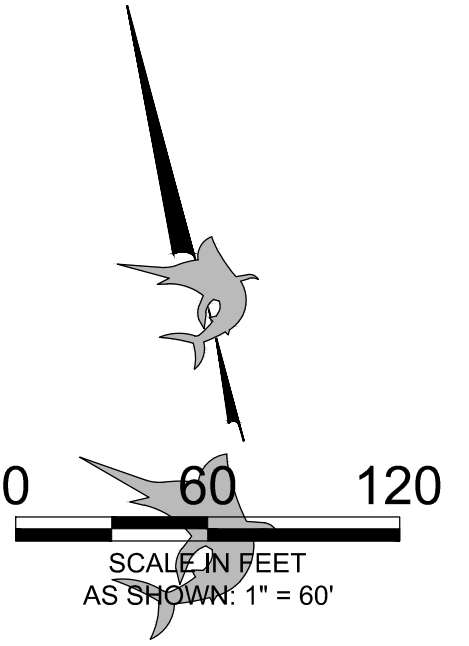
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Linear Park & 98 Palms Extension Conceptual Plan

Community Development
Engineering Division



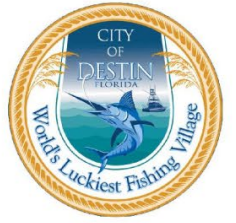
Comprehensive Plan

Background

Chapter 2: Transportation Element (Adopted November 3, 2014)

- **Policy 2-1.1.1:** Pursue Additional Road Corridor Improvements
- **Policy 2-1.1.2:** Relieve Congestion
- **Policy 2-1.1.3:** Maintain New Road Corridor Alignments
- **Map 2-1:** NEEDED Motor Vehicle Transportation Improvements

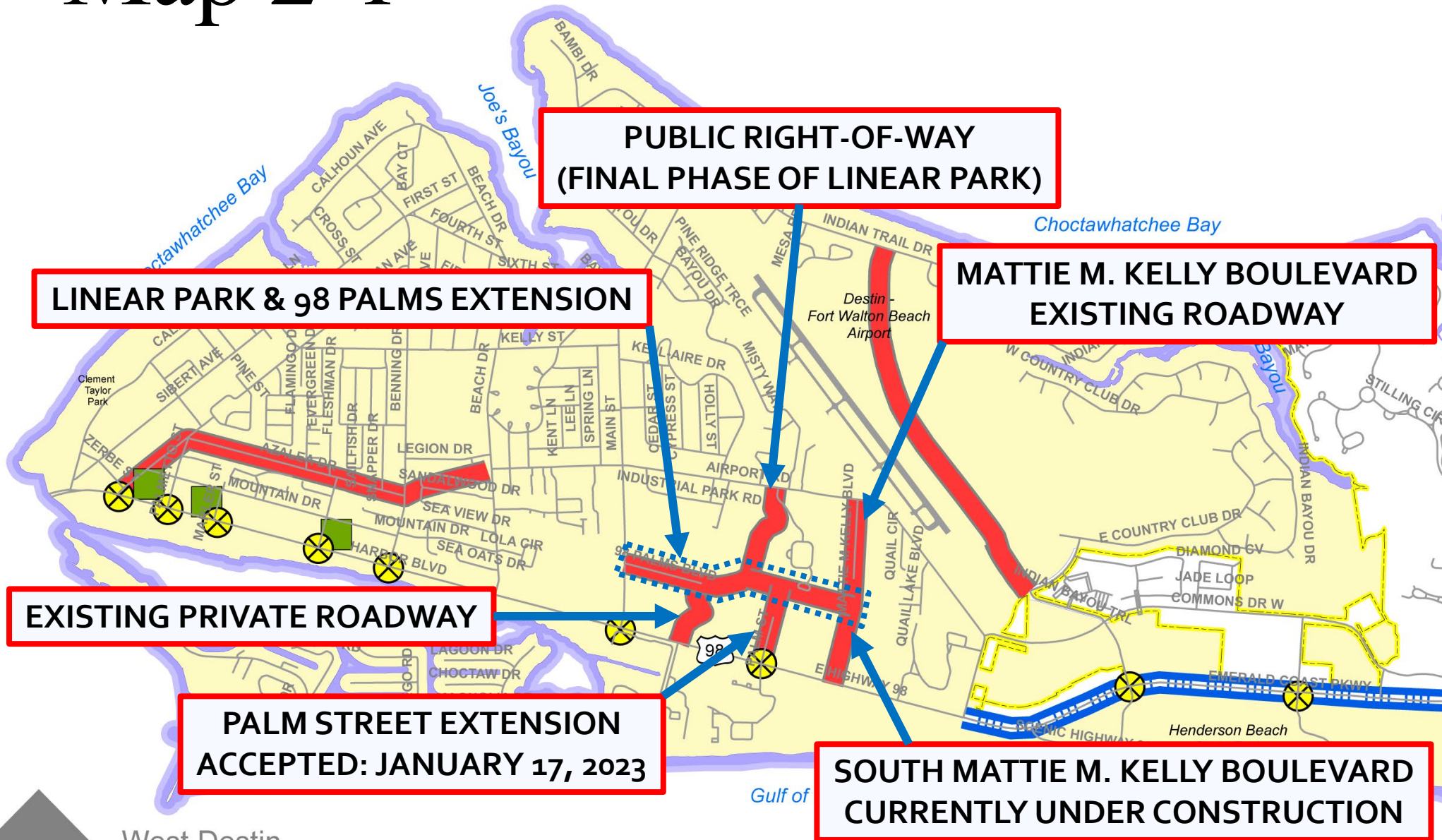
Map 2-1



Map 2-1 NEEDED Motor Vehicle Transportation Improvements

Proposed

-  Potential Public Parking
-  Proposed Intersection Improvements
-  New or Reconstruct Urban Collector
-  Widen to 6 Lanes
-  City Limits



Project Requirements

Land Development Code (LDC)

Article 8 – Transportation

- **8.07.02:** Pathways Master Plan
- **Table 8-7B:** Level Two Priority Planned Improvements

Land Development Code

Article 8 – Transportation

- **8.01.00(E)(3)(d)(i)(b):** Transportation Corridor Management Plan
- **8.07.02:** Pathways Master Plan
- **Table 8-7B:** Level Two Priority Planned Improvements

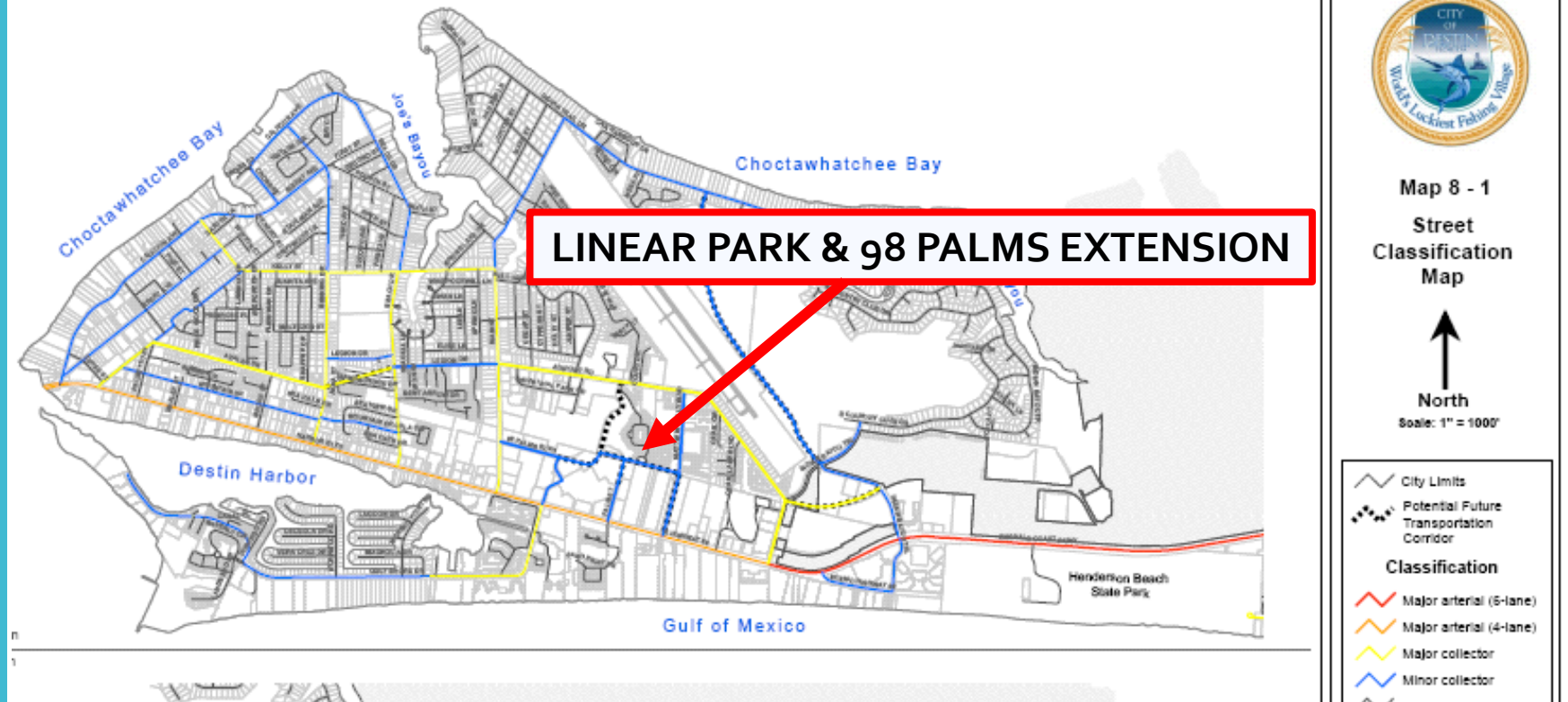
TABLE 8-7B: LEVEL TWO PRIORITY PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS				
PLANNED IMPROVEMENT		LOCATION / DESCRIPTION	PRIORITY	
			RANKING	
MAP CODE	ROADWAY		TOTAL	RANK
	NAMES		POINTS	
MUT-5	Gulf Power Easement	Multi-use trail along the Gulf Power Easement from the west side of Airport Road to the east side of Main Street.	9	24-26

b. The secondary east-west alignment shall begin where 98 Palms Boulevard currently ends and extend eastward to connect with the future extension of Mattie M. Kelly Boulevard. The exact alignment for this roadway shall be established pursuant to Section 8.01.00.E.3.c. The width of the right-of-way for this alignment shall be a minimum of 80 feet.

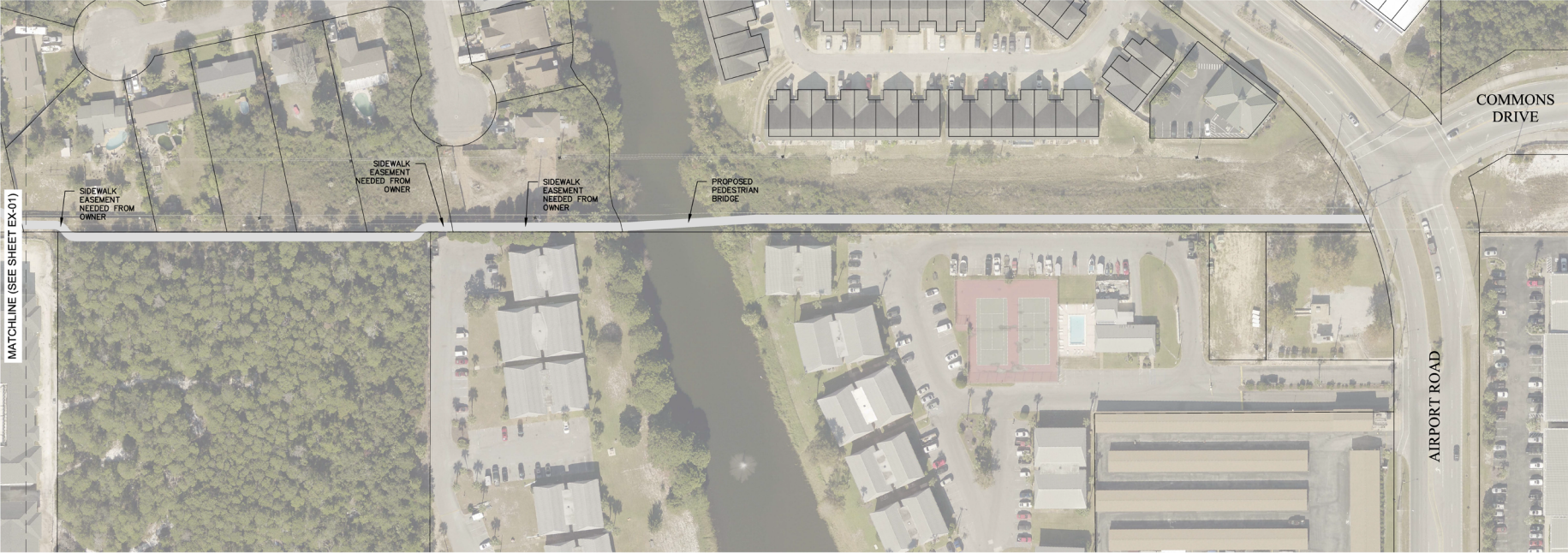
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- Map 8-1: Street Map Classification



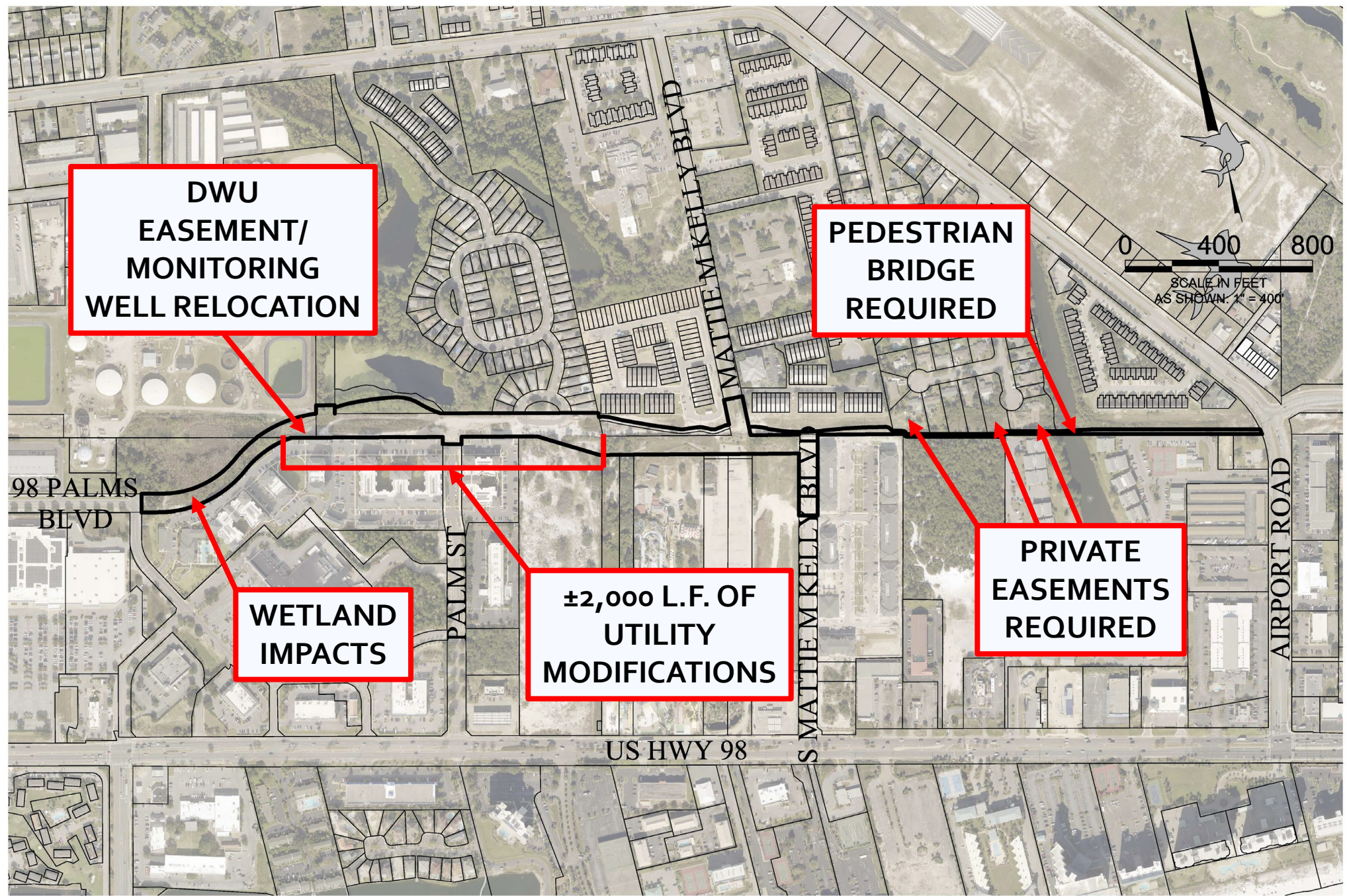
Project Concept Plan



Everything is
Figureoutable

Project Issues of Note

- Wetland Impacts
- Roadway Easement from DWU required
- Relocation of DWU infrastructure
- Drastic elevation changes (ADA compliant)
- Retaining walls will be required
- Fill, Fill, Fill
- Easements from private residents
- Impacts to FPL infrastructure
- Stormwater – StormTech type system used at CTC
- Variances will be required



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NO.	DATE	REVISIONS	DESCRIPTION

DATE: JANUARY 2023
PROJECT NO: N/A
FILE NO.: N/A
SCALE: 1" = 400'

SHEET TITLE
OVERALL AERIAL EXHIBIT

SHEET NUMBER
1 OF 1

98 PALMS EXTENSION & LINEAR PARK
CITY OF DESTIN, FLORIDA

98 PALMS
Blvd
Connection
&
Wetland
Impacts



Palm Street Connection & Jewel Melvin Park



Grant Information

Project Funding

- Current grant for the design of a Linear Trail **ONLY**.
 - Set to expire in October 2023.
- ~~Request an extension once a designer is selected and a timetable is provided.~~
- The road and trail should be designed together.
 - This will eliminate any future compatibility issues.
 - Will provide a longer-term benefit to the Community.

Project Next Steps



- RFQ was released for a complete road & trail design
- While the RFQ is out Staff will present to:
 - Town Center CRA Advisory Committee (3/16)
 - Public Works/Public Safety Advisory Committee
 - Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (3/28)
 - Local Planning Agency
- Incorporate feedback and recommendations into the overall design
- Request variance through the Board of Adjustment once all are identified
- Present to all above-mentioned Committees for final approval
- Receive final approval from City Council

Council Action



REQUEST FOR LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY:

- Provide suggestions to the design and desires from the committee.

NOTE:

- *Once an Engineering Firm is selected with pricing for design, Staff will come back to City Council to discuss additional funding options for the project (if needed).*

Questions?

