



**AGENDA
PUBLIC WORKS/SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023
5:30 PM
DESTIN CITY HALL ANNEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 4. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A) Linear Park (98 Palms to Airport Road) – 30% Plans**
 - B) Development Projects and City Projects Update – November 2023**
- 5. CONTINUING BUSINESS**
 - A) Stormwater/Floodplain Management Issues - Comments from the Public**
- 6. DISCUSSION**
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS** (Comments from the public on any matters considered at the meeting, or on any matters not on the agenda)

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CITY OF DESTIN – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: December 12, 2023

BOARD/COMMITTEE: Public Works / Public Safety Committee

TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM: Action Item

OUTLINE NUMBER: 4.A.

TO: Public Works / Public Safety Committee

THRU: Lance Johnson, City Manager
Louis Zunguze, Community Development Director
Kimberly Kopp, City Attorney

FROM: Ryan Scott, City Engineer

DATE: December 4, 2023

SUBJECT: Linear Park (98 Palms to Airport Road) – 30% Plans

I. BACKGROUND:

II. DISCUSSION: DAG Architects is under contract for the design and permitting of the linear park from 98 Palms to Airport Road. The 30% concept plans have been completed and are ready for review and feedback.

A. Link to Strategic Goals / Objectives:

B. Effect on Budget (EOB):

C. Level of Service (LOS):

D. Legislative Sponsor:

III. CONCLUSION: Most of the proposed linear park pathway falls within a 100-foot-wide FP&L easement. Therefore, Staff and DAG Architects are severely limited in what would be allowed to be installed within the easement. Many “park like” features are not permitted within this easement. Elements such as a multi-use trail, lighting and handrails (as required by ADA) would potentially be allowed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff is requesting feedback in the form of a recommended motion to City Council giving Staff and DAG Architects the direction needed to move to 60% Construction Documents.

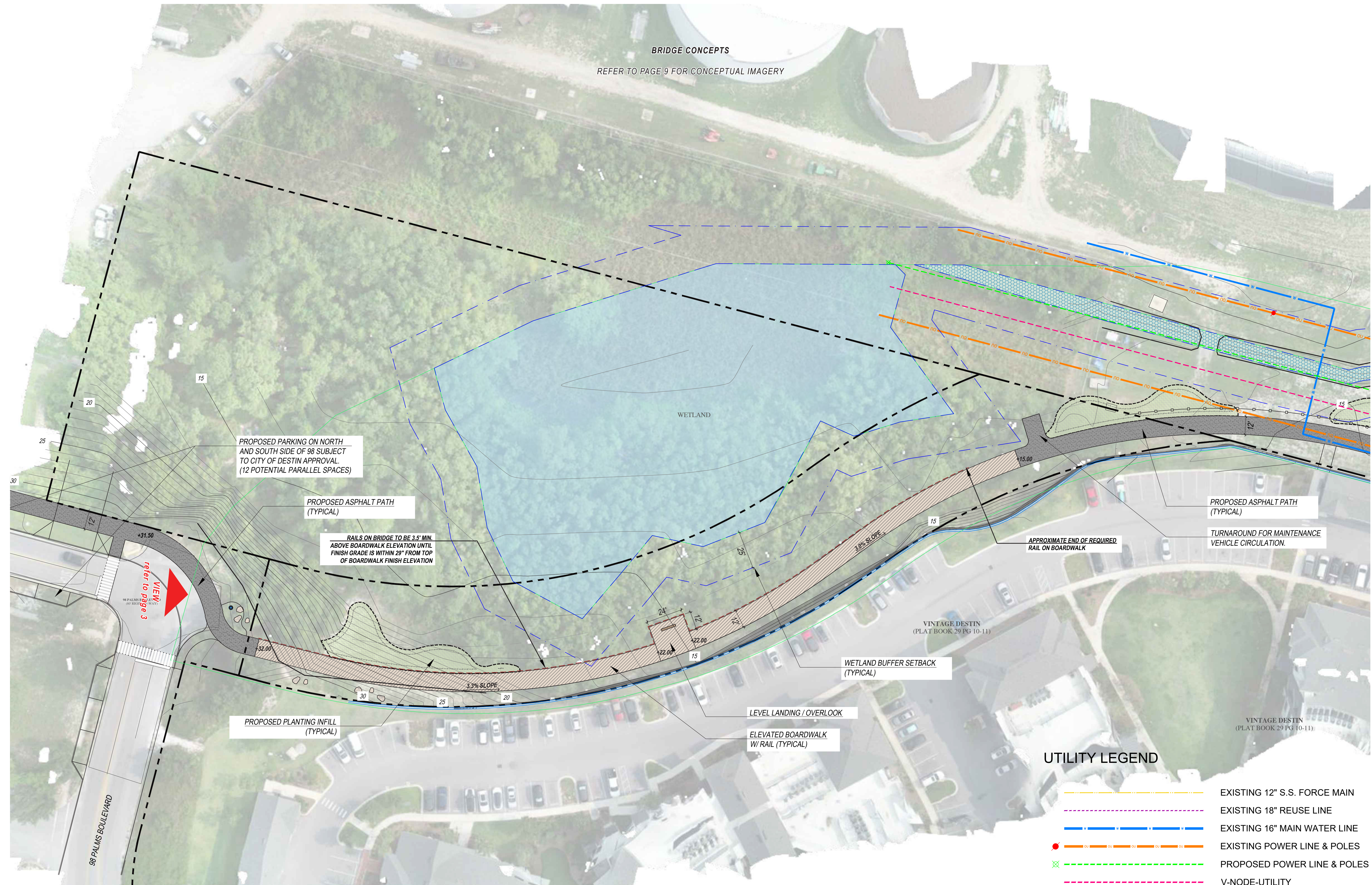
IV. RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move to recommend that City Council approve the 30% Concept Design plans “as is” and to have the plans moved forward to 60% Construction Documents.

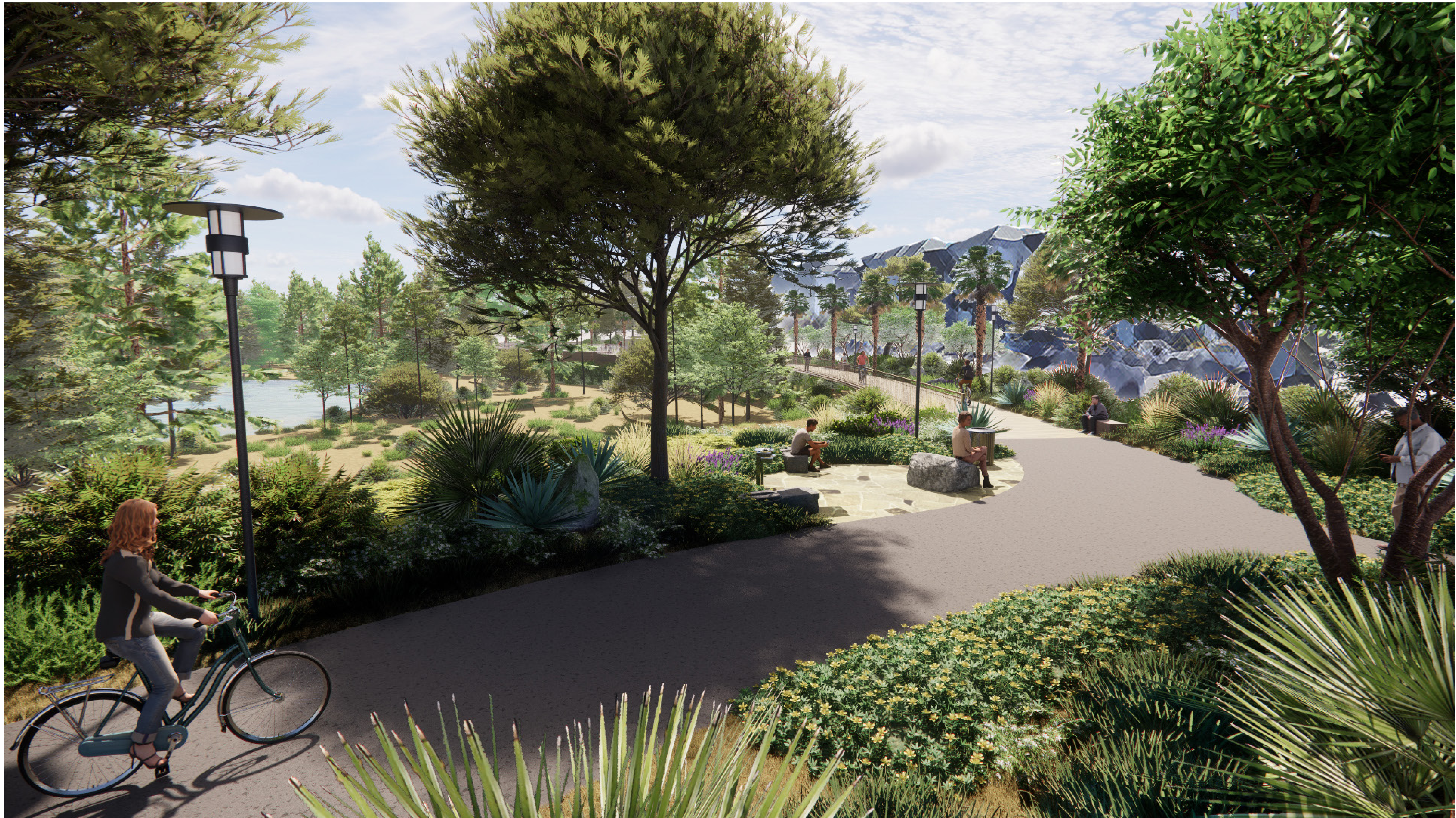
OR

I move to recommend that City Council add/delete (insert desire here) and to have these revisions shown in the 60% Construction Documents.

Attachments:

1. Destin Linear Park - 30% CDs Public Presentation_11.9.23
2. Destin Linear Park Meeting Minutes





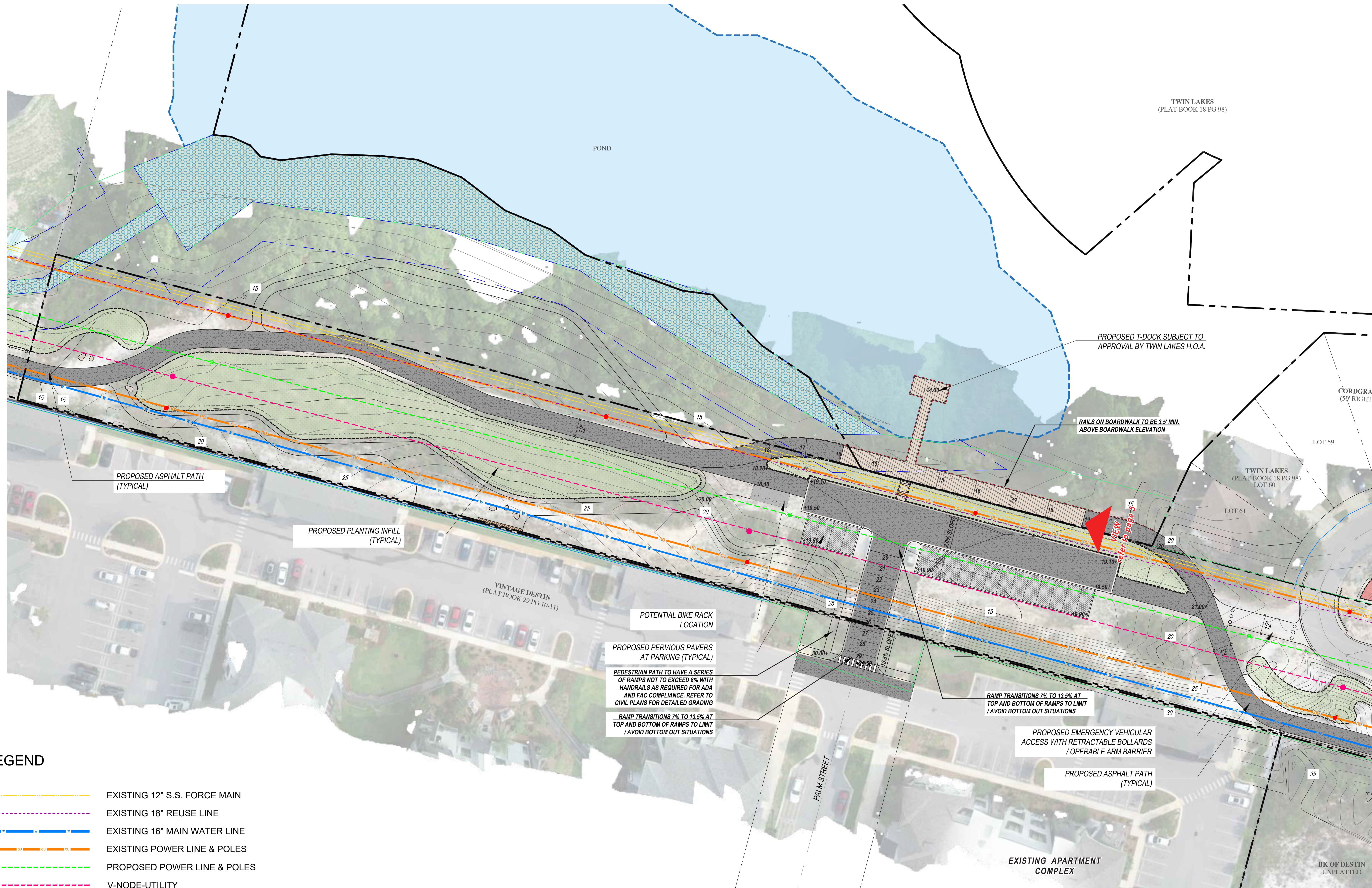
DESTIN LINEAR PARK

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN prepared for:

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WEST TRAILHEAD AT 98 PALMS BOULEVARD - This is a view to the east from the west trailhead and entry to the linear park at 98 Palms Boulevard. The asphalt paved path in the foreground connects to an elevated boardwalk which slopes gradually down from the higher elevation at the entry to the much lower elevations within the FPL corridor. The higher elevation of the boardwalk provides a scenic overlook into the forested wetland to the north and the lake which lies further to the east at Jewel Melvin Park and the Twin Lakes neighborhood. This segment of the linear park is actually south of the FPL easement which allows for more landscape planting including palm and trees as well as other site improvements such as benches, waste receptacles and drinking fountains which are not allowed within the FPL easement.

98 PALMS BOULEVARD TRAIL HEAD - RENDERING



UTILITY LEGEND

- EXISTING 12" S.S. FORCE MAIN
- EXISTING 18" REUSE LINE
- EXISTING 16" MAIN WATER LINE
- EXISTING POWER LINE & POLES
- PROPOSED POWER LINE & POLES
- V-NODE-UTILITY

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0' 30' 60' 120'

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JEWEL MELVIN PARK SEGMENT - ENLARGED SITE PLAN

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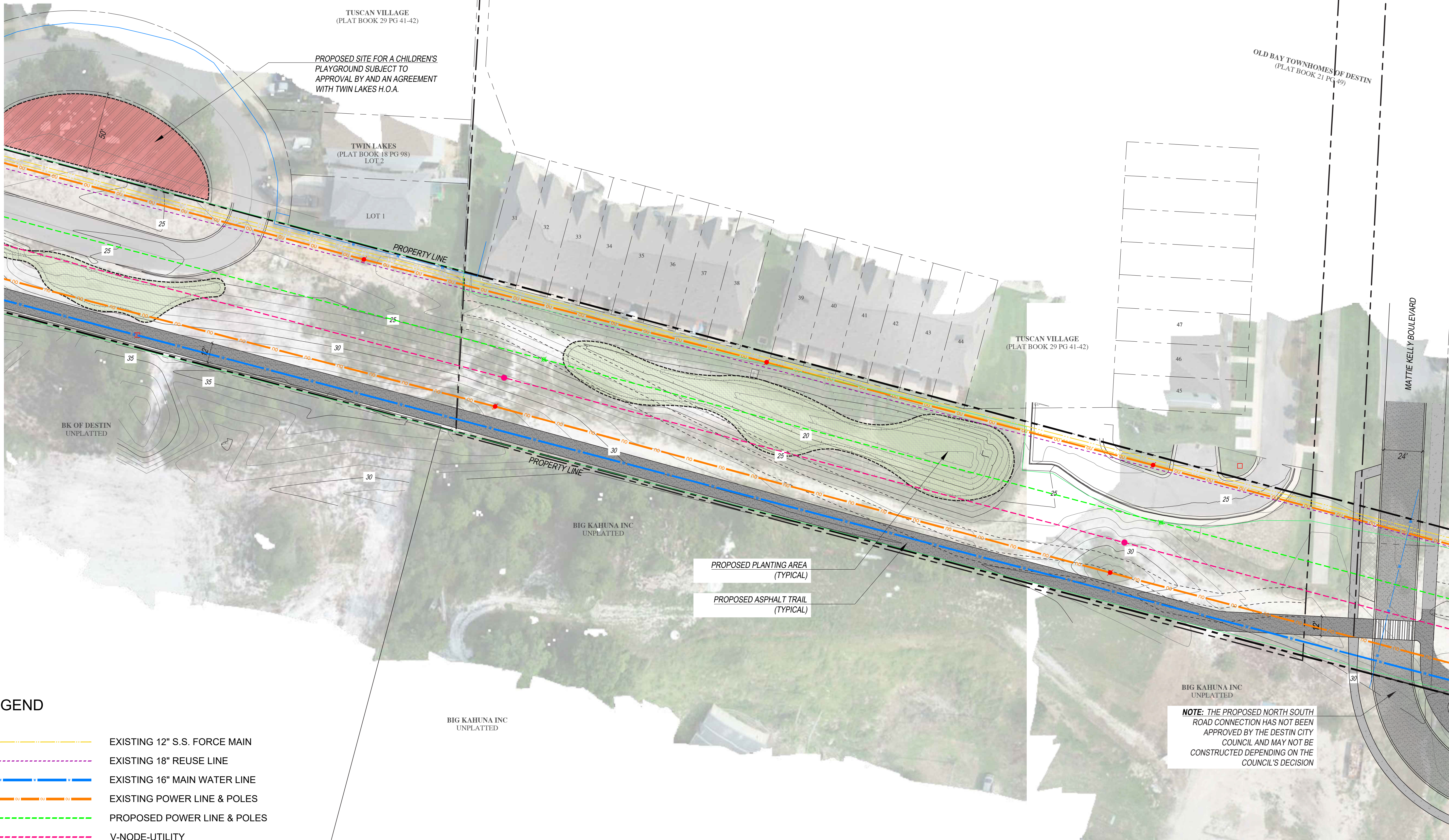
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PARKING AREA AT JEWEL MELVIN PARK – this is a view to the west from the new parking area to be located in the FPL easement and adjacent to Jewel Melvin Park. The alignment of the 12 -ft. wide trail which is the central feature of the park is routed to the north side of the parking to avoid vehicular conflicts and offers vistas to the lake. The improvements proposed within Jewel Melvin Park and illustrated here, such as the T-dock which extends into the lake are recommendations and subject to the approval of the Twin Lakes Homeowners Association.

(COURT
F-WAY)



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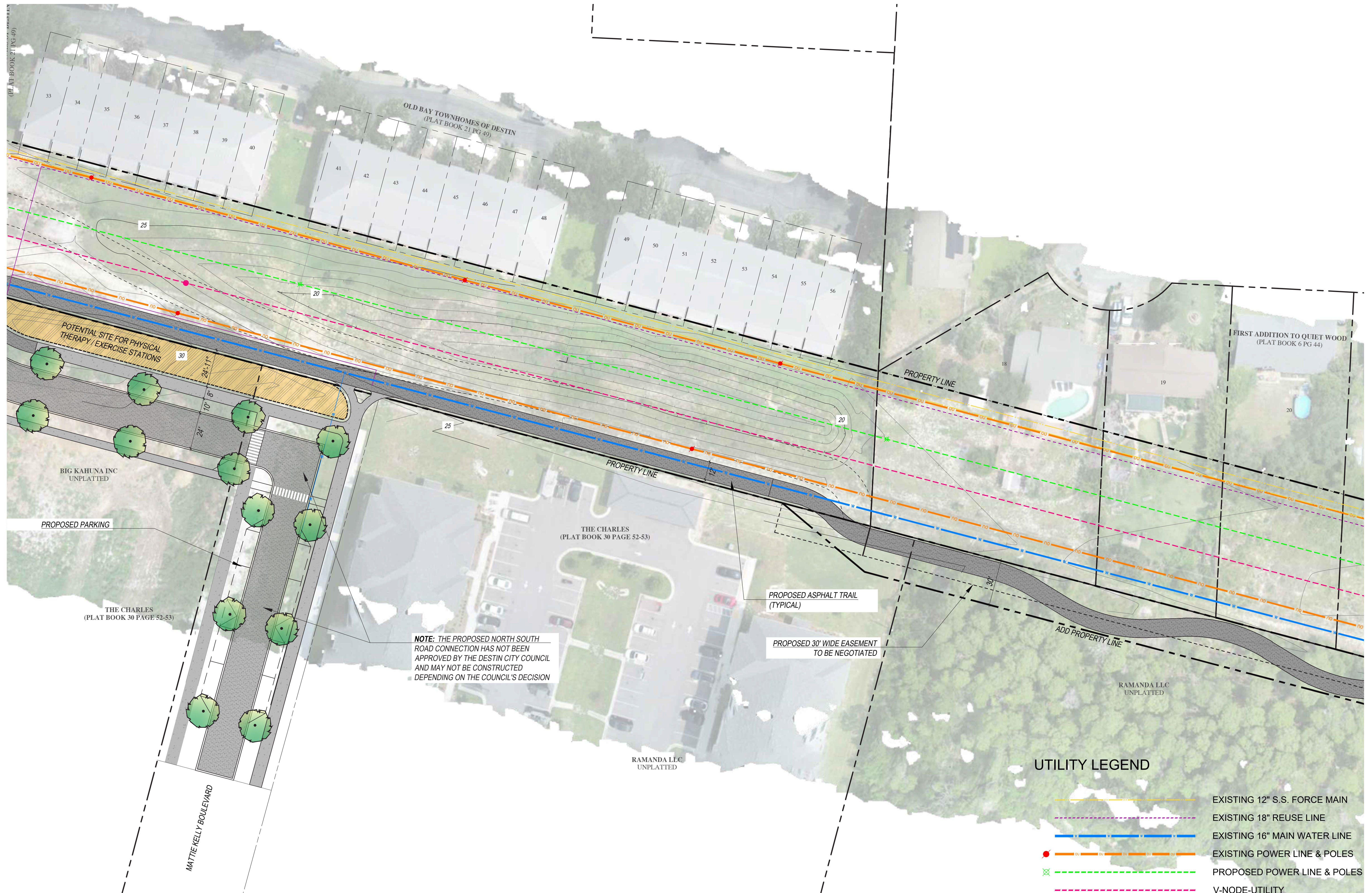
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MATTIE KELLEY BOULEVARD CONNECTION SEGMENT - ENLARGED SITE PLAN



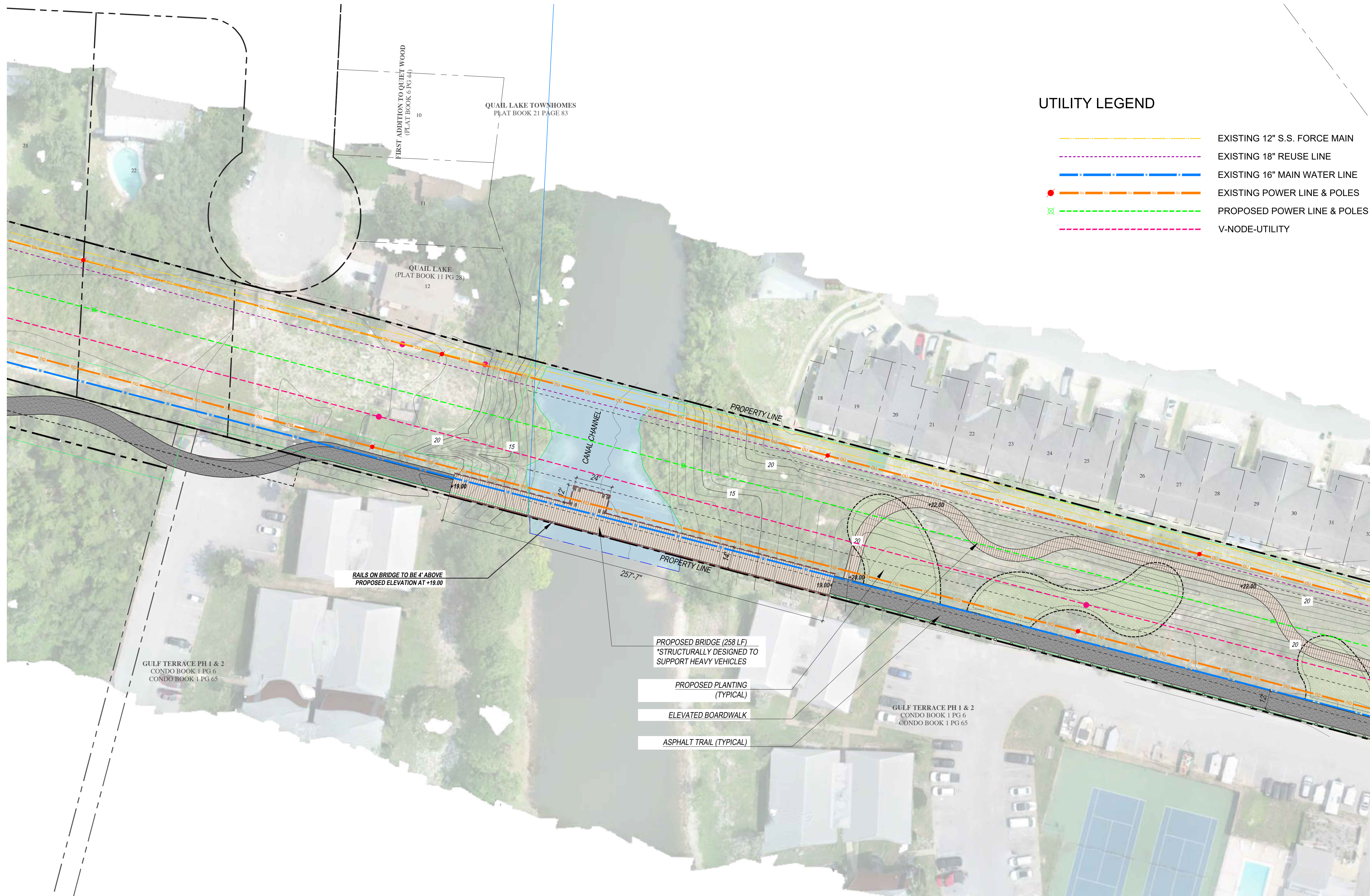


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ANTI-SKID HARDWOOD WEAR DECK

WINDMARK BEACH NORTH RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY - Port St. Joe, FL



TALL FLOODPLAIN CROSSING

EMERGEORTHO MEDICAL OFFICES - Raleigh, NC

BRIDGE CONCEPTS

The two bridges depicted here which were designed and built by York Bridge Concepts are similar to the type of vehicular bridge proposed for this project. However, the Destin Linear Park Bridge will be a custom design that is engineered specifically to meet the unique site conditions and functional requirements this project.

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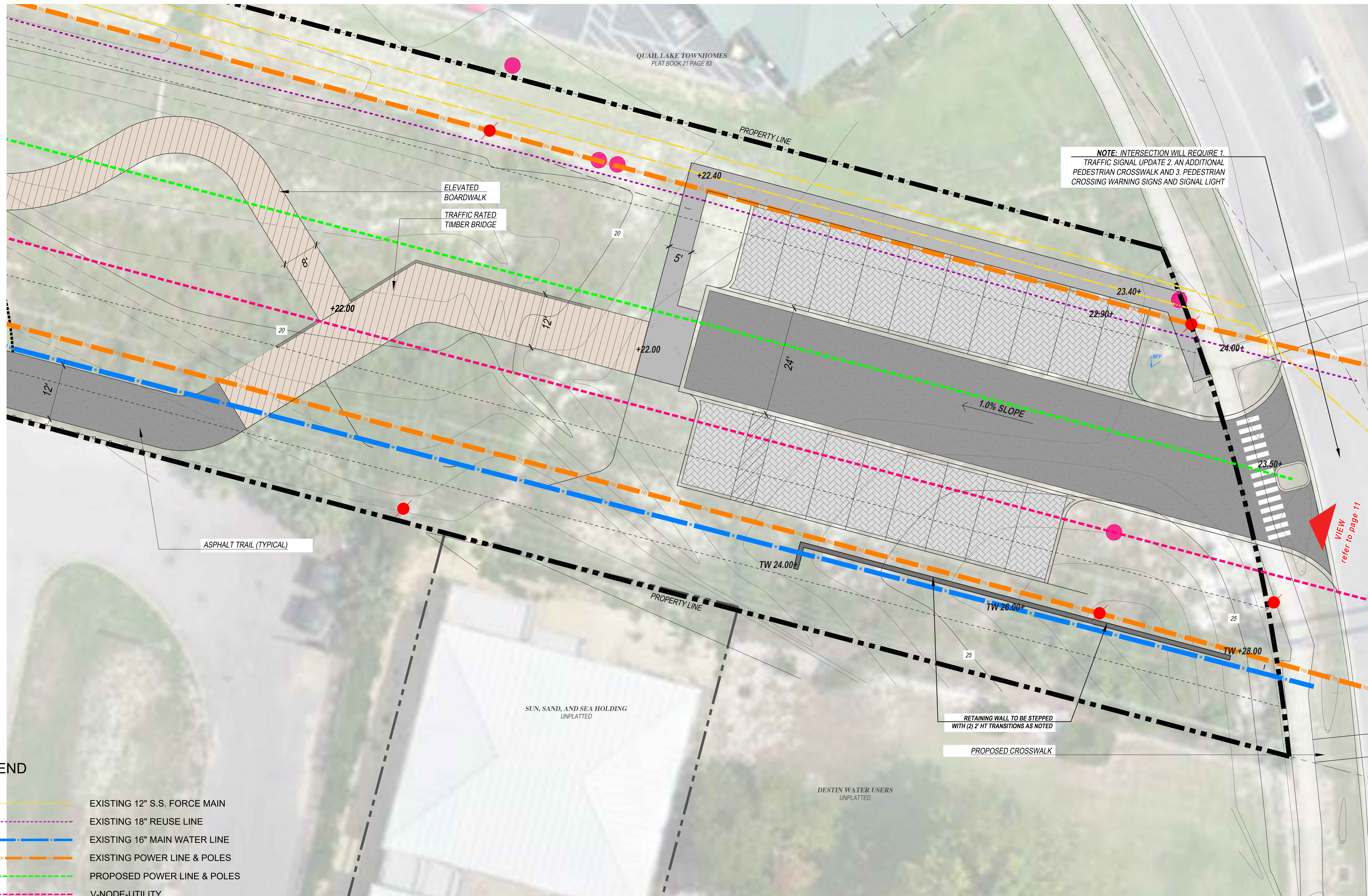
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BRIDGE CROSSING SEGMENT - BRIDGE CONCEPT IMAGERY



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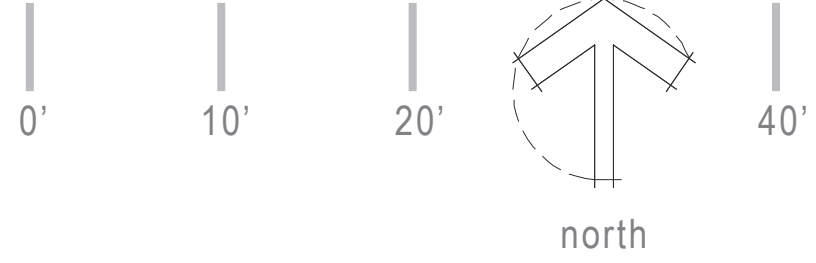
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AIRPORT ROAD TRAIL HEAD - ENLARGED SITE PLAN

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EAST TRAILHEAD PARKING AT AIRPORT ROAD – this is a view from a proposed parking area that is accessed from the signalized intersection of Airport Road and Commons Drive West. This location features a meandering boardwalk for several hundred feet as an alternative route in addition to the main 12-ft. wide asphalt trail that traverses most of the linear park's .94-mile length.

AIRPORT ROAD TRAIL HEAD - RENDERING

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red bay



sparkleberry (flower)



sparkleberry



sabal minor (bluestem)



india hawthorn 'majestic beauty'



india hawthorn (flower)



little gem magnolia (flower)



little gem magnolia

PROPOSED TREE NOTE

Although the Trees and Palms on this sheet comply with the 15-ft. maximum height requirement of FPL these selections will be used primarily in other areas outside of the FPL easement.



oak leaf hydrangea



ocala anise



chapmans live oak



upright yaupon holly



podocarpus



green saw palmetto



rusty lyonia



silver saw palmetto



swamp lily



dwarf yaupon holly



fakahatchee grass



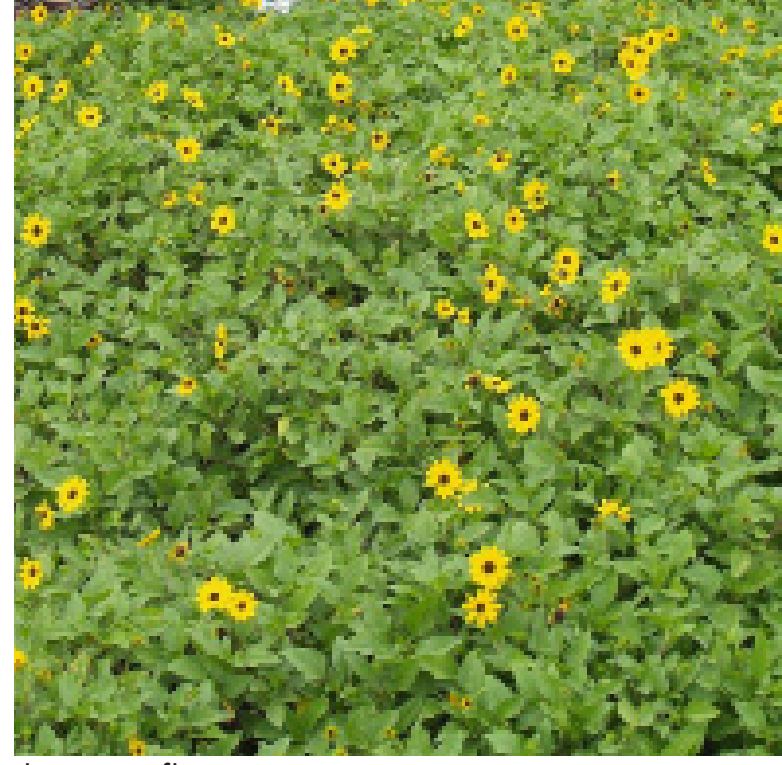
blazing star



coontie



sabal minor



dune sunflower



scrub mint



gulf muhly grass



dwarf walters viburnum



dwarf fakahatchee grass



rosemary



butterfly milkweed



dwraf fountain grass



gaillardia



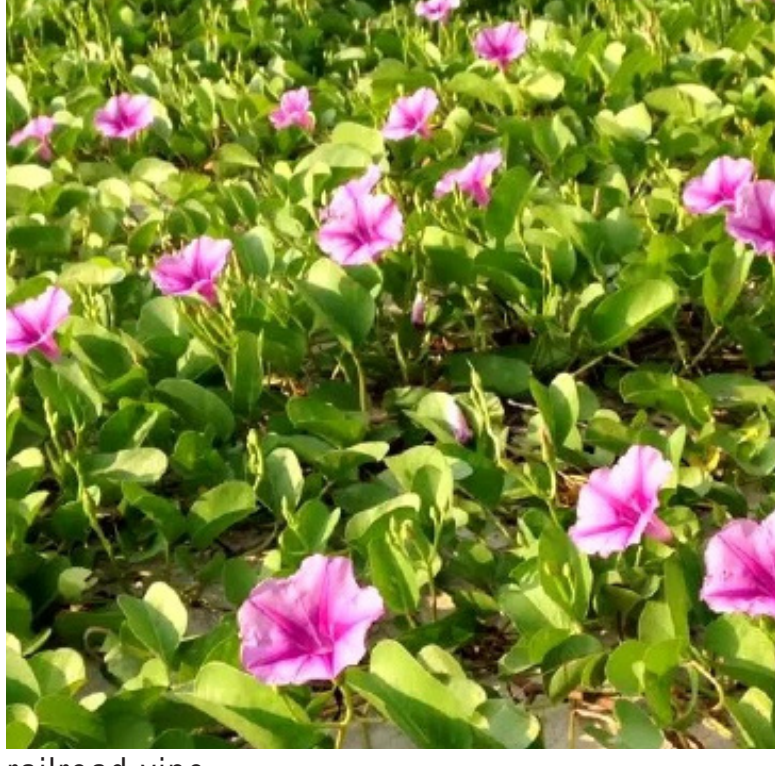
blue pacific juniper



gopher apple



liriope spicata



railroad vine



coral bean



TOP LIGHTING (Page 1)	
Style	Fixture
Contemporary (Contempo)	 (Gray)
Arbor	
Mesa	 (Black)
EPTC	 (Black)
Traditional Carriage (Town & Country) - No Side Panels	 (Black)
Traditional Carriage (Town & Country) - W/Side Panels	 (Black)



FURNISHINGS NOTE

All site imagery shown here will be placed with FPL approval to ensure safety requirements associated with overhead power lines throughout



PLAY EQUIPMENT NOTE

The playground equipment depicted on this sheet will not be allowed within the FPL easement. It is suggested for potential use in locations outside the FPL easement such as the open space at Cordgrass Court subject to approval of the City of Destin and the Twin Lakes HOA.

Meeting Minutes for Public Meeting to Present & Discuss the Destin Linear Park Master Plan
Time & Location 5:30 PM November 9, 2023 Destin City Hall Annex

1. Introduction: Levi Wiegand
2. Patrick Hodges presented an overview starting from the West Trail Head at 98 Palms Boulevard and continued through the entire master plan to the east trailhead parking area at Airport Road.
 - i. COMMENT: elder users need benches every ¼ mile, they need a place to rest.
 1. Levi replies to explain, we had benches, but FPL does not want people gathering under the lines for safety purposes, therefore benches in the easement had to be omitted.
 - ii. COMMENT: 12 ft wide lanes are too small – please provide either wider 14’ lanes or passing points along certain points of the trail.
 1. Periodic “passing zones” were suggested by Patrick.
 2. Levi; explains the 12ft path and the multiple qualifiers it creates for Safety vehicles, FPL trucks and service access etc
 - iii. COMMENT: will there be lighting? Patrick explains yes there will be lights but has not been designed yet, we will be coordinating with FPL to move forward on design by them in consultation with the design teams electrical engineer.
- b. Patrick explains the design rationale for the raised boardwalk to avoid extensive fill and to comply with ADA and Florida Accessibility Code.
 - i. COMMENT: suggest that we provide signage to identify routing for walkers, bicyclists, stroller, etc. RESPONSE: will provide signage to encourage safe, hared use of the trail
 - ii. COMMENT: will there be trees for shade? RESPONSE – yes, but we cannot have trees over 15ft in height at maturity within the easement.
 - iii. COMMENT: will there be shaded rest areas? RESPONSE - Levi : NO due to FPL restriction to discourage lingering in one place FPL; therefore, no shade structures or shade trees within the easement.
 - iv. COMMENT: Can emergency vehicles access over curbs at Mattie Kelly Blvd. intersection with the trail? RESPONSE- no issue for emergency vehicles to jump 6-inch curb, which avoids use of bollards or drop-curb driveway cut condition.
 - v. COMMENT: will there be irrigation? Answered yes by DWU utilizing the existing re-use line.
 - vi. COMMENT: is the Mattie Kelley Blvd. accessible to Big Kahunas? RESPONSE - yes, it will allow for a new safer entrance to replace the existing but dangerous entrance at US 98.
 - vii. Brought up possible 100ft easement but its not in scope of project right now.
 - viii. COMMENT: will skateboarders be allowed? RESPONSE - TBD
 - ix. COMMENT: the Twin Lakes HOA does not allow children or adults to fish in the lake at Jewel Melvin Park. The proposed dock may not be well received by the HOA.
 - x. COMMENT: Proposed driveway connection to parking at Jewel Melvin and the improved parking will brin too many tourists to the trail. Suggested eliminating the parking altogether to allow and encourage only pedestrians and bicyclists from the surrounding community to access the trail. RESPONSE: City

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representative explains that Sunshine Trail designation (being sought) dictates the trail shall open to the public.

- xi. COMMENT: provide stop conditions with stop signs and crosswalks with signals at Mattie Kelly extension instead of a free-flowing movement in the current plan.
- xii. COMMENT: will there be restrooms? RESPONSE- No restrooms will be provided. Existing facilities nearby will have to serve that need.
- xiii. COMMENT: There is no need for restrooms.
- xiv. COMMENT: Should it be called a Park because its misleading? It could be called a TRAIL.
- xv. COMMENT: Can the rail utilize the existing stormwater management areas in the FPL easement? RESPONSE: No. It would require an amendment to the permits. The trail will require separate stormwater treatment systems and methods which are yet to be determined.
- xvi. COMMENT: Are there any wetland impacts? RESPONSE – No. Wetlands: Levi explained the environmental studies have been performed and our environmental scientist will manage wetlands impacts, permitting, and similar.
- xvii. COMMENT: Can you meet with the Parks & Recreation Board on December 5th or December 19th? RESPONSE: Yes, we will coordinate as needed to be present at a meeting on the chosen date.

CITY OF DESTIN – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: December 12, 2023

BOARD/COMMITTEE: Town Center Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee

TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM: Presentation

OUTLINE NUMBER: 4.B.

TO: Town Center Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee

THRU: Lance Johnson, City Manager
Louis Zunguze, Community Development Director
Kimberly Kopp, City Attorney
Steve O'Connor, Principal Planner

FROM: Rachel Haog

DATE: December 7, 2023

SUBJECT: Development Projects and City Projects Update – November 2023

I. BACKGROUND:

This report includes updates on the Development Projects in the Town Center Community Redevelopment Area and active City Projects. Provided is the list of projects which are approved and under review process.

II. DISCUSSION:

Below are the Development and City projects within the Town Center CRA.

1. Development Projects:

New Development Projects

Project: Buck Destin Restrooms (DEV-001277-2023)

Project Location: 724 Legion Dr., **Parcel ID:** 00-2S-22-0000-0001-0160

Status: Under Review – A resubmittal was received on December 5, 2023, and is undergoing Completeness Review.

The proposed project consists of the installation of a new restroom facility for the park, including the replacement of water and sewer lines.

Projects Under Review

Project: 22-59-SP Destin Villas (DEV-000878-2022)

Project Location: 1035 US Highway 98 E., **Parcel ID:** 00-2S-22-0000-0024-001C

Status: Under Review – Staff awaiting Maintenance Plan signed by both parties.

The proposed project consists of a Major Deviation to a Major Development Order. The scope includes the construction of a 64-unit boutique hotel.

Project: Publix Subdivision (SUB-001240-2023)

Project Location: 761 Harbor Blvd., **Parcel ID:** 00-2S-22-0000-0011-006G

Status: Under Review – A 120-day extension was granted for the applicant to obtain additional easements, with a resubmittal deadline of March 18, 2024.

The proposed project consists of a Minor Subdivision. The scope is to reconfigure the two (2) existing lots to be contiguous for Publix, and another parcel to be developed separately.

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Completed Projects None

2. City Projects:

Project: Hwy 98 Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study Hwy 98 – Airport Road to Marler Bridge.

Status: Study in progress

The PD&E Study will look at FDOT's role in congestion mitigation of US Highway 98 between Airport Road and the Marler Bridge.

Project: Linear Park

Status: Design in progress

A conceptual linear park is being proposed along the Florida Power and Light (FPL) easement and City Right-of-Way corridor.

Project: Airport Road/Industrial Park Road Median Improvements

Status: Design complete

The design to improve the median between Airport Road and Industrial Park is complete and waiting for construction.

As the Development Projects and City Projects are under review, Staff will continue to provide updates to the Town Center CRA at their monthly meetings.

A. **Link to Strategic Goals / Objectives:** n/a

B. **Effect on Budget (EOB):** n/a

C. **Level of Service (LOS):** n/a

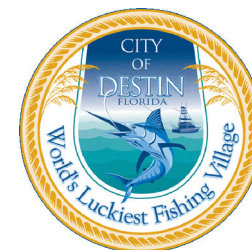
D. **Legislative Sponsor:**

III. CONCLUSION:

IV. RECOMMENDED MOTION: Informational Item

Attachments:

1. City Projects November 2023
2. Development Projects November 2023



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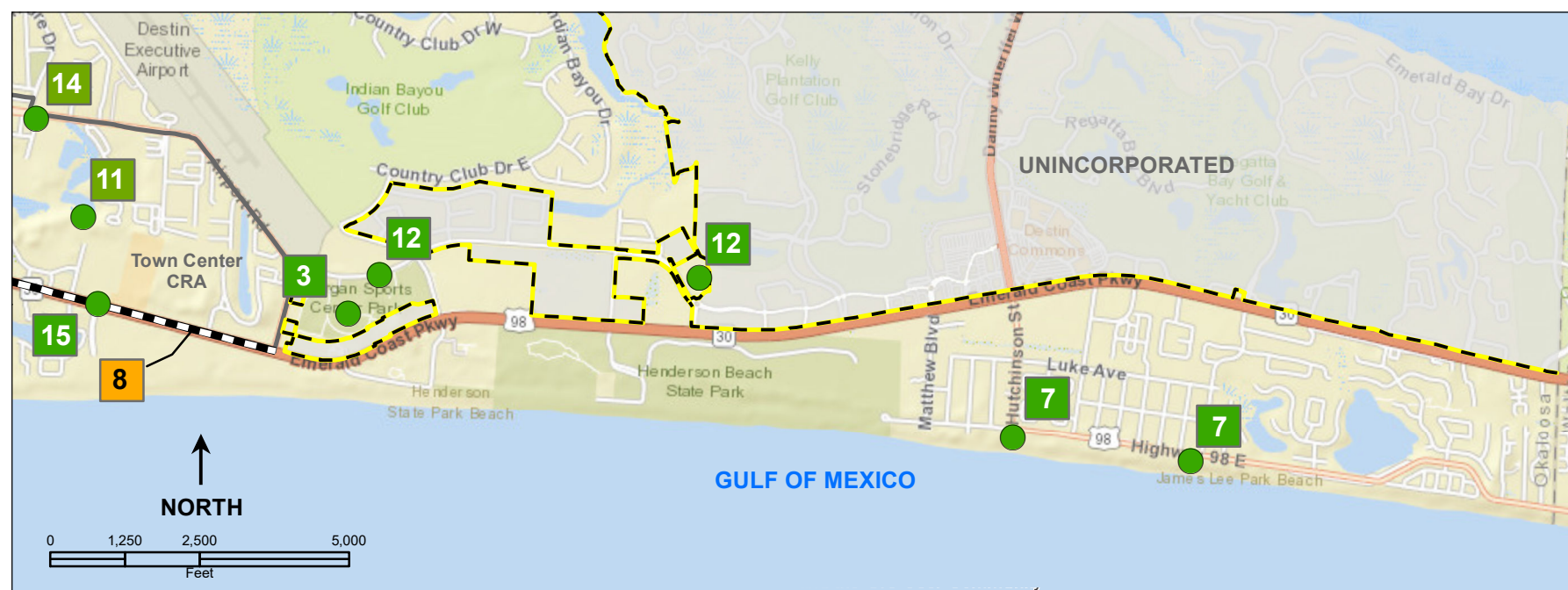
LEGEND

- Under Design/Permitting
- Other Projects
- Under Construction
- (PD&E) Study Hwy. 98 Airport Rd. to include the Marler Bridge.
- City Limit Line



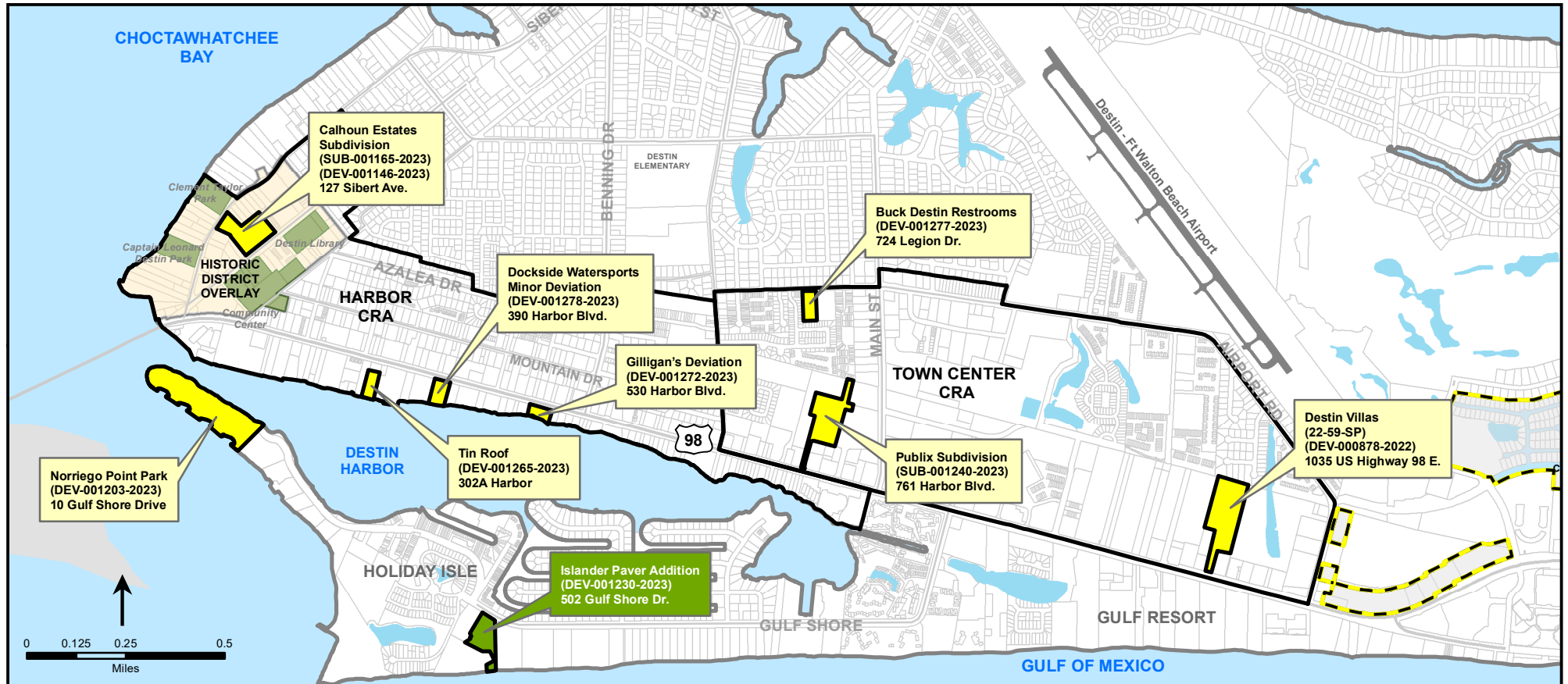
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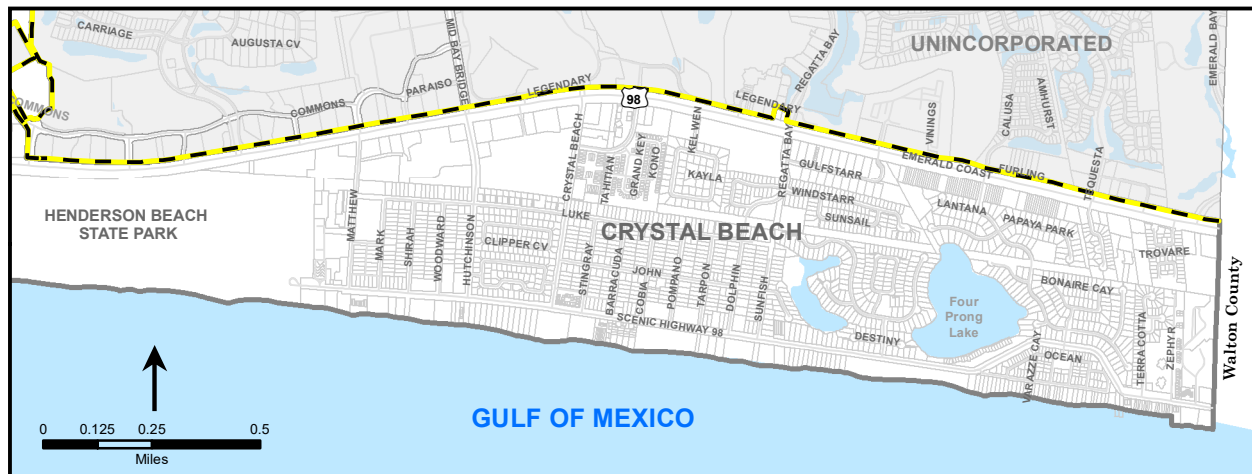


1. Crosstown Connector (Beach to Benning).
2. Zerbe/Calhoun Pedestrian Project Phase II (Boardwalk under the Bridge).
3. Morgan Sports Center – Bathroom and Maintenance Facility Expansion.
4. Clement Taylor Park Improvements, 131 Calhoun Ave.
5. Sibert Ave Parking Lot Improvements, 108 Sibert Ave
6. Hwy 98 at Stahlman Ave Signalization Project.
7. Crystal Beach Parking lot additions. (The Shore at Crystal Beach and Tarpon Street)
8. Hwy 98 Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study Hwy 98 – Airport Rd to include the Marler Bridge.
9. Mattie M. Kelly Park (FDEP).
10. CTC Linear Park.
11. Linear Park.
12. Pickleball.
13. Norriego Point Park/Gulf Shore Drive Extension.
14. Airport Road/Industrial Park Road Median Improvements.
15. Utility Undergrounding (Marler Bridge to Airport Road).

November 2023 City Wide Development Projects



▼ East Destin



LEGEND

- City Limit Line
- Development Projects Under Review
- Development Orders Issued/ Applications Approved
- Zerbe-Calhoun Historic District Overlay
- Existing Municipal Facilities

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