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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) conducted a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to evaluate the improvements to 118th Avenue (CR 296) from US 19 to east of the Roosevelt/CR 296 Connector in Pinellas County, Florida. The length of the Study area along 118th Avenue is approximately 2 miles.

A Conceptual Stage Relocation Plan (CSRP) was prepared for the proposed project in compliance with 23 CFR 771, Florida Statute 339.09, and the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970 to identify any residences and businesses impacted by the proposed project and to identify special relocation needs, in addition to analyzing the impact of the proposed project on the community.

There are no residential relocations expected due to the proposed project. There are approximately 23 businesses and government facility relocations expected due to the proposed project, including a Pinellas County Highway Department Stormwater Management & Safety facility (building currently vacant) and a Pinellas Park Police Substation (located at Knight Shooting Indoor Range).

Based on several published reports, there is ample space in nearby areas for the potential relocation of these businesses. Based on statistics included in this report, there should be space available for the potentially displaced industrial businesses. Most of these areas are appropriately zoned industrial and are comparable in square footage and location to existing businesses. Based on interviews with the business owners, it was determined that most wish to remain in the area. Should any of the owners choose to leave Pinellas Park or close altogether, there are similar businesses in Pinellas Park for consumers to visit, with the exception of five potential relocations. Therefore, the impact to the community should be minimal. The anticipated impact of potential relocations on the local economy is minimal since most businesses plan to reopen nearby.

In addition to the potential business relocations, approximately 24 other businesses and a cemetery are expected to have some right-of-way acquisition but not so much that access, parking, on-site traffic circulation, or other essential site improvements would be adversely affected. These businesses may remain in operation, and some may require a mitigation plan to remedy impacts to the property.

In order to minimize the unavoidable effects of right-of-way acquisition and displacement of individuals and businesses, the FDOT will carry out a right-of-way and relocation program in accordance with Florida Statute 339.09 and the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-646 as amended by Public Law 100-17).

2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) conducted a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to evaluate improvements along 118th Avenue (CR 296) from US 19 to east of the Roosevelt/CR 296 Connector in Pinellas County, Florida. The location map illustrates the study area (**Figure 1**).

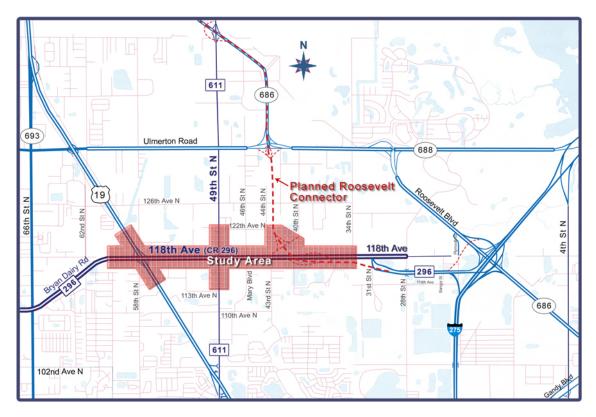


FIGURE 1 - PROJECT LOCATION MAP

There are additional projects underway on either side of this proposed project. At the 118th Avenue intersection with US 19, (FPID No. 257070-1) the FDOT plans to convert the intersection to a tight urban interchange. Another FDOT project consists of FPID Nos. 256994-1 and 256995-1, which will extend the Roosevelt Connector.

2.2 REPORT PURPOSE

In order to comply with 23 CFR 771, FHWA Technical Advisory T6640.8A, and Chapter 9, Section 1 of the Right of Way Manual, a Conceptual Stage Relocation Plan (CSRP) must be prepared for any potential federal aid highway project, and the data must be incorporated into the environmental document. The specific purpose of this CSRP is as follows:

- ❖ To assess the impact, if any, to the individuals, families, businesses, neighborhood and community of Pinellas Park.
- ❖ To identify and discuss any residential, business, farm operation or nonprofit business relocations associated with the proposed transportation improvement.

2.3 EXISTING FACILITY AND PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

Existing 118th Avenue is a 6-lane divided urban county roadway that is classified as a minor arterial by the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization. It has 12-foot lanes and 5-foot sidewalks on both sides, with mostly storm sewer drainage (**Figure 2**). The storm sewer systems convey runoff to existing roadside ditches and stormwater management facilities. The curbed grassed raised median is generally 20 feet wide. The typical section changes between 40th Street and 34th Street where the median widens to over 150 feet. This creates separate intersections with 40th Street and 34th Street for westbound and eastbound 118th Avenue.



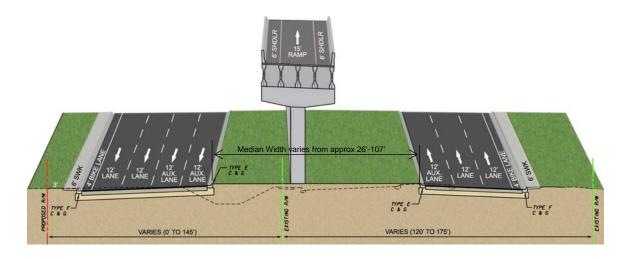
FIGURE 2 - EXISTING TYPICAL SECTION

Two alternatives were considered for this project: the No-Build and a Recommended Build Alternative. The Recommended Build Alternative (Alternative "Dmod-G") includes constructing a 4-lane controlled-access facility with 2-lane frontage roads for local access along 118th Avenue from US 19 to east of the Roosevelt/CR 296 Connector. This alternative includes a flyover ramp from southbound US 19 to eastbound 118th Avenue and ramp connections with the Roosevelt/CR 296 Connector as well as an urban interchange at 49th Street (CR 611). This alternative would allow the intersection at 43rd Street to remain connected to the 118th Avenue frontage roads. Additional right-of-way would be required for the proposed improvements, mostly along the north side of 118th Avenue. As a result of input received during the Public Hearing phase, the Recommended Build Alternative (described above) has been selected as the Preferred Alternative for future project production phases.

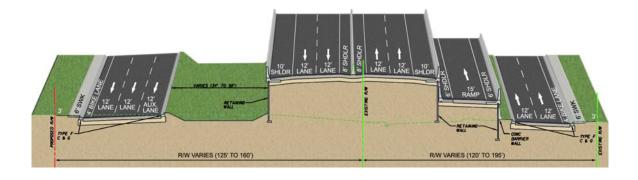
The proposed typical sections for 118th Avenue are shown in **Figure 3**. The typical section west of 49th Street includes four 12-foot lanes (two in each direction) with auxiliary lanes for the ramp connections to the elevated express lanes and a 4-foot bicycle lane and 6-foot sidewalk on each side.

The proposed typical section east of 49th street includes frontage roads with 12-foot lanes, including auxiliary lanes for the ramp connections to the elevated express lanes, and 4-foot bike lanes and 6-foot sidewalks. The elevated express lane portion includes 10-foot outside shoulders and two 12-foot lanes in each direction separated by an 18-foot median. A slip ramp from the frontage road system to the mainline is shown in this typical section.

FIGURE 3
PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTIONS



West of 49th Street



3.0 PROJECT APPROACH

The purpose of the Conceptual Stage Relocation Plan is as follows:

- ❖ To assess the impact, if any, to the individuals, families, businesses, neighborhood and community of Pinellas Park.
- To identify and discuss any residential, business, farm operation or nonprofit business relocations associated with the proposed transportation improvement.

To determine how the relocations will facilitate or inhibit access to jobs, educational facilities, religious institutions, health and welfare services, recreational facilities, social and cultural facilities, pedestrian facilities, shopping facilities, and public transit services, a comparison and analysis of the state, county and study area will be provided. The study area for this *Conceptual Stage Relocation Plan* includes Census Tracts 245.05 and 245.06 in Pinellas County. The *Profile of General Demographic Characteristics:* 2000, the *Profile of General Economic Characteristics:* 2000, and *Statistics by Economic Sector:* 1997, all from the United States Census, provide much of the baseline demographic data used in this section.

The comparison and analysis includes population, households, income, employment, and economics. This information provides a reasonable expectation of community impacts due to the proposed project.

All comparisons and analysis are based on the use of Alternative Dmod-G as described in the *Draft Preliminary Engineering Report, May 2005*.

4.0 PROJECT SETTING AND DEMOGRAPHICS

The comparison and analysis includes population, households, income, employment, and economics for Florida, Pinellas County, Pinellas Park, and the neighborhood study areas along the project area (census tracts 245.05 and 245.06). Census tract 245.06 comprises the majority of the project.

4.1 PROJECT SETTING

The 118th Avenue corridor is primarily an east/west facility, which in its entirety, extends from a western terminus as Bryan Dairy Road (CR 296) at Hamlin Boulevard in the City of Seminole to an eastern terminus at I-275. The 118th Avenue corridor is under jurisdiction of Pinellas County. The proposed improvements encompass a portion of CR 296 (Bryan Dairy Road/118th Avenue) from US 19 to east of 49th Street (at the interface of the proposed CR 296 Roosevelt Connector).

4.1.1 Area Overview

The project area is located in Pinellas County, primarily in the City of Pinellas Park, on the west coast of Central Florida. Pinellas Park sits at the crossroads of seven regional roads near the Gulf Beaches to the west, Tampa to the east, Clearwater to the north, and St. Petersburg to the south.

Every mode of transportation suited to industry is convenient to Pinellas Park. Tampa International Airport and St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport are within short distances of Pinellas Park's industrial areas, and a large portion of Pinellas Park's light industrial property is located on the CSX rail line.

Pinellas County is the fifth most populous county in Florida, with 921,482 permanent residents as of 2000. The population of Pinellas Park will be an estimated 48,130 by the end of 2005, which is a 10.8 percent increase from the 1990 population statistics provided by the US Census. The median age of Pinellas County residents is 43.0 while the median age of Pinellas Park is 40.2. The cost of living is lower in Pinellas Park than in the surrounding areas, and the median price for houses is \$75,500 compared to \$96,500 in Pinellas County.

The business community in both Pinellas County and Pinellas Park is thriving, with the number of employed persons in 2001 in Pinellas County estimated at 493,556 and 25,885 in Pinellas Park. According to the *Statistical Abstract 2002* prepared by the Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR), Pinellas County is ranked second in the state in manufacturing employment and third in the state in number of manufacturing establishments. Pinellas Park maintains the largest industrial land base in Pinellas County. Pinellas County ranks first in Florida in total retail sales, while wholesale and retail trade in Pinellas Park is the number one type of industry, comprising approximately 20.4 percent of the City's workforce.

4.1.2 Existing Land Use

The primary land use on the 118th Avenue project is industrial. Other land uses include public/semi-public, religious, and commercial. The project area can be divided into four areas: land north of 118th Avenue on US 19, land south of 118th Avenue on US 19, land on the north side

of 118th Avenue to the east of US 19, and land on the south side of 118th Avenue to the east of US 19.

The land north of 118th Avenue on US 19 is primarily commercial and includes a vacant lot (previously a car dealership), a retail hubcap store, a truck dealership, a shooting range, and a trailer sales company. The land south of 118th Avenue on US 19 is zoned commercial and industrial and includes a small car dealership, a gas station, and several retail shops. The land on the north side of 118th Avenue from east of US 19 to just east of 40th Street is zoned primarily industrial, with a few areas of commercial zoning, several vacant lots and one large public/semi-public lot which is a Catholic cemetery. This area includes a millwork manufacturer, a stone/granite company, a tire service store, a petroleum company, and several retail shops. The land on the south side of 118th Avenue to the east of US 19 is zoned industrial and includes several large companies, including Breyer's Ice Cream and West Pharmaceutical.

4.1.3 Future Land Use

The future land use map provided by the Pinellas County Planning Department indicates that land uses within the project corridor will follow the established trends of the existing land uses. The only apparent change to the existing land use map is the additional zoning of industrial property on the north side of 118th Avenue.

4.2 POPULATION

Based on the 2000 US Census data, a population of 921,482 resided in Pinellas County, an increase of 8.2 percent from the 1990 Census. Residents of the City of Pinellas Park totaled 45,658 in 2000, an increase of 5.1 percent from the 1990 Census. The 2000 US Census data also indicated a population of 5,636 in census tract 245.05 and 5,764 in census tract 245.06.

Table 4-1 shows the population densities for Florida, Pinellas County, and census tracts 245.05 and 245.06. Pinellas County is much more densely populated than the State of Florida while Pinellas Park is slightly less densely populated than the County. The project area is located in a primarily industrial and commercial area of Pinellas Park, as indicated by the lower density levels on census tracts 245.05 and 245.06. Census tract 245.06 has an extremely low density, with only 850 persons per square mile. Since the project area is in an area of lesser density, there should be lesser impact to the residential population due to the proposed project than would be expected in the higher density areas of Pinellas Park.

Table 4-1 Population Densities

Area	Persons per Square Mile
State of Florida	296.4
Pinellas County	3,292
Pinellas Park	3,041
Census Tract 245.05	2,748
Census Tract 245.06	850

Tables 4-2a and 4-2b show population data by race and gender. The racial composition indicates that the percentage of the white population is highest on census tracts 245.06 (95.9 percent) and 245.05 (90.5 percent). The percentage drops from Pinellas Park (89 percent) to Pinellas County (85.9 percent) and to the state (78 percent). The percentage of the black population on both census tracts is lower than the city (2.1 percent), county (9 percent), and state (14.6 percent) at 1.8 percent on census tract 245.05 and 0.5 percent on census tract 245.06. Regarding the Hispanic population, the percentage in Pinellas Park (6.3 percent) is higher than in Pinellas County (4.6 percent), but lower than the statewide percentage (16.8 percent). The percentages on both census tracts are substantially lower at 3.1 percent on census tract 245.05 and 1.3 percent on census tract 245.06.

Regarding gender, there are slightly more females than males in all study groups. Parcel 245.06 has the largest gap with 57.9 percent of the population being female and 42.1 percent being male.

Table 4-2a Population by Race and Gender

	State of Florida		Pinellas County		Pinellas Park	
Total Population	15,982,378	3	921,482		45,658	
Race	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
White	12,465,029	78.0	791,111	85.9	40,652	89.0
Black	2,335,505	14.6	82,566	9.0	952	2.1
Hispanic	2,682,715	16.8	42,760	4.6	2,856	6.3
Other	1,181,844	7.4	47,805	5.1	4,054	8.9
Gender	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Male	7,797,715	48.8	438,959	47.6	21,778	47.7
Female	8,184,663	51.2	482,523	52.4	23,880	52.3

Table 4-2b Population by Race and Gender

	Topulation by Race and Gender					
	Census Tract 2	45.05	Census Tract 2	45.06		
Total Population	5,636		5,764			
Race	Number	%	Number	%		
White	5,098	90.5	5,525	95.9		
Black	102	1.8	28	0.5		
Hispanic	173	3.1	77	1.3		
Other	441	7.8	134	5.1		
Gender	Number	%	Number	%		
Male	2,699	47.9	2,429	42.1		
Female	2,937	52.1	3,335	57.9		

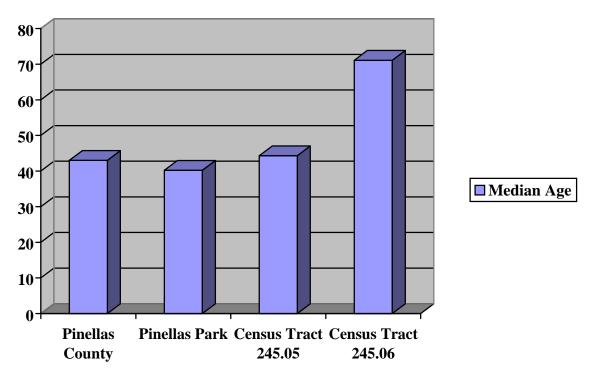
Table 4-3 provides the age percentage of the population 18 years and older and 65 years and older as well as the median age. The median age of both census tracts are above the median age of Pinellas County and Pinellas Park. Census tract 245.06 is much higher, with the median age being 71.1 due to the large percentage of retired persons living in this extremely low density area.

Table 4-3
Age of Population

Area	18 Years & Over	65 Years & Over	Median Age
Pinellas County	80.7%	22.5%	43.0
Pinellas Park	78.6%	20.6%	40.2
Census Tract 245.05	80.9%	21.8%	44.3
Census Tract 245.06	95.7%	64.0%	71.1

Figure 4 provides a graph showing the differences in median age. As stated before, the drastic increase in age on census tract 245.06 is primarily due to the area's low population density.

Figure 4
Median Age of Population



4.3 HOUSEHOLDS

Tables 4-4a and 4-4b show family and non-family households. The average number of persons per household range from 1.69 in Census Tract 245.06 to 2.46 in the State of Florida. Census tract 245.06 has the highest percentage of non-family households at 44.8 percent.

Table 4-4a Households

Housing Units	State of Florida		Pinellas County		Pinellas Park	
Total Households	6,337,929		414,968		19,444	
Average Persons	age Persons					
Per Household	2.46		2.17		2.31	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Non-Family						
Households	2,127,169	33.6	171,629	41.4	7,251	37.3
Family						
Households	4,210,760	66.4	243,339	58.6	12,173	62.7

Table 4-4b Households

Housing Units	Census Tract 2	45.05	Census Tract 245.06		
Total Households	2,408		3,330		
Average Persons					
Per Household	2.27		1.69		
	Number %		Number	%	
Non-Family					
Households	840 34.9		1,492	44.8	
Family					
Households	1,568	65.1	1,838	55.2	

Tables 4-5a and 4-5b show the percentages of occupied housing units, owner occupied housing units, renter occupied housing units, and vacant housing units. The percentage of occupied housing units remains relatively consistent in all categories, ranging from 82.4 percent on census tract 245.05 to 89 percent in Pinellas Park. There is a much higher percentage rate of owner occupied homes on census tracts 245.05 and 245.06, having 86 percent and 96 percent respectively. The averages for the state, county, and city are much lower, at 70.1 percent, 70.8 percent, and 75.1 percent respectively. Renter occupied housing units are much lower on census tracts 245.05 and 245.06 than in the city, county, or state, at 14 percent and 4 percent respectively. The vacancy rates are relatively consistent in all areas, ranging from 11 percent in Pinellas Park to 17.6 percent on census tract 245.05.

Table 4-5a Occupied and Non-Occupied Housing Units

Housing Units	State of Florida		Pinellas County		Pinellas Park	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Total Housing						
Units	7,302,947	100	481,573	100	21,843	100
Total Occupied						
Housing Units	6,337,929	86.8	414,968	86.2	19,444	89.0
Owner Occupied						
Housing Units	4,441,799	70.1	293,866	70.8	14,606	75.1
Renter Occupied						
Housing Units	1,896,130	29.9	121,102	29.2	4,838	24.9
Vacant Housing						
Units	965,018	13.2	66,605	13.8	2,399	11.0

Table 4-5b Owner Occupied Housing Units

Housing Units	Census Tract	245.05	Census Tract 245.0		
	Number	%	Number	%	
Total Housing					
Units	2,922	100	3,806	100	
Total Occupied					
Housing Units	2,408	82.4	3,330	87.5	
Owner Occupied					
Housing Units	2,071	86.0	3,196	96.0	
Renter Occupied					
Housing Units	337	14.0	134	4.0	
Vacant Housing					
Units	514	17.6	476	12.5	

Table 4-6 shows the median monthly mortgage and rental rates. Both rates are lower on the census tracts than in the broader areas.

Table 4-6 Median Rent

Area	Median Monthly Mortgage Rate	Median Monthly Rental Rate		
State of Florida	\$1,004.00	\$641.00		
Pinellas County	\$945.00	\$616.00		
Pinellas Park	\$796.00	\$614.00		
Census Tract 245.05	\$701.00	\$585.00		
Census Tract 245.06	\$689.00	\$572.00		

4.4 ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

The affected parcels on the 118th Avenue project consist solely of commercial and industrial tracts, primarily manufacturing and retail. This section attempts to determine the percentage of individuals in census tracts 245.05 and 245.06 potentially affected by the project. Tables 4-7, 4-8, and 4-9 provide the following information: number and percentage of individuals employed in the civilian labor force, percentage employed in manufacturing and retail, and number of manufacturing and retail companies.

Table 4-7 indicates that both census tracts have lower employment rates than Pinellas Park or Pinellas County, although tract 245.05 is only minimally lower. Census tract 245.06, which encompasses the majority of the 118th Avenue project, is substantially lower than the others due to the proportionately large number of retired persons. These individuals would not appear to be largely affected by the potential displacement of the industrial, manufacturing, and retail businesses.

Table 4-7
Percentage of Population Employed in Civilian Labor Force

Area	Total Population (16 and over)	Number of Civilian Workers	Percent of Civilian Workers
Pinellas County	763,594	425,349	55.7%
Pinellas Park	36,704	21,264	57.9%
Census Tract 245.05	4,700	2,571	54.7%
Census Tract 245.06	5,556	1,449	26.1%

Table 4-8 shows the percentage of workers in manufacturing and wholesale trade. Even though the potential project itself consists of primarily manufacturing and wholesale/retail business relocations, the individuals living in this area are not necessarily working in these industries as indicated by the lower percentages on both census tracts compared to Pinellas Park.

Table 4-8
Percentage of Workers in Manufacturing & Wholesale/Retail Trade

Area	% Manufacturing	% Wholesale & Retail Trade
Pinellas County	10.1	17.6
Pinellas Park	16.5	20.4
Census Tract 245.05	14.1	19.4
Census Tract 245.06	12.4	14.8

Table 4-9 shows the number of manufacturing and retail/wholesale trade companies in the subject areas. In addition to the 22 relocations shown on the table, there is also the relocation of the Pinellas County Highway Department Storm Water and the Pinellas Park Police Substation (located at Knight Shooting Indoor Range), which is not included in either category.

Table 4-9
Population in Manufacturing & Wholesale/Retail Trade

Area	# of Manufacturing Companies	# of Retail/Wholesale Trade Companies
Pinellas County	1,335	5,625
Pinellas Park	190	356
Potential Relocations	3	19

Based on Table 4-9, the manufacturing companies currently projected to be relocated encompass 1.58 percent of the total manufacturing companies in Pinellas Park. Likewise, the retail/wholesale trade companies on the projected project encompass 5.34 percent of the total retail/wholesale trade companies in Pinellas Park. In speaking with the business owners, it was determined that most wish to remain in the area. Should any of the businesses choose to relocate out of Pinellas Park or close altogether, with the exception of five potential relocations (see Table 5-3), there are similar businesses in Pinellas Park for consumers to visit. The approximate number of substitute businesses along with discussion of specialized businesses will be discussed in more detail in Section 5.0.

5.0 RELOCATION IMPACTS

This section of the plan identifies potential right-of-way impacts and displacements anticipated as a result of the new alignment. Table 5-1 shows the number of potential relocation impacts.

Table 5-1
Potential Relocation (Alternative Dmod-G)

Type of Impact	# of Properties
Residential Relocations	0
Business Relocations	21
Publicly Owned Relocations	2
Personal Property Relocations	3
On-Premise Sign Relocations	24
Outdoor Advertising Sign Relocations	1

In addition to the potential business impacts, the project will impact a number of additional parcels, including Parcels 32, 35, and 43. Parcels 32 and 35 both appear to be abandoned buildings, but they may contain personal property to be relocated. Should new businesses occupy these premises prior to commencement of the project, they could be additional business relocations. The location of each business impact is shown on the project plan sheets contained in Appendix A.

The total estimated right-of-way and relocation cost for the project is \$77.5 million per the Florida Department of Transportation. This includes right-of-way acquisition and relocation costs, support and administrative costs, severance and business damages, and accountant and attorney fees.

5.1 BUSINESS RELOCATIONS

Based on Alternative Dmod-G of the 118th Avenue project, approximately 23 businesses will be displaced (which includes the two publicly owned facilities). The name and address of each affected business, as well as the approximate number of employees, is provided in Table 5-2. A photograph of each business is contained in Appendix B. Wood Company Architectural Millwork is the largest employer, having approximately 100 employees. Midway Services (Above & Beyond), an HVAC and water company, is the second largest, having approximately 80 employees. No schools, hospitals, or churches will have to be relocated. The anticipated impact of potential relocations on the local economy is minimal since most businesses plan to reopen nearby.

In addition to the businesses being potentially relocated, approximately 13 other businesses and one cemetery along the proposed project corridor will experience some acquisition of right-of-way from their property. In these instances, some property will be acquired for right-of-way, but not so much that access, parking, on-site traffic circulation, or other site improvements required to sustain the functional utility of the business will be adversely affected. These businesses may remain in operation and may experience a mitigation plan to remedy the property. In speaking with Pinellas Park zoning department, they seemed agreeable to grandfathering any affected sites, but they would want to review the plans before committing.

Table 5-2
Potential Relocations (Alternative Dmod-G)

	1 otential Relocations (Arternative Diliou-G) # of				
Parcel	Business	Address	Type Business	# of Employees	
4	Drive Time	11700 US 19 N	Auto Dealer	8-10	
26	Pinellas County Highway Dept. Storm	4051 118 th Ave. N	County Facility	20	
	Water Management & Safety				
27	Precision Petroleum, Inc.	4007 118 th Ave. N	Fuel Provider	5-10	
29	Wood Co. Architectural Millwork	4161 118 th Ave. N	Furniture Manufacturing	100	
30	Mark's Auto Sales	4245 118 th Ave. N	Used Car Sales	4	
31	Steven's Lighting Supply	4275 118 th Ave. N	Lighting Sales	25	
33A	NuMark Distributing	11813 44 th St. N #5	Plastics Distributor	25	
33C	R&R Enterprises	11813 44 th St. N	Automotive Repair	5-10	
34	DeLorenzo Tire	4545 118 th St. N	Tire Service & Sales	11	
37	Audio Empire & Accessories	4585 118 th St. N	Car Audio Sales	7	
38	Vacant but HVAC co has leased	4595 118 th St. N	HVAC Sales/Repair	8-10	
39	Music City	4601 118 th Ave. N	Musical Equip Auction House	3	
40	The Stone Mill	4625 118 th Ave. N	Stone/Granite Design/Sales	10	
41A	R&B Auto Body	4655 118 th Ave. N	Body & Paint Shop	25	
41B	AAA Mobile Auto Glass	4655 118 th Ave. N #E	Mobile Glass Sales & Installation	10	
42	Midway Services (Above & Beyond)	4677 118 th Ave. N	HVAC & Water Company	80	
51	Hubcap City	11810 US 19N	Hubcap Sales	10-15	
53A	Rich Mabry's Auto Land Truck Co.	11922 US 19 N	Truck Sales	5-10	
53B	United Collision & Paint	11922 US 19 N #C	Paint & Body Shop	5-10	
54A	Knight Shooting Sports Indoor Range	12000 US 19 N	Gun Sales/Shooting Range	25-35	
54B	Pinellas Park Police Substation	12000 US 19 N	Police Substation	1	
56	Dixie Trailers & Custom Hitch	12004 US 19 N	Trailer Sales	12-15	
57	Layman's Used Merchandise	12190 US 19 N	Used Merchandise Sales	5-10	

5.1.1 Impacts to Community

Table 5-3 lists the affected parcels as well as the number of similar businesses in Pinellas Park. As shown in the table, there are similar businesses nearby for most of the affected parcels. Therefore, the impact to the community should be minimal even if the business owner chooses to relocate to another area or close altogether. For approximately five of the parcels, there are not similar businesses in Pinellas Park. The notes following the table provide additional information on these parcels.

Table 5-3 Number of Similar Businesses in Pinellas Park

Parcel	Business	Type Business	Similar Pinellas Park Businesses
4	Drive Time	Auto Dealer	27
26	Pinellas County Highway Dept. Storm Water Management & Safety	County Facility	NA
27	Precision Petroleum, Inc.	Fuel Provider	2
29	Wood Co. Architectural Millwork	Furniture Manufacturing	2
30	Mark's Auto Sales	Used Car Sales	27
31	Steven's Lighting Supply	Lighting Sales	1
33A	NuMark Distributing (see NOTE 1)	Plastics Distributor	0
33C	R&R Enterprises	Automotive Repair	20
34	DeLorenzo Tire	Tire Service & Sales	4
37	Audio Empire & Accessories	Car Audio Sales	1
38	Vacant (see NOTE 2)	HVAC Sales/Service	37
39	Music City (see NOTE 3)	Musical Equip Auction House	0
40	The Stone Mill	Stone/Granite Design/Sales	24
41A	R&B Auto Body	Body & Paint Shop	8
41B	AAA Mobile Auto Glass	Mobile Glass Sales & Installation	13
42	Midway Services (Above & Beyond)	HVAC & Water Company	37
51	Hubcap City	Hubcap Sales	6
53A	Rich Mabry's Auto Land Truck Co.	Truck Sales	27
53B	United Collision & Paint	Paint & Body Shop	8
54A	Knight Shooting Sports Indoor Range (see NOTE 4)	Gun Sales/Shooting Range	0
54B	Pinellas Park Police Substation	Substation	NA
56	Dixie Trailers & Custom Hitch	Trailer Sales	1
57	Layman's Used Merchandise	Used Merchandise Sales	5

NOTES:

- 1. The owner plans to relocate in Pinellas Park, so there should be no impact to the community. Additionally, there are 2 other plastic distributors within 40 miles of the parcel.
- 2. Buggy World previously occupied this building. Due to financial difficulties, they went out of business. Based on conversations with the owner of Buggy World, an HVAC company is going to lease the building and move in sometime in the next few months. As indicated on Parcel 42, there are numerous HVAC companies in Pinellas Park, so there should be no impact to the community should the HVAC company move into the building and later have to be relocated.
- 3. This is a specialty company, and there are no similar businesses in the area. Music City conducts periodic auctions for musical equipment. This could potentially impact the community should they decide to relocate out of area or close the business. The owner could not be contacted, but since there are numerous comparable replacement properties for this type of business in the area, the relocation impact to the owner would be minimal in comparison to many of the other affected properties.

4. The owner could not be reached to determine future plans should the building be affected. However, he has spent an excessive amount of time and money constructing the building. The gun sales area of the business appears to be very busy, as does the shooting range itself. There is also a Pinellas Park police substation located at the rear of the sales area. The substation is not required, although, depending on the area to which Knight chooses to relocate, the police may move their substation to the new location as well. This will be one of the most difficult relocations of the project, and it would have more impact on the community than many of the other parcels should the owner choose to move out of the area or close the business. However, there are three other similar types of shooting ranges in the area, the closest being approximately 33 miles away.

5.1.2 Special Business Characteristics, Services to Specialized Clientele, and Cultural Orientation

Several businesses have unique characteristics, making them more difficult to relocate than the other impacted businesses. These businesses are as follows:

<u>Parcel 27 (Precision Petroleum):</u> this company has underground fuel tanks and is potentially contaminated.

Parcel 29 (Wood Architectural Millwork): this is the largest of the potentially displaced businesses, having approximately 100 employees. The company has two large buildings, one being the manufacturing area and the other being the assembly area. The relocation would have to occur in phases and would be extremely disruptive to the business.

Parcel 40 (The Stone Mill): this company manufactures granite and other types of stone cabinetry. They have up to 100 slabs of stone on site at any given time and several extremely expensive and heavy pieces of machinery used to cut the stone.

<u>Parcel 54 (Knight Shooting Sports Indoor Range):</u> this building has been constructed to detailed specifications for such a facility, an example being the extra thick walls specified by code. Finding a location that would be acceptable may be difficult due to the numerous zoning issues involved. The actual relocation of the guns and ammunition will also be a major factor of this relocation.

None of the potentially affected businesses provide services to specialized clientele, nor is cultural orientation a factor in any of the relocations.

5.2 PERSONAL PROPERTY RELOCATIONS

There are approximately 3 personal property relocations. Of these, 2 are vacant buildings possibly containing personal property to be moved. The parcel numbers and a brief description of each site are contained in Table 5-4.

Table 5-4
Potential Personal Property Relocations

Parcel #	Personal Property Relocation
32	Prior NAPA store, currently vacant and for sale
35	Prior Matt Stone, currently abandoned
43	Standard Oil, personal property in proposed right of way includes portable office, metal pole covered shed, portable tanks, small portable office, abandoned company
	tanker & trucks, miscellaneous parts, and an airplane

5.3 SIGN RELOCATIONS

There are 25 commercial signs located along the project corridor that will potentially be displaced. All but one of these signs (the Clear Channel outdoor advertising sign on Parcel 57) are on-site business signs. Fifteen of the signs are lighted and the remaining 10 are unlighted. The parcel number and brief description of each sign is contained in Table 5-4.

Table 5-5
Potential Sign Relocations

Parcel	1 ottitiai Sign Reiocations			
#	Sign Relocation			
4	Double pole with two signs (lit)			
5	Double pole with sign (lit)			
6	Single pole with sign (lit)			
26	4' high sign (unlit)			
27	Metal pole with sign (lit)			
30	Wooden sign on 4x4 poles (unlit)			
32	Single pole with sign (lit); "For Sale" sign (unlit)			
34	Single pole with sign (lit)			
35	Double pole with wooden sign (unlit)			
37	Single pole with 2 signs (lit)			
39	Wooden sign (unlit); portable sign (lit)			
40	Sign on Building (lit)			
41	Metal sign on building (unlit); Metal sign on building (unlit)			
42	Single pole with sign (lit)			
48	Block wall entrance sign (lit)			
50	Single pole with two signs (lit)			
51	Metal pole with sign (unlit)			
54	Single pole with two signs (lit)			
55	Double pole with three signs (lit)			
56	3 poles with sign (unlit)			
57	ODA Sign owned by Clear Channel (lit); Single pole with sign (unlit)			

The outdoor advertising sign located on Parcel 57 is properly permitted and meets all of the state's guidelines. Should the parcel owner agree, there will be ample space remaining after acquisition to re-install the sign. Should the parcel owner choose not to allow the sign owner to install the sign after acquisition, there is ample space available adjacent to the property for the sign to be relocated.

5.4 PUBLICLY OWNED FACILITIES

There are two publicly owned facilities that will potentially be relocated. The first is Pinellas County Highway Department Storm Water Management and Safety. However, during numerous site inspections, there were no cars in front of the building and it does not appear to be in use. James Meloy, Real Estate Administrator for Pinellas County Public Works, was contacted on May 5, 2005, regarding the property. According to Mr. Meloy, the building is vacant and will remain vacant. This being the case, the building will not require consideration for functional replacement of real property in public ownership. However, should this building be used in the future, functional replacement of real property in public ownership could become an issue.

The second publicly owned facility is the Pinellas Park police substation located at Knight's Indoor Shooting Range. Officer Osgood of the special operations unit of Pinellas Park police department was contacted regarding the substation. He stated that the substation was not a requirement for the shooting range. Pinellas Park is divided into zones and a substation is required in each zone. The owner of Knight's is friendly with the department and offered to allow them to have the substation at his shooting range. It is an unmanned office with a telephone, fax machine and typical office furniture and equipment. Should Knight's remain in the zone where currently located, the substation would most likely move with the range. Otherwise, the police department would be required to find another site within the zone.

5.5 POTENTIAL CONTAMINATION CONCERNS

A total of 29 businesses have been identified by the Florida Department of Transportation as parcels to be acquired with the potential for contamination. The Contamination Screening Evaluation report, to be published separately, will provide additional information about each identified potential contamination site. Aerial photographs of the potential contamination sites are located in Appendix A. Of the potential business relocations identified on this project, twenty have been identified as potentially contaminated. These are listed by parcel number, address, and type of business in Table 5-6.

Table 5-6
Potentially Contaminated Sites (Business Relocations)

Parcel	Business	Address	Type Business
4	Drive Time	11700 US 19 N	Auto Dealer
26	Pinellas County Highway Dept. Storm Water Management & Safety	4051 118 th Ave. N	County Facility
27	Precision Petroleum, Inc.	4007 118 th Ave. N	Fuel Provider
29	Wood Co. Architectural Millwork	4161 118 th Ave. N	Furniture Manufacturing
30	Mark's Auto Sales	4245 118 th Ave. N	Used Car Sales
31	Steven's Lighting Supply	4275 118 th Ave. N	Lighting Sales
33A	NuMark Distributing	11813 44 th St. N #5	Plastic Distributor
33C	R&R Enterprises	11813 44 th St. N	Automotive Repair
34	DeLorenzo Tire	4545 118 th St. N	Tire Service & Sales
38	Vacant (to be leased by HVAC co)	4595 118 th St. N	HVAC Sales/Repair
40	The Stone Mill	4625 118 th Ave. N	Stone/Granite Design & Sales
41A	R&B Auto Body	4655 118 th Ave. N	Body & Paint Shop
41B	AAA Mobile Auto Glass	4655 118 th Ave. N #E	Mobile Glass Sales & Installation
51	Hubcap City	11810 US 19N	Hubcap Sales
53A	Rich Mabry's Auto Land Truck Co.	11922 US 19 N	Truck Sales
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57	Layman's Used Merchandise	12190 US 19 N	Used Merchandise Sales

Additionally, two of the parcels having potential personal property relocations are possibly contaminated. These include Parcel 43 which is Standard Oil located at 11701 115th Avenue North, Parcel 32 which is the vacant Napa store located on 118th Avenue North, and Parcel 35 which is the abandoned concrete plant located on 118th Avenue North. Photographs of each business are located in Appendix B.

Another six potentially contaminated businesses will be potentially affected by Right-of-Way acquisition associated with the project. These include the properties listed in Table 5-7.

Table 5-7
Potentially Contaminated Sites (Acquisition Only)

Parcel	Business	Address	Type Business
21	Precision Litho Services	4250 118 th Ave N	Printing Services
50	Hillside Auto Sales & Services	US 19	Vacant
58	Coastal Caisson Corp.	12290 US 19 N	Retail Sales
59	Interprint	12350 US 19 N	Printing Services
	Florida Power R/W	TBD	Power Line
	Magic Used Auto Parts	TBE	Auto Part Sales

6.0 RELOCATION RESOURCES

The Florida Department of Transportation will provide relocation advisory services to all displaced businesses. These services include assistance in determining needs and desires for replacement property; providing current listings of comparable replacement sites on the open market available for lease, lease purchase, build-to-suit, etc; assistance in completing application and claim forms for payment; providing financial information concerning replacement sites; assistance in obtaining permits, variances, etc.; and assistance in finding other agencies and organizations able to provide assistance. In addition to the relocation services provided by the FDOT, there are numerous real estate services willing to provide assistance in locating replacement property. Additionally, there are several local organizations, such as the Pinellas County Economic Development Department, available to provide assistance for those whose businesses are displaced by the proposed project. These organizations can assist with business plan development, financing source identification, permitting and zoning information, government regulations information, workforce development, and more. These resources are available to all displaced persons or businesses without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

6.1 BUSINESS SPACE AND SITES

Twenty-three businesses will potentially be displaced by the proposed project. The locations of the impacted sites are located in Section 5.0, Table 5-2. Based on several published reports, there is ample space in nearby areas for the potential relocation of these businesses. Additionally, there is sufficient vacant land near 118th Avenue that can accommodate the affected businesses. Tables 6-1, 6-2, and 6-3 provide a summary of such available space.

In addition to the areas listed in the three tables, Pinellas County Economic Development provides on-line listings of available space, both for lease and purchase (www.pced.org). These listings include many sites that have the appropriate zoning requirements for all affected businesses; similar square footages, parking, loading bays/docks; and access to rail, truck and airplane routes. This website also provides listings for nearby vacant land that is zoned appropriately for all of the businesses.

Table 6-1 provides the total square footage available in business parks in the Pinellas County and Pinellas County Gateway area (a small portion of Pinellas County near the proposed project). The table also shows the area under construction and total percentage that is pre-leased. Although the project is not considered to be in the Gateway based on the definition provided by the *Maddux Business Report*, it is within a mile or so of the area and could potentially serve as a comparable location. Although zoning and other aspects would not be comparable for all businesses, several of the potentially affected businesses, such as Steven's Lighting Supply, NuMark Distributing, and Midway Services, could successfully move to local business parks even though they are not currently in such an environment.

Table 6-1 Pinellas County BUSINESS PARK MARKET

(from Maddux Business Report – March 2005)

AREA	Existing Leasable (square feet)	Existing Vacant (square feet)	% Vacant	Total Under Construction (square feet)	Total Pre- Leased
Pinellas County	21.26 million	1.69 million	8.0%	178,000	38%
Gateway Area	10.68 million	1.02 million	9.0%	48,000	0%

^{*}Gateway is defined as the area east of US 19, roughly between Roosevelt and Gandy Boulevards in Pinellas County.

Table 6-2 provides square footage and vacancy rates for the industrial market throughout Pinellas County. Based on these statistics, there should be space available for the potentially displaced industrial businesses. Most of these areas are appropriately zoned industrial and are comparable in square footage and location to existing businesses.

Table 6-2
Pinellas County
INDUSTRIAL MARKET STATISTICS

(from Colliers Arnold Industrial Market Report – 4th Quarter 2004)

Area	Total Square Footage	Overall Vacancy %	Under Construction (square footage)
North Pinellas	6,781,152	3.9%	126,000
Gateway/Mid Pinellas	23,499,992	8.1%	114,000
South Pinellas	8,994,651	5.6%	0

Table 6-3 provides square footage and vacancy rates for office spaces throughout Pinellas County. Based on these statistics, there should be space available for the few displaced office facilities, such as NuMark Distributing and Midway Services.

Table 6-3
Pinellas County
COMMERCIAL TOTAL OFFICE VACANCY & AVERAGE RATES
(from Pinellas County February 2005 Leading Economic Indicators)

Year	Quarter	Total Office Vacancy	Total Office Average Rate
2004	4 th	9.0%	\$16.74/sf
2003	4 th	8.0%	\$16.36/sf

6.2 INCENTIVES

C.E. Webber, the Assistant Economic Development Director of the City of Pinellas Park, was contacted regarding possible incentives to be provided by the City, such as tax abatement, flexible zoning and building requirements, and advisory assistance. Although there are currently no such incentives available, Mr. Webber did indicate that as the project is finalized, the City will conduct meetings to determine what, if anything, can be done to assist and/or provide incentives to the displaced businesses.

Paula Spink, the Business Development Manager of Pinellas County Economic Development, was also contacted regarding any possible incentives available from the County. She indicated, as did Mr. Webber with the City, that there were no such incentives available at this time. However, since such a large number of businesses are potentially being displaced, she believes a task force would be assigned to determine what assistance could be given to these businesses. Ms. Spink could not provide detailed information on the task force, but she believes that the task force would be organized once FDOT provided final drawings and a project schedule. Upon the creation of the task force, letters would be sent to property owners outlining potential services available.

Ms. Spink also referred to several existing programs, which will or might be available to the displaced businesses. One such service is the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund. Several guidelines must be followed to attain this refund, and only a few of the potentially displaced businesses are eligible based on their type of business. Additionally, there is a Business Assistance Program available through the Pinellas County's Business Assistance Partnership program

7.0 RELOCATION ASSISTANCE

7.1 RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PROCESS

In order to minimize the unavoidable effects of Right of Way acquisition and displacement of individuals and businesses, the Florida Department of Transportation will carry out a Right of Way and relocation program in accordance with Florida Statute 339.09 and the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-646 as amended by Public Law 100-17). Relocation services and payments are provided without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

The proposed project, as presently conceived, will not displace any residences within the community. Should this change over the course of the project, the Florida Department of Transportation will carry out a residential Right of Way and relocation program in accordance with the Statutes and Act listed above.

The Florida Department of Transportation provides advance notification of impending Right of Way acquisition. Before acquiring Right of Way, all properties are appraised on the basis of comparable sales and land use values in the area. Owners of property to be acquired will be offered and paid fair market value for their property rights. No person lawfully occupying real property will be required to move without at least 90 days written notice of the intended vacation date.

At least one relocation specialist is assigned to each highway project to carry out the relocation assistance and payments program. A relocation specialist will contact each person to be relocated to determine individual needs and desires, and to provide information, answer questions, and give assistance in finding replacement property.

During the initial interview, the relocation specialist should determine the business replacement's site requirements, current least terms, need for outside specialists, identification of personalty/realty issues, the time required for the business to vacate the site, an estimate of the anticipated difficulty in locating replacement property, and any advance relocation payments required for the move.

Any business, farm operation, or non-profit organization displaced by FDOT for a highway program shall be offered relocation assistance services for the purpose of locating a suitable replacement property, as well as reimbursement of eligible moving costs and other advisory services. Business owners or tenants may choose to be reimbursed on the basis of actual reasonable moving costs and related expenses or, under certain circumstances, a fixed payment in lieu of actual moving expenses.

Actual reasonable moving expenses may be paid when a commercial mover performs the move or if the displaced business owners choose to move themselves. In some cases, two move costs may be necessary to establish reasonable costs. Such moving costs include the cost to disconnect, dismantle, remove, reassemble, and reinstall all machinery, equipment and other personal property. Moving costs also include the costs to modify the personal property as mandated by Federal, State, or local law, code or ordinance. Related expenses, such as personal property losses, expenses in locating a replacement site, impact fees, licenses and permits, connections to utilities from the right-of-way to improvements at the replacement site, professional services performed to determine

suitability of a potential replacement site, and hazardous substances and hazardous waste removal and disposal may also be reimbursable. Additionally, displaced business owners may receive up to \$2,500.00 for actual and reasonable expenses incurred while searching for a replacement business.

Finally, certain other reestablishment costs up to a maximum of \$10,000 may also be reimbursable. These items include the following: repairs or improvements to the replacement of real property as required by federal, state, or local authorities; modifications to the property which are necessary to accommodate the business; estimated increased cost of operation during the first two years at the replacement site; construction and installation costs for exterior signage; redecoration or replacement of soiled or worn surfaces at the replacement site; and advertisement of replacement location.

Fixed payment in lieu of actual moving expenses, searching expenses, reestablishment expenses, and actual direct losses of tangible personal property may be paid in a sum between \$1,000 and \$20,000. To be eligible for a fixed payment, a business or non-profit organization must either move from the site or terminate its operation. The Department must determine that the business cannot be relocated without a substantial loss of its existing patronage and is not part of an enterprise with more than three similar establishments not being acquired by the Department.

The brochures which describe in detail the Department's relocation assistance program and Right of Way acquisition program are "Residential Relocation Under the Florida Relocation Assistance Program" and "Relocation Assistance: Business, Farms, and Nonprofit Organizations. All of these brochures are distributed at all public hearings and made available upon request to any interested persons.

7.2 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING ASSISTANCE

In addition to the relocation assistance provided by the Florida Department of Transportation, a number of community and service organizations in or near Pinellas County are available for assistance as listed in Table 7-1.

Table 7-1 Community Organizations Available for Relocation Assistance

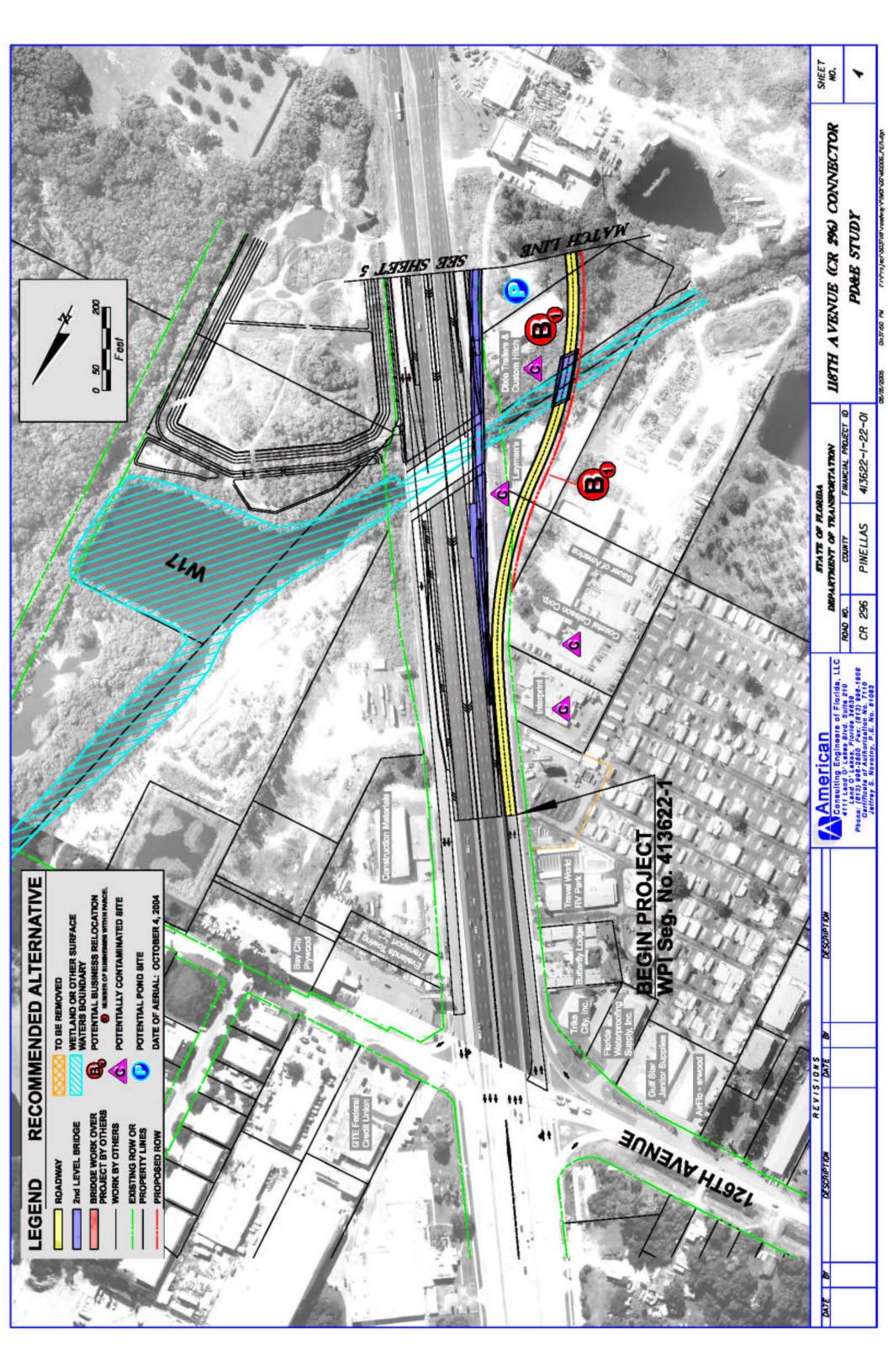
Organization Name	Telephone Number
US Small Business Administration	800-827-5722
Florida Small Business Development Center Network	850-473-7800
Bay Area Manufacturer's Association (BAMA)	727-536-5809
Progress Energy – Economic Development	727-519-2590
USF Small Business Development Center	813-905-5800
Pinellas County Economic Development*	727-341-3367
Pinellas County Business Assistance Program*	727-464-7445
Pinellas Park Business Assistance Program*	727-544-4777
Pinellas Park Economic Development*	727-541-0700
Gulf Coast Certified Development Corporation (GCDC)	727-895-2504

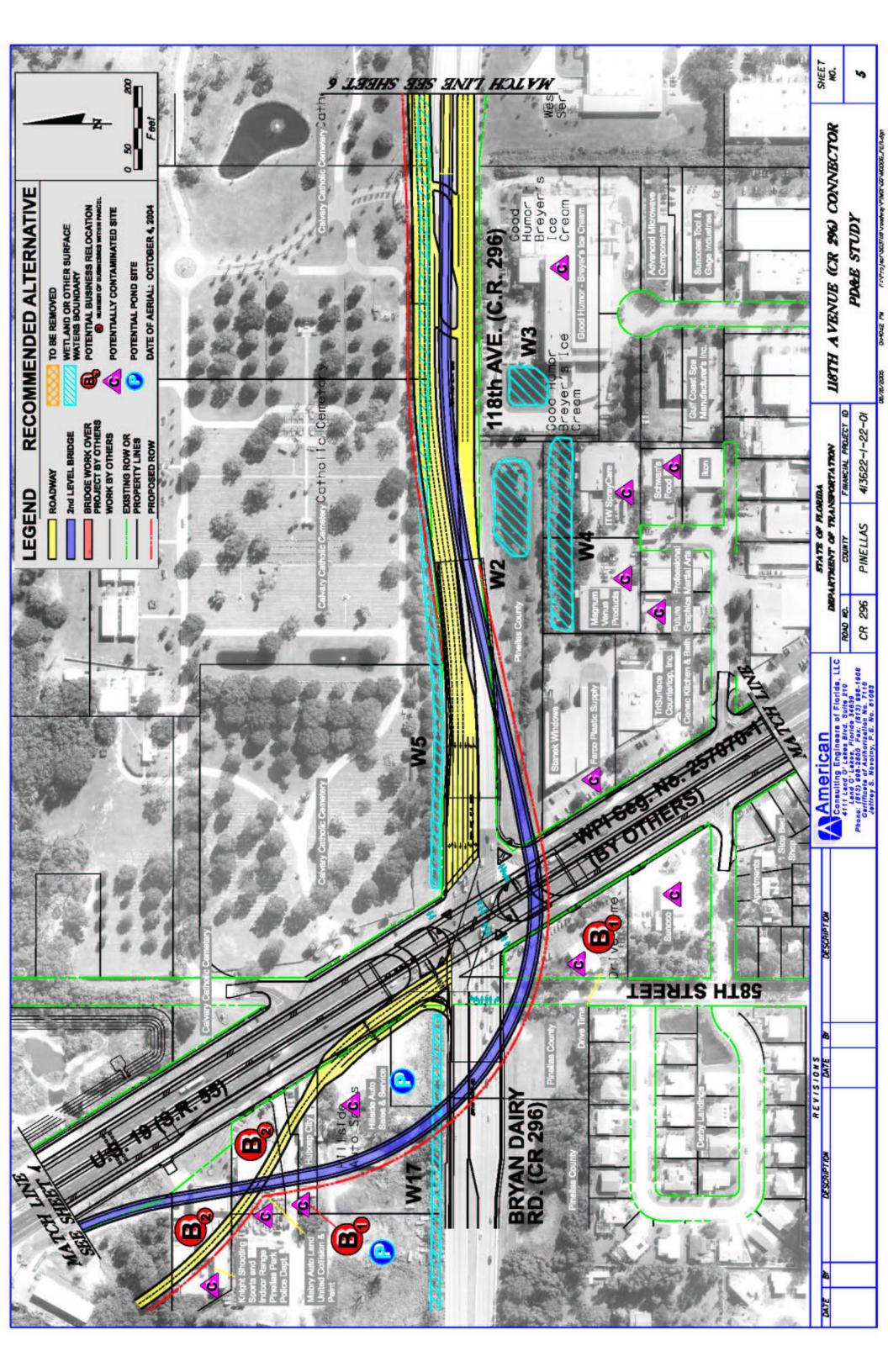
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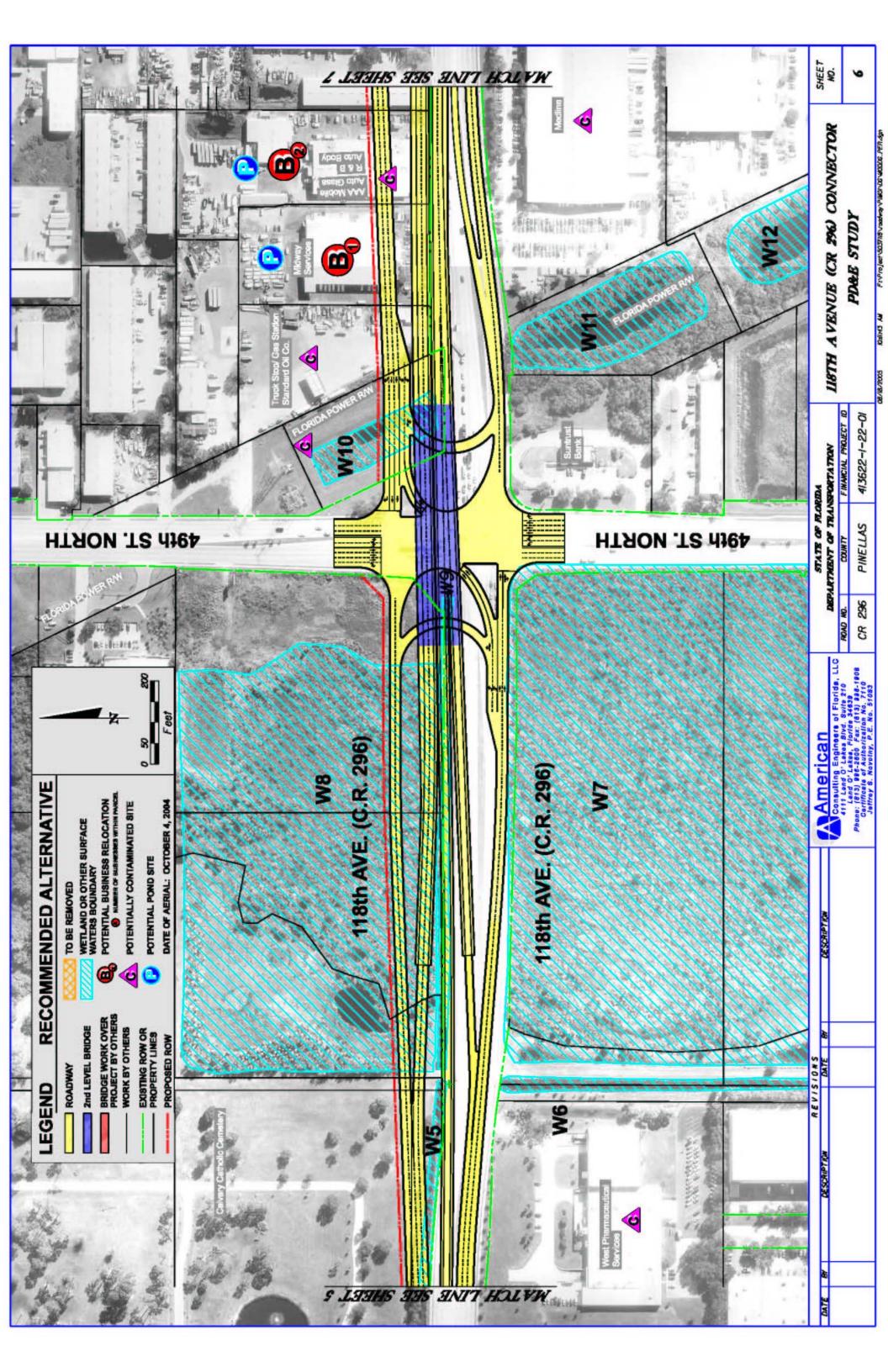
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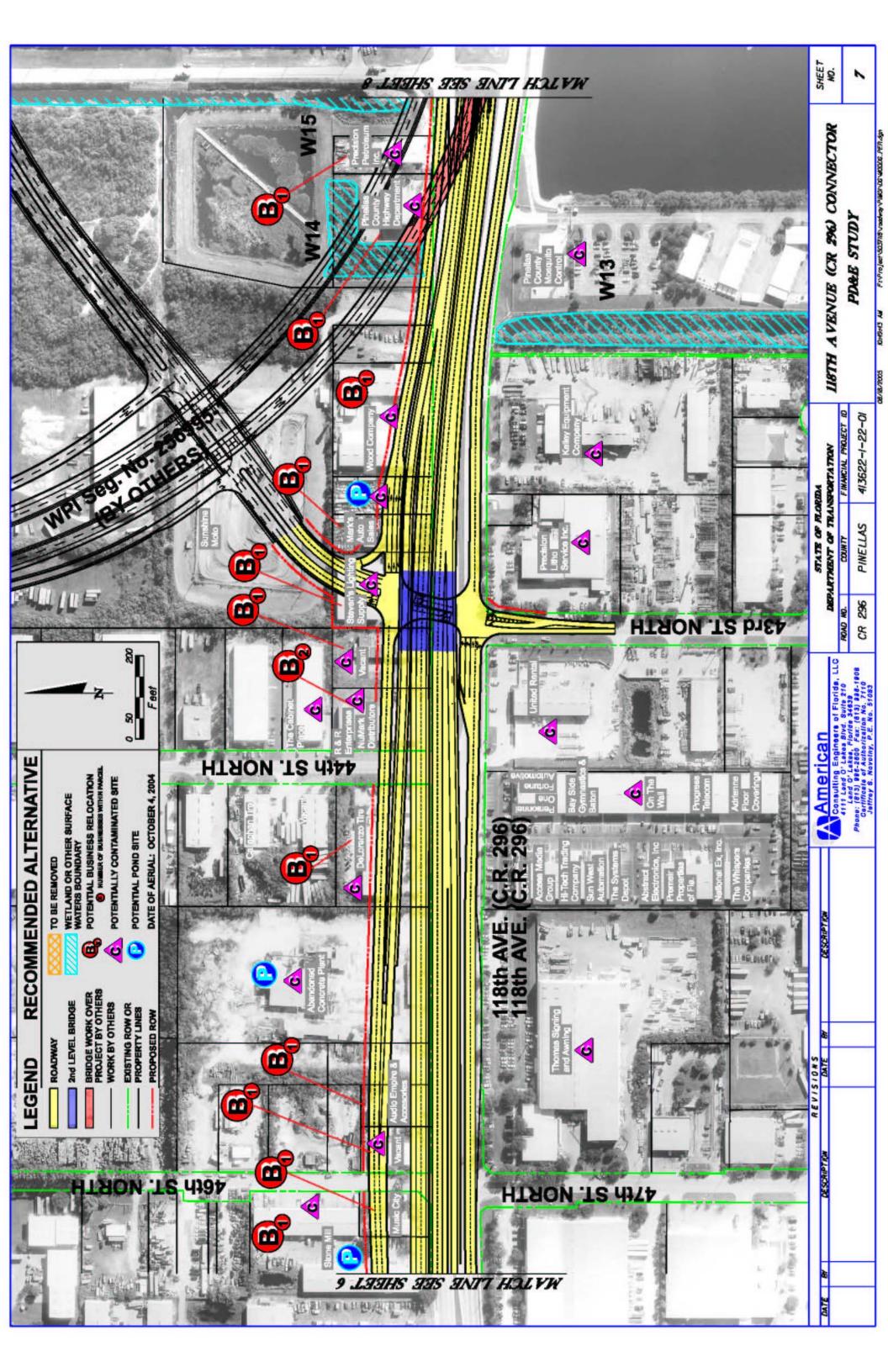
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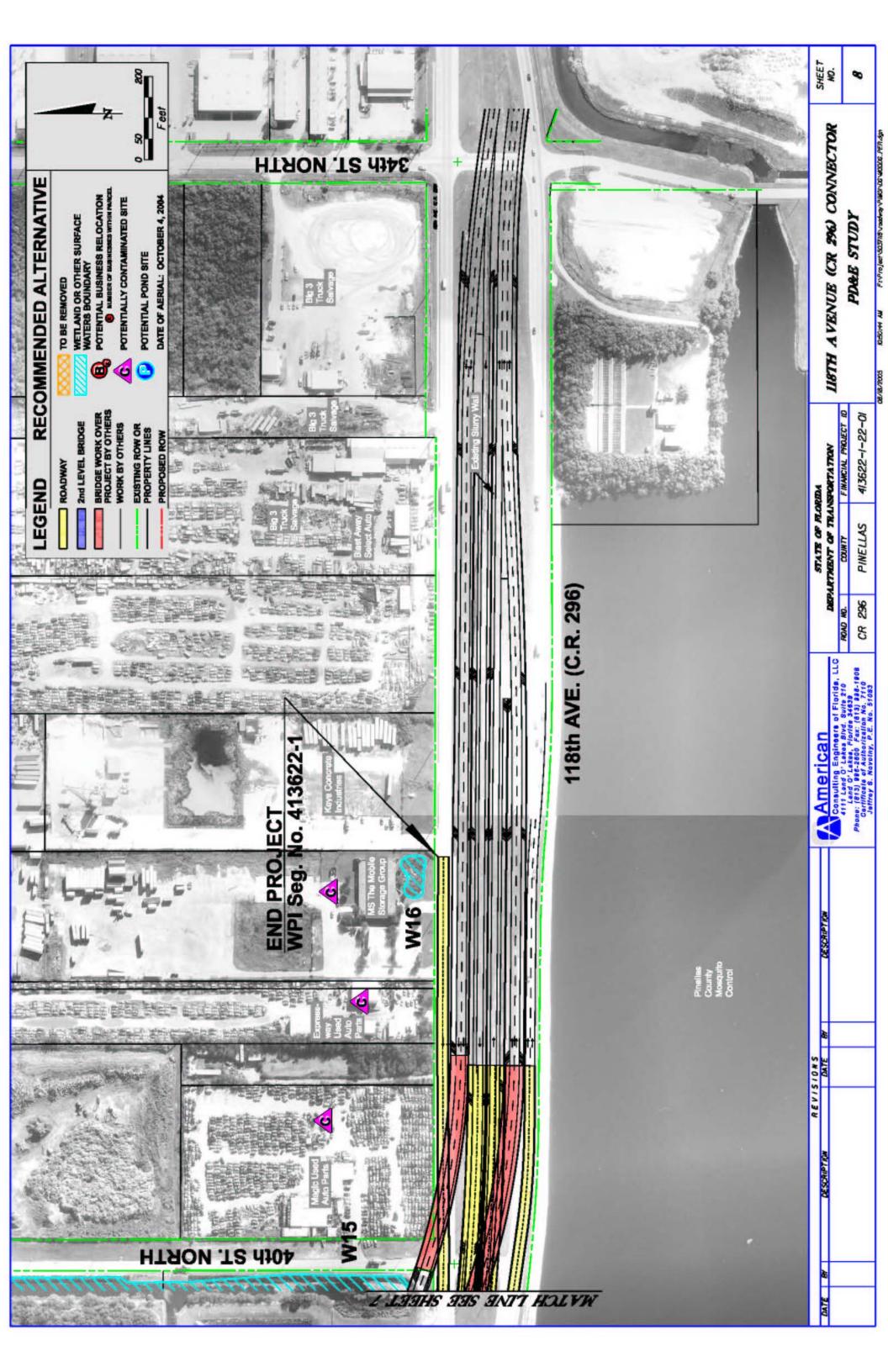
APPENDIX A PLAN SHEETS











APPENDIX B
SITE PHOTOS



Parcel 4 – DRIVE TIME 11700 US 19 N



Parcel 26 – PINELLAS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT & SAFETY 4051 118th Avenue N



Parcel 27 – PRECISION PETROLUEM 4007 118th Avenue N



Parcel 29 – WOOD COMPANY ARCHITECTURAL MILLWORK 4161 118th Avenue N



Parcel 29 – WOOD COMPANY ARCHITECTURAL MILLWORK 4161 118th Avenue N



Parcel 29 – WOOD COMPANY ARCHITECTURAL MILLWORK 4161 118th Avenue N



Parcel 30 – MARK'S AUTO SALES 4245 118th Avenue N



Parcel 31 – STEVEN'S LIGHTING SUPPLY 4275 118th Avenue N



Parcel 33A – NUMARK DISTRIBUTING 11813 44th Street N #5



Parcel 33C – R & R ENTERPRISES 11813 44th Street N



Parcel 34 – DE LORENZO TIRE 4545 118th Avenue N



Parcel 37 – AUDIO EMPIRE & ACCESSORIES 4585 118th Avenue N



Parcel 38 – BUGGY WORLD (currently vacant) 4595 118th Avenue N



Parcel 39 – MUSIC CITY 4601 118th Avenue N



Parcel 40 – STONE MILL 4625 118th Avenue N



Parcel 41A – R & R AUTO BODY 4655 118th Avenue N



Parcel 41B – AAA MOBILE AUTO GLASS, INC. 4655 118th Avenue N #E



Parcel 42 – MIDWAY "ABOVE & BEYOND" 4677 118th Avenue N



Parcel 51 – HUBCAP CITY 11810 US 19 N



Parcel 53A - RICH MABRY'S AUTO LAND TRUCK COUNTY 11922 US 19 N



Parcel 53B – UNITED COLLISION & PAINT 11922 US 19 N #C



Parcel 54 – KNIGHT SHOOTING SPORTS INDOOR RANGE 12000 US 19 N



Parcel 56 – DIXIE TRAILERS 12004 US 19 N



Parcel 57 – LAYMAN'S USED MERCHANDISE 12190 US 19 N