

### CITY OF MARATHON PUBLIC WORKS

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: December 14, 2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Carlos A. Solis, P.E. Director of Public Works & Engineering

THROUGH: George Garrett, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Facilities Use and Parking Revenue

At the October 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, we laid out information on the potential revenue stream that the City can anticipate for fees associated with usage and parking fees at our boat ramps, and parking at Sombrero Beach. The estimated revenue as detailed in that report is approximately \$1,200,000.00. As mentioned in the previous report, residents of the City of Marathon can apply for a parking permit, either for free or nominal cost, and have unlimited yearly parking at Sombrero Beach. Marathon residents can also purchase a yearly pass for usage and parking at the boat ramps also for a nominal fee as directed by the Council. The revenue mentioned above accounts for the free parking for local residents.

As requested by the City Council, this report will outline the estimated capital outlay required to implement the program. Several factors are involved including equipment, personnel, services and other miscellaneous items. The enforcement of the parking fee collection can be handled by our Code department. Additional code enforcement staff will be required to accomplish this as well as vehicles to provide this service. The staff will require training and a separate certification to be allowed to issue parking citations. This position will require to work on weekends and can also double up as additional enforcement for vacation rentals.

#### **Initial Capital Investment:**

Parking Fee Collection Stations (14 stations):	\$100,000.00
Installation	\$20,000.00
New Vehicle for enforcement	\$26,000.00
Staff Training/Certification	\$5,000.00
Signage	\$4,000.00
Surveillance (If we determine we need it)	\$15,000.00
Net	\$170,000.00
10% Contingency	\$17,000.00
Total	\$187,000.00

#### **Yearly Operating Expenses:**

Additional Personnel	\$80,000.00
Parking Collection Service Charges	\$11,000.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 10,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance/Fuel	\$1000.00
Bank charges (credit card fees)	\$30,000.00
Net	\$132,000.00
10% Contingency	\$13,200.00
Total	\$145,200.00

Attached is information on a possible fee collection platform, which can be installed at the boat ramps facilities and the beach. These units provide several option and features. In discussing the collection and enforcement with the Director of Code Enforcement, we would recommend collection by credit card or pay by phone only, eliminating the requirement of collecting cash from the platforms on a daily basis.

In terms of operation, the Parking Collection Service Charge includes all data/cellular service, processing, with funds deposited into a city account on a daily basis. The City will pay for the standard credit card transaction fees.

#### **Summary**

The system as outlined allows the city to generate additional revenue for the maintenance of our facilities, in particular our recreation facilities, without the financial pressure on the local residents. During the first 20 years or so of the City being incorporated, many of our facilities were new and required minimal repairs. As these facilities age, we are under additional financial pressure to maintain and replace some of these facilities. The revenue from parking and usage fees and locals permits allow our resident to continue to use our facilities at no or nominal cost, while our visitors pick up the bulk of the cost for the continuous maintenance of these facilities. As an example, Our Sombrero Beach maintenance cost has increased significantly over the years, while our TDC funding for the same has decreased. Funding from parking fees would allow us to continue and enhance these resources without the additional tax burden to our local residents.







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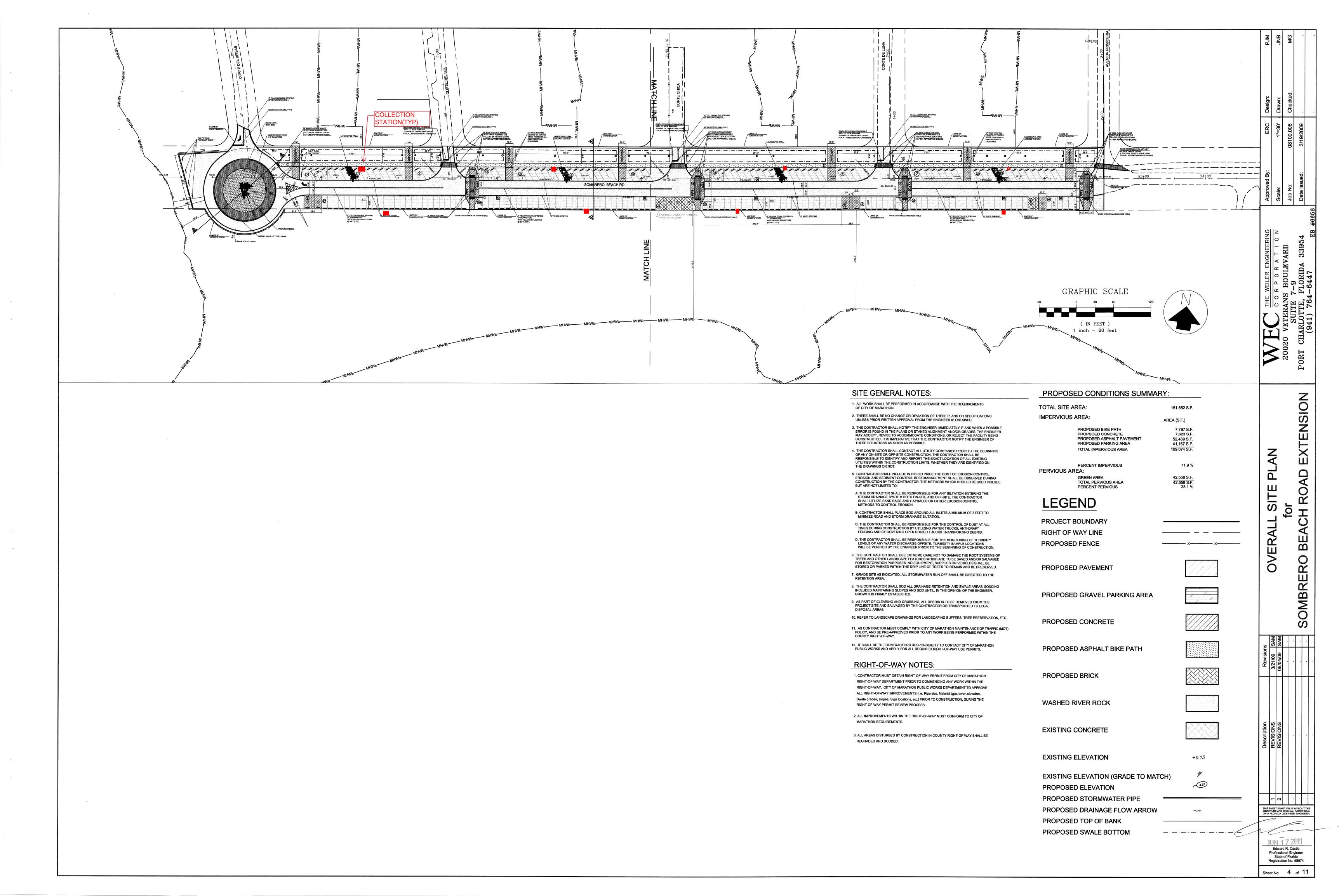


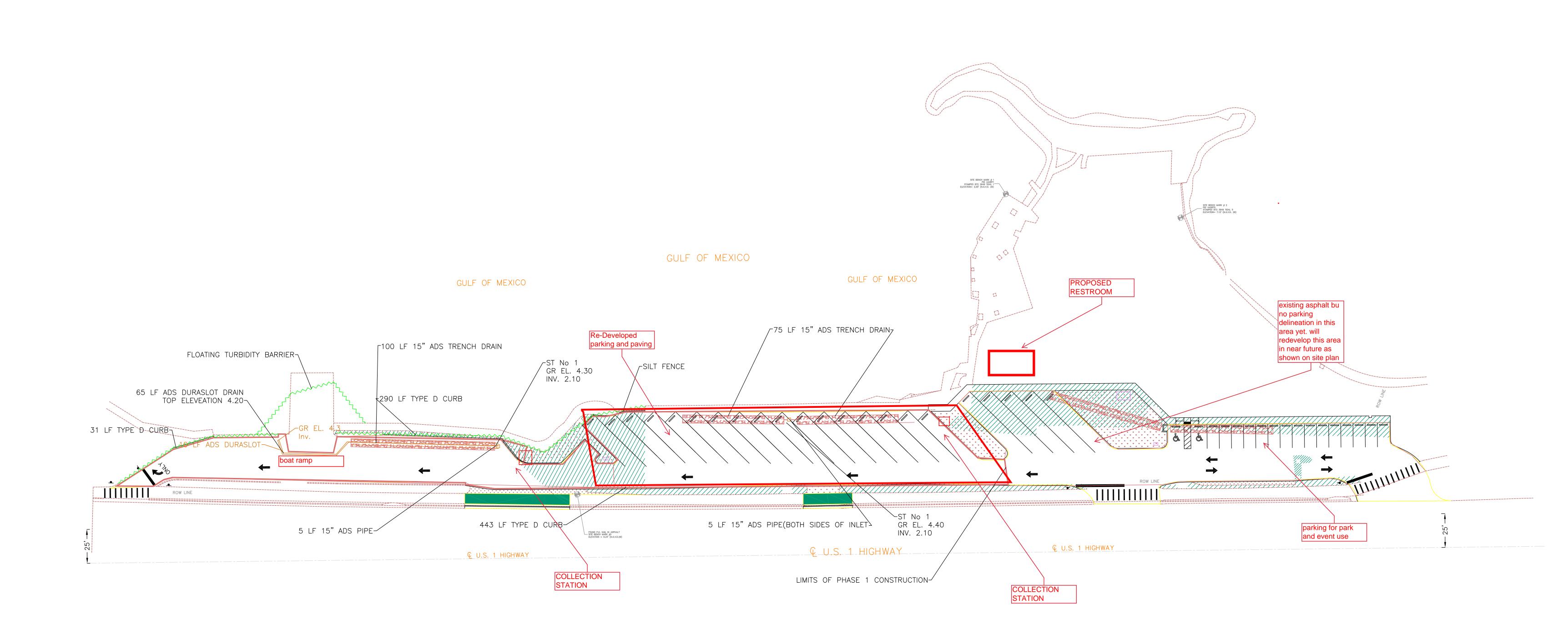
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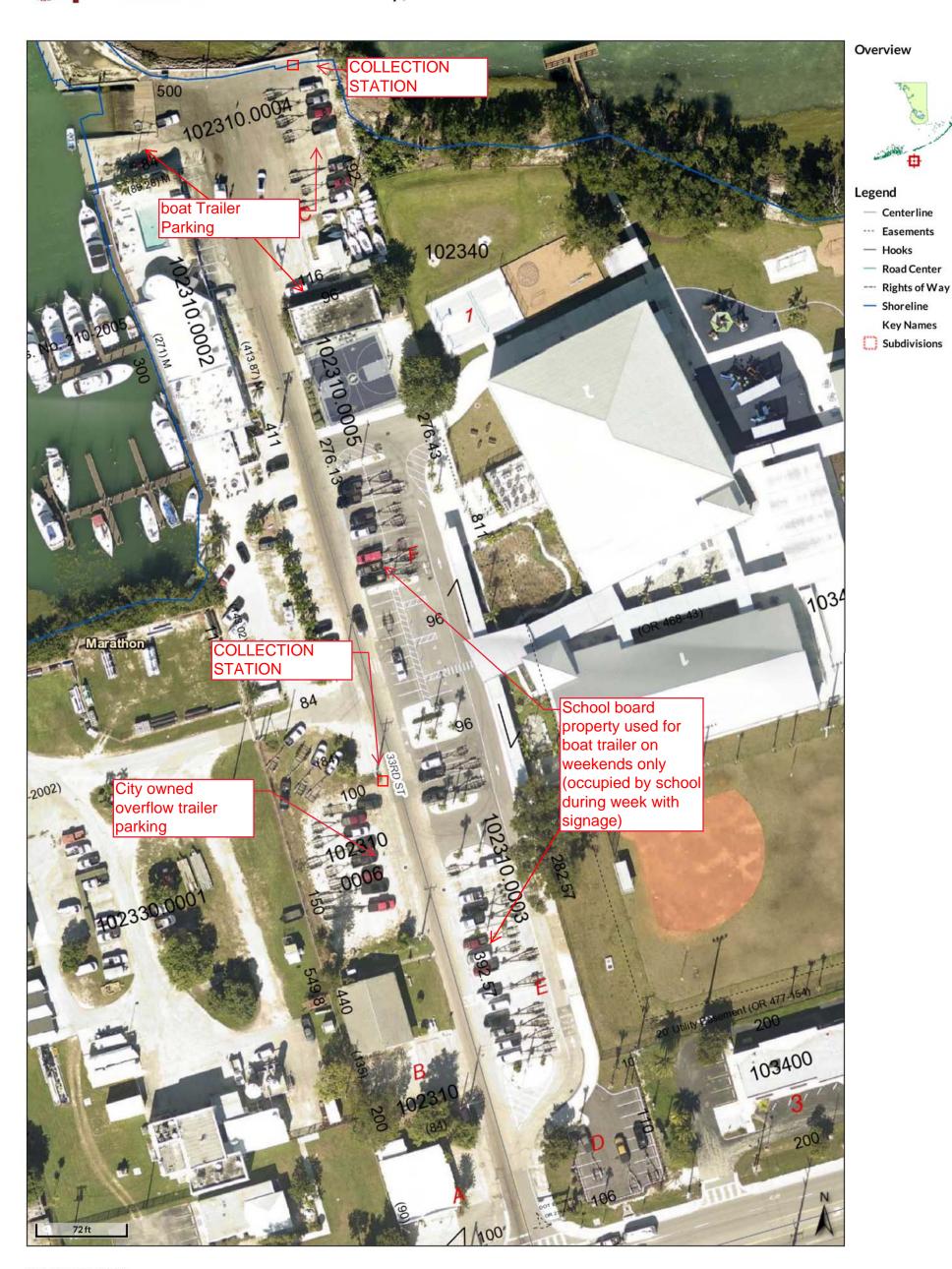
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