



# AGENDA

January 10, 2024 - 1:00 p.m.

333 Chestnut Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756  
The Palm Room

## THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** (1:00)
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**
3. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**  
Citizen comments to the board are invited on items or concerns not already scheduled for public hearing on today's agenda. Please limit comments to three minutes.
4. **RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (1:10)
  - A. Recognition of Outgoing BPAC Member (Brian Smith)
  - B. Recognition of Outgoing Board Member (Jarrod Buchman)
5. **CONSENT AGENDA** (1:20)
  - A. [Approval of Minutes of the November 8, 2023 Meeting](#)
  - B. [Approval of Committee Appointments](#)
  - C. [Approval of and Authorization to Distribute Annual Report](#)
  - D. [Acceptance of FY23 Year-End Financial Report](#)
  - E. [Approval of Scope and Fee for Advantage Alt 19 City of Largo Implementation](#)
6. **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS** – To begin at 1:00 p.m. or as soon as the agenda permits  
**PINELLAS PLANNING COUNCIL** (1:20)
  - A. Countywide Plan Map Amendment(s)
    1. [Case CW 24-01 – City of Clearwater](#)
    2. [Case CW 24-02 – Pinellas County](#)
    3. [Case CW 24-03 – City of St. Petersburg](#)
7. **PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS** (1:50)
  - A. [PSTA Activities Report](#)
  - B. [Regional Activities Report](#)
  - C. [Board Endorsement of Regional Transportation Priorities](#) – Action (Chelsea Favero)
  - D. [Acceptance of Plan and Approval of Recommendations on Advantage Alt 19](#) – Action (Kimley-Horn, Jared Schneider)
  - E. [Advantage Pinellas Housing Action Plan Update](#) (Linda Fisher)
  - F. [Complete Streets Grant Program Awards](#) – Action (Kyle Simpson)
  - G. [Appointment to the MPOAC](#) – Action
8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (2:50)
  - A. [SPOTlight Update](#)
  - B. [Legislative Update](#)
  - C. [Carbon Reduction Program Funding](#)

9. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS** (3:00)

- A. CPA Actions and Forward Pinellas Administrative Review Items
- B. Fatalities Map
- C. Pinellas Trail Data
- D. Draft PAC Action Sheet
- E. Committee Vacancies
- F. Correspondence of Interest
- G. 2023 Audit Plan from Auditors

10. **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Jan 25 <sup>th</sup>	Joint MPOAC Governing Board & Staff Directors' Advisory Committee Meeting – 1:00-5:00 p.m. – Orlando
Feb 14 <sup>th</sup>	Forward Pinellas Board Workshop – 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – Palm Room
Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">TMA Leadership Group Meeting</a> – 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

*Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact the Office of Human Rights, 400 South Fort Harrison Avenue, Suite 300, Clearwater, Florida 33756; [(727) 464-4062 (V/TDD)] at least seven days prior to the meeting.*

*Persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made at this meeting/hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.*

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## **5. Consent Agenda**

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### **SUMMARY**

It is approved board procedure to place routine items under the Consent Agenda for approval with no discussion.

The Consent Agenda has been expanded to include those routine report items identified below. If an item requires discussion, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of any member of the board, discussed, and acted upon separately.

- A. Approval of Minutes of the November 8, 2023 Meeting
- B. Approval of Committee Appointments
- C. Approval of and Authorization to Distribute Annual Report
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**5A. Approval of Minutes of the November 8, 2023 Meeting**

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**SUMMARY**

The minutes from the November 8, 2023 meeting are attached for the board's review and approval.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Minutes of the November 8, 2023 Forward Pinellas meeting

**ACTION:** Board to review and approve the November 8, 2023 meeting minutes.



# Board Meeting Minutes NOVEMBER 8, 2023

THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

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The Forward Pinellas Board held this public meeting in person on November 8, 2023 at the Pinellas County Communications Building in the Palm Room. The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Mayor Julie Bujalski, Forward Pinellas Vice Chair.

**The following members were present:**

Julie Ward Bujalski, Vice Chair, City of Dunedin Mayor (chaired the meeting)  
David Allbritton, Treasurer, City of Clearwater Councilmember  
Gina Driscoll, Secretary, City of St. Petersburg Councilmember  
*Representing Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)*  
Jarrod Buchman, City of Oldsmar Councilmember  
*Representing Oldsmar, Safety Harbor and Tarpon Springs*  
Chris Burke, City of Seminole Councilor  
*Representing Inland Communities*  
Dave Eggers, Pinellas County Commissioner  
Richie Floyd, City of St. Petersburg Councilmember  
John Muhammad, City of St. Petersburg Councilmember (late arrival 1:12 p.m.)  
Brian Scott, Pinellas County Commissioner  
Mayor David Will, Town of Redington Beach Mayor  
*Representing Beach Communities*

Absent

Janet C. Long, Chair, Pinellas County Commissioner  
Patti Reed, City of Pinellas Park Vice Mayor

Also Present

Whit Blanton, Executive Director, Forward Pinellas  
Maria White, Assistant County Attorney  
Forward Pinellas Staff  
Other Interested Individuals

**The board welcomed the new board member, Commissioner Eric Gerard, from the City of Largo.**

**The board unanimously approved sending a comment letter regarding the draft Tentative Work Program, including a request for the department to fully fund existing priority projects before adding new projects to the work program.**

Florida Department of Transportation staff, Brian Hunter, presented highlights from the Draft Tentative Work Program. A public website is available to receive public comments on the Draft Tentative Work Program, with

comments due by November 13, 2023. Furthermore, an Open House was held on October 26th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the FDOT District 7 office. More information on the Draft Tentative Work Program can be found at [www.fdot.gov/wpph/district7](http://www.fdot.gov/wpph/district7).

Discussion:

- Whit Blanton shared the resurfacing projects have yielded a lot of safety benefits and expressed concern over the rising cost of asphalt leading the department to reduce the scope of projects, such as incorporating safety components. He furthermore noted the desire to coordinate more with FDOT, at monthly coordination meetings, to communicate with local communities regarding these projects and benefits.
- Commissioner Eggers inquired if the department has determined a cause of the early breakdown of road surfaces. Justin Hall clarified that this issue is widespread throughout the state and is due to a polymer breaking down prematurely. The department has since switched materials, particularly in higher traffic zones such as intersections.
- Considering price increases, Councilmember Richie Floyd inquired about the status of a couple projects in St. Petersburg - the 28<sup>th</sup> Street North bicycle improvements and 2022 Complete Streets Program project. Whit said the letter can be modified to ask the department to complete projects that are identified as high priority prior to moving on to funding new projects.

**The board unanimously approved an amendment to the FY 2023/24-2027/28 Transportation Improvement Program.**

Forward Pinellas staff, Ariane Martins, presented the following amendment to the FY 2023/24-2027/28 TIP:

- Amendment FPN 449109-1, I-275 (SR 93) from North of 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue North to North of 4<sup>th</sup> Street North. This amendment is adding design funds for the I-275 corridor project that will add two new tolled express lanes from 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue North to Gandy Boulevard and add one tolled express lane from Gandy Boulevard to 4<sup>th</sup> Street North. This will provide two continuous tolled express lanes along I-275 from 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue North up to, and across, the Howard Frankland bridge. This project is part of the 'Moving Florida Forward' transportation funding announcement made in September of this year.

Discussion:

- Tristen Brockwell provided a public comment to express his concern over this project eliminating the future ability to construct light rail in the I-275 right-of-way.
- Sharon Calvert provided a public comment to express her support of the project.
- Forward Pinellas staff, Rob Feigel, shared that the motion was passed in support at the Citizens Advisory Committee by a 15-6 margin.
- Councilmember Richie Floyd inquired if the bridge will be hardened to support a future light rail. FDOT staff, Justin Hall, clarified that the express lanes being built now are where the light rail would be in the future, should it come to fruition. The rail would sit where the express lane currently sits, and the 1990

bridge would then need to be widened to accommodate the express lanes. More noise walls will also be installed along neighborhoods.

- Commissioner Scott requested more detail on the widening of the 1990 bridge. Justin Hall said it can be widened in place and the bridge is not due to be replaced until around 2050.

**The board unanimously approved the Fall Update of the FY2023/24-2027/28 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).**

Every fall, Forward Pinellas updates the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the most recent transportation work programs of the various local governments in the county. Forward Pinellas staff, Ariane Martins, presented the Fall Update document to the board. The Fall Update document includes work program tables of the various local governments, the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Grant Program allocations, and the Pinellas County Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and budget.

**Discussion:**

- Commissioner Eric Gerard inquired if a sidewalk construction project on Indian Rocks Road is locked in. Mona Gabriel from Pinellas County Public Works answered that it is in final stages of design and will start construction in 2024. He also inquired if the Highland Avenue improvement project design, from Belleair Road to East Bay Drive, is solidified or if input for alterations can still be provided. Mona noted she will follow up with the City of Largo.
- Commissioner Eggers inquired if the East Lake Road PD&E will still allow for alternatives to be brought forward. Mona confirmed this is correct. He then asked where the funding for the Dunedin Causeway is coming from. Mona noted they are submitting applications for federal funds.
- Commissioner Eggers also inquired about SR 580 eastbound at US19, particularly if there is a way to dedicate right lane in certain hours to be turn only, such as during rush hours, as traffic backs all the way up to Belcher Road. Justin Hall with FDOT said he can investigate this option. Whit Blanton noted the SR 580 corridor study results could help provide a direction and will be available shortly.

**The board recommended approval of the following amendment to the Countywide Plan Map.**

- Case DA 23-01 – A request from the City of St. Petersburg to amend 17.91 acres of property located at the northwest corner of Gandy Boulevard and I-275 from Activity Center to Activity Center designation. Under the existing Development Agreement, the multifamily residential units cannot be occupied until the third of three industrial buildings is complete, which has been delayed and is now currently estimated to be late 2024 to early 2025. The proposed amendment to the Development Agreement will allow for the vast majority of the originally anticipated industrial uses and the multifamily residential units to be occupied shortly after the late 2023 anticipated completion date.

**The board appointed the following board members to the TMA Leadership Group, SCTPA, and MPOAC Committees.**

- TMA Leadership Group: Commissioner Janet Long, Commissioner Dave Eggers, Councilmember Gina Driscoll
- SCTPA: Councilmember Driscoll
- MPOAC: Commissioner Eggers (primary), Councilmember Jarrod Buchman (alternate), and Councilor Chris Burke (alternate)

Whit Blanton noted there is a provision in place which allows for any board member to provide a vote if the elected members are unable to attend the TMA Leadership Group meetings.

**Forward Pinellas staff presented the Countywide Trends and Conditions Report.**

Rob Feigel presented Forward Pinellas' Countywide Trends and Conditions Report which provides a high-level, annual snapshot of the county's transportation system. The report serves as a tool to evaluate progress toward achieving the goals and objectives of the Advantage Pinellas Long Range Transportation Plan.

**Forward Pinellas staff provided an update on the Housing Action Plan.**

The board approved the Housing Action Plan in July 2023. Beginning this month, the board will receive bimonthly briefings about projects that implement the plan's goals, as well as reports from our partner communities and input from stakeholders in the community. Linda Fisher provided this month's briefing, which included a review of implementation priorities within the next 1-2 years, including the creation of a coordinated media strategy, mapping and analysis tools, and a regulatory toolkit.

**Discussion:**

- Commissioner Eggers requested guidance on how to control and monitor accessory dwellings from becoming Airbnb units, such as implementing longer term leases. Mayor Julie Bujalski seconded this is an issue in Dunedin.
- Commissioner Scott requested a look into the inventory of previously approved affordable housing, such as from 20 years ago, to ensure they remain affordable.
- Commissioner Gerard requested attention be paid to senior housing security.
- Councilor Chris Burke noted he would like a periodic snapshot of data including figures such as housing units available, projected unit growth, and vacancy rates.
- Richie Floyd added he would also like to see construction information in the data snapshots.

**The board recognized Ron Wolfson as the outgoing Pinellas Trail Security Task Force Chair following his retirement from the St. Petersburg Police Department.**



## **SPOTlight Update**

- Executive Director Whit Blanton provided the following updates:
  - Forward Pinellas received notification from FDOT that the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) will be receiving an award totaling \$655,000, to be spent within a three-year timeframe. The grant will cover waterborne transportation operational costs and requires a 50/50 match. The source of the local match needs to be determined. Funds will be available for FY25, starting July 1st of 2024.
  - Next spring, Forward Pinellas and FDOT will be conducting outreach with the communities of Palm Harbor and Tarpon Springs regarding the future of US 19 North. The Palm Harbor business community has previously expressed concerns over loss of visibility due to planned modifications to interchanges. Forward Pinellas will be planning one-on-one meetings with elected officials, commissions, and neighborhoods and local business meetings to discuss options.

## **Other Items**

- Reminder: There is no December Board meeting. The next Board meeting is January 2024.
- PSTA Report
  - PSTA was named the Most Outstanding Agency of the Year by both the American and Florida Public Transportation Associations.
  - A presentation on Transit Oriented Development around the SunRunner noted more than 75 development projects have been tracked in the corridor with a development value estimated at \$7.5 billion.
- Regional Activities Report: Executive Director Whit Blanton shared that the regional MPO report is under final review and will be submitted to the Legislature by the end of the year. It contains much of the same content as the memorandum of understanding (MOU) as well as prospective funding options.
- Legislative Update
  - A proposed change to Senate Bill 250 would take Pinellas County out of group of counties within 100 miles of landfall of Hurricane Ian who could not propose any burdensome regulations. This would allow multiple planning initiatives under development to go forward.
  - Senator Hooper has filed Senate Bill 266 which would place a cap on percentage of state transportation trust funds that go to public transit projects. To not be subject to the cap, counties would need a super-majority vote from the county commission. Whit will prepare a letter, for the board's review, to be sent expressing concern over the cap.
- Executive Director Whit Blanton took a Brightline Tour, travelling with the Tampa Bay Partnership, including a look at the Miami-Dade station and transit-oriented development in West Palm Beach. The train reaches 125 miles per hour and is privately run.
- Public Comment:
  - David Ballard Geddis Jr. expressed his concerns over water supply and regulation codes.
  - Sharon Calvert expressed her concerns over points of ingress/egress at the Tierra Verde Cycle Track and questioned the vetting process of the 34<sup>th</sup> Street lane elimination project. Whit Blanton

provided an overview of the various public input opportunities conducted for both projects (i.e., each public meeting contains a public comment section).

- Mike Eisner from Tarpon Springs requested more money be budgeted towards ensuring the safety of children going to and from school, such as increased lighting and motion detecting flashing lights at intersections.

### **Action Sheet November 8, 2023**

At its November meeting, the Forward Pinellas Board took the following official actions:

- **Consent Agenda** (vote: 11-0)  
Approved to include the following:
  - A. Approval of Minutes of the October 11, 2023 Meeting
  - B. Approval of Committee Appointments
  - C. Approval of 2024 Board and Committees Meeting Schedules
  - D. Acceptance of Planners Advisory Committee (PAC) Roster for 2024
  - E. Countywide Plan Map Annual Update – Official Acceptance
  - F. Acceptance of Quarter Four Financial Report and Budget Amendment(s)
  - G. Approval of Scope and Fee for Advantage Pinellas Financial Resources Projections
  - H. Approval of Scope and Fee for the Gateway Commute Options Assessment and Employee/Employer Survey
- **Proposed Amendment(s) to the FY 2023/24-2027/28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**  
Following an explanation of the amendment(s) by Ariane Martins, Forward Pinellas staff, and a public hearing, the board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, approved the amendment(s) to the TIP. (roll call vote: 11-0)
- **Fall Update of the FY 2023/24-2027/28 TIP**  
Following a presentation by Ariane Martins, Forward Pinellas staff, and a public hearing, the board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, approved the Fall Update of the TIP. (roll call vote: 11-0)
- **Countywide Plan Map Amendment(s)**  
Following a presentation by Emma Wennick, Forward Pinellas staff, and public hearing, one case was recommended for approval:
  - 1. DA 23-01 – City of St. Petersburg (vote: 11-0)
- **Draft Tentative Work Program**  
Following a presentation by Brian Hunter, FDOT, the board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, approved a letter of comments to be sent to FDOT on the Draft Tentative Work Program. (vote: 11-0)

- **TMA Leadership Group, SCTPA and MPOAC Committee Appointments**

The board made committee appointments for 2024:

The TMA Leadership Group representatives will remain the same to include Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Long and Councilmember Gina Driscoll.

The SCTPA representative will continue to be Councilmember Gina Driscoll.

Any board member may serve as an alternate as needed. (vote: 11-0)

The MPOAC representative will continue to be Commissioner Eggers with Councilmember Buchman and Councilor Burke as alternates. (vote: 11-0)

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Chair

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**5B. Approval of Committee Appointments**



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**SUMMARY**

- **BPAC**

Kristen Ehrlich submitted an application to an open At Large seat on the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). Kristen is very passionate about bicycle and pedestrian safety, has commuted and recreationally biked for over 20 years, and is currently a member of the City of St. Petersburg's Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Committee. The City of Pinellas Park has submitted a request to appoint Tiffany Menard as the primary representative to the BPAC, replacing Darby Bryant.

- **TCC**

The City of Clearwater Traffic Engineering has submitted a request to appoint David Lutz as the primary representative to the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and show Corey Martens as alternate. The City of Safety Harbor has submitted a request to add Zain Husain as a second alternate representative to the TCC.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- BPAC Membership Listing
- Kristen Ehrlich membership application
- TCC Membership Listing

**ACTION:** Board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, to approve the appointment of Kristen Ehrlich, at large, and Tiffany Menard, for the City of Pinellas Park, to the BPAC; David Lutz for the City of Clearwater and Zain Husain for the City of Safety Harbor to the TCC.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the board approve the appointments as outlined above.

## **BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LIST**

### **Voting**

#### **St. Petersburg Area (St. Pete/Gulfport/So Pasadena/Tierra Verde)**

1. Stuart Schwartzreich (05/11/22)
2. Keely Murphy (03/08/23)
3. Gordon Brown (04/12/23)
4. Charlie Guy (01/12/22)

#### **Clearwater Area**

5. Gloria Lepik-Corrigan (09/08/21)
6. Fernando Gutierrez (01/12/22)
7. William "Avera" Wynne (06/08/22)

#### **Dunedin Area**

8. Ron Englert (02/08/23)
9. Vacant

#### **Pinellas Park and Mid-County**

10. Vacant
11. Vacant

#### **Largo Area**

12. Daniel Alejandro (10/12/16)
13. Vacant

#### **North County Area (Tarpon Springs/Palm Harbor/Ozona/Oldsmar/Safety Harbor)**

14. Heather Vernillo (08/10/22)
15. Brian Smith (Chairman) (12/12/12)

#### **At Large Area**

16. Eric Sorenson (09/14/22) (Clearwater)
17. Lara Wojahn (02/08/23) (Treasure Island)
18. Julie Worthington (10/11/23) (Clearwater)
19. Annette Sala (03/12/14) (St. Petersburg)
20. Kristin Ehrlich (01/10/24) (St. Petersburg)
21. Vacant
22. Vacant

#### **Seminole Area**

23. Donovan Nickell (01/11/23)

#### **Beach Communities**

24. Peter Wray (02/08/23)
25. Paul Zagami (Vice-Chair) (01/12/22)

#### **Technical Support**

1. County Traffic Department (Joan Rice – representative, John Rieman and Gina Harvey– alternates)
2. Pinellas County Planning Department (Scott Swearngen – representative)
3. PSTA (James Phillips – representative; Devan Deal – alternate)
4. City of Clearwater (Jayme Lopko - representative, Lauren Matzke - representative)
5. City of St. Petersburg (Elisabeth Staten – representative; Cheryl Stacks - alternate)
6. City of Largo (Whitney Clark – representative; Diane Friel - alternate)
7. City of Oldsmar (Matt Jackson – representative, Tatiana Childress – alternate)
8. City of Pinellas Park (Tiffany Menard – representative, Derek Reeves – alternate)
9. City of Dunedin (Kathy Gademer – representative, James Cunningham – alternate)
10. City of Tarpon Springs (Caroline Lanford – representative)
11. Pinellas County School System (Joseph Camera- representative, Autumn Westermann- alternate)
12. Friends of the Pinellas Trails (Scott Daniels – representative, Jim Wedlake - alternate)
13. CUTR (Julie Bond - representative)

#### **Sheriff's Office /Police/Law Enforcement Representatives**

1. Pinellas Park Police Dept.
2. St Petersburg Police Dept.
3. Largo Police Dept.
4. Sheriff's Office – Deputy Dan Nocera
5. Clearwater Police Dept.

#### **Non-Voting Technical Support**

14. FDOT (Jensen Hackett - representative)
15. County Parks and Conservation Resources (Lyle Fowler – representative; Spencer Curtis – alternate)

\*Dates signify appointment

**Applicant Information**

<b>First Name</b>	Kristen
<b>Last Name</b>	Ehrlich
<b>Home Address</b>	2386 Granada Cir W
<b>City</b>	Saint Petersburg
<b>State</b>	FL
<b>Email</b>	kristen.ehrlich@gmail.com
<b>Home phone number</b>	7276771840
<b>Preferred method of contact</b>	Home Phone
<b>Date of Birth</b>	Sep 17, 1985
<b>Gender</b>	Female
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Caucasian

**Education & Experience**

<b>What is your highest level of education?</b>	Master's Degree or above
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<b>What was your Major/Subjects of Study in school?</b>	Law/ Tax
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<b>Please list any specialize training, licenses or certificates you'd like us to know about.</b>	Specialty in tax and helmet fitting safety certified
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**About the Committee**

<b>Advisory committee you're interested in serving on (check all that apply):</b>	Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
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<b>Why are you interested in serving on this committee(s)?</b>	See Attached.
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**If you are appointed,  
do you know of any  
reason whatsoever  
why you will not be  
able to physically  
attend regularly  
scheduled meetings or  
otherwise fulfill the  
duties of the  
membership to which  
you have been  
appointed?**

No

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Why are you interested in serving on this committee(s)?

I have a deep passion for pedestrian and bicycle safety and have spent the majority of 2023 participating in St Petersburg's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee as a local citizen. I have recreational and commuter biked for over twenty years and have been fortunate enough to live in several cities with progressive pedestrian and bicycle planning, such as Boston. Based on this experience I believe there are certain forward thinking needs that the city and Pinellas County may want to consider as part of their long-term planning that are not currently in place. My professional background is as a mergers and acquisitions focused tax attorney; however, I also have experience in local government as well. After my extensive time participating in city meetings, I believe Forward Pinellas would be the ideal organization to become more involved in as a member as it deals with longer term planning and budgeting, two areas I have expertise in.

As a background of my current level of involvement in planning, my interest in being involved in city meetings was in providing a safe and thorough access point from the southernmost tip of the county, Pinellas Point, to downtown St. Petersburg along 31<sup>st</sup> South as this is the area I currently reside and have intimate knowledge of its issues. After researching I presented the committee, along with a private presentation to city employees, Evan \_\_\_ and Cheryl Stacks, my findings of the confusing nature of the city's current bike path guidance on 31<sup>st</sup> S, as well as ideas to connect Pinellas Point to Central Avenue based on both the current expansion of this area and growing needs of the Grand Central and Marina Districts for not only recreational multi module transport but also commuting transportation. Current trends indicate the increasing cost of car insurance along with the rising cost of essential goods and housing is widening the gap for many already economically disenfranchised neighborhoods on the South Side which need safe and reliable methods to commute to work.

I presented to the city a presentation, one which I worked on collecting data from the city and county's publicly available data, correspondence with city's parks and recreational facilities, and local outreach to community stakeholders.



# TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LIST

**Pinellas County Public Works (Traffic)**

Joan Rice (Chair)  
Alternates: Tom Washburn & Gina Harvey

**Pinellas County Planning**

Scott Swearengen  
Alternate: Corey Gray

**Pinellas County School Board**

Autumn Westermann  
Alternate: Joseph Camera

**Department of Environmental Protection**

Vacant  
Alternate: Vacant

**Clearwater Planning Department**

Jayne Lopko  
Alternate: Dylan Prins

**Clearwater Traffic Operations**

David Lutz  
Alternate: Cory Martens

**Dunedin Traffic Engineering**

Mary Sheets  
Alternate: Sue Bartlett

**Indian Rocks Beach**

Hetty Harmon  
Alternate: Vacant

**Largo Community Development –Engineering**

Barry Westmark  
Alternate: Rafal Cieslak/Megan Dion, PE

**Pinellas Park Planning Department**

Erica Lindquist  
Alternate: Derek Reeves

**Safety Harbor**

Cecilia Chen  
Alternate: Marcie Stenmark and Zain Husain

**Pinellas County Public Works (Eng.)**

Brent Hall  
Alternate: Ann Venables/Mona Gabriel

**Pinellas County Environmental Mgmt.**

Sheila Schneider  
Alternate: Vacant

**Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority**

Jacob Labutka  
Alternate: Nicole Dufva

**Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council**

Brian Ellis  
Alternate: Vacant

**Beach Communities**

Vacant

**Clearwater Engineering**

Vacant  
Alternate: Vacant

**Dunedin Planning**

Frances Leong Sharp  
Alternate: Kathy Gademer and George Kinney

**Gulfport**

Mark Griffin  
Alternate: Mike Taylor

**Largo Community Development**

Taylor Hague  
Alternate: Alicia Parinello

**Oldsmar**

Jesus Sanchez  
Alternate: Tatiana Childress

**Pinellas Pk. Storm Water & Transportation**

Dan Hubbard  
Alternate: Vacant

**St. Petersburg/Clearwater Int'l Airport**

Vacant

**St. Petersburg Engineer & Capital Improve Dept.**

Evan Birk  
Alternate: Kevin Jackson

**St. Petersburg Transport. & Parking Mgmt. Dept.**

Cheryl Stacks  
Alternate: Elisabeth Staten

**Seminole**

Wesley Wright  
Alternate: Vacant

**Treasure Island**

Katheryn Younkin  
Alternate: Vickie Pless

**St. Petersburg Plan & Econo. Develop. Dept.**

Tom Whalen  
Alternate: Rebecca Moistner

**St. Pete Beach**

Alaina Grundy  
Alternate:

**Tarpon Springs Planning**

Caroline Lanford  
Alternate: Pat McNeese

**FDOT (technical support)**

Kelsey Olinger  
Jensen Hackett

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**5C. Authorization to Distribute Annual Report**

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**SUMMARY**

The Special Act that created the Pinellas Planning Council, doing business as Forward Pinellas, requires the agency to produce an annual report. The report highlights the agency's accomplishments of the past year, including updates on transportation and land-use planning activities, ongoing partnerships, SPOTlight emphasis areas, and staff achievements. The report also looks ahead at the planned work activities in 2024. The 2023 Annual Report is attached for board review and approval for electronic distribution.

**ATTACHMENT:** [Forward Pinellas Annual Report 2023 Final](#)

**ACTION:** Board to approve the Annual Report and authorize its distribution.

**January 10, 2024**

**5D. Acceptance of FY23 Year-End Financial Report**



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**SUMMARY**

The fiscal year ended on September 30, 2023. The unaudited year-end financial report is attached for the board's review.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Unaudited Financial Report through year-end FY23

**ACTION:** Board to receive and accept the FY23 year-end financial report.



PINELLAS PLANNING COUNCIL  
FYE 2023  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUES	<u>FY23 YTD- thru</u> <u>9/30/23</u>	<u>FY23 BUDGET -</u> <u>AMENDED</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>	<u>% Of Anticipated</u> <u>REVENUES</u> <u>Received</u>
Interest	5,392	290	(5,102.25)	1859%
Other Income	145,800	148,500	2,700.20	98%
Tax Revenue	2,258,717	2,211,780	(46,937.06)	102%
Local Assistance Contract Services	89,042	19,000	(70,041.90)	469%
MPO Charges for Services (Revenue)	1,304,157	1,443,260	139,103.28	90%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,803,108</b>	<b>3,822,830</b>	<b>19,722.27</b>	<b>99%</b>

EXPENDITURES	<u>FY23 YTD- thru</u> <u>9/30/23</u>	<u>FY23 BUDGET -</u> <u>AMENDED</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>	<u>% OF BUDGETED</u> <u>Expenses</u> <u>Allocated</u>
Salaries & Wages	1,432,227	1,593,590	161,363.05	90%
FICA & Benefits	642,156	735,190	93,033.70	87%
<i>Personal Services</i>	<b>2,074,383</b>	<b>2,328,780</b>	<b>254,396.75</b>	<b>89%</b>
Contractual Support Services	433,214	588,000	154,786.33	74%
Rent	89,871	89,880	8.55	100%
Equip. & Furn.	17,868	24,630	6,762.38	73%
Telephone ( <i>Comm Svcs</i> )	3,600	4,220	620.00	85%
Mail (Postage)	2,363	3,160	796.62	75%
Advertising Notice ( <i>Otr Chgs Legal Adv</i> )	16,259	30,000	13,741.22	54%
Printing/Reproduction	2,659	5,470	2,811.27	49%
Office Supplies	7,720	19,040	11,319.82	41%
PAO/Tax Coll Commissions	55,454	56,020	569.92	99%
Intergovernmental Services	319,420	372,050	52,630.00	86%
Risk Management	14,210	14,210	(0.04)	100%
Travel	4,808	10,520	5,712.26	46%
Communications, Advocacy, & Educ	11,624	20,000	7,810.72	61%
Audit	24,188	26,880	2,692.00	90%
Council Activities	2,101	9,470	7,369.46	22%
Contingency ( <i>Otr Current Chgs &amp; Obligations</i> )	30,492	286,340	255,847.53	11%
Misc Exp	1,648			
GW4.003 · Compensated Absence	5,648			
GW4.004 · Depreciation Expense	401			
GW4006 · Lease Expense	(89,871)			
GW4007 · Lease Interest Expense	26,602			
GW4009 · Lease Amortization Expense	82,086			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,136,748</b>	<b>3,888,670</b>	<b>751,922.46</b>	<b>81%</b>

**Revenues less Expenditures**

**666,360**

**January 10, 2024**

**5E. Approval of Scope and Fee for Advantage Alt 19 City of Largo Implementation**



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**SUMMARY**

In June 2022, Forward Pinellas began work on an Advantage Pinellas Investment Corridor Transition Plan to develop a mobility, safety and redevelopment strategy for Alternate US 19. The purpose of the plan, known as *Advantage Alt 19: Investing in People and Places along the Alternate US 19 Corridor*, is to evaluate Alternate US 19 (SR 595) from SR 60 to 58th Street North at 5th Avenue North, and 58th Street North from 5th Avenue North to Central Avenue. Our goal is to guide positive redevelopment and provide people with better access from their homes to their jobs and job training opportunities, as well as other desired destinations, via reliable transportation options.

The project team has completed all analysis and has wrapped up the corridor plan. The purpose of this scope of services is to provide support on implementing recommendations from the Advantage Alt 19 plan, which identified a series of policy/regulatory, infrastructure, and funding recommendations. This scope of services will focus on action items for the City of Largo station areas from the Advantage Alt 19 project, specifically for the Downtown Largo and Largo Mall station areas. Support for the Rosery Road station area will also be included in conjunction with the Clearwater-Largo Road Community Redevelopment District (CRD) Master plan. The tasks will focus on developing complementary policy, code and standards updates related to transit-oriented station area development, including access to jobs, housing affordability, and a mixture of other uses. The scope also includes additional testing of the code as well as additional stakeholder engagement.

Forward Pinellas and the City of Largo have selected Kimley-Horn to assist the city with implementation actions for Advantage Alt 19. Staff is seeking board approval of the negotiated scope and fee for this project.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Final Advantage Alternate 19: City of Largo Implementation Scope of Work and Fee Estimate

**ACTION:** Board, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, to approve the scope of work and fee for the Advantage Alternate 19: City of Largo Implementation and authorize staff to commence with the project.



## Advantage Alternate 19: City of Largo Implementation

Scope of Services  
November 30, 2023

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this scope of services is to provide support on implementing recommendations from the Advantage Alt 19 project which identified a series of policy/regulatory, infrastructure, and funding recommendations. This scope of services will focus on action items for the City of Largo station areas from the Advantage Alt 19 project, specifically for the Downtown Largo and Largo Mall station areas. Support for the Rosery Road station area will also be included in conjunction with the Clearwater-Largo Road Community Redevelopment District (CRD) Master plan. The tasks will focus on supporting policy, code and standards updates related to transit-oriented station area development including access to jobs, housing affordability, and a mixture of other uses. The scope also includes additional testing of the code as well as additional stakeholder engagement.

#### Background

Forward Pinellas created the Investment Corridor Strategy, where a set of roadway corridors within Pinellas County have been prioritized for redevelopment and reinvestment with the goal of linking jobs and housing. The Countywide Plan was amended to allow for increased densities and intensities along these corridors that would encourage development and redevelopment opportunities. The Alternate US 19 Corridor is identified as one of the priority investment corridors.

The Advantage Pinellas Investment Corridor Transition Plan, known as Advantage Alt 19: Investing in People and Places along the Alternate US 19 Corridor, was started in 2022 to specifically evaluate Alternate US 19 (SR 595) from SR 60 to 58th Street North at 5th Avenue North, and 58th Street North from 5th Avenue North to Central Avenue. The goal of the plan is to provide people with better access from their homes to their jobs and job training opportunities as well as other desired destinations via reliable transportation options.

The Advantage Alt 19 project includes a Corridor Redevelopment Plan, which outlines a series of guiding goals and objectives and will identify a redevelopment strategy that includes phasing actions that will result in robust revitalization and reinvestment. This study will be developed within a context that reflects the long-term vision for the area. The Corridor Redevelopment Plan will include short, mid and long-term implementation strategies that guide future development within the corridor, as well as specific improvements that can potentially be advanced in the near term.

## SCOPE OF SERVICES

The scope of services is outlined by task below:

### Task 1: Project Management

1. Kickoff: Kimley-Horn will conduct one (1) kickoff meeting with City and Forward Pinellas staff in person. The scope, key project goals/objectives, and schedule will be discussed. Key deliverables and milestones including meetings with the municipalities will also be confirmed.
2. Progress Meetings: Kimley-Horn will conduct monthly progress meetings to be held virtually. Up to eight (8) meetings will be held with up to three (3) Kimley-Horn staff.

#### **Deliverables:**

- Kickoff meeting attendance and notes
- Progress updates

### Task 2: Policy and Regulatory Implementation Support

1. Comprehensive Development Code (CDC) Evaluation: Kimley-Horn staff will utilize readily available information from the Advantage Alt 19 project to evaluate incorporating station area standards such as allowable uses, density/intensity, minimum lot size, impervious surface ratio, setbacks, building height, architectural standards, and parking. A determination will be made if district development standards should be relocated to the CDC for ease of administration for city staff and ease of use for property owners and developers. A focus will be on reviewing the West Bay Drive Community Redevelopment District and Largo Mall Activity Center plans. The Clearwater-Largo Road Community Redevelopment District evaluation will come out of the Clearwater-Largo Road CRD Master Plan effort. Kimley-Horn staff will also work with city staff to identify overlaps and conflicts with the existing code and optional standards as part of the district plans and will develop a draft CDC assessment matrix of potential amendments.
2. Beta testing: Kimley-Horn will conduct a total of four (4) beta tests. It is envisioned that the beta tests will focus on the TOD placetypes to represent redevelopment scenarios. The beta tests will include sketch drawings and a summary of observations in a brief write-up. Conceptual plans and 3D renderings can be included as additional services.
3. CDC Update Support: Kimley-Horn staff will prepare a strikethrough/underline of CDC sections agreed upon by Kimley-Horn and City of Largo staff. It is anticipated that city staff will prepare a CDC text amendment to convey consistency between the



different district goals and objectives and those of the City of Largo's Comprehensive Plan. It is understood Kimley-Horn will not create or amend GIS files, update base mapping, amend the city's maps or similar as part of this assignment. Kimley-Horn's strikethrough/underlines will address issues with overlapping optional standards competing with required standards and with Live Local Act and will update the CDC regulations up to three (3) times after receiving feedback from staff. Kimley-Horn will provide the regulations and city staff will finalize should there be the need for additional updates/changes.

4. (Optional) Countywide Plan Amendment Support: Kimley-Horn staff will provide support related to countywide plan amendments, if needed, such as buildout analysis.
5. (Optional) Rendering Support: Kimley-Horn staff will provide up to six (6) total graphics and renderings to support and convey potential updates to the CDC.

***Deliverables:***

- Draft CDC assessment matrix of potential amendments
- Up to four (4) beta tests
- Draft CDC strikethroughs/underlines
- (Optional) Countywide Plan Amendment support
- (Optional) Rendering Support

**Task 3: Engagement Support**

1. Stakeholder engagement: Kimley-Horn will assist city staff in preparing for and attending up to four (4) stakeholder meetings to gather stakeholder input on the potential draft CDC updates. It is envisioned that these stakeholder meetings will be focused on businesses, developers, property, and land owners. Kimley-Horn will summarize the feedback collected in the stakeholder meetings and will utilize this information to inform updates to the CDC. The city will be responsible for identifying the list of attendees, providing the invitations/notice of the meeting and securing the meeting location.
2. Community workshops/events: Kimley-Horn will work with city staff to prepare for and attend up to two (2) workshops or events. It is envisioned the workshops/events will be focused on the Downtown Largo and Largo Mall area. The intent will be to hold as part of already scheduled events. City staff will notice and organize the location reservation. Up to four (4) Kimley-Horn staff will participate and attend each workshop. Kimley-Horn will prepare a draft summary documenting the outcome of the workshops/events to staff for review and comment. A final summary will then be

provided documenting the workshops/events after receiving comments from staff.

3. (Optional) Online Survey: Kimley-Horn will develop an online survey using survey monkey to be distributed to businesses through the city's POLCO software (or similar format). City staff will provide one (1) round of comments.

**Deliverables:**

- Prepare for and attend up to four (4) stakeholder meetings
- Prepare for and attend up to two (2) community workshops/events
- Stakeholder and workshop/event meeting summaries
- (Optional) One (1) online survey

**ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

Any services not specifically provided for in the above scope will be billed as additional services and performed at our then current hourly rates. Additional services we can provide include, but are not limited to, the following: Renderings and concepts, infrastructure assessments, opinions of probable costs, comprehensive plan and additional comprehensive development code updates, community meetings or meetings not specified above.

**SCHEDULE**

The total months for services is anticipated to be 8 months from the Notice to Proceed (NTP). Below is the anticipated schedule as agreed upon by the Consultant and city staff.

- Task 1: Project Management – *Throughout*
- Task 2: Policy and Regulatory Implementation Support – *2-8 Months from NTP*
- Task 3: Engagement – *3-8 Months from NTP*

**COMPENSATION**

The Consultant will perform the services in Tasks 1-3 as a total lump sum fee of \$60,000. Lump sum fees will be invoiced monthly based upon the overall percentage of services performed.

**January 10, 2024**

**6A1. Case CW 24-01 City of Clearwater**



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**SUMMARY**

From: Residential Low Medium  
To: Public/Semi-Public  
Area: 0.54 acres m.o.l.  
Location: 210 Meadow Lark Lane  
Jurisdiction: City of Clearwater

**RECOMMENDATION**

Pinellas Planning Council staff recommends that the proposed map amendment to Public/Semi-Public, be approved.

**BACKGROUND**

This proposed amendment is submitted by the City of Clearwater to amend a property from Residential Low Medium to Public/Semi-Public. The current Residential Low Medium category is intended to depict areas that are now developed, or appropriate to be developed, in a suburban, low density or moderately dense residential manner; and to recognize such areas as primarily well-suited for residential uses that are consistent with the suburban qualities, transportation facilities, including transit, and natural resources of such areas. The proposed Public/Semi-Public category is intended to recognize institutional and transportation/utility uses that serve the community or region, especially larger facilities having acreage exceeding the thresholds established in other plan categories, and which are consistent with the need, character, and scale of such uses relative to the surrounding uses, transportation facilities, and natural resource features.

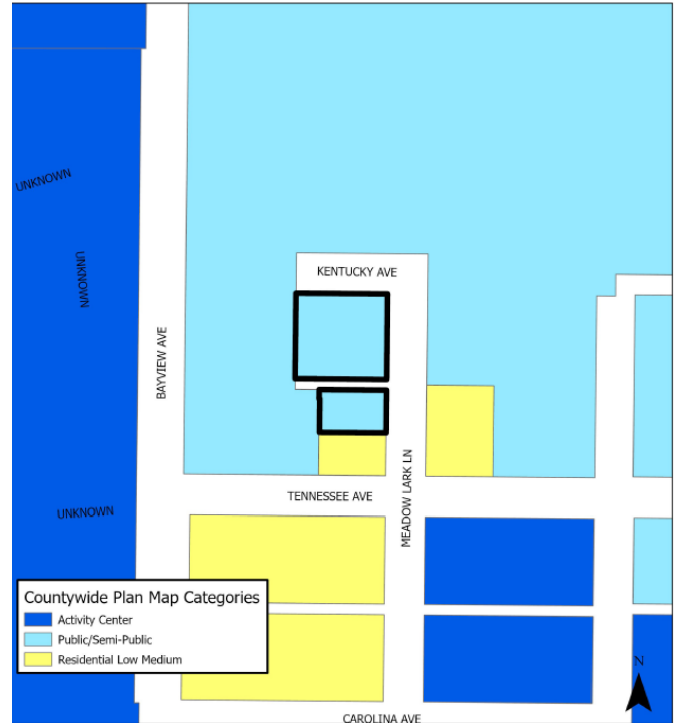
This case involves two parcels totaling 0.540-acres located on the west side of Meadow Lark Lane approximately 820 feet north of Gulf to Bay Boulevard. The properties are owned by First Baptist Church of Clearwater, Inc. are currently vacant. The applicant is requesting the proposed amendment to use the site as a softball field for Calvary Christian High School. The parcels are within Pinellas County's jurisdiction, and the applicant has submitted a Petition for Annexation (ANX2023-06007) into the City of Clearwater. This separate application is being processed concurrently with this map amendment. As Calvary Christian High School's athletic facilities have expanded over time, properties have been annexed and incorporated into the main parcel, future land use and zoning amendments have been approved to ensure the overall property would have a consistent institutional designation. An amendment to the Countywide Plan Map is therefore required to bring consistency between the City's Future Land Use Map and the Countywide Plan Map.

The current Residential Low Medium category contains maximum acreage thresholds for certain uses. Any use that exceeds the acreage threshold is required to undergo an amendment to a category where the use does not have an acreage maximum. Institutional

uses in the Residential Low Medium category are permitted up to five acres. Although the subject parcels are under five acres, because the larger church parcel is just over 41 acres, this provision would apply, requiring an amendment to the Public/Semi-Public category.

Current Countywide Plan Map

Proposed Countywide Plan Map



**FINDINGS**

Staff submits the following findings in support of the preliminary recommendation:

- A. The Public/Semi-Public category is appropriate for the proposed use of the property and is consistent with the criteria for utilization of this category.
- B. The proposed amendment either does not involve, or will not significantly impact, the remaining relevant countywide considerations.

Please see accompanying attachments in explanation and support of these findings.

**LIST OF MAPS & ATTACHMENTS:**

- Map 1 Location Map
- Map 2 Jurisdictional Map
- Map 3 Aerial Map
- Map 4 Current Countywide Plan Map
- Map 5 Proposed Countywide Plan Map

Forward Pinellas Staff Analysis  
[Presentation](#)

**MEETING DATES:**

Planners Advisory Committee, January 2, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

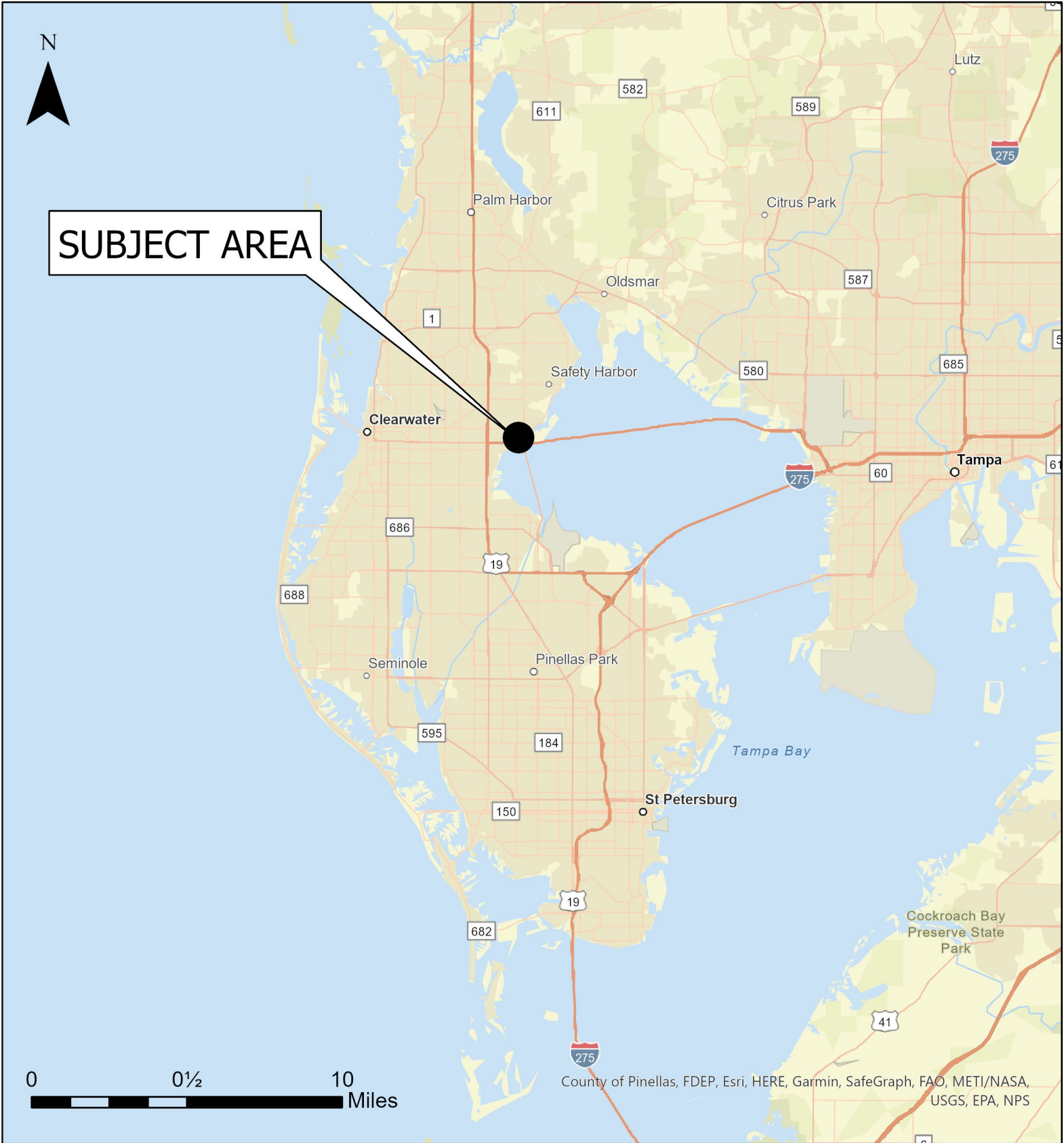
Forward Pinellas, January 10, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

Countywide Planning Authority, February 20, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** At its January 2, 2024 meeting, the Planners Advisory Committee voted 13-0 to recommend approval of this amendment.

# Case CW24-01

## Map 1: Location Map



**JURISDICTION: Clearwater**

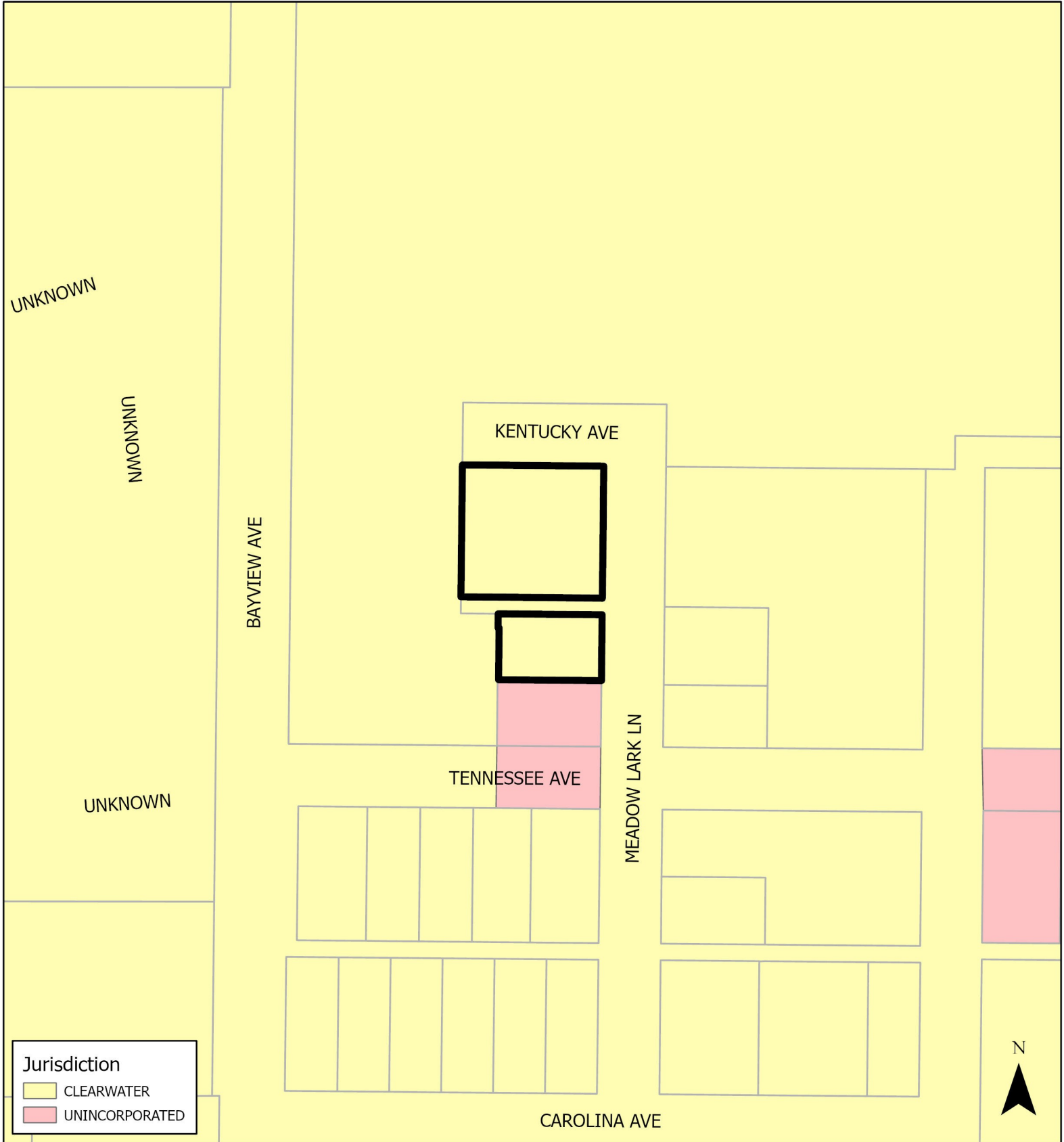
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**AREA: 0.54 acres m.o.l.**

**TO: Public/Semi-Public**

# Case CW24-01

## Map 2: Jurisdictional Map

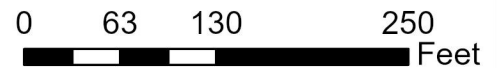


**JURISDICTION:** Clearwater

**FROM:** Residential Low Medium

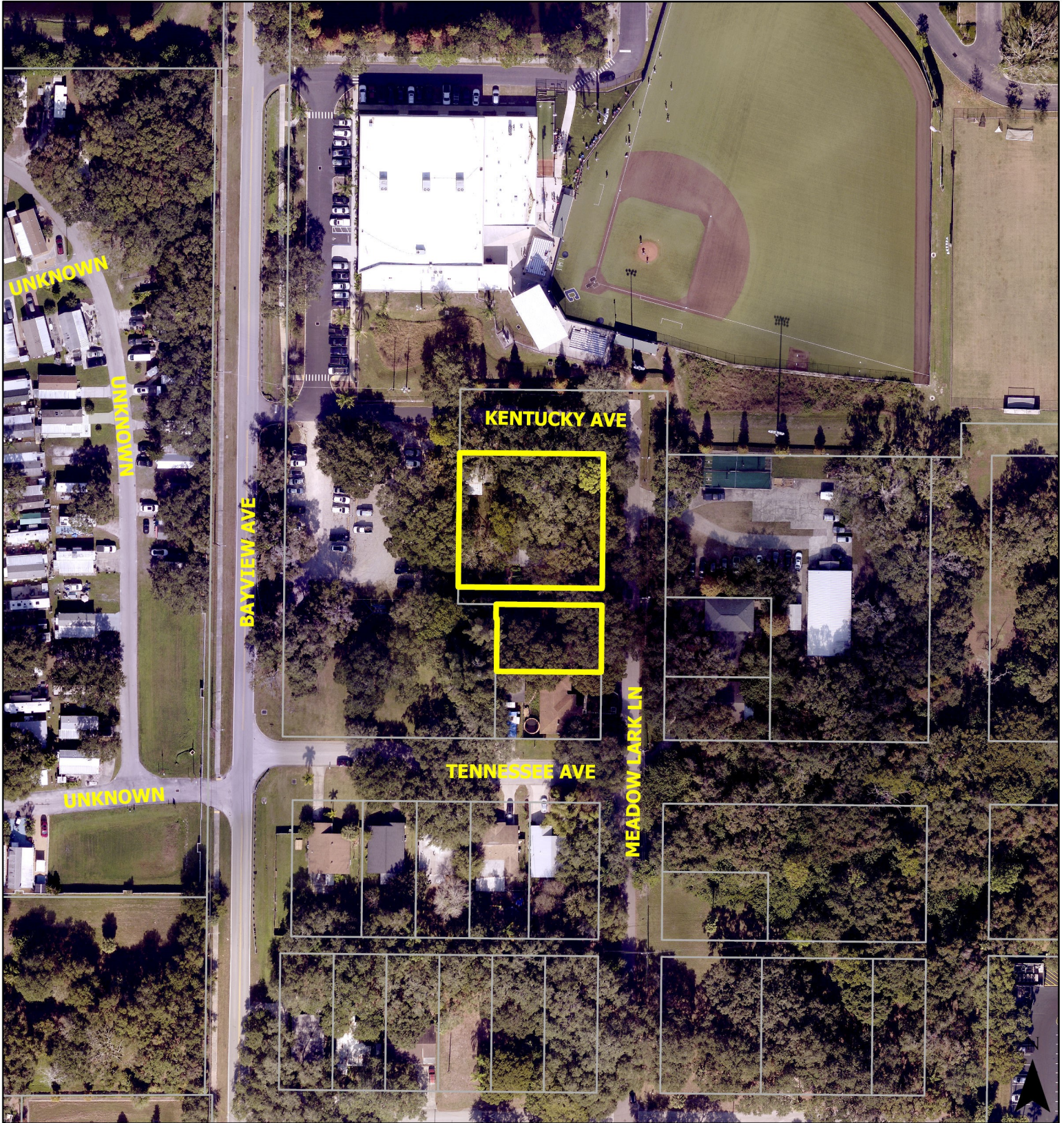
**AREA:** 0.54 acres m.o.l.

**TO:** Public/Semi-Public



# Case CW24-01

## Map 3: Aerial Map

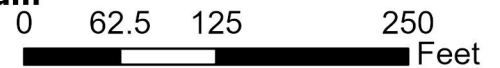


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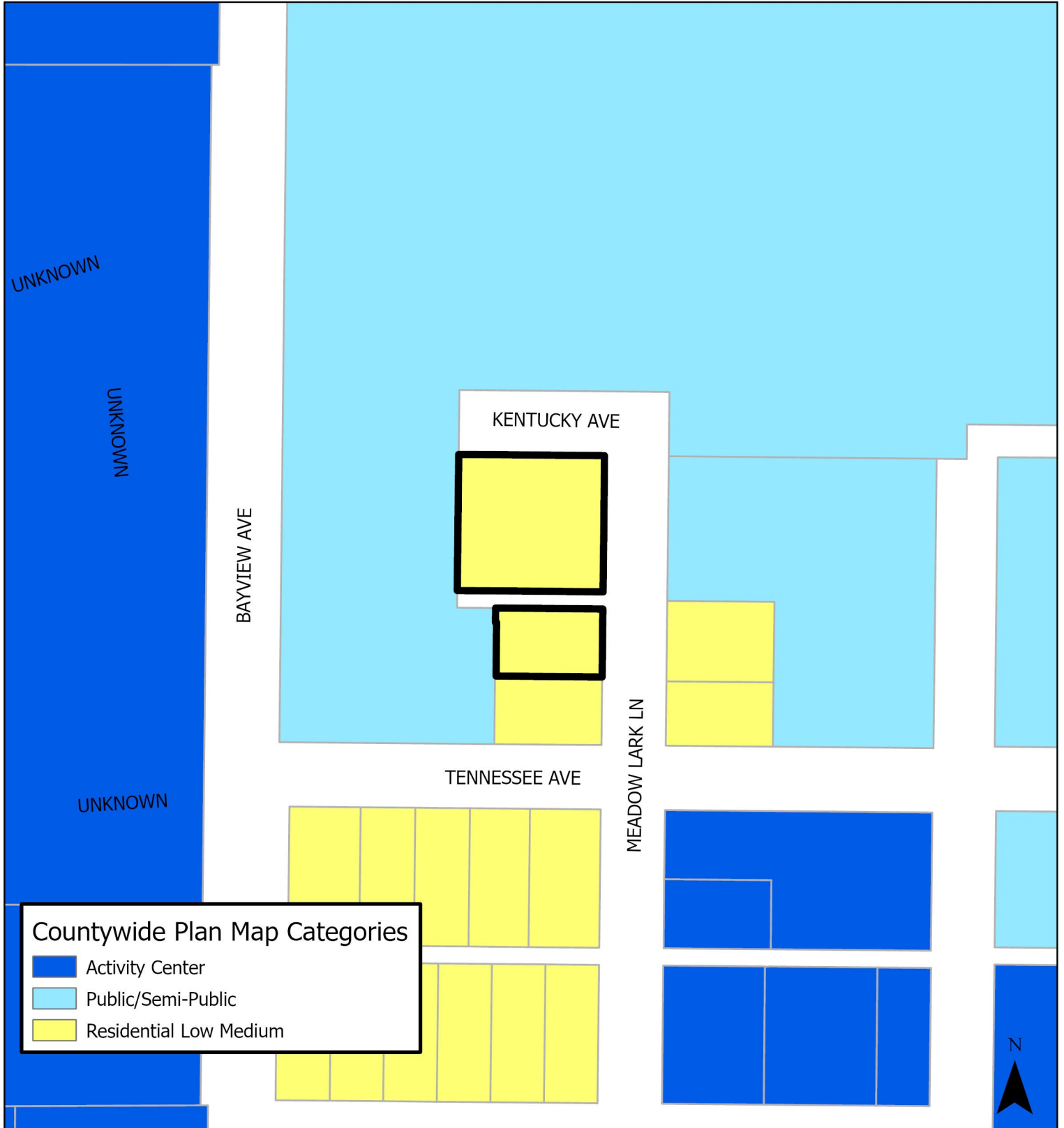
**AREA:** 0.54 acres m.o.l.

**FROM:** Residential Low Medium

**TO:** Public/Semi-Public







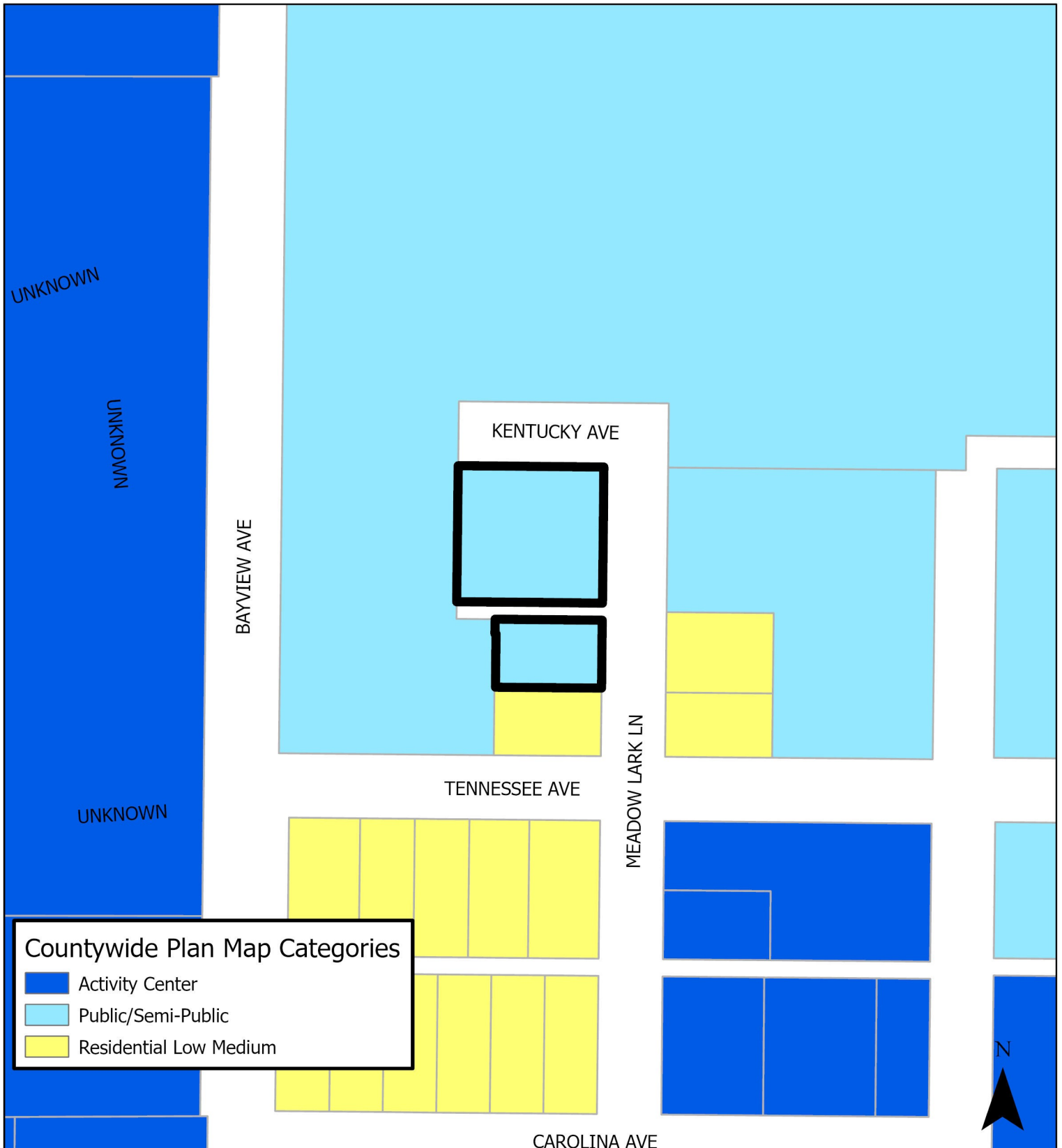
**JURISDICTION:** Clearwater

**AREA:** 0.54 acres m.o.l

**FROM:** Residential Low Medium

**TO:** Public/Semi-Public





**JURISDICTION: Clearwater**

**AREA: 0.54 acres**

**FROM: Residential Low Medium**

**TO: Public/Semi-Public**



## FORWARD PINELLAS STAFF ANALYSIS



**APPLICATION NO.:** Case CW 24-01

**STAFF:** Emma Wennick, Program Planner

**APPLICANT:** City of Clearwater

**PROPERTY SIZE:** 0.540 acres m.o.l.

**CURRENT COUNTYWIDE PLAN MAP CATEGORY:** Residential Low Medium

**PROPOSED COUNTYWIDE PLAN MAP CATEGORY:** Public/Semi-Public

**CURRENT LOCAL FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP CATEGORY:** City of Clearwater– Residential Urban

**PROPOSED LOCAL FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP CATEGORY:** City of Clearwater – Institutional

**LOCATION / PARCEL ID:** 210 Meadow Lark Lane / 16-29-16-05292-004-0050, 16-29-16-05292-004-0070

### **BACKGROUND SUMMARY:**

The applicant is requesting an amendment to the Countywide Plan Map from Residential Low Medium to Public/Semi-Public to allow development that is in character with the Future Land Use Map designations in the area without acreage threshold limitations.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of an amendment to the Countywide Plan Map from Residential Low Medium to Public/Semi-Public.

### **PLANNERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

The Planners Advisory Committee met on January 2, 2024 and voted unanimously to recommend approval. (vote: 13-0)

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL/COMMISSION ACTION:**

The Clearwater City Council held a public hearing on the local future land use map amendment on October 18, 2023. Councilmembers approved first reading of the ordinance with a 4-0 vote. Mayor Brian Aungst, Sr. recused himself from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

**CURRENT PROPERTY INFORMATION:**

<b>Property Use(s):</b>	Vacant
<b>Site Features:</b>	This case involves two parcels totaling 0.540-acres located on the west side of Meadow Lark Lane approximately 820 feet north of Gulf to Bay Boulevard. The properties are owned by First Baptist Church of Clearwater, Inc. and larger area is the location of Calvary Christian High School.

**PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:**

When considering this application, the following general site conditions, planning concepts, and other facts should be noted:

1. The parcels are within Pinellas County’s jurisdiction, and the applicant has submitted a Petition for Annexation (ANX2023-06007) that is being processed concurrently with this case.
2. The proposed amendment area is abutting to the main Calvary Baptist Church parcel and campus, which consists of a church, high school, athletic facilities, parking, and additional institutional uses supporting the main church.
3. The church has continued to purchase residential properties in the areas adjacent to and in vicinity of its 41.016-acre main parcel which includes Calvary Baptist Church, Calvary Christian High School, athletic facilities, and other institutional uses that support the church.
4. The subject parcels are currently vacant as the prior existing structures were demolished in mid-2023, according to demolition permits filed with Pinellas County.

**RELEVANT COUNTYWIDE CONSIDERATIONS:**

The proposed amendment to the Countywide Plan Map is a legislative decision. The standards for the current and proposed Countywide Plan Map categories are summarized below:

	<p><b>Current Countywide Plan Map Category:</b> Residential Low Medium</p>	<p><b>Proposed Countywide Plan Map Category:</b> Public/Semi-Public</p>
<p><b>Purpose:</b></p>	<p>Intended to depict areas that are now developed, or appropriate to be developed, in a suburban, low density or moderately dense residential manner; and to recognize such areas as primarily well-suited for residential uses that are consistent with the suburban qualities, transportation facilities, including transit, and natural resources of such areas.</p>	<p>Intended to recognize institutional, and transportation/utility uses that serve the community or region, especially larger facilities having acreage exceeding the thresholds established in other plan categories, which are consistent with the need, character, and scale of such uses relative to the surrounding uses, transportation facilities, and natural resource features, and may include residential as part of the mix of uses.</p>
<p><b>Permitted Uses:</b></p>	<p>Residential; Residential Equivalent; Vacation Rental pursuant to the provisions of Section 509.242(1)(c), Florida Statutes; Accessory Dwelling Unit; Public Educational Facility; Recreation/Open Space; Community Garden; Agricultural-Light; Agricultural.</p> <p>Office; Personal Service/Office Support; Retail Commercial are Subject to One Acre Maximum</p> <p>Ancillary Nonresidential; Transportation/Utility are subject to a three-acre maximum.</p> <p>Institutional (except Public Educational Facilities which are not subject to this threshold, pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.5.4.2) are subject to a five-acre maximum.</p>	<p>Institutional; Transportation/Utility; Residential; Residential Equivalent; Vacation Rental pursuant to the provisions of Section 509.242(1)(c), Florida Statutes; Storage/Warehouse/Distribution-Light; Storage/Warehouse/Distribution-Heavy; Recreation/Open Space; Community Garden; Agricultural-Light; Ancillary Nonresidential.</p>

<b>Max. Density:</b>	10 units per acre	12.5 units per acre
<b>Max. Floor Area Ratio (FAR):</b>	0.50	Institutional uses shall not exceed 0.65 (except for hospital uses which shall not exceed an FAR of 1.0 within any single jurisdiction) / Transportation/utility uses shall not exceed an FAR of 0.70
<b>Max. Impervious Surface Ratio (ISR):</b>	0.75	Institutional uses shall not exceed 0.85 / Transportation/utility uses shall not exceed 0.90

Section 6.5.3. of the Countywide Rules provides the review criteria for amendments to the Countywide Plan Map. An analysis of these criteria are provided below:

**1. The manner in, and extent to, which the amendment is consistent with the Countywide Rules and with the Countywide Plan Strategies as implemented through the Countywide Rules.**

*Staff Analysis:* The Countywide Rules state that the Public/Semi-Public category is “intended to recognize institutional, and transportation/utility uses that serve the community or region, especially larger facilities having acreage exceeding the thresholds established in other plan categories, which are consistent with the need, character, and scale of such uses relative to the surrounding uses, transportation facilities, and natural resource features, and may include residential as part of the mix of uses.”

The locational characteristics of the Public/Semi-Public category are “generally appropriate to those locations where institutional uses (such as educational, health, public safety, civic, religious and like uses) and transportation/utility uses (such as air and sea transport terminals, utility installations, major transmission lines, refuse disposal, and public works facilities) are required to serve the community; and to recognize the special needs of these uses relative to their relationship with surrounding uses and transportation access.”

Calvary Baptist Church sits on a 41.016-acre main parcel at the southwest corner of Drew Street and McMullen Booth Road. The property also includes Calvary Christian High School, athletic facilities, and other institutional uses that support the church. The surrounding area is a mix of residential, recreational, employment, and commercial uses for the local community. The church has acquired numerous properties in the general vicinity over many years which have been annexed and incorporated into the main parcel. Future land use and zoning amendments have also been approved to ensure the overall property would have a consistent institutional designation. The subject parcels border the church’s main parcel to the north and west. Additionally, the church owns the properties to the east of the subject parcels which includes batting cages and storage serving as accessory uses to the school, as well as a residential property. The applicant has indicated that the properties will be used for a softball field, but no site plans have been submitted at this time. The requested amendment to the Public/Semi-Public

category is consistent with the surrounding parcels and would allow for continuity with the church's main parcel which would allow for uniform redevelopment in the future.

Furthermore, the Residential Low Medium category contains maximum acreage thresholds for certain uses. Any use that exceeds the acreage threshold is required to undergo an amendment to a category where the use does not have an acreage maximum. Institutional uses in the Residential Low Medium category are permitted up to five acres. Although the subject parcels are under five acres, since the larger church parcel is just over 41 acres, this provision would apply, requiring an amendment to the Public/Semi-Public category.

- 2. Forward Pinellas has developed a multimodal accessibility index (MAX index). Proposed amendments will need to maintain a MAX score equal to or better than the Countywide Average MAX score. The Current Countywide Average MAX score: 7.5; if that score is not reached, balancing criteria will be required. An amendment adopting or amending the Activity Center (AC), Multimodal Corridor (MMC) and Planned Redevelopment District (PRD) categories and affecting fewer than 10 acres shall be subject to the Multimodal Accessibility Index (MAX Index).**

*Staff Analysis:* MAX scores are assigned to individual quarter-mile grid cells, which Forward Pinellas defines as a reasonable walkable travel shed. The MAX score is based on factors such as bicycle facilities, premium transit services, walkability, roadway LOS, scooter/bike-share locations, transit access, and programmed transportation projects. The MAX score for the parcels associated with the proposed amendment is 13, which exceeds the Countywide Average MAX score of 7.5.

- 2. If located within a Scenic/Noncommercial Corridor, the manner in, and extent to, which the amendment conforms to the criteria and standards contained in Section 6.5.4.1 of these Countywide Rules.**

*Staff Analysis:* The amendment area is not located on a Scenic/Noncommercial Corridor.

- 3. If located within a Coastal High Hazard Area, the manner in, and extent to, which the amendment conforms to the terms set forth in Section 4.2.7.**

*Staff Analysis:* The amendment area is not located within the Coastal High Hazard Area.

- 4. If the amendment involves the creation, expansion, contraction of, or substantive change to the Activity Center, Multimodal Corridor, or Planned Redevelopment District category, the manner in, and extent to, which the amendment conforms to the purpose and requirements of the applicable category, and addresses the relevant Planning and Urban Design Principles described in Section 6.2.6 and Land Use Goal 16.0 of the Countywide Plan Strategies.**

*Staff Analysis:* The amendment area does not involve the creation, expansion, contraction of, or substantive change to the Activity Center, Multimodal Corridor, or Planned Redevelopment District category.

- 5. The manner in, and extent to, which the amendment significantly impacts a public educational facility or an adjoining jurisdiction.**

*Staff Analysis:* The parcels are within Pinellas County's jurisdiction, and the applicant has submitted a Petition for Annexation (ANX2023-06007) that is being processed concurrently with this case.

- 6. If the amendment involves the conversion from the Employment (E), Industrial (I), or Target Employment Center (TEC) category, the extent to which the amendment area can continue to provide for target employment opportunities as evaluated and set forth in Section 6.5.4.5.**

*Staff Analysis:* The amendment area does not involve the conversion of Employment, Industrial, or Target Employment Center designated land.

#### **PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE**

The proposed Countywide Plan Map amendment was publicly advertised as required by Section 7.8.4. of the Countywide Rules. No public correspondence has been received to date.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Staff finds the proposed amendment is consistent with the Relevant Countywide Considerations found in Section 6.5.3.1 of the Countywide Rules.



**January 10, 2024**

**6A2. Case CW 24-02 Pinellas County**



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## **SUMMARY**

From: Residential Low Medium  
To: Retail & Services  
Area: 0.19 acres m.o.l.  
Location: 4685 Park Street  
Jurisdiction: Pinellas County

## **RECOMMENDATION**

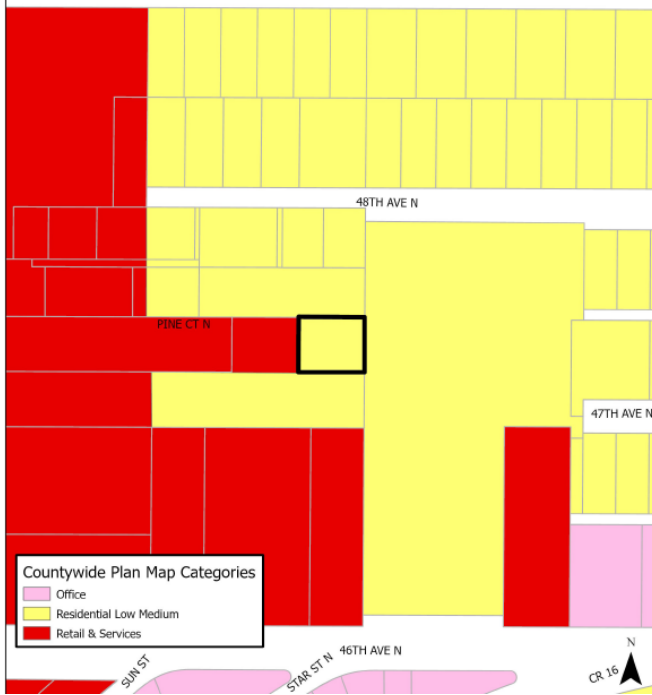
Pinellas Planning Council staff recommends that the proposed map amendment to Public/Semi-Public be approved.

## **BACKGROUND**

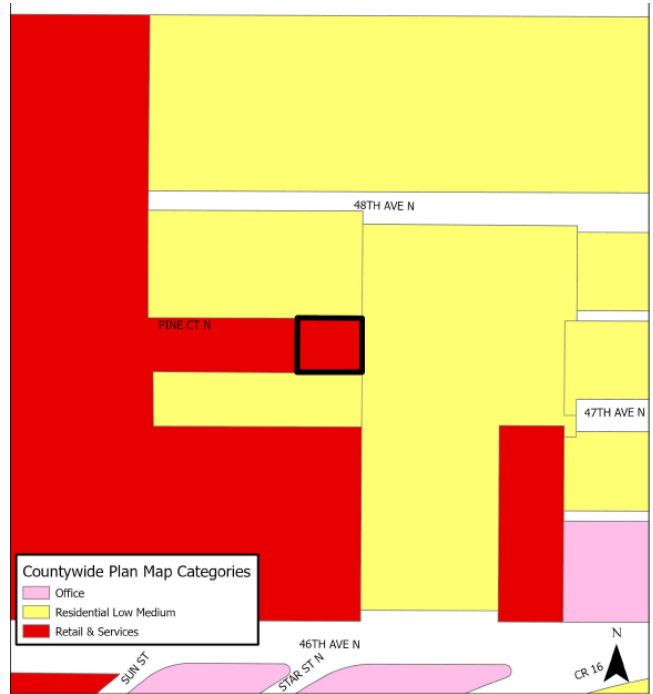
This proposed amendment is submitted by the Pinellas County to amend a property from Residential Low Medium to Retail & Services. The current Residential Low Medium category is intended to depict areas that are now developed, or appropriate to be developed, in a suburban, low density or moderately dense residential manner; and to recognize such areas as primarily well-suited for residential uses that are consistent with the suburban qualities, transportation facilities, including transit, and natural resources of such areas. The proposed Retail & Services category is intended to depict areas developed with, or appropriate to be developed with, a mix of businesses that provide for the shopping and personal service needs of the community or region, provide for employment opportunities and accommodate target employment uses, and may include residential uses as part of the mix of uses.

The applicant is seeking a Countywide Plan Map amendment of an approximately 0.19-acre portion of a larger 1.58-acre parcel located at 4685 Park Street North in west Lealman. The site is currently vacant and was historically used as a towing yard. The applicant wishes to use the property for a recreational vehicle and boat storage use. The requested amendment to Retail & Services would permit a wide range of nonresidential and residential uses intended for areas that support and are compatible with intense commercial uses. The proposed land use change would establish one classification for the entire nonresidential use parent parcel.

Current Countywide Plan Map



Proposed Countywide Plan Map



**FINDINGS**

Staff submits the following findings in support of the preliminary recommendation:

- A. The Retail & Services category is appropriate for the proposed use of the property and is consistent with the criteria for utilization of this category.
- B. The proposed amendment either does not involve, or will not significantly impact, the remaining relevant countywide considerations.

Please see accompanying attachments in explanation and support of these findings.

**LIST OF MAPS & ATTACHMENTS:**

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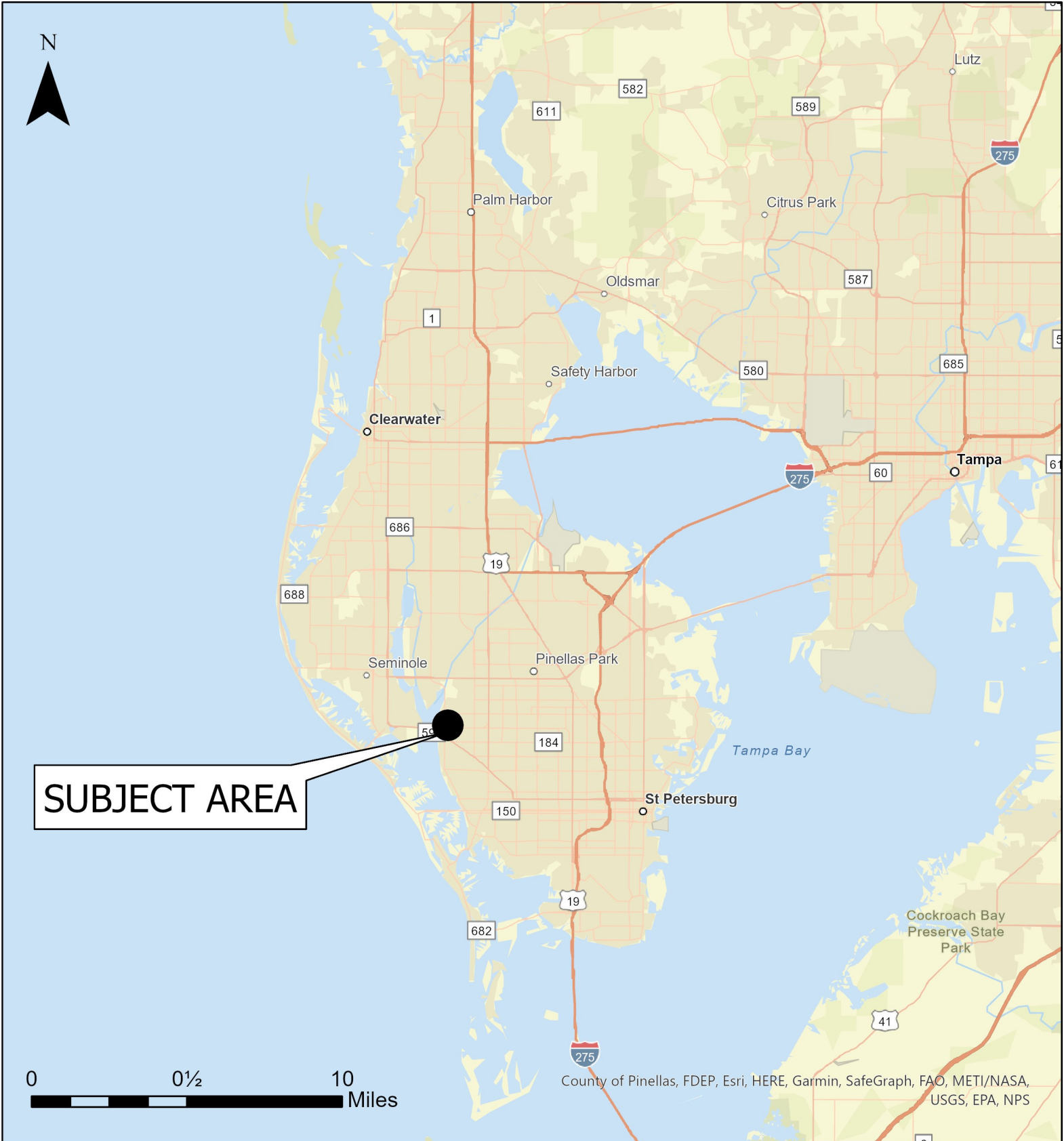
**MEETING DATES:**

- Planners Advisory Committee, January 2, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.
- Forward Pinellas, January 10, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.
- Countywide Planning Authority, February 20, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** At its January 2, 2024 meeting, the Planners Advisory Committee voted 13-0 to recommend approval of this amendment.

# Case CW24-02

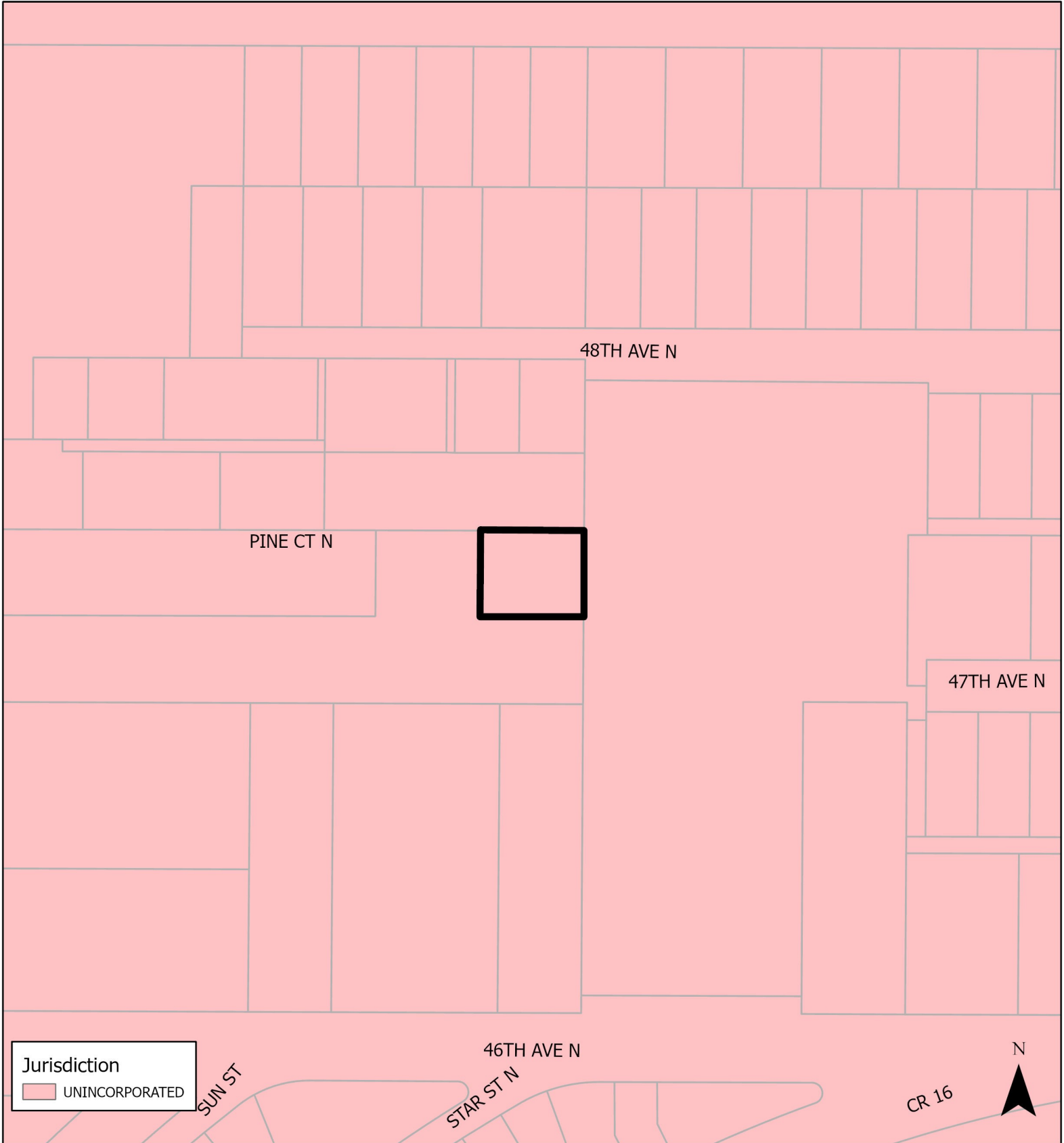
## Map 1: Location Map



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**AREA: 0.19 acres m.o.l.**            **TO: Retail & Services**

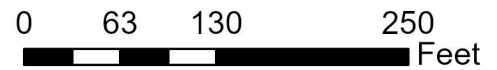
# Case CW24-02

## Map 2: Jurisdictional Map



Jurisdiction  
UNINCORPORATED

**JURISDICTION:** Pinellas County    **FROM:** Residential Low Medium  
**AREA:** 0.19 acres m.o.l.    **TO:** Retail & Services



# Case CW24-02

## Map 3: Aerial Map

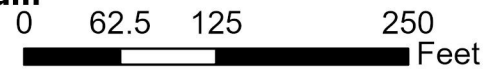


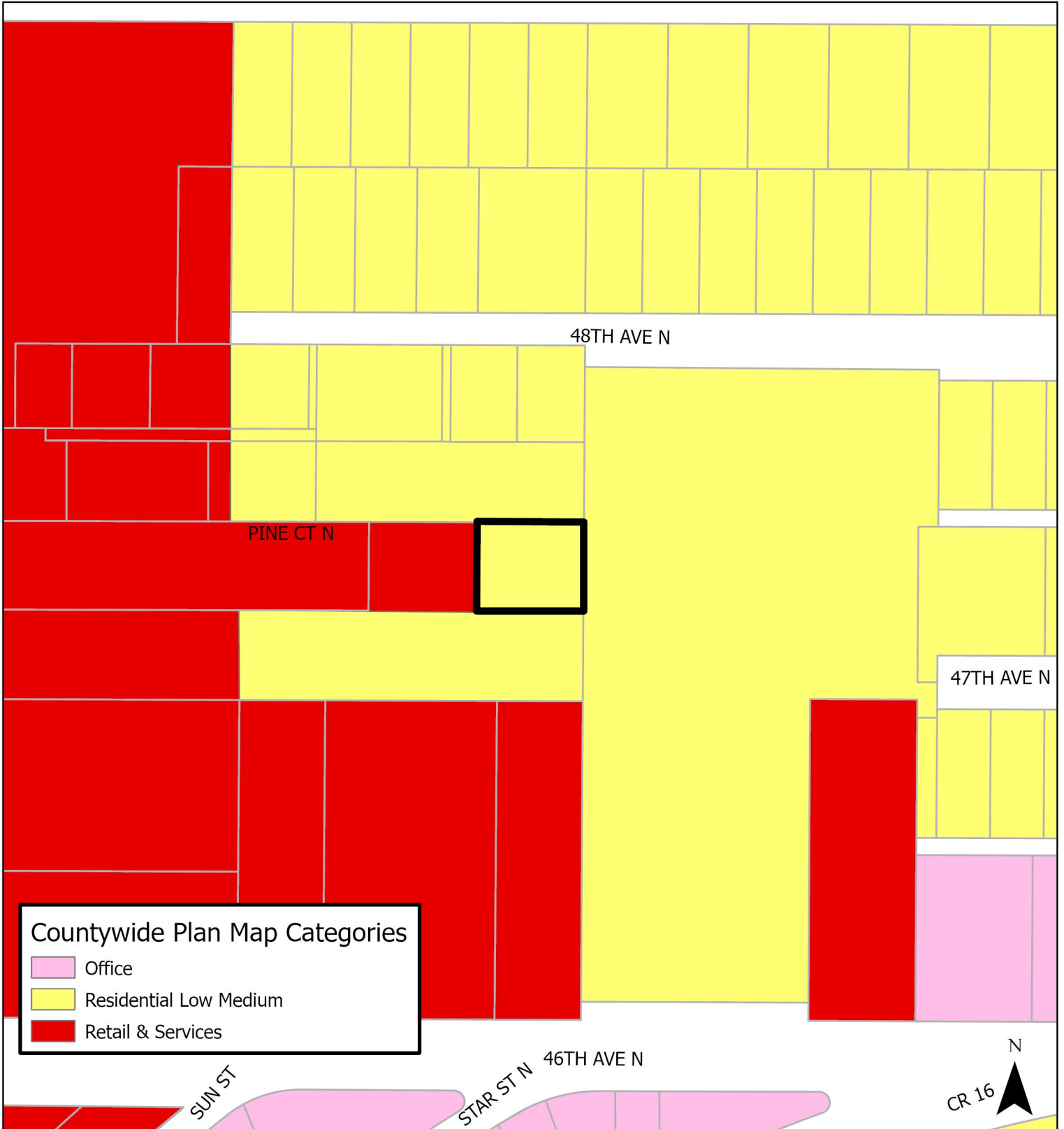
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**FROM:** Residential Low Medium

**AREA:** 0.19 acres m.o.l.

**TO:** Retail & Services

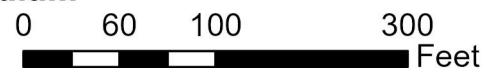


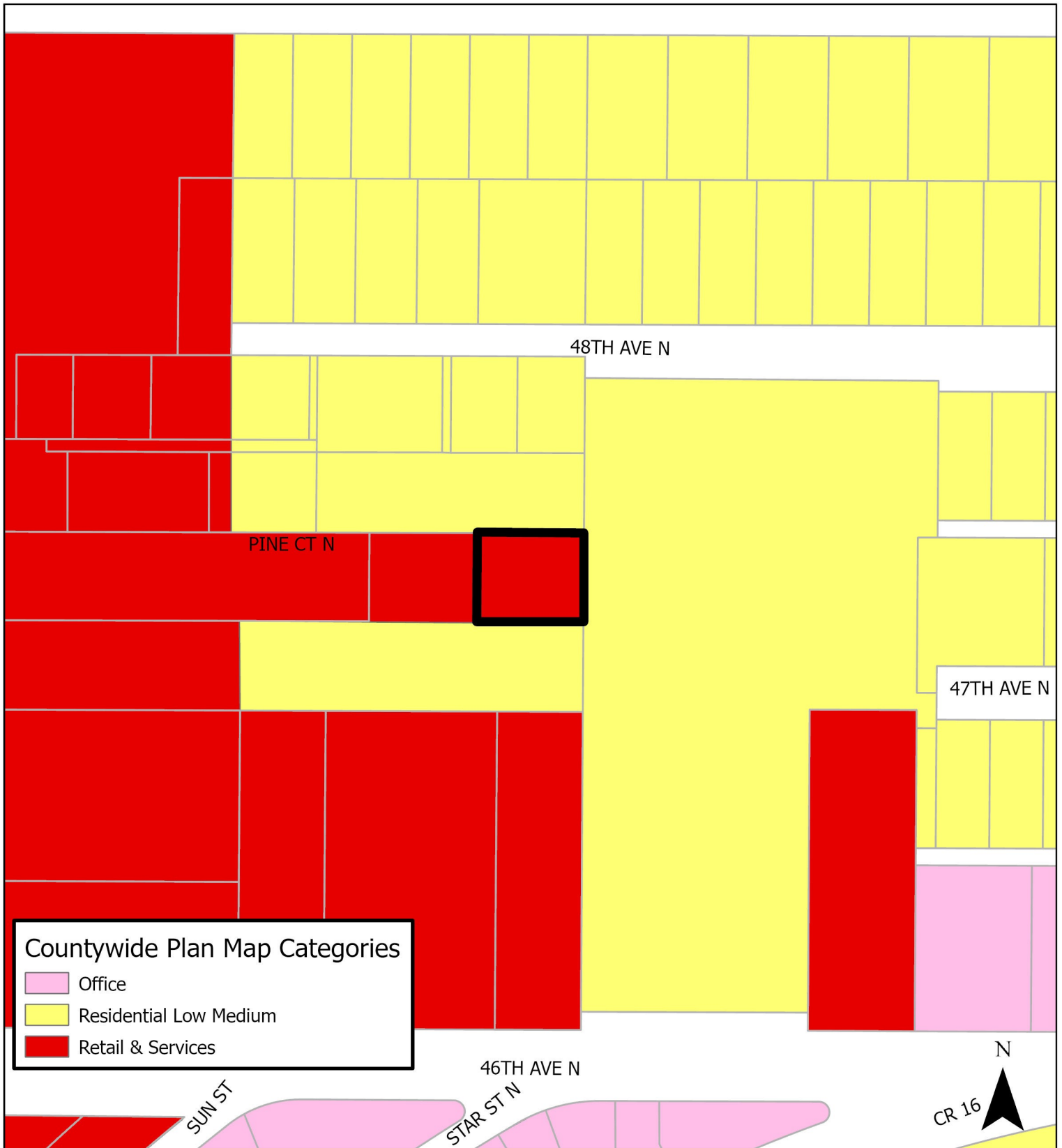


**JURISDICTION: Pinellas County FROM: Residential Low Medium**

**AREA: 0.19 acres m.o.l**

**TO: Retail & Services**





**JURISDICTION: Pinellas County**      **FROM: Residential Low Medium**  
**AREA: 0.19 acres**      **TO: Retail & Services**

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## FORWARD PINELLAS STAFF ANALYSIS



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<b>APPLICATION NO.:</b>	Case CW 24-02
<b>STAFF:</b>	Emma Wennick, Program Planner
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Pinellas County
<b>PROPERTY SIZE:</b>	0.19 acres
<b>CURRENT COUNTYWIDE PLAN MAP CATEGORY:</b>	Residential Low Medium
<b>PROPOSED COUNTYWIDE PLAN MAP CATEGORY:</b>	Retail & Services
<b>CURRENT LOCAL FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP CATEGORY:</b>	Pinellas County – Residential Urban
<b>PROPOSED LOCAL FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP CATEGORY:</b>	Pinellas County – Commercial General
<b>LOCATION / PARCEL ID:</b>	4685 Park Street / portion of Parcel # 01-31-15-00000-130-3200

### **BACKGROUND SUMMARY:**

The applicant is requesting an amendment to the Countywide Plan Map from Residential Low Medium to Retail & Services to allow development for RV and boat storage use.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of an amendment to the Countywide Plan Map from Residential Low Medium to Retail & Services.

### **PLANNERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

The Planners Advisory Committee met on January 2, 2024 and voted unanimously to recommend approval. (vote: 13-0)

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL/COMMISSION ACTION:**

The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on the local future land use map amendment on October 31, 2023. The Board approved first reading of the ordinance by a vote of 7-0 and there were no public comments.

**CURRENT PROPERTY INFORMATION:**

<b>Property Use(s):</b>	Vacant
<b>Site Features:</b>	The amendment area is an approximately 0.19-acre portion of a larger 1.58-acre parcel located at 4685 Park Street North in west Lealman.

**PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:**

When considering this application, the following general site conditions, planning concepts, and other facts should be noted:

1. The site is currently vacant and was historically used as a towing yard. The applicant wishes to utilize the property for a recreational vehicle and boat storage use.
2. The parent parcel to the subject property shares split future land use map classifications and the request would consolidate the entire parcel under one future land use map designation.
3. The subject property is surrounded by a broad range of uses.

**RELEVANT COUNTYWIDE CONSIDERATIONS:**

The proposed amendment to the Countywide Plan Map is a legislative decision. The standards for the current and proposed Countywide Plan Map categories are summarized below:

	<b>Current Countywide Plan Map Category: Residential Low Medium</b>	<b>Proposed Countywide Plan Map Category: Retail &amp; Services</b>
<b>Purpose:</b>	Intended to depict areas that are now developed, or appropriate to be developed, in a suburban, low density or moderately dense residential manner; and to recognize such areas as primarily well-suited for residential uses that are consistent with the suburban qualities, transportation facilities, including transit, and natural resources of such areas.	Intended to depict areas developed with, or appropriate to be developed with, a mix of businesses that provide for the shopping and personal service needs of the community or region, provide for employment opportunities and accommodate target employment uses, and may include residential uses as part of the mix of uses.
<b>Permitted Uses:</b>	Residential; Residential Equivalent; Vacation Rental pursuant to the provisions of Section 509.242(1)(c), Florida Statutes; Accessory Dwelling Unit; Public Educational Facility; Recreation/Open Space; Community Garden; Agricultural-Light; Agricultural.	Office; Personal Service/Office Support; Retail Commercial; Commercial/Business Service; Commercial Recreation, Residential; Residential Equivalent; Vacation Rental pursuant to the provisions of Section 509.242(1)(c), Florida Statutes; Recreational Vehicle Park;

	<p>Office; Personal Service/Office Support; Retail Commercial are Subject to One Acre Maximum</p> <p>Ancillary Nonresidential; Transportation/Utility are subject to a three-acre maximum.</p> <p>Institutional (except Public Educational Facilities which are not subject to this threshold, pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.5.4.2) are subject to a five-acre maximum.</p>	<p>Temporary Lodging; Research/Development- Light; Storage/Warehouse/Distribution- Light; Manufacturing-Light; Recreation/Open Space; Community Garden; Agricultural- Light.</p> <p>Manufacturing-Medium is subject to a three-acre maximum.</p> <p>Institutional; Transportation/Utility; Agricultural; Ancillary Nonresidential are subject to a five-acre maximum.</p>
<b>Max. Density:</b>	10 units per acre	24 units per acre
<b>Max. Floor Area Ratio (FAR):</b>	0.50	0.55
<b>Max. Impervious Surface Ratio (ISR):</b>	0.75	0.90

Section 6.5.3. of the Countywide Rules provides the review criteria for amendments to the Countywide Plan Map. An analysis of these criteria are provided below:

**1. The manner in, and extent to, which the amendment is consistent with the Countywide Rules and with the Countywide Plan Strategies as implemented through the Countywide Rules.**

*Staff Analysis:* The Countywide Rules state that the Retail & Services category is “Intended to depict areas developed with, or appropriate to be developed with, a mix of businesses that provide for the shopping and personal service needs of the community or region, provide for employment opportunities and accommodate target employment uses, and may include residential uses as part of the mix of uses.”

The locational characteristics of the Retail & Services category are “generally appropriate to locations ranging from rural areas distant from urban activity centers, to suburban areas near or in proximity to urban activity centers; in close, walkable, or bikeable proximity to low-intensity neighborhood servicing uses and low to mid-intensity and density mixed-use areas; in areas where use and development characteristics are residential in nature; and in areas serving as a transition between rural or suburban to more urban residential areas. These areas are generally served by and accessed from minor and collector roadways which connect to the arterial and highway network.”

The applicant is seeking a Countywide Plan Map amendment of an approximately 0.19-acre portion of a larger 1.58-acre parcel located at 4685 Park Street North in west

Lealman. The site is currently vacant and was historically used as a towing yard. The applicant wishes to utilize the property for a recreational vehicle and boat storage use. The requested amendment to Retail & Services would permit a wide range of nonresidential and residential uses intended for areas that support and are compatible with intense commercial uses. The proposed land use change would establish one classification for the entire parcel and facilitate the intended future use.

- 2. Forward Pinellas has developed a multimodal accessibility index (MAX index). Proposed amendments will need to maintain a MAX score equal to or better than the Countywide Average MAX score. The Current Countywide Average MAX score: 7.5; if that score is not reached, balancing criteria will be required. An amendment adopting or amending the Activity Center (AC), Multimodal Corridor (MMC) and Planned Redevelopment District (PRD) categories and affecting fewer than 10 acres shall be subject to the Multimodal Accessibility Index (MAX Index).**

*Staff Analysis:* MAX scores are assigned to individual quarter-mile grid cells, which Forward Pinellas defines as a reasonable walkable travel shed. The MAX score is based on factors such as bicycle facilities, premium transit services, walkability, roadway LOS, scooter/bike-share locations, transit access, and programmed transportation projects. The MAX score for the parcels associated with the proposed amendment is 16.25, which exceeds the Countywide Average MAX score of 7.5.

- 3. If located within a Scenic/Noncommercial Corridor, the manner in, and extent to, which the amendment conforms to the criteria and standards contained in Section 6.5.4.1 of these Countywide Rules.**

*Staff Analysis:* The subject property is located on Park Street, a designated Scenic/Noncommercial Corridor. This segment of the roadway is further subclassified as an Enhancement Connector at this location. However, Section 6.5.4.1.3.C. of the Countywide Rules state that the Scenic/Noncommercial Corridor use restrictions extend up to 500 feet from the right-of-way line. In this particular instance, the subject property's western boundary is 527 feet from the Park Street right-of-way line.

- 4. If located within a Coastal High Hazard Area, the manner in, and extent to, which the amendment conforms to the terms set forth in Section 4.2.7.**

*Staff Analysis:* The amendment area is not located within the Coastal High Hazard Area.

- 5. If the amendment involves the creation, expansion, contraction of, or substantive change to the Activity Center, Multimodal Corridor, or Planned Redevelopment District category, the manner in, and extent to, which the amendment conforms to the purpose and requirements of the applicable category, and addresses the relevant Planning and Urban Design Principles described in Section 6.2.6 and Land Use Goal 16.0 of the Countywide Plan Strategies.**

*Staff Analysis:* The amendment area does not involve the creation, expansion, contraction of, or substantive change to the Activity Center, Multimodal Corridor, or Planned Redevelopment District category.

**6. The manner in, and extent to, which the amendment significantly impacts a public educational facility or an adjoining jurisdiction.**

*Staff Analysis:* The amendment area is not located adjacent to an adjoining jurisdiction and if approved, the amendment would not significantly impact a public educational facility.

**7. If the amendment involves the conversion from the Employment (E), Industrial (I), or Target Employment Center (TEC) category, the extent to which the amendment area can continue to provide for target employment opportunities as evaluated and set forth in Section 6.5.4.5.**

*Staff Analysis:* The amendment area does not involve the conversion of Employment, Industrial, or Target Employment Center designated land.

**PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE**

The proposed Countywide Plan Map amendment was publicly advertised as required by Section 7.8.4. of the Countywide Rules. No public correspondence has been received to date.

**CONCLUSION**

Staff finds the proposed amendment is consistent with the Relevant Countywide Considerations found in Section 6.5.3.1 of the Countywide Rules.

**January 2, 2024**

**6A3. Case CW 24-03 City of St. Petersburg**



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## **SUMMARY**

From: Office (O)  
To: Multimodal Corridor (MMC)  
Area: 0.41 acres  
Location: 200 66th St N  
Jurisdiction: City of St. Petersburg

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Pinellas Planning Council staff recommends that the proposed map amendment to Multimodal Corridor be approved.

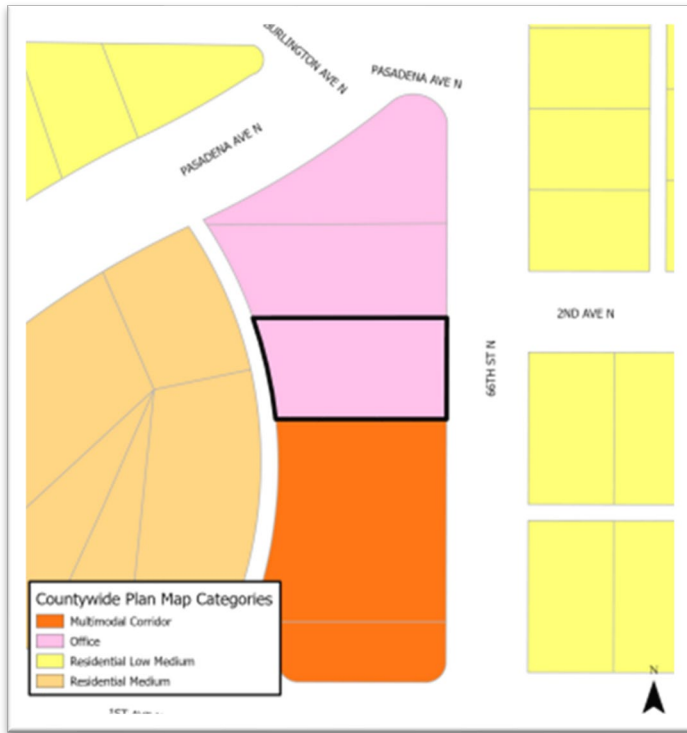
## **BACKGROUND**

This proposed amendment is submitted by the City of St. Petersburg to amend the designation of 0.41 acres of property from Office to Multimodal Corridor. The current Office category is intended to accommodate areas developed, or appropriate to be developed, with office uses, low-impact employment uses, and residential uses (subject to an acreage threshold), in areas characterized by a transition between residential and commercial uses and in areas well-suited for community-scale residential/office mixed-use development. The proposed Multimodal Corridor category is intended to recognize those corridors of critical importance to the movement of people and goods throughout the county, and that are served by a combination of automobile, bus, bicycle, rail, and/or pedestrian transportation. This category is characterized by mixed-use development, supported by and designed to facilitate transit, and is particularly appropriate for creating transit connections between Activity Centers.

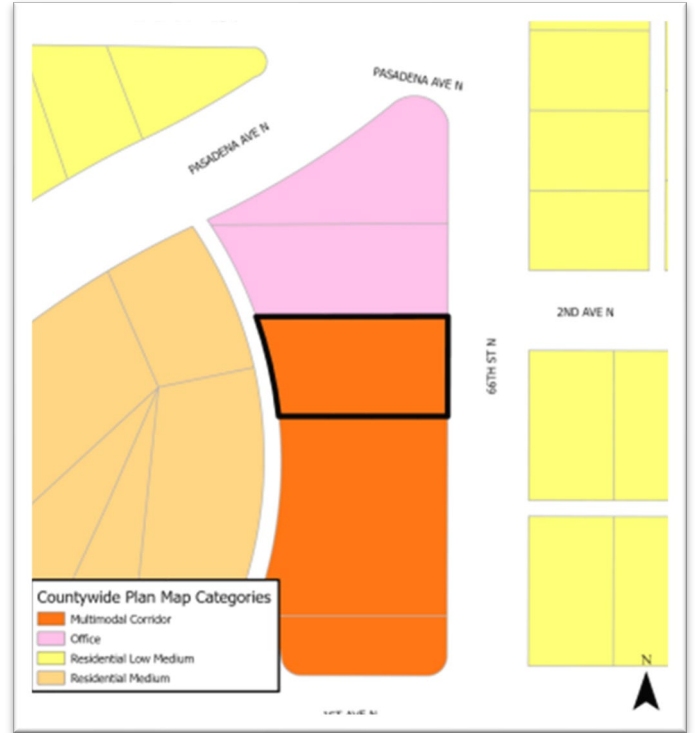
The current use of the property is as a single-family home that was built in 1950. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to allow for the redevelopment of the property to support up to nine townhomes with the potential for retail or other permitted mixed uses.

The intended use is consistent with the permitted uses and locational characteristics of the proposed Multimodal Corridor category. The subject property is also located to the north of property whose Countywide Plan Map designation was amended to Multimodal Corridor in 2023. Furthermore, the Multimodal Corridor category supports residential uses of higher density, such as this proposed amendment.

Current Countywide Plan Map



Proposed Countywide Plan Map



## FINDINGS

Staff submits the following findings in support of the preliminary recommendation:

- A. The Multimodal Corridor category is appropriate for the proposed use of the property and is consistent with the criteria for utilization of this category.
- B. The proposed amendment either does not involve, or will not significantly impact, the remaining relevant countywide considerations.

Please see accompanying attachments in explanation and support of these findings.

## LIST OF MAPS & ATTACHMENTS:

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**MEETING DATES:**

Planners Advisory Committee, January 2, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Forward Pinellas, January 10, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

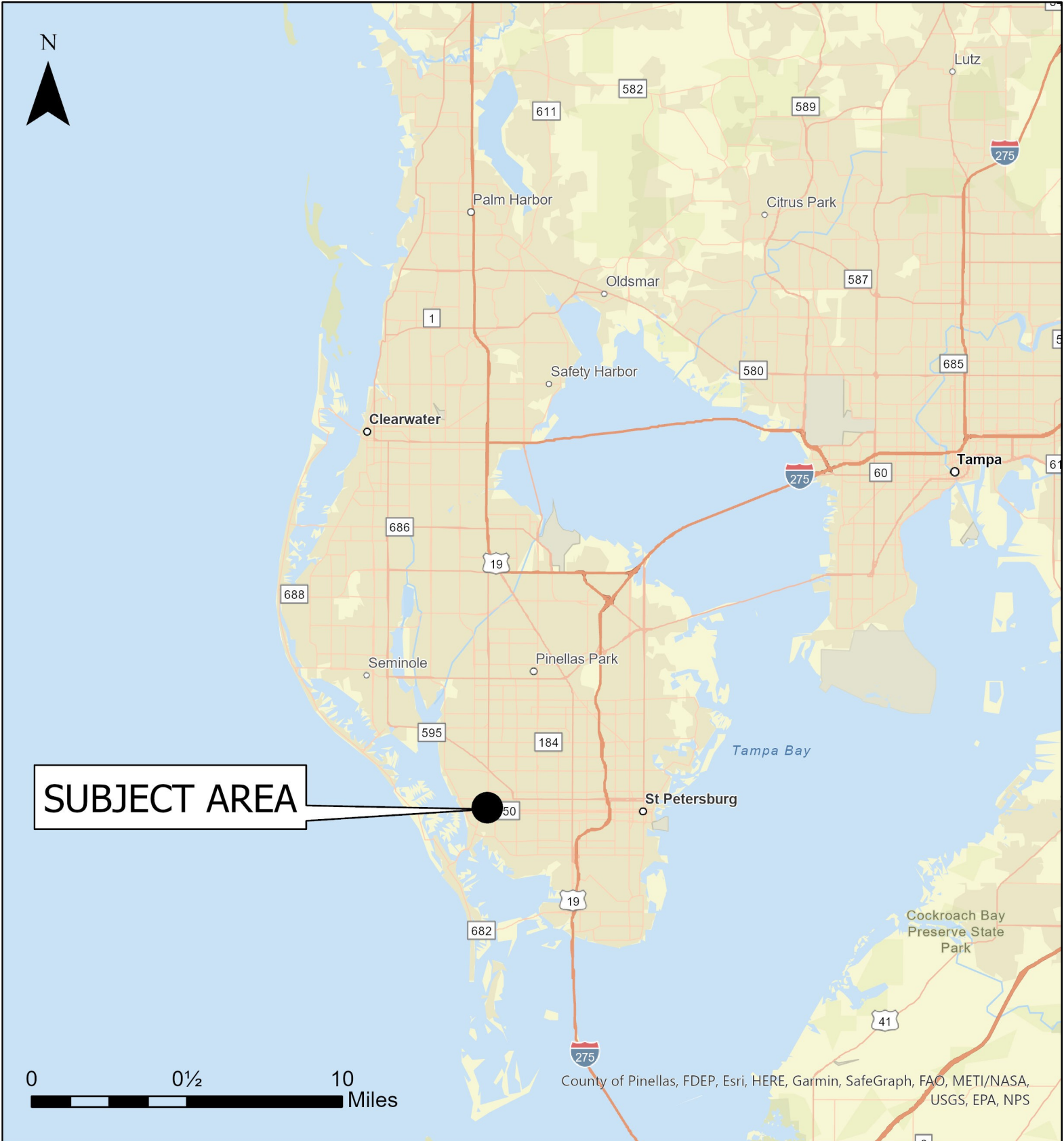
Countywide Planning Authority, February 20, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** At its January 2, 2024 meeting, the Planners Advisory Committee voted 13-0 to recommend approval of this amendment.



# Case CW24-03

## Map 1: Location Map



**JURISDICTION: St. Petersburg**

**FROM: Office**

**AREA: 0.41 acres m.o.l.**

**TO: Multimodal Corridor**

# Case CW24-03

## Map 2: Jurisdictional Map

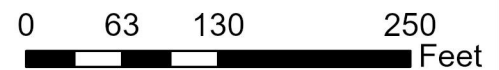


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**FROM: Office**

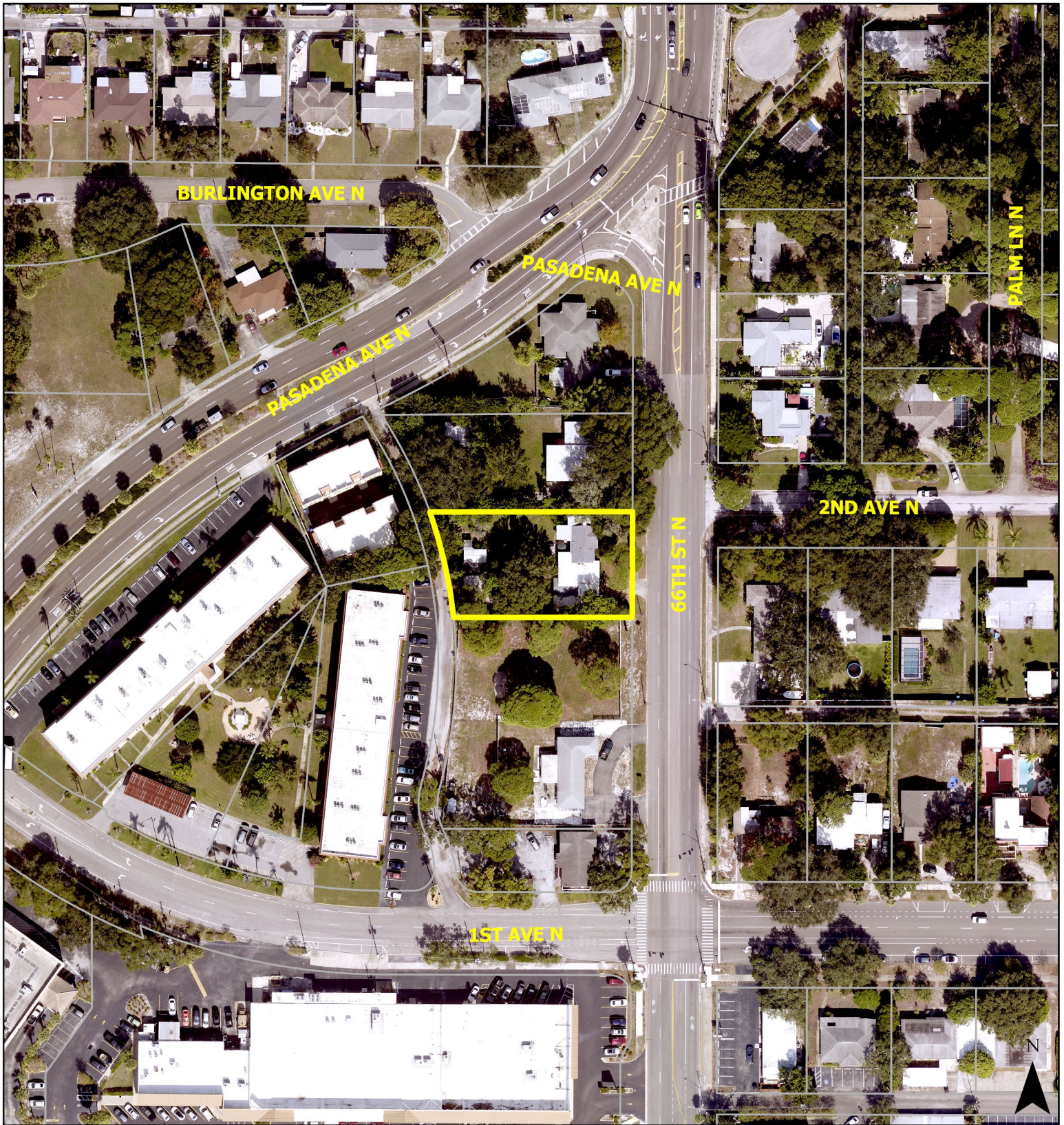
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**TO: Multimodal Corridor**



# Case CW24-03

## Map 3: Aerial Map

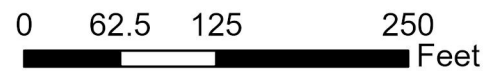


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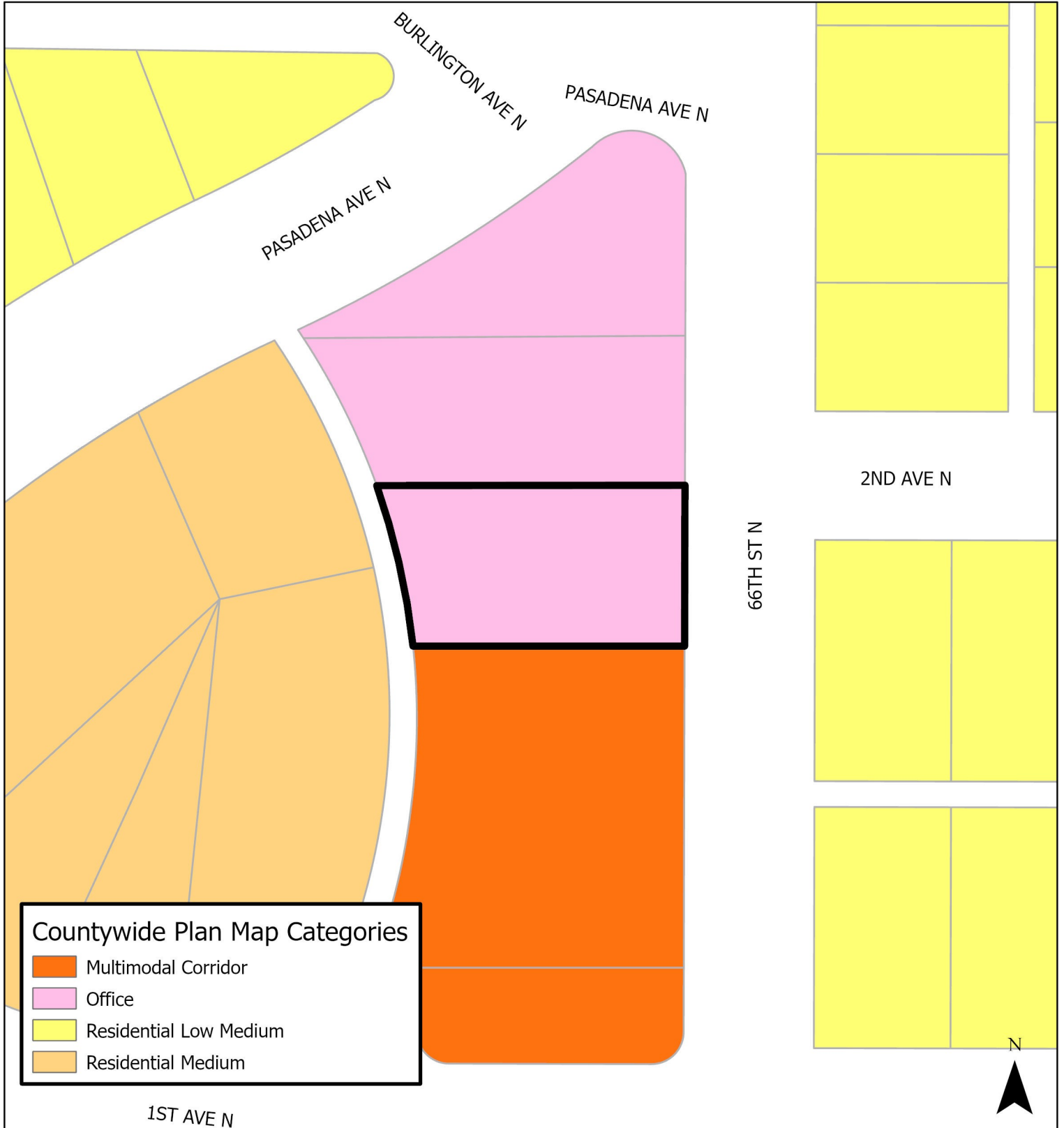
**AREA:** 0.41 acres m.o.l.

**TO:** Multimodal Corridor



# Case CW24-03

## Map 4: Current Countywide Plan Map

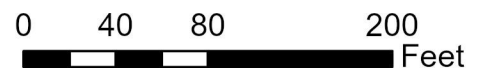


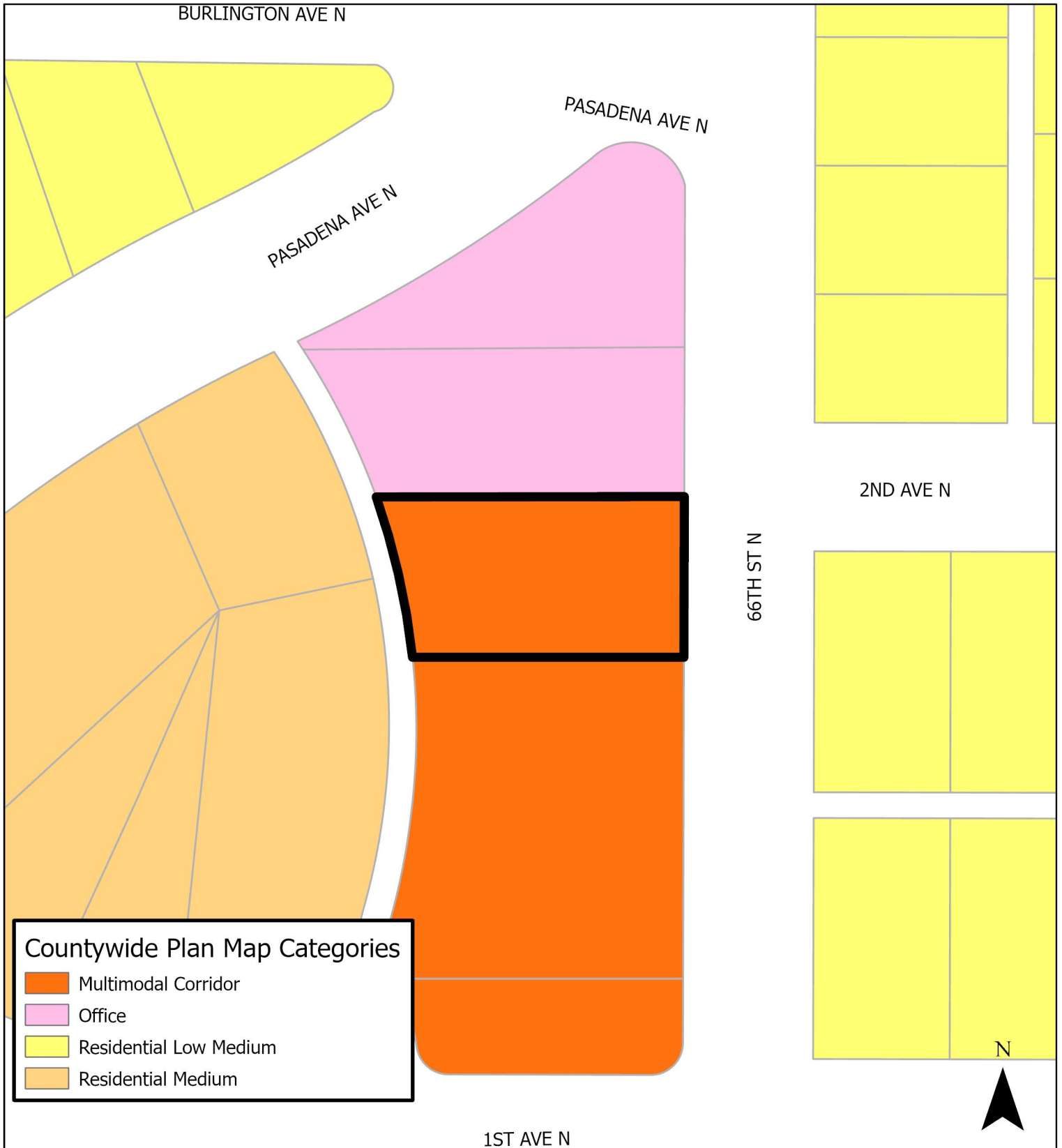
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**FROM:** Office

**AREA:** 0.41 acres m.o.l

**TO:** Multimodal Corridor



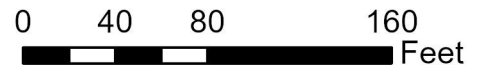


**JURISDICTION: St. Petersburg**

**FROM: Office**

**AREA: 0.41 acres m.o.l.**

**TO: Multimodal Corridor**



## FORWARD PINELLAS STAFF ANALYSIS



**APPLICATION NO.:** Case CW 24-03

**STAFF:** Emma Wennick, Program Planner

**APPLICANT:** City of St. Petersburg

**PROPERTY SIZE:** 0.41 acres

**CURRENT COUNTYWIDE PLAN MAP CATEGORY:** Office

**PROPOSED COUNTYWIDE PLAN MAP CATEGORY:** Multimodal Corridor

**CURRENT LOCAL FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP CATEGORY:** City of St. Petersburg – Residential / Office General (R/OG)

**PROPOSED LOCAL FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP CATEGORY:** City of St. Petersburg – Planned Redevelopment – Mixed Use

**LOCATION / PARCEL ID:** 200 66th St. N / 19-31-16-67500-084-0100

### **BACKGROUND SUMMARY:**

The proposed amendment is submitted by the City of St. Petersburg and seeks to amend the designation of approximately 0.41 acres of property from Office to Multimodal Corridor.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of an amendment to the Countywide Plan Map from Residential Office to Multimodal Corridor.

### **PLANNERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

The Planners Advisory Committee met on January 2, 2024 and voted unanimously to recommend approval. (vote: 13-0)

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL/COMMISSION ACTION:**

The City of St. Petersburg City Council held a public hearing on the local future land use map amendment on December 7, 2023. The Board approved the first reading of Ordinance 788-Z and public comments opposing the request were heard.

**CURRENT PROPERTY INFORMATION:**

<b>Property Use(s):</b>	Single Family
<b>Site Features:</b>	The site is three (3) platted lots north of the intersection of two Future Major Streets and the Central Avenue Corridor Activity Center (AC) overlay on the Future Land Use Map.

**PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:**

When considering this application, the following general site conditions, planning concepts, and other facts should be noted:

1. The subject 0.41-acre site address is 200 66th Street North, which is located within a larger triangular shaped land area surrounded by three roadways (66th Street North, Pasadena Avenue North and 1st Avenue North) that are designated as Future Major Streets (e.g., freeway/expressway, arterial or collector) by the City of St. Petersburg’s Comprehensive Plan.
2. The requested amendments will also further recommendations of the SunRunner Rising Development Study, as the subject site is located within a short walk from the existing 66th Street bus rapid transit station area.
3. The intended use is consistent with the permitted uses and locational characteristics of the proposed Multimodal Corridor category.

**RELEVANT COUNTYWIDE CONSIDERATIONS:**

The proposed amendment to the Countywide Plan Map is a legislative decision. The standards for the current and proposed Countywide Plan Map categories are summarized below:

	<b>Current Countywide Plan Map Category: Office (O)</b>	<b>Proposed Countywide Plan Map Category: Multimodal Corridor (MMC)</b>
<b>Purpose:</b>	Intended accommodate areas developed, or appropriate to be developed, with office uses, low-impact employment uses, and residential uses (subject to an acreage threshold), in areas characterized by a transition between residential and commercial uses and in areas well-suited for community-scale residential/office mixed-use development.	Intended to recognize those corridors of critical importance to the movement of people and goods throughout the county, and that are served by a combination of automobile, bus, bicycle, rail, and/or pedestrian transportation. This category is characterized by mixed-use development, supported by and designed to facilitate transit, and is particularly appropriate for creating transit connections between Activity Centers.
<b>Permitted Uses:</b>	Office; Personal Service/Office Support; Residential Equivalent; Research/Development-Light; Public Educational Facility; Recreation/Open Space; Community Garden; Agricultural-Light.  Ancillary Nonresidential; Transportation/Utility; Manufacturing-Light are subject to a three-acre maximum.  Residential; Vacation Rental pursuant to the provisions of Section 509.242(1)(c), Florida Statutes; Institutional (except Public Educational Facilities which are not subject to this threshold, pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.5.4.2). are subject to a five-acre maximum.	Permitted Uses – As determined by the local government’s implementing regulations adopted pursuant to Section 6.2.3.2. Amendments to permitted uses shall be pursuant to the Planning and Urban Design Principles described in Section 6.2.6 and Land Use Goal 16.0 of the Countywide Plan Strategies, and the use provisions of Section 6.2.4.
<b>Max. Density:</b>	15 units per acre	60 units per acre
<b>Max. Floor Area Ratio (FAR):</b>	0.50	4.0



<b>Max. Impervious Surface Ratio (ISR):</b>	0.75	N/A
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Section 6.5.3. of the Countywide Rules provides the review criteria for amendments to the Countywide Plan Map. An analysis of these criteria are provided below:

**1. The manner in, and extent to, which the amendment is consistent with the Countywide Rules and with the Countywide Plan Strategies as implemented through the Countywide Rules.**

*Staff Analysis:* The Countywide Rules state that the Multimodal Corridor (MMC) category is “intended to recognize those corridors of critical importance to the movement of people and goods throughout the county, and that are served by a combination of automobile, bus, bicycle, rail, and/or pedestrian transportation. This category is characterized by mixed-use development, supported by and designed to facilitate transit, and is particularly appropriate for creating transit connections between Activity Centers”

The subject property is a 0.41-acre site, with an existing single-family home that was built in 1950. The site is 3 platted lots north of the intersection of two Future Major Streets and the Central Avenue Corridor Activity Center (AC) overlay as designated on the Future Land Use Map. The contracted purchaser of the property has requested the proposed amendment to allow for the redevelopment of the property to construct up nine townhomes with the potential for retail or other permitted mixed uses.

The Countywide Rules permits the width of a designated Multimodal Corridor to extend up to ½ mile from the parcel boundary adjacent to the corridor on either side. The length shall not be less than ½ mile, although longer lengths are encouraged. The intended use is consistent with the permitted uses and locational characteristics of the proposed MMC category. The subject property is located to the north of property that is also designated Multimodal Corridor.

Furthermore, the subject property is located within the SunRunner Bus Rapid Transit’s 66<sup>th</sup> Street station area. The previously referenced development study considered this area to have “medium-readiness” for transit-oriented development with good walkability and a high level of connectivity to local destinations. The redevelopment vision for this “village” station area is “a commercial center that draws from multiple surrounding neighborhoods while providing multi-family housing to support population growth.”

**2. Forward Pinellas has developed a multimodal accessibility index (MAX index). Proposed amendments will need to maintain a MAX score equal to or better than the Countywide Average MAX score. The Current Countywide Average MAX score: 7.5; if that score is not reached, balancing criteria will be required. An amendment adopting or amending the Activity Center (AC), Multimodal Corridor (MMC) and Planned Redevelopment District (PRD) categories and affecting**

**fewer than 10 acres shall be subject to the Multimodal Accessibility Index (MAX Index).**

*Staff Analysis:* MAX scores are assigned to individual quarter-mile grid cells, which Forward Pinellas defines as a reasonable walkable travel shed. The MAX score is based on factors such as bicycle facilities, premium transit services, walkability, roadway LOS, scooter/bike-share locations, transit access, and programmed transportation projects. The subject property is in a grid cell with a MAX score of 22. The countywide average MAX score is 7.5.

- 3. If located within a Scenic/Noncommercial Corridor, the manner in, and extent to, which the amendment conforms to the criteria and standards contained in Section 6.5.4.1 of these Countywide Rules.**

*Staff Analysis:* The amendment area is not located on a Scenic/Noncommercial Corridor.

- 4. If located within a Coastal High Hazard Area, the manner in, and extent to, which the amendment conforms to the terms set forth in Section 4.2.7.**

*Staff Analysis:* The amendment area is not located on a CHHA; therefore, those policies are not applicable.

- 5. If the amendment involves the creation, expansion, contraction of, or substantive change to the Activity Center, Multimodal Corridor, or Planned Redevelopment District category, the manner in, and extent to, which the amendment conforms to the purpose and requirements of the applicable category, and addresses the relevant Planning and Urban Design Principles described in Section 6.2.6 and Land Use Goal 16.0 of the Countywide Plan Strategies.**

*Staff Analysis:* The amendment area involves the expansion of the Multimodal Corridor category. The amendment conforms to the purpose, locational characteristics, and other requirements of the proposed category and addresses the relevant Planning and Urban Design Principles; therefore, the amendment can be deemed consistent with this Relevant Countywide Consideration.

- 6. The manner in, and extent to, which the amendment significantly impacts a public educational facility or an adjoining jurisdiction.**

*Staff Analysis:* The proposed amendment is not adjacent to a public educational facility or adjoining jurisdiction; therefore, those policies are not applicable.

- 7. If the amendment involves the conversion from the Employment (E), Industrial (I), or Target Employment Center (TEC) category, the extent to which the amendment area can continue to provide for target employment opportunities as evaluated and set forth in Section 6.5.4.5.**

*Staff Analysis:* The proposed amendment area does not involve the reduction of land designated as Industrial or Employment; therefore, those policies are not applicable.

**PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE**

The proposed Countywide Plan Map amendment was publicly advertised as required by Section 7.8.4. of the Countywide Rules. No public correspondence has been received to date.

**CONCLUSION**

Staff finds the proposed amendment is consistent with the Relevant Countywide Considerations found in Section 6.5.3.1 of the Countywide Rules.

**January 10, 2024**

**7A. PSTA Activities Report**



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**SUMMARY**

This item includes a report from the board member representing the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA). This report will provide an opportunity for the PSTA representative to share information concerning planning initiatives, partnerships and collaboration and other relevant matters with the board.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None

**ACTION:** None required; informational item only.

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**7B. Regional Activities Report**



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**SUMMARY**

This report will include any relevant information or action items to share with the board from the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance and its subcommittee, the Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group, and other regional transportation agencies and authorities. This item will include a report from appropriate agency staff and/or board members regarding regional transportation planning and development activities. The report will provide an opportunity to share information concerning planning initiatives, partnerships, collaboration and other relevant matters.

This month's report will include a discussion of the request to the State of Florida for \$500,000 in start-up funding to address the considerations in the Memorandum of Understanding for creating a regional MPO serving the core counties of the Tampa Bay region. At its next meeting in February, the TMA Leadership Group will renew discussions of alternative scenarios for composition of the regional MPO governing board.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Draft Letter to FDOT on Tampa Bay Regional MPO Startup Costs

**ACTION:** None required; informational item only.

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December 21, 2023

David Gwynn, District Secretary  
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### RE: Tampa Bay Regional MPO Startup Costs

Dear Secretary Gwynn:

In response to the directive in SB 245 from the 2023 Legislative Session, the three Tampa Bay area Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) serving Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas County have each adopted a Memorandum of Understanding committing to explore formation of a single MPO for the Tampa-St. Petersburg urban area. The MPOs have submitted the MOU in the **attached** report to the Governor and Legislature outlining the feasibility, benefits and costs of forming a regional MPO.

Included in our identification of costs is an initial expense of \$500,000 to procure a management consultant and legal advisor to help the staff, MPO boards and local governments work through the issues identified in the MOU and to build consensus and define a governance and staffing structure that ensures a regional MPO meets the needs of its member organizations while being consistent with federal and state laws.

With the demands of adopting 2050 Long Range Transportation Plans this year, none of the three MPOs has the funds available to cover this startup cost. As a result, we are in the process of securing this funding through the Florida Legislature for FY24-25 as part of the 2024 Legislative Session. However, if it is easier and more efficient for the Department of Transportation to provide this funding as part of its work program, we respectfully ask for your consideration. These funds are necessary to reach a decision on whether the MPOs shall merge, which would then lead to a second phase of startup costs for the regional MPO as outlined in the report to cover the production and adoption of planning documents necessary to certify the MPO for federal and state funding eligibility. With these two phases of startup funding, it may be preferable for the Department of Transportation to provide the first phase of startup costs and then budget for the second once we collectively reach the key milestone to move forward with the merger, rather than returning to a 2<sup>nd</sup> legislative request.

The three MPOs will include this potential funding in the development of our respective Unified Planning Work Programs and will ensure a coordinated effort to procure and jointly manage the work. Thank you for your consideration of this funding request. We look forward to our continued collaboration on this important matter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Whit Blanton, FAICP

cc: Sen. Ed Hooper  
Dr. Johnny Wong, Hillsborough TPO  
Tania Gorman, Pasco MPO

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## **7C. Board Endorsement of Regional Transportation Priorities**

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### **SUMMARY**

On December 1, 2023, the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA) held two meetings to discuss its Regional Transportation Priority Projects list.

First, the Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group met to discuss the top priorities for transportation projects for the core urbanized area of the Tampa Bay region. A subcommittee of the SCTPA, the TMA Leadership Group includes representatives from the Pinellas, Hillsborough and Pasco County MPO boards, and considers transportation priorities important to the urban core of the region. The TMA Leadership Group establishes those priorities for the three-county area, and then forwards those priorities to the broader SCTPA board for inclusion in the regional priority list.

The SCTPA is comprised of elected officials from each of the MPOs within its eight-county region, including Hernando, Citrus, Hillsborough, Pasco, Polk, Sarasota, Manatee and Pinellas. The SCTPA membership also includes representatives of the area's regional planning councils, FDOT Districts 1 and 7 and the Florida Turnpike Enterprise. The SCTPA met immediately after the TMA Leadership Group and acted to fully incorporate the TMA priorities as well as adding in the regional priorities on behalf of the other MPOs in the region.

In accordance with the processes established through the SCTPA, the regional priority lists are formally endorsed by the governing body of each member MPO and transmitted to the Florida Department of Transportation for consideration with the development of the Five-Year Work Program.

Forward Pinellas staff will provide an overview of the projects included in the attached priority lists and take any comments.

### **ATTACHMENT(S):**

- Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area 2024 Top Priorities
- SCTPA 2024 Regional Transportation Priority Projects

**ACTION:** Board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, to endorse the 2024 Transportation Management Area Top Priorities and SCTPA Regional Transportation Priority Project Lists.

## **Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area (TMA) Leadership Group**

*A Subcommittee of the SCTPA  
Representing the MPOs in Hillsborough, Pasco & Pinellas Counties*

### **2024 Top Priorities**

*Approved on December 1, 2023*

#### **Projects Recently Completed Because of our Collective Advocacy**

- ✓ SunRunner Rapid Transit
- ✓ I-75 Interchange at Overpass Rd

#### **Funded Priorities**

- ✓ Howard Frankland Bridge Replacement
- ✓ Gateway Expressway
- ✓ I-75 Interchange at Big Bend Road
- ✓ I-275/SR 60/Westshore Interchange Phase I and 2
- ✓ I-275 Safety and Operational Improvements at Downtown Tampa/I-4 Interchange
- ✓ I-275 Express Lanes from 38<sup>th</sup> Ave N to 4<sup>th</sup> St

#### **Top Unfunded Priorities for the Tampa Bay Region**

- ❖ I-75 Interchange at Gibsonton (ROW funded)
- ❖ I-275 Express Lanes from I-375 to 38<sup>th</sup> Ave N
- ❖ SR 54/US 41 Intersection (ROW funded)
- ❖ Regional Rapid Transit in the I-275 Corridor
- ❖ Regional passenger rail transit connection between Tampa and Orlando
- ❖ HART Heavy Maintenance Facility
- ❖ Florida/Tampa Bus Rapid Transit (downtown Tampa to USF)
- ❖ Pasco/Hernando County Line Road



## 2024 Regional Transportation Priorities

Approved on December 1, 2023

### Projects Completed Because of Our Collective Advocacy

- ✓ SunRunner Rapid Transit
- ✓ I-75 Interchange at Overpass Rd
- ✓ Suncoast Parkway 2 Extension

### Funded Regional Priority Projects – *Thank you for your support!*

- ✓ Howard Frankland Bridge Replacement (under construction)
- ✓ Gateway Expressway (under construction)
- ✓ I-75 Interchange at Big Bend Road (under construction)
- ✓ I-275/SR 60 Tampa Westshore District Interchange Phase 1 & 2
- ✓ I-275 Safety & Operational Improvements at Downtown Tampa/I-4 Interchange
- ✓ Central Polk Parkway Segment 1
- ✓ CR 557 from US 17/92 to I-4
- ✓ I-275 Express Lanes from 38<sup>th</sup> Ave N to 4<sup>th</sup> St

### Top Priorities for the Greater Tampa Bay Region

- I-75 Interchange at Gibsonton Dr (ROW funded)
- I-275 Express Lanes from I-375 to 38<sup>th</sup> Ave N
- I-275/SR 60 Tampa Westshore District Interchange Phase 3
- SR 54/US 41 Intersection
- US 41 from SR 44 to SR 200
- Desoto Bridge Replacement
- Bradenton-Palmetto Connector
- I-4 and the SR 33 Interchange Design and Construction (Exit 38)
- Downtown Lakeland Intermodal Transit Center
- Regional Rapid Transit in the I-275 Corridor
- Regional passenger rail transit connection between Tampa and Orlando
- HART Heavy Maintenance Facility
- Florida/Tampa Bus Rapid Transit Project (downtown Tampa to USF)
- Pasoco/Hernando County Line Road

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**7D. Acceptance of Plan and Approval of Recommendations  
on Advantage Alt 19**



**SUMMARY**

In June 2022, Forward Pinellas began work on an Advantage Pinellas Investment Corridor Transition Plan to develop a mobility, safety and redevelopment strategy for Alternate US 19. The purpose of the plan, known as *Advantage Alt 19: Investing in People and Places along the Alternate US 19 Corridor*, is to evaluate Alternate US 19 (SR 595) from SR 60 to 58th Street North at 5th Avenue North, and 58th Street North from 5th Avenue North to Central Avenue. Our goal is to guide positive redevelopment and to provide people with better access from their homes to their jobs and job training opportunities, as well as other desired destinations, via reliable transportation options.

Through Advantage Pinellas, Forward Pinellas has created the Investment Corridor Strategy, where a set of roadway corridors within Pinellas County have been prioritized for redevelopment and reinvestment with the goal of linking jobs and housing. The Alternate US 19 Corridor is identified as one of the priority investment corridors.

The project team has completed all analysis and has wrapped up the plan. The redevelopment vision featured in the plan encourages the incorporation of enhanced transit service and other multimodal transportation options to link jobs, job training, and workforce housing. It features a transit service vision with short and long-term strategies to provide faster, and more frequent, enhanced service along the corridor. The redevelopment vision also includes identified station area locations, characteristics, and bus operational enhancements. The next steps include working with the local governments to implement the plan recommendations. In particular, Forward Pinellas will be assisting the City of Largo with implementation efforts related to the plan in the coming months.

Kimley-Horn and Forward Pinellas staff will provide a brief overview of the completed plan, as well as a brief update on next steps.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- [Final Advantage Alt 19: Investing in People and Places along the Alternate US 19 Corridor Plan](#)
- [Presentation](#)

**ACTION:** Forward Pinellas Board to accept the final Advantage Alt 19: Investing in People and Places along the Alternate US 19 Corridor Plan and approve the recommendations.

**January 10, 2024**



**7E. Advantage Pinellas Housing Action Plan Update**

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**SUMMARY**

At its July 2023 meeting, the board approved the Housing Action Plan (HAP), which created a policy framework that will guide implementation of the Advantage Pinellas Housing Compact for the next 10 years. Nine municipal and countywide partners have signed the Compact, committing to developing a common set of policies and resources to make it easier to create both traditional affordable housing and diverse market-rate housing that is affordable to households with a range of incomes. Joint Resolution No. 23-25 designated the Forward Pinellas Board as the ongoing forum for coordination, communication and collaborative planning and implementation activities of the plan.

At its November meeting, the board received the first of what will be bimonthly updates about implementation of the plan, which will include progress reports on implementation projects, reports from our partner communities, input from stakeholders in the community, and informational briefings on housing topics requested by the board.

At the January meeting, staff will provide a progress update on the first four HAP implementation projects, which include a coordinated media strategy, a countywide housing targets study, online mapping and analysis tools, and a regulatory toolkit. In addition, based on board member interest expressed in November, staff will provide an informational briefing on accessory dwelling units.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** [Presentation](#)

**ACTION:** None required; informational item only.

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## **7F. Complete Streets Grant Program Awards**

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### **SUMMARY**

Forward Pinellas provides funding to its local government partners through a variety of competitive grant programs. Now in its eighth year, the Complete Streets Grant Program provides annual allocations for concept planning and construction projects. The purpose of the program is to leverage federal and state funds to identify and help construct transportation projects that support local government and community-based goals for access, mobility, safety and planned redevelopment. This year, up to \$150,000 is available for concept planning projects and up to \$1.5 million is available for construction projects. Forward Pinellas released a Call for Projects in the summer of 2023 and the submittal deadline for the grant program was October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Forward Pinellas received two applications for concept planning funding and one application for construction funding. The applications received are:

- Pinellas County request for \$95,000 for the Downtown Palm Harbor, West Florida Avenue Corridor Enhancement and Parking Project
- City of St. Petersburg request for \$100,000 for the 31<sup>st</sup> Street Planning Study
- City of St. Petersburg request for \$1,500,000 to construct Curb Extensions in the Grand Central District

In November 2023, a subcommittee comprised of Forward Pinellas staff and non-applicant representatives from the Planners Advisory Committee and Technical Coordinating Committee reviewed the applications and developed recommendations for funding. Based on their review of the applications and discussion during the meeting, the subcommittee recommends the following:

- \$100,000 to the City of St. Petersburg for the 31<sup>st</sup> Street Planning Study
- \$1,500,000 to the City of St. Petersburg for the Grand Central District Curb Extensions

Forward Pinellas staff will provide an overview of the applications received and request board approval of the Complete Streets Grant Awards

### **ATTACHMENT(S):**

- Forward Pinellas Complete Streets Subcommittee Report
- [Presentation](#)

**ACTION:** Board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, to approve the Complete Streets Grant Awards as outlined.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S):** The Technical Coordinating Committee received a presentation of the Complete Streets Funding Recommendations at its meeting on December 6, 2023, and recommended approval by a unanimous vote. The Citizens Advisory Committee received a presentation of the Complete Streets Funding Recommendations at its meeting on December 7, 2023, and recommended approval by a 15 -1 vote.

## **Complete Streets Subcommittee Review Meeting Summary**

**Date: November 13, 2023**

**Time: 10:00AM**

**Location: Virtual**

### **Subcommittee Members:**

- **Caroline Lanford, City of Tarpon Springs**
- **Kyle Brotherton, City of Clearwater**
- **David Chase, City of Pinellas Park**
- **Jacob Labutka, PSTA**
- **Matt Jackson, City of Oldsmar**

### **Recorder: Kyle Simpson, Active Transportation Planner, Forward Pinellas**

The purpose of this memorandum is to summarize the subcommittee meeting held on November 13, 2023, for the Forward Pinellas Complete Streets Grant Program. A total of three (3) grant applications were received in response to the Complete Streets Call for Projects. This call for projects was issued in July 2023 and distributed to all members of the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and Planners Advisory Committee (PAC), advertised on the Forward Pinellas website, distributed via agency social media accounts, and was discussed at various public meetings with the board and other local government officials. A copy of each grant application received was posted to the Forward Pinellas website and provided to each subcommittee member in advance of the meeting.

The grant program is divided into two separate programs with up to \$150,000 available for concept planning applications and \$1.5 million available for construction projects. Two (2) applications were submitted for the concept planning grant and one (1) application was submitted for the construction grant.

With the understanding that complete streets are contextually sensitive and may include varying elements due to a variety of factors, the application criteria for both programs was developed to be intentionally broad. Applicants were asked to provide data points in their applications to help committee members quantify some of the redevelopment potential and low income and minority populations served by the proposed projects. This allows for each project to be evaluated based on its ability to serve as a catalyst for transformational land use change, and not just on its ability to provide a variety of specific accommodations for various modes.

The concept planning application included two required items for an application to be eligible.

- The application must include a letter or resolution from the applicant's elected board, documenting community support for the project.
- The application must demonstrate how the project will be a catalyst for transformative change.

Each applicant was asked to provide a variety of information about the project, including an evaluation of existing conditions, how the project would improve conditions for multiple modes, the presence of any

underserved communities and how the jurisdiction planned to move the concept plan forward for construction/implementation in the future. The most significant requirement for these applications was that each demonstrate how the project would help to transform the surrounding area, including the percentages of each land use category along the project corridor, percentages of vacant land and descriptions of how the parcels along the corridor are underdeveloped and underutilized and how they would benefit from the treatments.

For the construction applications, the following requirements applied:

1. The application must include a letter or resolution from the applicant's elected board, documenting community support for the project.
2. Project must provide/improve accommodations for multiple modes of travel.
3. Application must demonstrate how the project will be a catalyst for transformative change.
4. Application is Local Agency Program (LAP) certified or provides documentation of an agreement with a LAP certified agency to complete construction. If the applicant is not currently LAP certified, the applicant must agree to make continued progress towards receiving that certification, or to develop an agreement with a LAP certified agency, immediately following notice of award from this program. The agency must have LAP certification in place at least one year prior to receipt of construction funding.
5. Documentation that 100% of right-of-way has been acquired, or that an agreement is in place with applicable property owners to utilize their property for a portion of the project.

Construction applicants were also asked to provide similar information in their applications for concept planning projects, including an assessment of existing conditions, a description of the proposed improvements, a detailed cost estimate and the identification of any underserved communities along the corridor. The most significant requirement for these applications was that each demonstrate how the project would help to transform the surrounding area, including the percentages of each land use category along the project corridor, percentages of vacant land and descriptions of how the parcels along the corridor are underdeveloped and underutilized and how they would benefit from the treatments.

#### **EVALUATION COMMITTEE COMMENTS – CONCEPT PLANNING PROJECTS:**

##### ***The City of St. Petersburg – 31<sup>st</sup> Street Planning Study***

The City of St. Petersburg applied for a concept planning award of \$100,000 to conduct a concept planning project to assist in community engagement and development of concepts and preliminary design for modifications of a 4.33-mile segment of 31<sup>st</sup> Street from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North to Pinellas Point Drive. The 31<sup>st</sup> Street corridor is part of a larger north-south bicycle route that spans St. Petersburg, with a combination of trails, bike lanes, and marked bicycle routes. There are three distinct districts, all of which have corresponding master plans, within the corridor: the Skyway Marina District (southern portion of the corridor), Grand Central District (northern portion of the corridor), and Union Central Districts (northern portion of the corridor). The corridor also travels through the South St. Petersburg Community Redevelopment Area (CRA).

The concept planning study will also address crossings and other safety enhancements needed to improve connectivity and reduce excessive speeding within the study area. The envisioned bikeways would connect with several existing popular bicycling facilities, including the existing Bayway Trail that

runs along 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue South out to Fort De Soto and the Gulf Beaches, Maximo Park, the trail over the Dick Misner Bridge along I-275 down to the Skyway rest area, the buffered bike lanes along Pinellas Point Drive to the east, and the “South Loop” route popular with hundreds of recreational cyclists every day.

The scope of work for the concept planning project includes the following elements: alternatives development and screening, technical analysis performed through an equity lens, a public dialogue to guide the design choices, and the selection and advancement of the safest and most comfortable design configurations sufficient to prioritize safety and the most economical use of public space, which could include lane reallocation.

The subcommittee recognized that the application aligned with and supported the goals and objectives of multiple area plans and served the South St. Petersburg CRA. The subcommittee appreciated the application’s focus on addressing documented traffic safety issues, with a strong focus on moderating excessive speeding and providing safe and comfortable crossings and facilities for people walking and bicycling in and through the corridor. Members also highlighted the focus on increasing access to healthy food options and recreational sites such as Maximo Park.

***Pinellas County – Downtown Palm Harbor, West Florida Avenue Corridor Enhancement and Parking Project***

Pinellas County applied for a concept planning award of \$95,000 to build on the recommendations from the recently adopted Palm Harbor Streetscape and Parking Strategic Action Plan. That plan identified the potential to add 60-65 angled parking spaces in the existing median on the 0.16-mile segment of Florida Avenue between 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Alt. US 19. The primary objective of the proposed project is to continue the public dialogue regarding the parking improvements along Florida Avenue. The intent of the project is to: Conduct geo-technical analysis; Develop concepts for parking; Assess feasibility for accommodating green infrastructure and possibly multimodal improvements within proposed concepts; And through outreach, identify preferred concepts for improvement. It is envisioned that the project would strengthen multimodal connections between the east and west side of downtown Palm Harbor and serve as a trailhead for the Pinellas Trail which touches the east end of the corridor.

After receiving the application, Forward Pinellas staff met with Pinellas County staff to seek clarification on the application and determine if all components were eligible uses of planning funds. Based on that discussion Pinellas County submitted a clarification letter to Forward Pinellas on November 3, 2023, which provided additional details on the desired outcome of the project and removed the request for geo-technical analysis, which was not an eligible expense for the planning grant. The letter was provided to the subcommittee for review and consideration prior to their November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The subcommittee appreciated the application’s connection to the Palm Harbor Streetscape and Parking Strategic Action Plan, as well as the potential to create a trailhead for the Pinellas Trail. The subcommittee discussed the application’s focus on the parking component of the project and raised concerns about the lack of commitment to other specific goals beyond adding parking. Subcommittee members noted the lack of a documented existing safety issue and were concerned that adding new angled parking would introduce new conflict points for people walking and bicycling in the corridor.



**Evaluation Subcommittee Recommendation:**

Based on the intent of the program to fund projects that demonstrate a strong potential to serve as a catalyst for improved safety and economic development, **the subcommittee recommends awarding \$100,000 to the City of St. Petersburg for the 31<sup>st</sup> Street Planning Study**. The subcommittee recognized the importance of creating a safer environment for all users along 31<sup>st</sup> Street and appreciated the strong connections to existing area plans in the Union Central, Grand Central, and Skyway Marina Districts, as well as the South St. Petersburg CRA. While the subcommittee believes the Downtown Palm Harbor, West Florida Avenue Corridor Enhancement and Parking Project is a worthy project on its own, they did not believe the scope of the project aligned with the intent of the Complete Streets program.

**EVALUATION COMMITTEE COMMENTS - CONSTRUCTION PROJECT:**

***The City of St. Petersburg Grand Central District Curb Extensions***

The City of St. Petersburg submitted a construction application requesting \$1,500,000 for construction of curb extensions on Central Avenue at the unsignalized intersections of 21<sup>st</sup> Street, 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, and 27<sup>th</sup> Street, consistent with the recommendations of the Grand Central District Master Plan. St. Petersburg previously constructed bulb outs at 24<sup>th</sup> Street, 25<sup>th</sup> Street, and 26<sup>th</sup> Street along Central Avenue. Completing this project would enable the completion of all the raised curb extensions within Subarea Two of the Grand Central District Master Plan. As an interim improvement, the city has programmed painted bulb outs at certain intersections along Central Avenue within the Grand Central District in a phased approach due to funding constraints. The City's goal, based upon recommendations from the Complete Streets Implementation Plan and Grand Central District Master Plan, is to construct permanent bulb outs to further both economic development and roadway safety. The project is located within an Environmental Justice (EJ) area, the South St. Petersburg CRA, and the Intown Activity Center.

The subcommittee appreciated that the application built upon an existing district plan and would create a consistent streetscape for the subarea. Subcommittee members noted that Central Avenue is on St. Petersburg's High Injury Network, and that the curb extensions would improve pedestrian safety by increasing pedestrian visibility to motorists, reduce the crossing distance at unsignalized intersections, and help moderate excessive vehicular speeds during less busy times. Members also appreciated the documented community support for the project and its connection to continued economic development.

***Evaluation Subcommittee Recommendation:***

**The subcommittee recommends awarding \$1,500,000 to the City of St. Petersburg for the Grand Central District Curb Extensions project.** The subcommittee found that the application provided a strong rationale for improving mobility, safety, and comfort of all users in the corridor because of the project. The subcommittee noted the project furthers implementation of the Grand Central District Master Plan and serves an EJ community.

**January 10, 2024**



## **7G. Appointment to the MPOAC**

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### **SUMMARY**

Forward Pinellas Board members play a vital role serving on a variety of other boards and committees addressing regional and statewide transportation matters. One of these is the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) Governing Board. MPOAC Governing Board members provide input on federal and statewide transportation policy on behalf of Florida metropolitan planning organizations.

Forward Pinellas, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, appoints a representative, and one or more alternates, to the MPOAC Governing Board each year. Typically, there are two alternates appointed. At its November meeting the board reaffirmed Commissioner Dave Eggers as its representative, with Councilor Chris Burke and Councilmember Jarrod Buchman as alternates. Since that time, Councilmember Jarrod Buchman has tenured his resignation from the City of Oldsmar and thereby the Forward Pinellas Board. Therefore, it is necessary to appoint a replacement to serve as an alternate.

The MPOAC Governing Board meets four times per year, generally on Thursdays. Most of the meetings will occur in the Orlando area, with the possibility of one meeting being scheduled at a different location concurrent with another transportation-related forum.

The meeting dates for 2024 are as follows: January 25<sup>th</sup>, April 25<sup>th</sup>, July 25<sup>th</sup>, Oct 24<sup>th</sup>.

At its January meeting the Forward Pinellas Board will appoint a new alternate for the MPOAC Governing Board.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** List of Current Committee Appointments

**ACTION:** Board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, to appoint a replacement alternate member to the MPOAC.

**2024**

**Board Member Committee Assignments:**

**Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA):**

Councilmember Driscoll

**Transportation Management Area (TMA) Members:**

Commissioner Dave Eggers

Commissioner Janet Long

Councilmember Driscoll

**Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) Members:**

Commissioner Dave Eggers

Councilor Chris Burke (alternate)

**Waterborne Transportation Committee Members:**

Mayor Cookie Kennedy, Chair (no longer on FP Board)

Councilmember David Allbritton, Vice-Chair

Mayor Julie Bujalski

Commissioner Janet Long

Commissioner Suzy Sofer (no longer on FP Board)

**Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) Members:**

Councilmember Gina Driscoll – PSTA Chair, Personnel Committee Chair and Legislative Committee

Councilmember David Allbritton – Planning Committee Vice-Chair and Legislative Committee

Commissioner Brian Scott – Finance & Performance Management Committee

Vice Mayor Patti Reed – Finance & Performance Management Committee

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## **8. Director's Report**

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The Executive Director will update and/or seek input from board members on the following items:

- A. SPOTlight Update
- B. Legislative Update
- C. Carbon Reduction Program Funding

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None

**ACTION:** None required; informational item only.

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**8A. SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update**

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**SUMMARY**

The Executive Director will provide an update on the status of the activities related to the adopted SPOTlight Emphasis Areas, which include Enhancing Beach Community Access, a Vision for the US 19 Corridor, the Gateway/Mid-County Area Master Plan (now reduced in emphasis), and Innovations in Target Employment and Jobs Access.

Topics will include an update on the public and business engagement plan for US 19 North in Palm Harbor and Tarpon Springs, along with brief updates on the Gateway employer survey and next steps for the waterborne transportation grant.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None

**ACTION:** None required; informational item only.

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**8B. Legislative Update**

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**SUMMARY**

With the 2024 Legislative Session set to begin on January 9<sup>th</sup> and several bills already filed that would affect Forward Pinellas in its role as either the MPO or PPC, the executive director will highlight several bills of note and seek board input and direction, as appropriate.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None

**ACTION:** None required; informational item only.

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**8C. Carbon Reduction Program Funding**

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**SUMMARY**

The executive director will provide a brief update on a new development involving a key transportation funding source. One of the new programs in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act from 2021 is the [Carbon Reduction Program](#), which allocates about \$320 million to Florida for transportation projects that help reduce reliance on fossil fuels and diminish greenhouse gas emissions. The Florida Department of Transportation had been preparing a Carbon Reduction Strategic Plan, but recently informed the U.S. Department of Transportation that it would not participate in the program, thus forfeiting its future allocation of funds under this program. A letter from FDOT Secretary Jared Perdue explaining the Department's rationale is included in the board's correspondence for this meeting. FDOT is using Carbon Reduction Program funding on several projects in Pinellas County, including SR 580/Skinner Blvd in Dunedin. It is not entirely clear if those funds will remain available, or if this only affects funding in future years of the FDOT Work Program.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None

**ACTION:** None required; informational item only.

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## **9. Informational Items**

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Staff and/or board members will provide information and updates on the following items as deemed appropriate:

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. CPA Actions and Forward Pinellas Administrative Review Items
- B. Fatalities Map
- C. Pinellas Trail Data
- D. Draft PAC Action Sheet
- E. Committee Vacancies
- F. Correspondence of Interest
- G. 2023 Audit Plan from Auditors

### **ATTACHMENT(S):**

- Fatalities Map
- Pinellas Trail Data
- CAC Letter to Forward Pinellas Board Opposing PSTA Legislation
- Carbon Reduction Letter from FDOT to Florida MPOs
- FDOT Letter of Response to Draft Tentative Work Program Comments
- Jarrod Buchman Resignation Letter
- Letter from Forward Pinellas Opposing SB 266 and HB 287
- 2023 Audit Plan from Auditors



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**9A. CPA Actions and Forward Pinellas Administrative Review Items**



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**SUMMARY**

This information is presented in order to better, and more systematically, apprise the Forward Pinellas Board of final action(s) by the Board of County Commissioners, in their role as the Countywide Planning Authority (CPA) on matters that have been previously considered. This summary also includes the Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments and Map Adjustments that have been administratively reviewed by Forward Pinellas staff.

**CPA Actions November and December 2023:**

The Board of County Commissioners, acting according to its Countywide Planning Authority, held public hearings to consider the following amendments to the Countywide Plan Map:

- CW 23-10, a Pinellas County case generally bounded by 68th Ave. N. to the north, 45th St. N. to the west, 44th Ave. N. to the south, and 24th St. N. to the east, was **approved** for an amendment from Residential Low Medium, Residential Medium, Office, Public/Semi-Public, Retail & Services, Employment, and Target Employment Center to Multimodal Corridor and Target Employment Center. (vote: 7-0)
- DA 23-0, a City of St. Petersburg case located at the northwest corner of Gandy Boulevard and I-275, was **approved** for an amendment from Activity Center to Activity Center to allow for the amendment of the Development Agreement that was included when the original case was approved back in December of 2021. (vote: 7-0)

The CPA also approved the Annual Update of the Countywide Plan Map in December.

**Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments November and December 2023:**

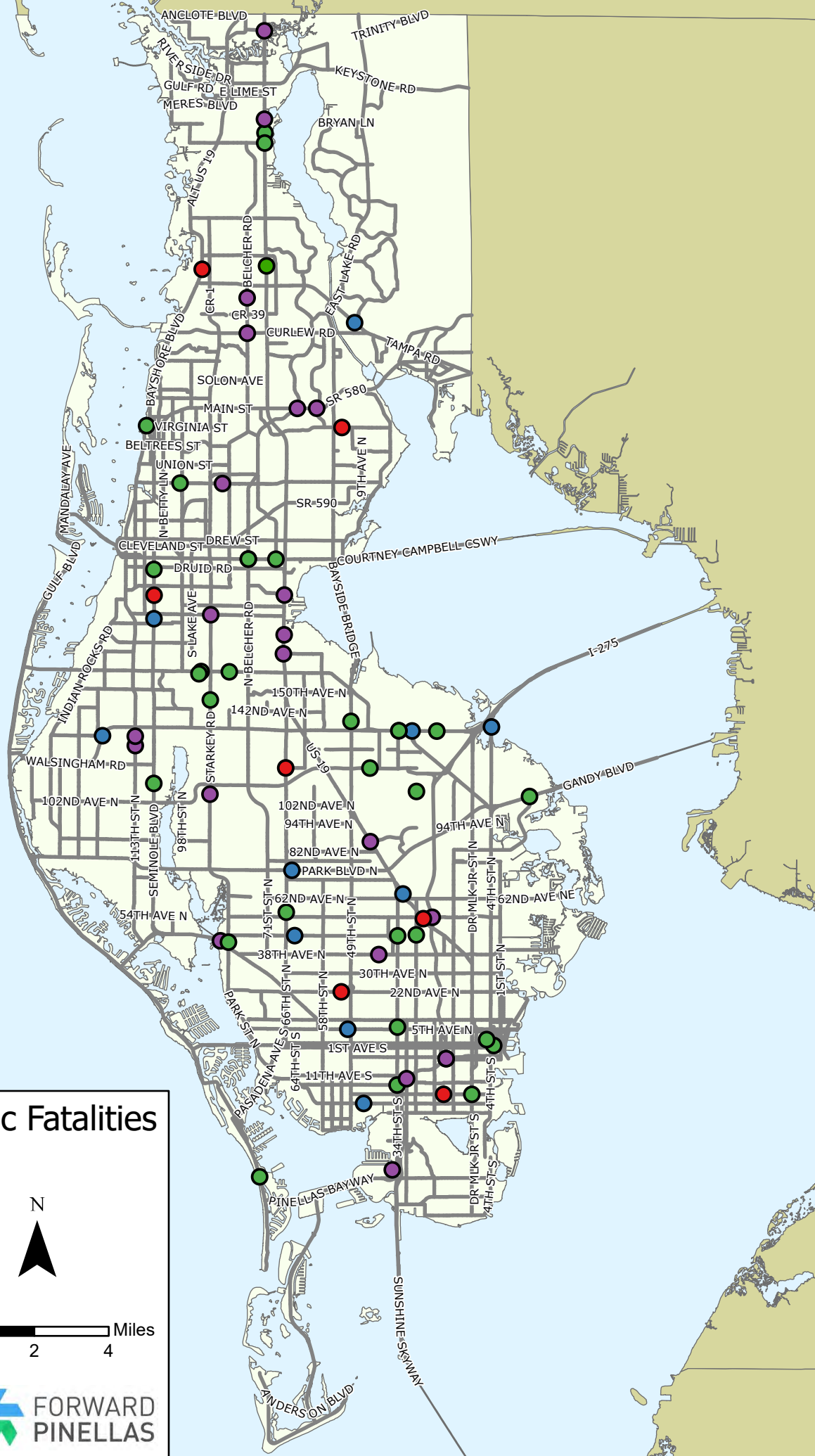
- FLUM 23-08, Pinellas County, satisfies the Tier I provisions of Section 6.1.2.1 of the Countywide Rules

**Map Adjustments November and December 2023:**

There were no map adjustments processed in November or December.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None

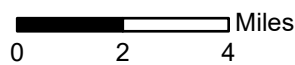
**ACTION:** None required; informational item only.



# 2023 Reported Traffic Fatalities (as of December 8)

## Crash Type

- Bicycle
- Motorcycle
- Pedestrian
- Vehicle



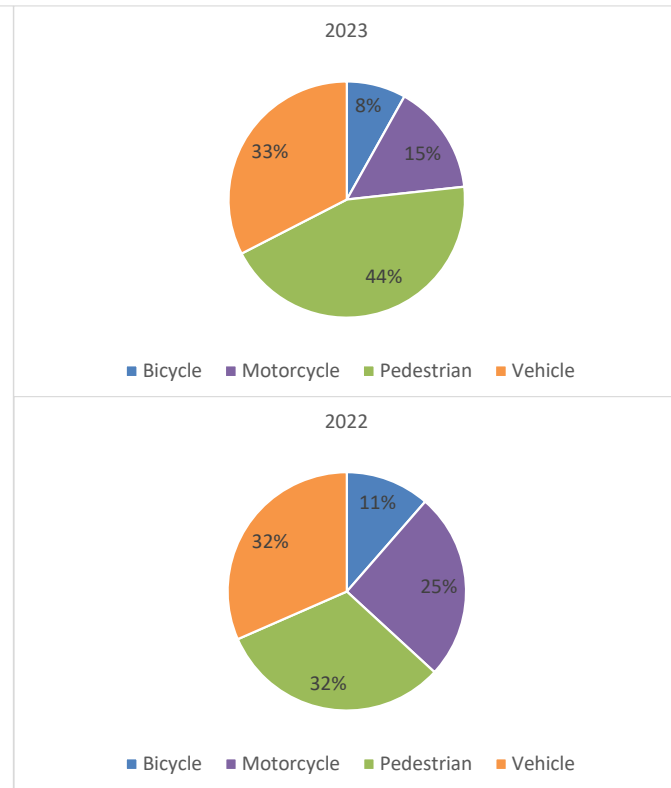
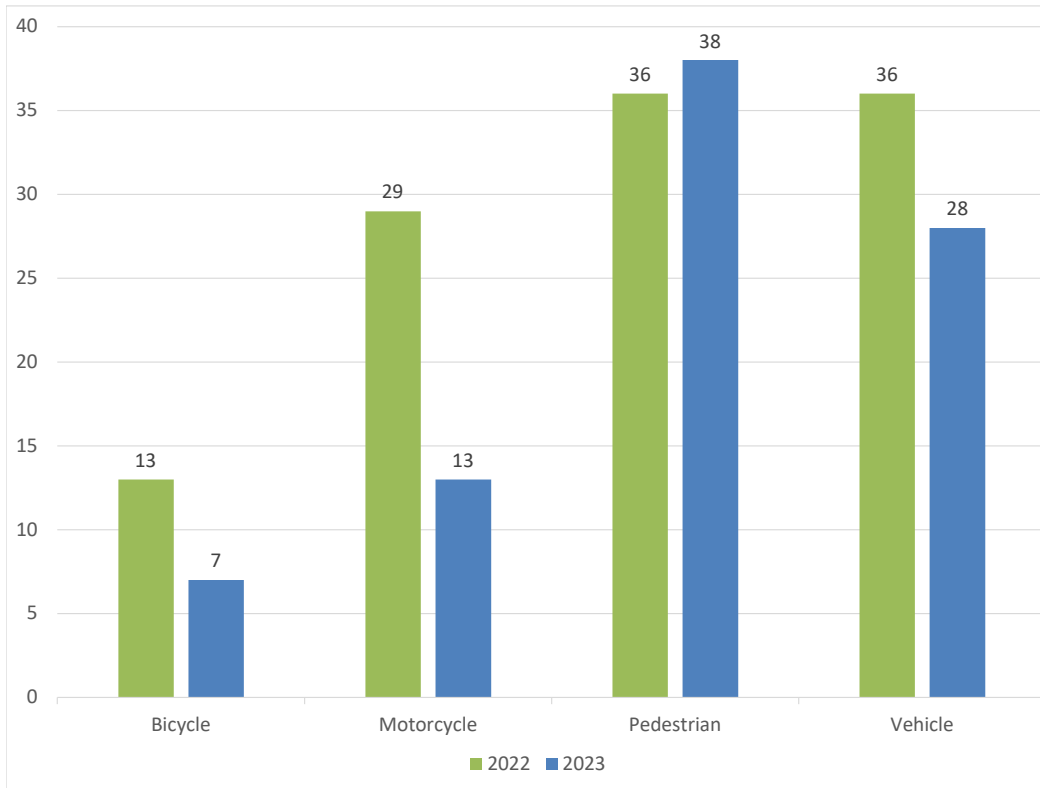
Data Source: Forward Pinellas, 2023.  
Map Produced: December 8, 2023.

Crash Number	Fatalities	Date	Time	Type	On Street	Intersecting Street	Jurisdiction	Driver Age	Driver Sex
89363225	2	1/3/2023	6:13 PM	Pedestrian	Gulf Blvd	45th Ave	St. Pete Beach	51	Female
89363249	1	1/7/2023	6:49 PM	Pedestrian	Edgewater Dr	Main St	Dunedin	52	Female
25121505	1	1/10/2023	3:09 PM	Vehicle	S 50th Ave	None	St. Petersburg	67	Female
25121683	1	1/16/2023	7:26 PM	Vehicle	38th Ave N	40th St N	St. Petersburg	38	Female
25433239	1	1/19/2023	4:25 PM	Bicycle	S Missouri Ave	Bayview Dr	Clearwater	27	Female
25493525	1	1/19/2023	6:21 PM	Motorcycle	S Missouri Ave	Kingsley St	Largo	74	Female
25045864	1	1/23/2023	4:49 PM	Vehicle	Haines Rd N SB	53rd Ave N	Unincorporated	35	Female
25121999	1	1/29/2023	12:34 AM	Pedestrian	28th St N	109th Ave N	St. Petersburg	20	Male
25433330	1	1/30/2023	8:20 AM	Vehicle	Sunset Point Rd	Barrington Dr W	Clearwater	26	Male
25122000	1	1/30/2023	6:32 PM	Bicycle	22nd Ave N	52nd St N	St. Petersburg	47	Female
25122007	1	2/1/2023	7:15 AM	Pedestrian	9th St S	18th Ave S	St. Petersburg	33	Male
25493627	1	2/4/2023	6:19 PM	Pedestrian	Starkey Rd	12th Ave SE	Largo	81	Female
25433438	1	2/7/2023	9:17 PM	Pedestrian	Gulf To Bay Blvd	S Belcher Rd	Clearwater	Unknown	Unknown
25062604	1	2/11/2023	9:43 PM	Pedestrian	SR 686/Ulmerton Rd	34th St N	Unincorporated	52	Male
89600474	1	2/13/2023	7:50 PM	Pedestrian	SR 688/Ulmerton Rd	Feather Sound Dr	Clearwater	29	Male
25073441	2	2/16/2023	3:14 AM	Vehicle	I-175 WB Exit	I-275 (SR 93)	St. Petersburg	35	Male
25433558	1	2/17/2023	7:22 AM	Pedestrian	Gulf To Bay Blvd	Coachman Rd S	Clearwater	35	Male
25122714	1	2/28/2023	7:03 PM	Bicycle	18th Ave S	19th St S	Largo	26	Male
89617269	1	3/6/2023	1:11 PM	Pedestrian	US Hwy 19	Publix Parking Lot	Unincorporated	33	Female
25185044	1	3/6/2023	4:56 PM	Vehicle	US Hwy 19	Beckett Way	Tarpon Springs	44	Male
89619181	1	3/9/2023	10:47 AM	Bicycle	US Alt 19 (Palm Harbor Blvd)	Ohio Ave	Unincorporated	33	Female
25493899	1	3/9/2023	5:36 PM	Vehicle	US Hwy 19	Whitney Rd	Largo	86	Male
89363823	1	3/9/2023	9:09 PM	Pedestrian	Enterprise Rd E	Fernery Ln	Safety Harbor	41	Male
24907580	1	3/12/2023	8:26 PM	Vehicle	I-275 NB Exit	31st St S	Unincorporated	22	Female
25493937	1	3/14/2023	8:26 AM	Pedestrian	Judy Lee Dr	Lake Judy Lee Dr	Largo	38	Male
25067318	1	3/16/2023	10:09 PM	Pedestrian	CR 296/118th Ave N	43rd St N	Unincorporated	77	Male
89385756	1	3/20/2023	8:17 AM	Pedestrian	Mirror Lake Dr N	5th St N	St. Petersburg	33	Female
25433861	1	3/22/2023	6:30 PM	Motorcycle	Gulf To Bay Blvd	Belcher Rd S	Clearwater	50	Female
25738741	2	3/26/2023	7:39 PM	Vehicle	US Hwy 19	Gateway Centre Blvd N	Pinellas Park	25	Male
25904342	1	3/28/2023	4:55 AM	Pedestrian	US Hwy 19	E Klosterman Rd	Tarpon Springs	Unknown	Unknown
25433981	1	3/28/2023	5:00 AM	Pedestrian	Sunset Point Rd	Flora Rd	Clearwater	Unknown	Unknown
89627505	1	3/29/2023	5:47 AM	Vehicle	I-275	I-175	Unincorporated	57	Male
89581705	1	3/29/2023	6:35 AM	Pedestrian	SR 693/66th St N	56th Ave N	Unincorporated	20	Male
25016315	1	4/4/2023	2:48 AM	Motorcycle	46th Ave N	Villas Of Willow Lake	Kenneth City	57	Male
89615424	1	4/4/2023	9:01 PM	Pedestrian	CR 681/28th St N	46th Ter N	Unincorporated	54	Male
89363825	1	4/5/2023	10:46 PM	Vehicle	Belcher Rd	Curlew Rd	Dunedin	18	Male
25434090	1	4/8/2023	3:59 PM	Vehicle	SR 580	Countryside Blvd	Clearwater	67	Male
89363874	1	4/11/2023	11:03 PM	Motorcycle	SR 595 SB	50th Ave N	Seminole	57	Male
89615433	1	4/12/2023	8:06 PM	Motorcycle	SR 689/Haines Rd N	64th Ave N	Unincorporated	65	Male
89364067	1	4/13/2023	9:19 PM	Vehicle	Old Oak Cir	Belcher Rd	Unincorporated	51	Male
25494289	1	4/29/2023	12:34 AM	Pedestrian	East Bay Dr	None	Largo	26	Female
25955237	1	5/6/2023	2:15 AM	Pedestrian	34th St S	15th Ave S	St. Petersburg	38	Female
25434374	1	5/8/2023	12:15 PM	Vehicle	SR 580	Landmark Dr	Clearwater	81	Female
25954723	1	5/13/2023	3:32 PM	Motorcycle	22nd Ave S	45th St S	St. Petersburg	20	Male
25955236	1	5/15/2023	8:39 PM	Pedestrian	34th St N	6th Ave N	St. Petersburg	39	Female
89364060	1	5/16/2023	7:49 AM	Motorcycle	CR 752	East Lake Woodlands Pkwy	Oldsmar	19	Male
25434552	1	5/18/2023	11:22 PM	Vehicle	US Hwy 19	None	Clearwater	46	Male
25969486	1	5/27/2023	8:41 PM	Vehicle	Keene Rd	Belleair Rd	Largo	38	Female

Crash Number	Fatalities	Date	Time	Type	On Street	Intersecting Street	Jurisdiction	Driver Age	Driver Sex
25955163	1	6/3/2023	6:30 PM	Pedestrian	3rd St N	Central Ave	St. Petersburg	23	Female
89660153	1	6/20/2023	9:57 PM	Vehicle	Starkey Rd	Bryan Dairy Rd	Unincorporated	26	Male
89655559	1	7/1/2023	5:57 PM	Pedestrian	CR 1/Park St	CR 16	Unincorporated	65	Male
25969749	1	7/4/2023	8:43 AM	Vehicle	113th St N	130th Ave N	Largo	88	Male
89660161	1	7/4/2023	9:04 PM	Pedestrian	US 92/Gandy Blvd	San Martin Blvd NE	Unincorporated	48	Female
89664543	1	7/7/2023	3:19 PM	Pedestrian	US Alt 19/Seminole Blvd	110th Ave N	Unincorporated	45	Male
25969817	1	7/17/2023	10:23 PM	Vehicle	Frontage Rd	Haines Bayshore Rd	Largo	40	Female
25435139	1	7/18/2023	12:38 AM	Pedestrian	S Missouri Ave	Jasmine Way	Clearwater	22	Male
25739605	1	7/29/2023	3:13 AM	Bicycle	66th St N	118th Ave N	Pinellas Park	26	Female
89677720	1	7/30/2023	2:35 AM	Pedestrian	US 19 N	46th Ave N	Unincorporated	56	Male
89663052	1	7/30/2023	8:53 PM	Motorcycle	SR 688/Ulmerton Rd	130th Ave N	Unincorporated	22	Female
89643656	1	8/8/2023	4:45 AM	Pedestrian	SR 688/Ulmerton Rd	34th St N	Unincorporated	71	Male
89655585	1	8/13/2023	6:59 PM	Vehicle	SR 595/Bay Pines Blvd	Seahorse Dr	Unincorporated	57	Male
89364721	1	8/18/2023	9:52 AM	Pedestrian	49th St N	140th Ave N	Unincorporated	75	Male
25904553	1	8/22/2023	3:19 PM	Vehicle	US Hwy 19	Wood Hill Dr	Tarpon Springs	79	Male
25970155	1	9/1/2023	12:34 PM	Vehicle	113th St N	126th Ave N	Largo	84	Male
25970184	2	9/7/2023	5:31 PM	Pedestrian	East Bay Dr	20th St SE	Largo	73	Unknown
24907586	1	9/7/2023	4:20 AM	Motorcycle	SR 687/4th St N	SR93/I-275 NB Entrance	St. Petersburg	22	Male
25904580	1	9/9/2023	3:00 AM	Pedestrian	US 19 N	Sun Valley Blvd	Tarpon Springs	44	Male
25739815	1	9/12/2023	5:12 AM	Vehicle	65th St N	Park Blvd N	Pinellas Park	31	Male
89706162	1	9/16/2023	4:22 AM	Vehicle	I-275 SB Entrance	54th Ave N	St. Petersburg	36	Female
25957391	1	9/21/2023	11:42 PM	Vehicle	37th Ave S	6th St S	St. Petersburg	55	Male
25957390	1	9/21/2023	8:21 PM	Motorcycle	34th Ave N	34th St N	St. Petersburg	34	Male
25957433	1	9/23/2023	7:01 PM	Motorcycle	9th Ave N	49th St N	St. Petersburg	25	Female
Unknown	1	9/29/2023	11:52 PM	Pedestrian	Tampa Rd	Burbank Rd	Oldsmar	68	Female
Unknown	1	10/3/2023	10:24 PM	Pedestrian	49th St N	95th Ave	Pinellas Park	Unknown	Unknown
Unknown	2	10/8/2023	3:05 PM	Motorcycle	Courtney Campbell Cswy	None	Clearwater	Unknown	Female
Unknown	1	10/20/2023	11:40 PM	Pedestrian	54th Ave N	28th St N	Unincorporated	37	Female
Unknown	1	10/26/2023	11:00 PM	Bicycle	Patricia Ave	Virginia St	Dunedin	Unknown	Unknown
25958375	1	11/3/2023	11:21 PM	Vehicle	22nd Ave N	76th St N	St. Petersburg	57	Female
Unknown	2	12/6/2023	10:46 PM	Vehicle	I-275	Mile Marker 13	St. Petersburg	22	Male
Unknown	1	11/16/2023	3:55 PM	Vehicle	Tampa Rd	Lake St. George Dr	Unincorporated	58	Male
Unknown	1	11/23/2023	8:54 PM	Pedestrian	66th St N	54th Ave N	Unincorporated	42	Female
Unknown	1	12/1/2023	9:05 PM	Pedestrian	US-19 N	62nd Ave N	Pinellas Park	33	Male
25958944	1	12/3/2023	10:50 AM	Motorcycle	22nd Ave N	66th St N	St. Petersburg	56	Female
Unknown	1	12/4/2023	2:15 PM	Bicycle	E Martin Luther King Jr. Dr	North Ave	Tarpon Springs	66	Male
Unknown	1	11/21/2023	8:54 PM	Pedestrian	66th St N	54th Ave N	Unincorporated	42	Female
Unknown	1	11/28/2023	6:48 PM	Pedestrian	49th St N	58th Ave N	Unincorporated	Unknown	Unknown

**Note:** Due to Florida Statute changes, as of March 1, there is a 60-day delay in the sharing of crash data from FLHSMV. As such, listed crashes occurring in August or later were obtained from unofficial media sources and are not displayed on the map. These crash listings will be updated as official data becomes available.

Reported Fatal Crashes 2022/2023 Comparison (as of December 8)



# Pinellas Trail Count Data Summary

Automated Trail Counter Data Collection Period:  
October 1st-31st

## October 2023\*

31-Day Count Total: 170,021

Daily Average Count: 5,485

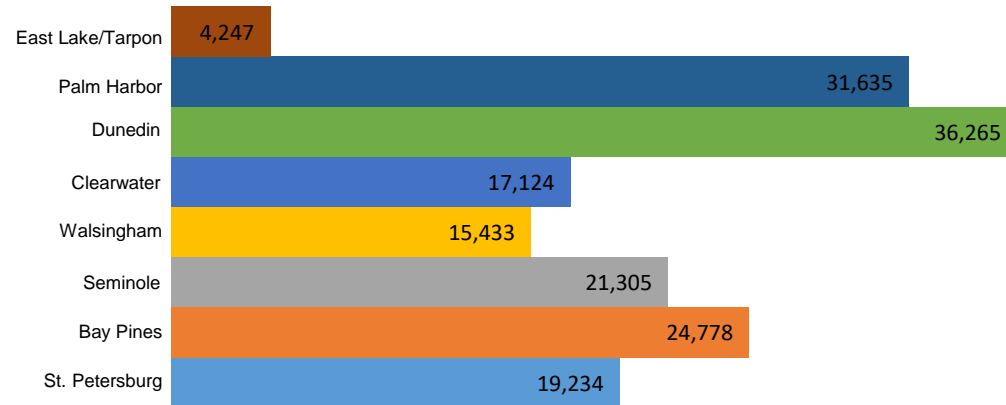
Highest Daily Totals:

#1 – Saturday, October 21st (Dunedin – 2,022)

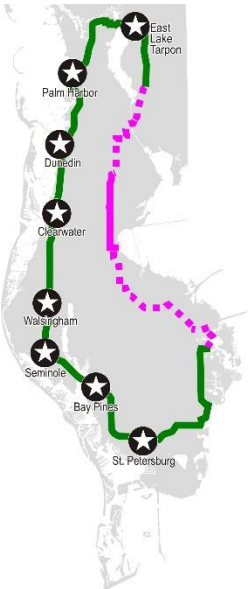
#2 – Saturday, October 21st (Palm Harbor – 1,423)

#3 – Saturday, October 21st (St. Petersburg – 974)

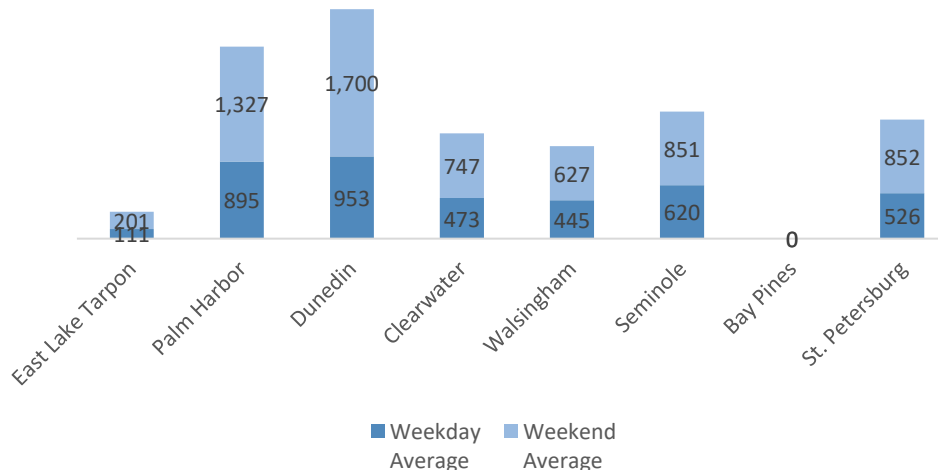
## October Totals by Counter Location\*



## Counter Locations



## Weekday & Weekend Profile\*

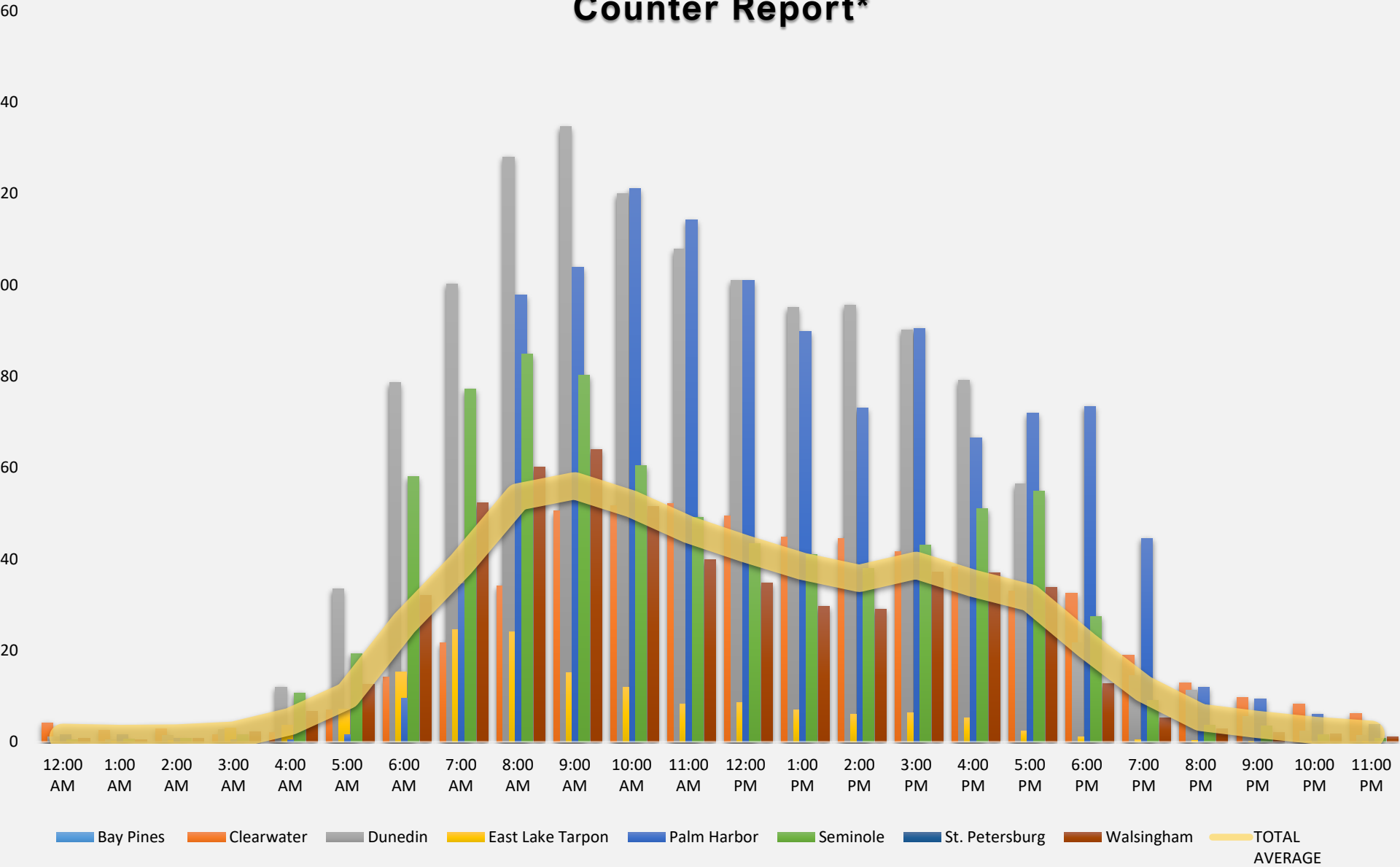


## Trail User Mode Split\*

Counter Location	Walking (Pedestrian)	Bicycling (Bicycle)
Palm Harbor	28%	72%
Dunedin	16%	84%
Clearwater	68%	32%
Walsingham	5%	95%
Seminole	25%	75%
Bay Pines	N/A	N/A
St. Petersburg	N/A	N/A
East Lake/Tarpon	7%	93%

Source: Forward Pinellas October 2023

# October 2023 Average Hourly Counter Report\*



# Pinellas Trail Count Data Summary

Automated Trail Counter Data Collection

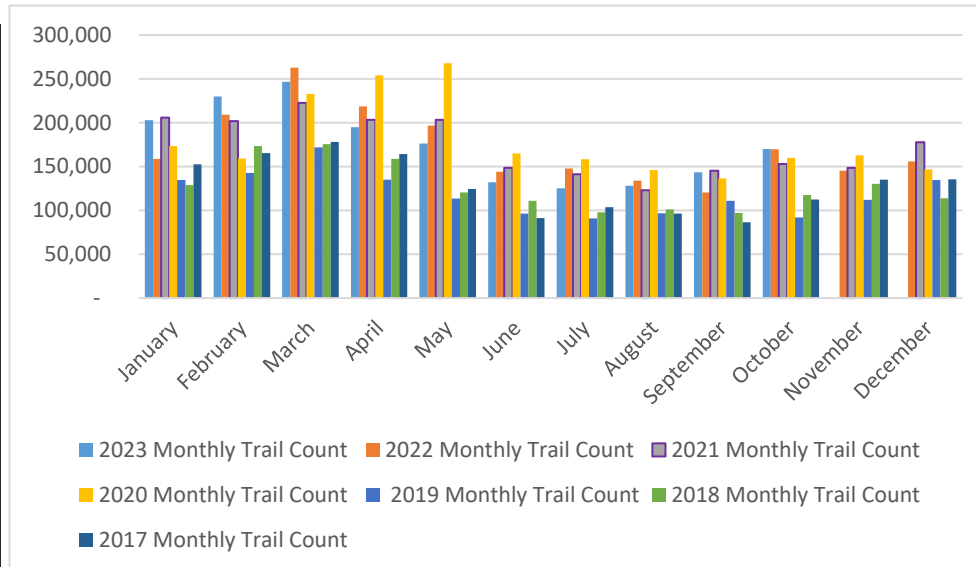
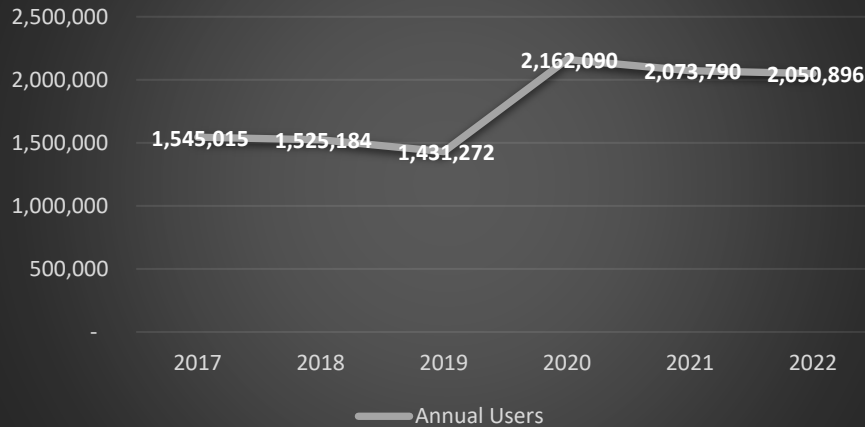
Period: January 2017 – October 2023 Data



**2023 Total Count:**  
**1,749,457**

## Monthly Trail Counts 2017 - 2023

### Pinellas Trail Counts 2017 - 2022



**Note:**

- \*Due to technical issues with the Bay Pines counters, a monthly estimate was produced based on historical data. Due to technical issues on October 1<sup>st</sup> at Clearwater and October 28-31 at St. Petersburg, daily averages from October 2023 were used to cover data gaps.
- Data in this report represents total counts from each count station located along the Pinellas Trail system. Each datapoint does not necessarily represent a unique trail user.



# Pinellas Trail Count Data Summary

Automated Trail Counter Data Collection Period:  
November 1st-30th

## November 2023\*

30-Day Count Total: 162,718

Daily Average Count: 5,424

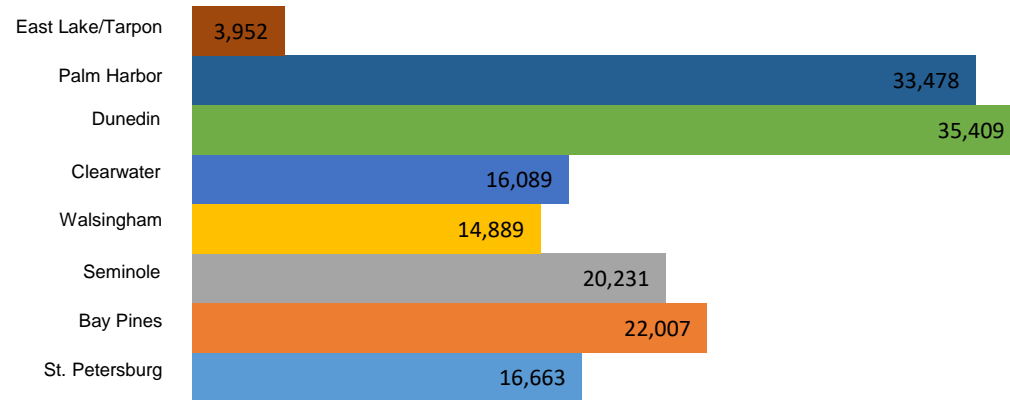
Highest Daily Totals:

#1 – Saturday, November 11th (Dunedin – 2,321)

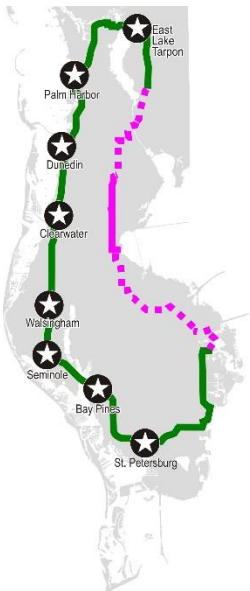
#2 – Sunday, November 19th (Palm Harbor – 2,048)

#3 – Sunday, November 19th (Seminole – 1,007)

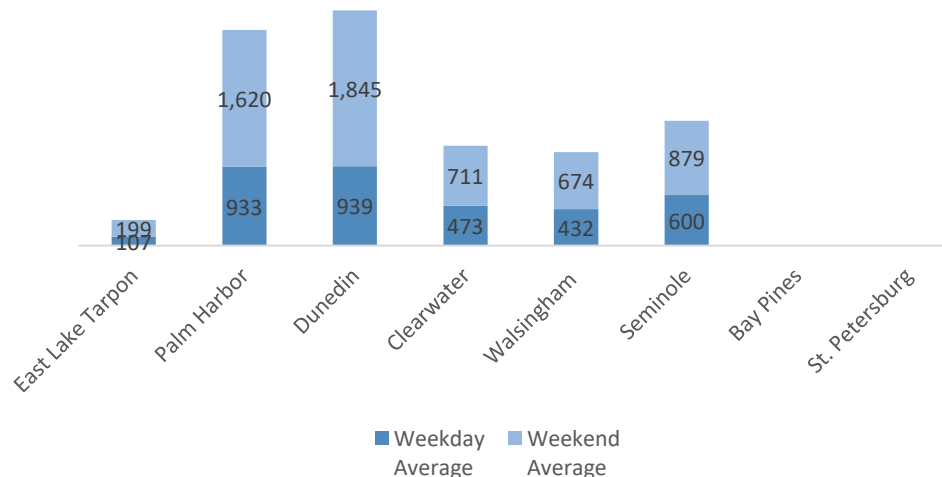
## November Totals by Counter Location\*



## Counter Locations



## Weekday & Weekend Profile\*



## Trail User Mode Split\*

Counter Location	Walking (Pedestrian Icon)	Bicycling (Bicycle Icon)
Palm Harbor	31%	69%
Dunedin	17%	83%
Clearwater	66%	34%
Walsingham	6%	94%
Seminole	26%	74%
Bay Pines	N/A	N/A
St. Petersburg	N/A	N/A
East Lake/Tarpon	9%	91%

Source: Forward Pinellas November 2023



# Pinellas Trail Count Data Summary

Automated Trail Counter Data Collection

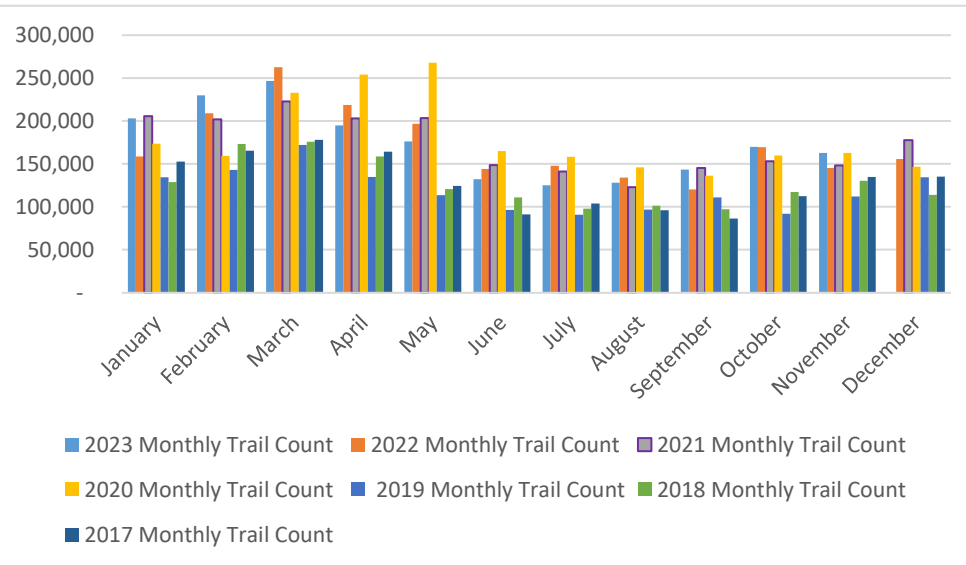
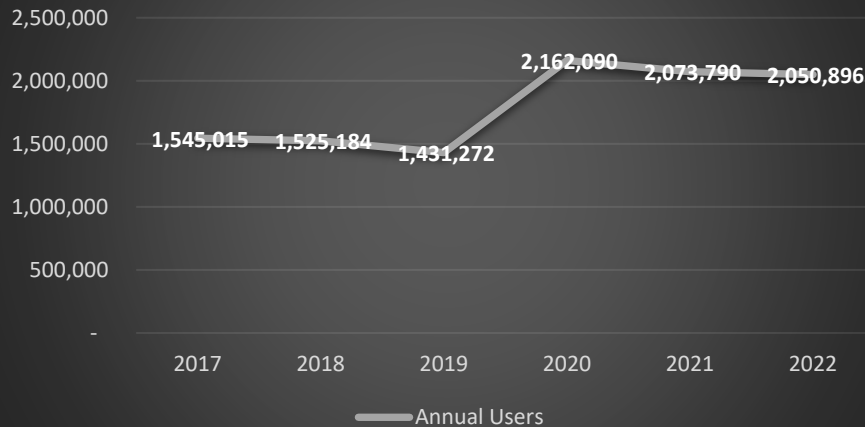
Period: January 2017 – November 2023 Data



**2023 Total Count:  
1,912,175**

## Monthly Trail Counts 2017 - 2023

### Pinellas Trail Counts 2017 - 2022



**Note:**

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**PAC AGENDA – SUMMARY AGENDA ACTION SHEET**  
**DATE: JANUARY 2, 2024**

ITEM	ACTION TAKEN	VOTE
<p>1. <u>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</u></p>	<p>The PAC held its January 2, 2024, meeting in the Palm Room at 333 Chestnut Street, Clearwater.</p> <p>The Chair, Matt Jackson, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and the members introduced themselves.</p> <p>Committee members in attendance included: Andrew Morris, Tiffany Menard, Tom Scofield, Wesley Wright, Jayme Lopko, Frances Leong Sharp, Matt Jackson, Britton Wilson, Marcie Stenmark, Devan Deal, Mark Griffin, Maryellen Edwards and Brandon Berry.</p> <p>Others in attendance: Scott Swearengen, Alissa Hevesh and Glenn Bailey, Pinellas County staff.</p> <p>Forward Pinellas staff included: Rodney Chatman, Linda Fisher, Emma Wennick, Tina Jablon, Jared Austin and Alexis Hall (intern).</p>	
<p>2. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 30, 2023 PAC MEETING</u></p>	<p>Motion: Tom Scofield  Second: Marcie Stenmark</p>	<p>13-0</p>
<p>3. <u>REVIEW OF FORWARD PINELLAS AGENDA FOR JANUARY 10, 2024 MEETING</u>  <u>PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS</u>  A. <u>Countywide Plan Map Amendments</u>  1. Case CW 24-01 – Clearwater</p>	<p>Motion: Britton Wilson  Second: Tom Scofield</p>	<p>13-0</p>

3A2. Case CW 24-02 – Pinellas County	Motion: Brandon Berry Second: Devan Deal	13-0
3A3. Case CW 24-03 – St. Petersburg	Motion: Devan Deal Second: Tom Scofield	13-0
<u>REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS</u> B. <u>CPA Actions and Forward Pinellas Administrative Review Items</u>	Rodney Chatman advised the committee members that two cases were approved at public hearings held before the Countywide Planning Authority (CPA) in November and December. One for the City of St. Petersburg and one for Pinellas County. He also advised the PAC that there was one Tier I amendment administratively approved for Pinellas County during the same time period. However, there were no map adjustments in November or December. Tina Jablon advised that the Annual Update of the Countywide Plan Map was also approved by the CPA in December.	
4. <u>PLANNING TOPICS OF INTEREST</u> A. <u>Advantage Pinellas Housing Action Plan Update – Accessory Dwelling Units</u>	Linda Fisher reminded the PAC that bi-monthly updates would be ongoing related to the Housing Action Plan/Compact on a variety of topics. This month Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), which are specifically called out in the Housing Action Plan, were discussed. Ms. Fisher defined what constitutes an ADU and showed some examples of different types. She reviewed some of the regulatory considerations like lot size, parking, density, etc. Ms. Fisher further outlined some of the challenges surrounding ADUs and advised that there would soon be a countywide campaign to help overcome some of the perceived issues. Ms. Fisher polled the PAC members with some questions and the group then engaged in good discussions related to parking considerations, challenges in flood-prone areas, success stories and public perception among other topics. The PAC members suggested some ways in which Forward Pinellas staff could further assist the local governments in successfully developing more ADUs.	

<p>B. <u>Live Local Dashboard</u></p>	<p>Jared Austin reminded the committee for the rationale behind the development of and purpose of the Live Local Dashboard to track development activity related to HB 1339, SB 962, and the Live Local Act. Since it was initially unveiled to the Planners Advisory Committee back in September, Forward Pinellas has met with municipalities across the county to gather feedback on the tool’s application and practical use. These meetings have concluded, and the tool has been adjusted to reflect the feedback. Mr. Austin previewed the dashboard website with the PAC members. He highlighted the recent updates and added features. The tool is set to go live in early 2024 and will be updated monthly based on data provided by each of the municipalities.</p>	
<p>5. <u>OTHER PAC BUSINESS/PAC DISCUSSION AND UPCOMING AGENDA</u>  <u>A. Pinellas SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update (Information)</u></p>	<p>Rodney Chatman updated the PAC on the latest activities surrounding the SPOTlight emphasis areas. He advised that in December, Forward Pinellas coordinated a productive meeting with the Cities of Indian Rocks Beach, Clearwater and Dunedin, PSTA, and the Clearwater Ferry to identify the next steps to establish new ferry service partially funded by the recently awarded Service Development Grant from FDOT. There is potential to use a portion of bed tax revenues to satisfy the local funding match requirements so we will be meeting with Visit St. Pete Clearwater staff and County Administration to further explore this possibility. Mr. Chatman also stated that a very productive planning meeting with the Assistant to the County Administrator for the Palm Harbor area occurred for the purpose developing a preliminary community engagement strategy for planned improvements to US Highway 19 North. The goal is to host a couple of meetings with area residents, businesses, property owners, elected officials, etc. so we can discuss several intersection improvement concepts and use their feedback to inform the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan. Lastly, Mr. Chatman alerted the PAC members that Christina Mendoza of the Forward Pinellas staff would soon be leaving for a federal job in Boston. He let the group know that the work with the Gateway Partnership would pick up again once a new planner is hired to fill the vacancy.</p>	

<p>B. <u>Upcoming Land Use Cases &amp; Pre-App Meetings</u></p>	<p>Upon call by the chair for any land use cases or pre-app meetings to make Forward Pinellas staff aware of, none were heard. Rodney Chatman took this opportunity to remind the PAC members of the importance of holding pre-application meetings in advance of officially submitting an application for a land use amendment.</p>	
<p>6. <u>Upcoming Events</u></p>	<p>The PAC was made aware of the upcoming Forward Pinellas Board Workshop on February 14, 2024.</p>	
<p>7. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p>	<p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.</p>	

Respectfully Submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_  
PAC Chair

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Date

January 10, 2024

**9E. Committee Vacancies**



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**SUMMARY**

- **Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**

The BPAC currently has six openings: one for Dunedin, two for Pinellas Park/Mid County area, one for the Largo area, two for At Large seats.

- **Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)**

The CAC currently has three openings: one for Beaches and one At Large opening and one for the TRAC representative.

- **Local Coordinating Board (LCB)**

The LCB currently has two openings, one for a Veterans Services representative and one for a Community Action Agency representative.

- **School Transportation Safety Committee (STSC)**

The STSC currently has one opening for Gulfport.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- BPAC Membership Listing ([5Ba](#))
- CAC Membership Listing
- LCB Membership Listing
- STSC Membership Listing

**ACTION:** None required; informational item only.



# **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LIST**

## **St. Petersburg Area**

1. Willard Wynn (03/08/23)
2. Chris Griffin (03/09/22)
3. Haley Busch (04/12/23)
4. Josette Green (04/12/23)

## **Clearwater Area**

5. Luis Serna (06/14/17)
6. Bill Jonson (06/13/18)

## **Dunedin Area**

7. Bob Henion (02/12/20)
8. Cassie Cordova (10/11/23)

## **Pinellas Park and Mid-County Area**

9. Jensyn Schmidt (07/12/23)
10. Brian Kelly (04/13/22)

## **Largo Area**

11. Paul Wallace (03/14/18)
12. Loretta Statsick (05/13/20)

## **Beaches Area**

13. Tristan Brockwell (05/11/22)
14. Vacant

## **Gulfport, Kenneth city, Seminole, Belleair, So. Pasadena, Belleair Bluffs Area**

15. Caron Schwartz (Chair) (02/14/18) (Gulfport)

## **Tarpon Springs, Oldsmar, Safety Harbor Area**

16. Tammy Vrana (05/13/15)
17. Joan Walko (02/08/23)

## **At Large**

18. Michael Kramer (05/10/23) (St. Petersburg)
19. Jeremy Heckler (02/08/23) (Gulfport)
20. Jerry Collins (07/12/23) (Clearwater)
21. Edward Fagan (09/13/23) (St. Petersburg)
22. Brynn Choplin (11/08/23) ( St. Petersburg)
23. Starr Amey (03/08/23) (Palm Harbor)
24. Kai Rush (04/12/23) (Largo)
25. Marita Lynch (05/11/22) (Clearwater)
26. Mark Birenbaum (10/12/22) (Clearwater)

## **TRAC**

27. Duncan Kovar (Vice-Chair) (07/12/17) (Safety Harbor)

**LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD  
FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED**

**Chairman**

Councilmember Patti Reed (06/08/22)

**Agency for Health Care Administration – Area 5 Medicaid Office**

Emily Hughart (01/08/2020) Ian Martin (Alternate- 10/09/2016)

**Citizens**

Gloria Lepic-Corrigan – Citizen TD Rider  
Loretta Statsick – Citizen Rep

**FL Dept. of Elder Affairs**

Michelle Tavares (04/13/2022) Jason Martino (Alternate - appointed 04/13/2022)

**Persons with Disabilities**

Jody Armstrong (Reappointed 04/13/2022) Jody Armstrong (Alternate –)

**Pinellas County Dept. of Veterans Services**

Vacant

**Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (Non-Voting)**

Ross Silvers (Alternate: Vacant)

**Transportation Provider for Profit**

Brian Scott (Vice Chair - 03/10/2010) (reappointed 11/17/2020)

**Community Action Agency**

Vacant

**Over 60**

Duncan Kovar (01/13/2021)

**Public Education**

Joseph Camera (10/14/20) (Alternate: Autumn Westermann (10/14/20)

**Department of Children and Families**

Ivonne Carmona (Reconfirmed March 2021) Kitty Kelleher (Alternate: 02/8/2017)

**Children at Risk**

Yaridis Garcia (08/10/22)

**Division of Blind Services**

Amanda Honingford (Reappointed 04/13/2022) Mark Harshbarger (alternate: Reappointed 04/13/2022)

**Career Source Pinellas (Regional Work Force Development)**

Shawna Peer (10/14/2021) Jennifer Brackney (Alternate - 05/12/2017)

**Local Medical Community**

Kaila Yeager (10/11/2023)

**Regional Agency for Persons with Disabilities**

Michael Taylor (Reappointed 04/13/2022) (Alternates: Debra Noel and Brett Gottschalk Reappointed 04/13/2022)

**Technical Support – Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)**

Tracy Noyes (Alternate: Dave Newell (03/11/2020)

## **SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### **School Board**

Stephanie Meyer  
Carol Cook – Vice Chair

### **Pinellas County**

Commissioner Chris Latvala

### **Clearwater**

Councilmember Mark Bunker

### **Citizen**

Doug Mullis

### **Dunedin**

Commissioner Jeff Gow

### **PSTA**

Josh Shulman

### **Gulfport**

Vacant

### **Largo**

Vacant

### **Oldsmar**

Councilmember Katie Gannon

### **Gulf Beaches**

Mayor Cookie Kennedy

### **Pinellas Park**

Councilmember Keith V. Sabiel

### **Tarpon Springs**

Commissioner Mike Eisner

### **Seminole**

Councilor Roger Edelman

### **Safety Harbor**

Commissioner Cliff Merz  
Vice Mayor Nancy Besore (alternate)

### **St. Petersburg**

Councilmember Lisset Hanewicz

## **Non-Voting Tech Support Members**

### **Pinellas County School Board/Transportation**

Matthew Atwell  
T. Mark Hagewood, Transportation

### **Pinellas County Long Range Planning**

Scott Swearingen

### **Pinellas County Public Works**

Casey Morse / Jeff Thompson

### **Pinellas County School Board**

Marshall Touchton, Demographic Specialist

### **Pinellas County School Board**

Joseph Camera, Customer Service Analyst  
Autumn, Westermann, Customer Service Analyst (Alt.)

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December 28, 2023

Janet Long, Chair  
Forward Pinellas Board  
315 Court Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Chair Long and Board,

This letter is to express the Forward Pinellas Citizens Advisory Committee's (CAC) concern and lack of support regarding proposed legislation for the upcoming legislative session to reduce the voting membership on the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) board from 15 members to 11 and change the way PSTA handles fare-free programs, dedicated bus lanes and eminent domain.

The proposed changes to the PSTA board would include additional representation from the Board of County Commissioners, reduced representation from the municipalities, including those with the greatest number of citizens in the county, and two voting members appointed by the Speaker of the House and the Senate President.

After discussion at its last meeting, the CAC moved to draft this letter of opposition to the proposed PSTA legislation with 11 in favor and 5 opposed. One of the major reasons that we are opposed to the proposed legislation is that the existing PSTA membership has been approved by the individual taxpayers in the cities that are members of the PSTA and therefore represent the interest of our local communities. We strongly believe that the proposed PSTA legislation would counteract what was previously approved by the voters of Pinellas County and would decrease representation by the people that fund, ride and otherwise benefit from the services that PSTA provides.

In addition, we do not support representatives in Tallahassee selecting any voting board members on the PSTA board because they do not have constituents in Pinellas County, and because we want all voting members of the PSTA board to be from and chosen by the voters in Pinellas County.

Sincerely,

Caron Schwartz, CAC Chair

cc: Pinellas County Legislative Delegation



## *Florida Department of Transportation*

RON DESANTIS  
GOVERNOR

605 Suwannee Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450

JARED W. PERDUE, P.E.  
SECRETARY

December 22, 2023

Dear Metropolitan Planning Organization Partners,

As a valued partner and in an effort to continue to collaborate and support Florida's Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO), the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) would like to provide information on recent news for clarity and transparency.

The Department deeply values the commitment and dedication each of your MPOs take to thoroughly develop, plan, and prioritize each region's transportation projects, including with your long-range transportation plans. With your input, Florida has the world's most diverse transportation portfolio. FDOT plans to continue to make responsible and strategic investments in every region of the state, including traffic congestion reduction, multimodal transportation (including bicycle and pedestrian facilities), truck parking, intelligent transportation systems, and energy-efficient alternatives.

After careful consideration, FDOT notified USDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) of the decision to not submit a formal Carbon Reduction Strategy document. This document required states to submit strategies to reduce carbon emissions by tracking and reducing emissions from vehicles. FDOT did not receive answers to all of our concerns prior to USDOT's strategy document submittal deadline.

Within a few days after that document was due, USDOT issued a final Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Rule. The final rule requires State DOTs and MPOs to establish declining carbon dioxide targets for reducing emissions and report biennially on progress toward achievements of those targets. However, in the final rule, FHWA acknowledges that the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) does not explicitly authorize the agency to assess environmental performance. Performance, as used in the law, is intended to address physical issues with infrastructure, not CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

FDOT believes that FHWA has exhibited broad overreach in their implementation of the rule. Congress used clear language to direct USDOT to establish performance measures to assess pavement condition, bridge condition, system performance, and serious injuries and fatalities. Notably absent is a reference to GHG. Last year, FDOT formally responded to the proposed FHWA GHG emissions rule. FHWA received approximately 40,000 comments on the proposed rule, but did not significantly alter the final rule, or take into consideration the unique characteristics of all 50 states.

With the uniqueness of Florida and this rule affecting beyond just our agency, the Department diligently considered impacts for our partners and the transportation industry as a whole. This was especially important due to the language in the rule that relates to MPOs, as Florida has the highest number of MPOs in the nation – 27 MPOs and 33 UZAs (urbanized areas with populations over 50,000). Through this rule, 25 of the 27 MPOs are required to create joint targets and comply with establishing targets. FDOT estimates a high level of effort and costs, in addition to imposed compliance costs, which far exceeds FHWA’s cost estimate.

While it should be very apparent after working so closely with us through the years, I want to reaffirm FDOT’s commitment to environmental preservation and resiliency. In fact, Florida has achieved the cleanest air on record and is the most populous state to meet or exceed the existing Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) benchmarks for air quality. It is unfortunate that the new GHG rule penalizes states for population, tourism, and economic growth.

With factors such as these, FDOT has been left with no choice but to join 20 other states and file a complaint in federal court requesting injunctive relief from this rule. This action was filed yesterday, December 21, 2023.

As always, we appreciate working together to best serve our communities. FDOT remains committed to being transparent and working with our MPOs to deliver a successful transportation system. Thank you for your continued partnership.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JWP', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Jared W. Perdue, P.E.  
Secretary



*Florida Department of Transportation*

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JARED W. PERDUE, P.E.  
SECRETARY

November 21, 2023

Mr. Whit Blanton, FAICP  
Executive Director  
Forward Pinellas  
310 Court Street  
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SUBJ: FY 2025-2029 Tentative Work Program Comments

Dear Mr. Blanton:

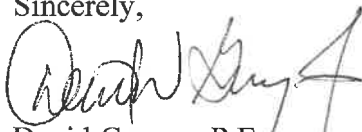
Thank you for your comments on the Florida Department of Transportation's Tentative Work Program for fiscal years 2025-2029. We appreciate the MPO's support and partnership to improve safety and enhance mobility in Pinellas County.

We are continuing to explore funding options for the grade separations along US 19, the improvements to I-275, and the Gandy corridor.

We acknowledge the rising material costs and work diligently to leverage available funding to cover the cost increases, if available. The programming strategy for District 7 is to preserve our existing programmed projects first, fund the subsequent phase of existing projects next, and finally to add new projects as funding permits. This strategy includes the additional operational and safety enhancements included in resurfacing projects.

We appreciate the partnership we have with the MPO and are pleased to work with you and your team to fund many vital projects from the MPO's List of Priority Projects.

Sincerely,



David Gwynn, P.E.  
District Seven Secretary

Jarrood Buchman  
Oldsmar City Council Member, Seat 2  
100 State Street West  
Oldsmar, FL 34677

Whit Blanton  
Forward Pinellas  
100 State Street West  
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12/20/2023

Dear Mr. Blanton,

With a heavy heart, I am writing to formally resign from my position as a member of the Forward Pinellas Board effective December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 due to my resignation of my City Council Seat in Oldsmar, Florida. This decision has not been an easy one, but it has been prompted by recent changes in financial disclosure laws that have made it impossible for me to continue serving in my current capacity.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time serving on Forward Pinellas and have appreciated the opportunity to work alongside dedicated individuals in the service of our transportation and planning needs of Pinellas County. However, the new financial disclosure laws have created a conflict of interest with my Company that I cannot reconcile with my commitment to public service.

Sincerely,

*Jarrood Buchman*

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December 1, 2023

Senator Ed Hooper  
406 Senate Building  
404 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

RE: Senate Bill 266 and House Bill 287

Dear Senator Hooper:

Forward Pinellas, the planning council and metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for Pinellas County, has reviewed Senate Bill 266, entitled “An act relating to the Department of Transportation,” and House Bill 287, entitled “An act relating to transportation.” On behalf of our 24 municipalities and the unincorporated county, we would like to express our concern with these bills.

Both bills stipulate that the Florida Department of Transportation may not annually commit more than 20 percent of revenues from state fuel taxes and motor vehicle license-related fees deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund to public transit projects, except for funds used for federal matching, or for projects that are approved by a supermajority vote of the board of county commissioners of the county in which the project is located. These provisions unnecessarily limit transit investments while undermining the transportation planning and priority-setting authority of MPOs.

Putting a cap on public transit expenditures will have unintended consequences. Miami-Dade, Broward, and Orange counties alone are set to advance several major transit projects with state funding commitments within the next few years, which could absorb most if not all the limited state transit funding for the foreseeable future. While the bill exempts state matching funds for federal grant programs from the cap, only a small share of transit projects realize federal funding, with many more projects benefitting from a local-state partnership. The state’s transit funding formula favors local revenue commitments that Tampa Bay and other regions do not have. The result of the proposed legislation would be to privilege transit investment in South and Central Florida over the rest of the state.

While the bills provide exceptions to the spending cap, one such exception, requiring a supermajority vote of a county commission, creates an unnecessary bifurcation of approval authority that undermines the leadership responsibilities of MPOs. Section 339.175, Florida Statutes, vests MPOs with the authority to develop transportation plans and programs and set priorities for federal and state transportation funding within metropolitan areas. In many counties, including Pinellas, the county commission does not contribute significant funding to public transportation or have any direct role in its planning or implementation. Giving county commissions veto power over MPO transportation planning authority creates the potential for conflict and is contrary to the intent of federal and state statutes.

Forward Pinellas is committed to advocating for our member local governments and ensuring their ability to provide robust, accessible mobility options that support sustainable development patterns. While well-intended, this proposed legislation advocates for a legislative approach that needlessly limits sound transportation investment and is at odds with the statutory authority of MPOs. I urge you to consider the negative consequences, both direct and indirect, of these bills.

Please contact me at 727-464-8712 if you would like clarification on the Forward Pinellas policy position.

Respectfully,



Whit Blanton, FAICP  
Executive Director

cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Community Affairs  
Members of the Senate Committee on Regulated Industries  
Members of the Senate Committee on Rules  
Representative Tiffany Esposito  
Pinellas County Legislative Delegation  
Forward Pinellas Board



2023 Audit Engagement  
and Client Service Plan



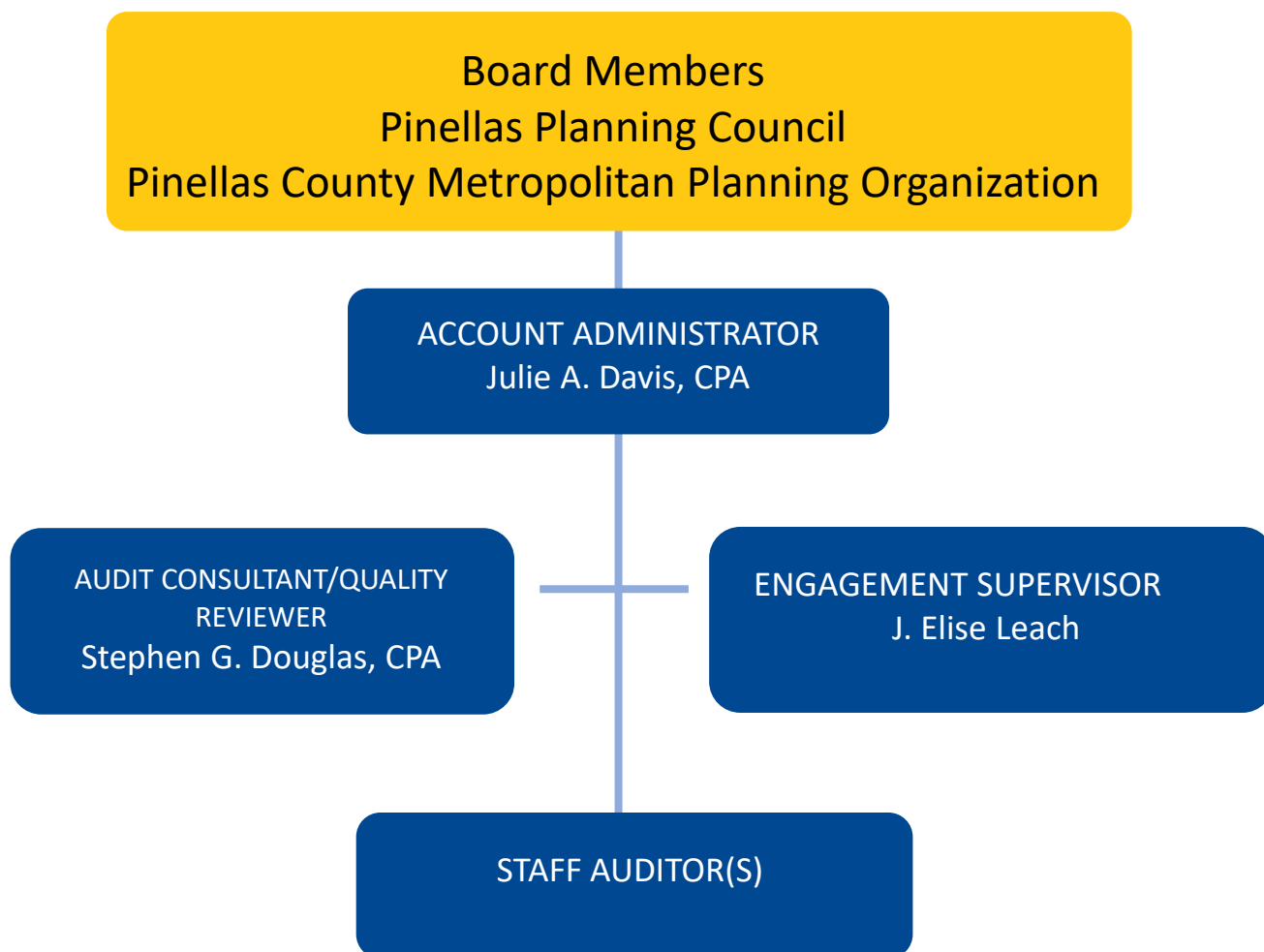
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# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

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## ENGAGEMENT STAFFING

Rivero, Gordimer & Company, P.A. is committed to maintaining the staffing necessary to ensure the audits of Pinellas Planning Council (PPC) and Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) are performed within the specific timetable. Our staff will consist of an account administrator, an audit senior/staff and technical and compliance consultants.

A brief description of each position follows:

### Account Administrator – Julie A. Davis,

Rivero, Gordimer & Company, P.A.'s firm policy dictates that each engagement be conducted under the direction and control of a shareholder in the firm. This shareholder assumes overall responsibility for a project and participates to the degree necessary for successful completion. They monitor the technical and administrative aspects of the engagement to ensure adequate resources are provided and used properly, and reviews overall planning. The account administrator will participate in the detail audit examination, as required, and review and approve all project documentation and deliverables to ensure quality and adherence to professional standards.

### Engagement Supervisor – J. Elise Leach & Staff Auditors

The engagement supervisor will assume overall responsibility for the conduct of the project. The engagement supervisor is responsible for performing major audit work steps and providing direction for the senior auditor and staff auditor. The engagement supervisor maintains frequent ongoing contact with PPC and MPO's management and is available when needed. Staff auditors will be assigned to perform detailed audit tasks with the assistance of the engagement supervisor.

### Audit Consultant/Quality Reviewer –Stephen G. Douglas, CPA

An audit consultant/quality reviewer will be assigned to the engagement, as needed, to provide technical support to the audit team. Additionally, the audit consultant/quality reviewer has knowledge in the areas of federal and state regulations applicable to federal and state grants and contracts. The audit consultant/quality reviewer provides specialized support to the audit team to ensure quality service.



## 2023 AUDIT PLANNING

### Our Responsibilities under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and *Government Auditing Standards*

Our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express an opinion about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In planning and performing our audit, we will consider PPC and MPO's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting.

### Primary Focus Areas

Rivero, Gordimer & Company, P.A. plans to take a risk-based approach to the audit and will focus our attention to significant audit areas. Our procedures will be directed primarily to higher risk accounts with secondary analysis of other accounts to enable us to issue our audit report.

As part of our preliminary audit planning procedures, we have determined the primary areas of focus as follows:

- Internal controls
- Cash and investments
- Grant receivables / revenue
- Accounts receivable / revenue
- Capital assets
- Payables and accrued expenses
- Pension liabilities and disclosures
- Net position classifications / restrictions
- GASB 87 *Leases and* GASB 96 *SBITAs*



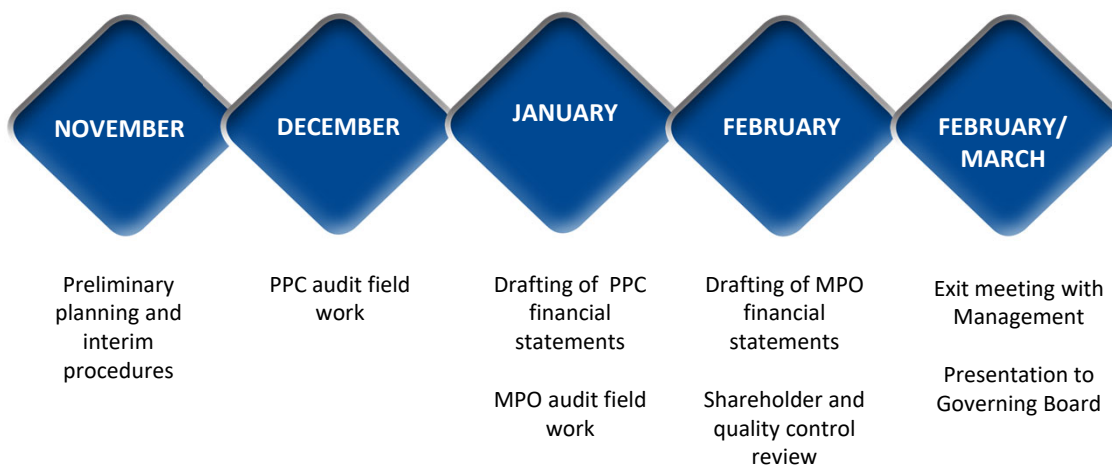
## 2023 AUDIT PLANNING

### Relevant Pronouncements

The following accounting and auditing pronouncements will be adopted during fiscal year 2023:  
GASB Statement No. 96-Subscription Based IT Arrangements

### Tentative Time Plan

A tentative schedule of key dates is shown below. These dates would change according to the closing of PPC and MPO's books and coordination of the management and committee members' schedules.



### Independence, Conflicts of Interest and Confidentiality

Rivero, Gordimer & Company, P.A. is an independent CPA firm with respect to PPC and MPO, as we have not performed any operational, performance audits or other conflicting services for PPC and MPO.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Rivero, Gordimer & Company, P.A. and constitutes confidential information.





## 2023 AUDIT PLANNING

### Continuing Professional Education

Rivero, Gordimer & Company, P.A. auditors comply with Government Audit Standards related to continuing professional education (CPE). These standards require each auditor to complete at least 24 hours of CPE every 2 years that directly relates to governmental/nonprofit auditing. Additionally, any auditor involved in planning, directing or reporting on these types of engagements must also obtain an additional 56 hours of CPE (for a total of 80 hours of CPE in every 2-year period) that enhances the auditors' professional proficiency to perform audits.

As a member of the AICPA Employee Benefit Audit Quality Center, we are required to have additional employee benefit plan specific continuing education hours every three years. RGCO ensures all auditors meet the minimum hours required each year to maintain compliance above and beyond the minimum required.

Additionally, Rivero, Gordimer & Company, P.A. professionals meet all state licensing requirements for CPE (80 hours of CPE in every 2-year period).



## PEER REVIEW REPORT

A peer review of Rivero, Gordimer & Company, P.A. was performed in January 2021 and the firm received a “PASS” rating (the highest rating). This review included a review of specific not-for-profit engagements.



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### Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

January 27, 2021

To the shareholders of Rivero, Gordimer & Company, P.A.  
and the Peer Review Committee of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Rivero, Gordimer & Company, P.A. (the firm) in effect for the year ended September 30, 2020. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review as described in the Standards may be found at [www.aicpa.org/prsummary](http://www.aicpa.org/prsummary). The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

#### Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported in conformity with professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

#### Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the firm's compliance therewith based on our review.



## PEER REVIEW REPORT

### Required Selections and Considerations

Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under *Government Auditing Standards*, including compliance audits under the Single Audit Act; and audits of an employee benefit plans.

As part of our review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if, applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Rivero, Gordimer & Company, P.A. in effect for the year ended September 30, 2020, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass*, *pass with deficiency(ies)* or *fail*. Rivero, Gordimer & Company, P.A. has received a peer review rating of *pass*.

*For M. A. & P. A. C.P.A. P.A.*



**January 10, 2024**

**10. Upcoming Events**



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Staff and/or board members will provide information on the following upcoming events as needed:

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Jan 25 <sup>th</sup>	Joint MPOAC Governing Board & Staff Directors' Advisory Committee Meeting – 1:00-5:00 p.m. – Orlando
Feb 14 <sup>th</sup>	Forward Pinellas Board Workshop – 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – Palm Room
Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">TMA Leadership Group Meeting</a> – 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None

**ACTION:** None required; informational item only.