



AGENDA

March 13, 2024 - 1:00 p.m.

333 Chestnut Street
Clearwater, FL 33756
The Palm Room

THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

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. [Forward Pinellas Staff Community In-Service Day Activities](#)
5. **CONSENT AGENDA** (1:15)
 - A. [Approval of Minutes of the February 14, 2024 Meeting](#)
 - B. [Approval of Committee Appointments](#)
 - C. [Acceptance of the Community Transportation Coordinator Annual Evaluation](#)
 - D. [Approval of Forward Pinellas/FDOT Joint Certification Statement and Summary](#)
 - E. [Approval of Scope and Fee for Housing Regulatory Toolkit](#)
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- 05 – City of Tarpon Springs](#) (continued from February)
 2. [Case CW 24-06 – City of Safety Harbor](#)
 3. [Case CW 24-07 – City of Safety Harbor](#)
 4. [Case CW 24-08 – City of St. Petersburg](#)
 5. [Case CW 24-09 – City of St. Petersburg](#)
7. **PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS** (2:00)
 - A. [PSTA Activities Report](#)
 - B. [Regional Activities Report](#)
 - C. [Advantage Pinellas Housing Action Plan Update](#) (Linda Fisher)
 - D. [Draft Unified Planning Work Program \(UPWP\) – Action](#) (Chelsea Favero)
8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (2:30)
 - A. [SPOTlight Update](#)
 - B. [2050 LRTP Ranking Sheets Follow Up from Work Session Exercise](#)
 - C. [Legislative Update](#)
 - D. [Public Engagement Policy Discussion](#)

9. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS** (2:45)

- A. CPA Actions and Forward Pinellas Administrative Review Items
- B. Fatalities Map
- C. Pinellas Trail Data
- D. Draft PAC Action Sheet
- E. Committee Vacancies

10. **UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 8-9 th	<u>MPOAC Weekend Institute for Elected Officials – Orlando</u>
April 6 th	<u>Targeted Enforcement Day – Pinellas Trail</u>
May 17 th	<u>TMA Leadership Group Meeting</u> – 9:30 a.m.
May 17 th	<u>Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance Meeting</u> – 10:30 a.m.
May 17-18 th	<u>MPOAC Weekend Institute for Elected Officials – Tampa</u>

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.

March 13, 2024



4B. Forward Pinellas Staff Community In-Service Day Activities

SUMMARY

Each year on President's Day, Forward Pinellas, along with most of the other Appointing Authorities in Pinellas County, holds an in-service day. While being closed to the public for regular services, this offers staff the chance to engage with the community in a meaningful way or to take advantage of other learning opportunities.

Typically, the Forward Pinellas staff spends an in-service day volunteering on projects throughout Pinellas County that benefit local communities. The projects are intended to be meaningful to the community and align with the agency's mission and goals. Past projects have included working with Habitat for Humanity, Hope Villages of America, the City of Oldsmar on waterfront park clean up, the Salty Soul Foundation on beach cleanup, and rock painting as part of a beautification project for Creative Pinellas.

This year, at the suggestion of Councilmember Driscoll, Forward Pinellas worked with the [St. Pete Bike Co-op](#). The Co-op is a non-profit organization that provides the community a place to access the tools and supplies necessary for bike repairs and maintenance. In addition, donated bikes are restored to be given away to those in need. Forward Pinellas staff emptied out a large storage container that needed deep cleaning and then reloaded it. Staff also helped with shop clean up and learned the process of stripping and restoring the donated bikes.

In addition, this year, Forward Pinellas was invited by the Property Appraiser's Office to educate its staff on the role Forward Pinellas plays in the county and region while highlighting some of our current work. Executive Director Whit Blanton, along with Principal Planner Jared Austin, provided a 45-minute presentation to over 100 Property Appraiser Office employees that was very well received.

Information about this event and other recent events can be seen on the [Forward Pinellas Facebook page](#).

ATTACHMENT(S): [Presentation](#)

ACTION: None required; informational item only.

March 13, 2024



5. Consent Agenda

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 February 14, 2024 Meeting
- B. Approval of Committee Appointments
- C. Acceptance of the Community Transportation Coordinator Annual Evaluation
- D. Approval of Forward Pinellas/FDOT Joint Certification Statement and Summary
- E. Approval of Scope and Fee for Housing Regulatory Toolkit

March 13, 2024

5A. Approval of Minutes of the February 14, 2024 Meeting



SUMMARY

The minutes from the February 14, 2024 meeting are attached for the board's review and approval.

ATTACHMENT(S): Minutes of the February 14, 2024 Forward Pinellas meeting

ACTION: Board to review and approve the February 14, 2024 meeting minutes.



Board Meeting Minutes FEBRUARY 14, 2024

THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

The Forward Pinellas Board held this public meeting in person on February 14, 2024 at the Pinellas County Communications Building in the Palm Room. The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Commissioner Janet Long, Forward Pinellas Chair.

The following members were present:

Janet C. Long, Chair, Pinellas County Commissioner
Julie Ward Bujalski, Vice Chair, City of Dunedin Mayor
David Allbritton, Treasurer, City of Clearwater Councilmember
Gina Driscoll, Secretary, City of St. Petersburg Councilmember
Representing Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)
Chris Burke, City of Seminole Vice Mayor
Representing Inland Communities
Dave Eggers, Pinellas County Commissioner
Richie Floyd, City of St. Petersburg Councilmember
Eric Gerard, City of Largo Vice Mayor
Andrew Knapp, City of Oldsmar Vice Mayor
Representing Oldsmar, Safety Harbor and Tarpon Springs
John Muhammad, City of St. Petersburg Councilmember (late arrival 1:12 p.m.)
Patti Reed, City of Pinellas Park Vice Mayor
Brian Scott, Pinellas County Commissioner

Absent

Mayor David Will, Town of Redington Beach Mayor
Representing Beach Communities

Also Present

Whit Blanton, Executive Director, Forward Pinellas
Maria White, Assistant County Attorney
Forward Pinellas Staff
Mike Eisner, City of Tarpon Springs Vice Mayor
Other Interested Individuals

The board endorsed the Safety Performance Measures and Targets.

Chelsea Favero provided an overview of the Safety Performance Measures and the progress being made towards the achievement of each target. There has been a downward trend for pedestrian and bike fatalities and serious injuries, which was enough to meet the previously adopted target and, thus, necessitates a new target be set. Given there is still progress to be made toward achieving the targets set last year for other measures, such as fatal crashes and fatal crash rates, Forward Pinellas is recommending that those targets remain the same for the coming year.

Discussion:

- Commissioner Eggers inquired if speeding is a consistent concern related to the fatality data. Chelsea confirmed that, yes, speed is a very common factor.
- For pedestrian fatality statistic, Commissioner Gerard inquired if there is data on if pedestrians were in a crosswalk or not? Chelsea confirmed that this data can be pulled from Forward Pinellas's comprehensive crash database, if desired.

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

- Case CW 24-04 – A request from Pinellas County to amend 3.4 acres of property located at 3720 and 3730 Tampa Road from Office and Preservation to Public/Semi-Public. The parcels currently contains a beauty salon and an office. The applicant desires to have the ability to construct additional building square footage, which would require a local future land use map amendment to a category that allows a higher floor area ratio as well as the termination of the 2014 deed restrictions.

Discussion:

- Vice Mayor Burke asked what would happen to the preservation portion of the lot. Emma Wennick provided clarification that there was a discrepancy between the Forward Pinellas and city-provided map. Although the map is showing as preservation on the Forward Pinellas map, it is all upland and none of the actual wetlands are included in the amendment portion. The Forward Pinellas map included the buffer space, whereas the city's map did not. There are currently no plans to develop in the upland and buffer space.
- Todd Pressman provided public comment that there has been zero opposition to this case throughout the hearings.

The board voted to continue Case CW 24-05 from the City of Tarpon Springs to the March Board Meeting.

Case CW 24-05 – The City of Tarpon Springs has requested this case be continued to the March Planners Advisory Committee and Forward Pinellas Board Meetings.

Forward Pinellas staff provided an update on the Multimodal Impact Fee Ordinance.

Jared Austin advised the board that over the past few months, Forward Pinellas and Pinellas County Housing and Community Development have been working towards an update to the County's Multimodal Transportation Impact Fee Ordinance, a countywide ordinance that is used to ensure that new development bears a proportionate share of the cost of capital expenditures necessary to meet mobility needs. Forward Pinellas has engaged in "listening sessions" and gathered input from neighboring communities, such as Tampa and Sarasota, that are updating their ordinances.

Discussion:

- Mayor Bujalski inquired if the money would only be used towards the impact of new residents to your community, as typical with impact fees? Jared Austin clarified that the fees collected can only go toward a new development and not toward an existing deficiency. Mayor Bujalski furthered that these sort of impact fees were more appropriate before the county was built out or in a state of redevelopment.

Forward Pinellas staff provided an update on the Live Local Dashboard.

Jared Austin provided an update that Forward Pinellas has been developing a Live Local Dashboard to track development activity related to prior preemptions in HB 1339 and SB 962, as well as the Live Local Act. Forward Pinellas has met with municipalities across the county to gather feedback on the tool's application and practical use. The tool has been adjusted based on feedback. The dashboard is now live and is updated monthly: <https://pinellas-egis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/a66289aa8aab49dda315092593dba60e>.

Discussion:

- Commissioner Eggers noted that target employment centers (TECs) and the use of industrial lands will be important to track. The dashboard would be a useful educational tool to pass on to the legislative delegation.
- Vice Mayor Gerard inquired if the affordable units by area median income (AMI) category section of the dashboard include the lower AMI categories, such as 50%? Jared Austin responded that it does include those categories. The dashboard is helpful in this way because it shows, of the projects taking advantage of these preemptions, what specific units are being built, and for what income brackets. Based on dashboard results, Vice Mayor Gerard noted that it appears the population in the most desperate need for affordable housing is currently not being addressed.

Forward Pinellas welcomed back Principal Planner Nousheen Rahman.

After departing in 2023 for the private sector, Nousheen Rahman has returned to Forward Pinellas as a Principal Planner. Nousheen is also the chair of the APA Florida Suncoast Section, covering the Tampa Bay region from Hernando to Sarasota County.

The board welcomed the new board member from Oldsmar, Vice Mayor Andrew Knapp.

Vice Mayor Andrew Knapp has been on the Oldsmar City Commission for the past four years and is replacing Jarrod Buchman on the Forward Pinellas Board.

SPOTlight Update

Executive Director Whit Blanton provided the following updates:

- Vision for US 19 Corridor – Along US 19, single-point interchanges have been built based on a project development and environmental study approved in the 1990s. Upon further discussion with FDOT, consideration is underway to examine alternative concepts for the stretch north of Nebraska Ave to the county line to address business concerns about the highway becoming a barrier to access and reducing visibility. One option is to build a viaduct (an elevated roadway over an existing roadway) instead of single point interchanges. This type of improvement would also offer more visibility and local access to surrounding areas and businesses. If FDOT moves forward with this design, the design of the frontage roads and how much space to include underneath and how it may be used would also be part of the discussion. This matter will be brought before Forward Pinellas’s advisory committees in March and outreach to the public will be conducted this spring. This will also be brought back to the board for consideration as it pertains to the long range transportation plan (LRTP).
 - Vice Mayor Knapp inquired if contingencies are being planned for in context to the MPO merger; specifically, would this project continue into Pasco County? Whit Blanton shared that there has been a conversation with Pasco County on this topic. Pasco County has a plan in place to develop US 19 in a significantly different way that would not conflict.
 - Commissioner Eggers expressed concerns about taking the concepts to the public prior to having the board review them first. Whit Blanton responded that the schedule will reflect a discussion with the board before any public outreach on the concepts occurs.
- Enhancing Beach Community Access – A request has been made from the Forward Pinellas Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) of the board to ask Pinellas County to consider removal of signs on the Dunedin Causeway that direct bicyclists to “Dismount Bike if Riding on Sidewalk.” The sign is in place due to bottle-neck areas on the bridge that place bicyclists and pedestrians in conflict for space. However, the BPAC has forwarded that the signs are not practical in this application due to the significant distance people would have to push their bikes and the unsafe alternative of bicyclists entering a traffic lane to avoid dismounting.
 - Mayor Bujalski concurred that this is an issue along the bridge and requested coordination with the City of Dunedin before a decision is made.
 - Commissioner Scott noted there are currently temporary signs to remind roadway users of the speed limit and that bicyclists may use the full lane.

Other Items

- Whit Blanton provided an update on Drew Street, a Complete Streets project. FDOT is completing a traffic study mandated by the legislature. The project has now become a campaign issue in the Clearwater City election. Forward Pinellas will await city election results and then meet with the newly elected officials to inform them of the plan. Whether the project proceeds or not will ultimately be determined by the City of Clearwater.

- PSTA Report:
 - The Board adopted a resolution authorizing the sale of the Park Street Terminal property and the execution of documents necessary to transfer the property to the City. This will allow PSTA to finalize the land swap process for the purposes of constructing the multi-modal Clearwater Transit Center on the site at Court Street and Myrtle Avenue.
 - The Board approved a Transit Concepts and Alternatives (TCAR) Study of Alternate 19 from downtown Clearwater to St. Petersburg. This study is the next step following Forward Pinellas' Alternate 19 Corridor Plan, which focused on redevelopment opportunities complemented by a conceptual premium transit plan. This TCAR study is a required step to obtain certain sources of state and federal funding.

- Regional Activities Report: Executive Director Whit Blanton shared the TMA Leadership Group has requested \$500,000 in startup funding for a regional MPO. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has identified a funding source. They are also looking into procuring a management consultant and an independent legal advisor. He provided a chart that demonstrates this will be an independent process led by the MPOs themselves and that the funds and consultant will not be provided by FDOT.

- Whit Blanton provided the following legislative updates:
 - Brightline will be submitting a legislative earmark requesting \$50 million to help address building service from Orlando International Airport to the Tampa International Airport. The board agreed by consensus to support Brightline service being extended from Orlando to Tampa without supporting any legislative appropriations to do so.
 - Senate Bill 1032 and House Bill 749 would fundamentally influence the way the MPO operates. On a yearly basis, the MPO would have to post a series of predetermined performance quality metrics for transportation designed to measure quality, such as traffic congestion and utilization of transit facilities. Whit Blanton stated that the concern with this is that transportation projects require multiple years for development, thus metrics updated so frequently would not accurately reflect progress being made. Additionally, usability metrics (e.g., how many people utilized a stretch of sidewalk) would be very burdensome to track. The bills also forward that the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan is to be submitted to the state to determine if it is in congruence with the metropolitan area, something that is an MPO responsibility under federal law.

- Public Comment: David Ballard Geddis Jr. expressed his discontent with the county's bus system and cited Disney's tram system as a desirable model to follow.

- The following agenda item was removed from the discussion as the item no longer required approval – "6A. Proposed Amendment(s) to the FY 2023/24 – 2027/28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)."

Action Sheet
February 14, 2024

At its February 2024 meeting, the Forward Pinellas Board took the following official actions:

- **Consent Agenda** (vote: 12-0)
Approved to include the following:
 - A. Approval of Minutes of the January 10, 2024 Meeting
 - B. Approval of Committee Appointments
 - C. Acceptance of Quarter One Financial Report
 - D. Approval of Scope and Fee Cost Feasible Plan
 - E. Approval of Countywide Plan Appendix Update

- **Countywide Plan Map Amendment(s)**
Following a presentation by Emma Wennick, Forward Pinellas staff, and public hearing, one case was recommended for approval:
 - 1. Case CW 24-04 – Pinellas County (vote: 12-0)

Case CW 24-05 – City of Tarpon Springs was continued to the March 13, 2024 Forward Pinellas Board meeting. (vote:12-0)

- **Safety Performance Measures and Targets**
Following a presentation by Chelsea Favero, Forward Pinellas staff, the board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, approved the Safety Performance Measures and Targets. (vote: 12-0)

- **Legislative Update**
As part of the Director’s Report and Legislative Update, the board, by consensus, agreed to offer its support for the Brightline connection to Tampa without endorsing the request for a legislative appropriation.

Chair

March 13, 2024

5B. Approval of Committee Appointments



SUMMARY

- **BPAC**

The City of St. Petersburg has submitted a request to change the primary representative to Alaina Grundy and Elisabeth Staten will become the alternate to the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). The City of Clearwater has submitted a request to change the primary representative to Ric Hartman and Jayme Lopko will become the alternate to the BPAC. The City of Largo has submitted a request to add Jeffery Blakey as the alternate to the BPAC.

- **TCC**

The City of Pinellas Park has submitted a request to add Kyle Arrison as the primary and Amanda Ergler as the alternate representatives for Pinellas Park Storm Water and Transportation to the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC). The City of Clearwater has submitted a request to show Annabella Hullen as primary and Raymond Dresch as alternate representatives for Clearwater Engineering to the TCC. The City of Clearwater has also submitted a request to change the primary representative to Ric Hartman and Jayme Lopko will become the alternate for Clearwater Planning.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- BPAC Membership Listing
- TCC Membership Listing

ACTION: Board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, to approve the appointments of Alaina Grundy and Ric Hartman to the BPAC and approve the appointments of Kyle Arrison, Amanda Ergler for Pinellas Park, Annabella Hullen, Raymond Dresch and Ric Hartman for Clearwater 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. Kristin Ehrlich (01/10/24)
3. Gordon Brown (Vice-Chair) (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. David Cooper (02/14/24)

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. Krystal Burns (02/14/24)

At Large Area

16. Eric Sorenson (09/14/22) (Clearwater)
17. Vacant
18. Julie Worthington (10/11/23) (Clearwater)
19. Annette Sala (03/12/14) (St. Petersburg)
20. Vacant
21. Vacant
22. Vacant

Seminole Area

23. Donovan Nickell (01/11/23)

Beach Communities

24. Peter Wray (02/08/23)
25. Paul Zagami (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 (Ric Hartman - representative, Jayme Lopko - representative)
5. City of St. Petersburg (Alaina Grundy – representative; Elisabeth Staten - alternate)
6. City of Largo (Whitney Clark – representative; Jeffery Blakey - alternate)
7. City of Oldsmar (Matt Jackson – representative, James Wagner – alternate)
8. City of Pinellas Park (Tiffany Menard – representative, Derek Reeves – alternate)
9. City of Dunedin (Kathy Gademer – representative, Frances Leong-Sharp – 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

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

Ric Hartman
Alternate: Jayme Lopko

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

Oldsmar

Jesus Sanchez
Alternate: Tatiana Childress

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

Annabella Hullen
Alternate: Raymond Dresch

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

Pinellas Park Planning Department

Erica Lindquist
Alternate: Derek Reeves

Pinellas Pk. Storm Water & Transportation

Kyle Arrison
Alternate: Amanda Ergler

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

Vacant
Alternate:

Tarpon Springs Planning

Caroline Lanford
Alternate: Pat McNeese

FDOT (technical support)

Kelsey Olinger
Jensen Hackett

March 13, 2023



5C. Acceptance of Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Annual Evaluation

SUMMARY

As the designated planning agency for the Pinellas County Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program, Forward Pinellas conducts an annual evaluation of the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC). The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) serves as the CTC. As the CTC, PSTA is responsible for delivering transportation services to individuals who qualify as “transportation disadvantaged” based on a physical or mental disability or income constraints.

The purpose of the evaluation is to assess the performance of the CTC based on its compliance with Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code, Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) standards, the Americans with Disabilities Act and local quality assurance standards. The evaluation also involves on-site contractor inspections, vehicle inspections and surveys of TD Program users to collect feedback on their experience with the program and quality of services they received.

Forward Pinellas staff conducted the most recent CTC evaluation with the assistance of an LCB-appointed subcommittee that met on February 16th and included LCB members Kaila Yeager, Michael Taylor, Jody Armstrong and Ivonne Carmona. The findings of the evaluation were presented to the LCB at its meeting on February 20, 2024. The evaluation found the CTC to be in compliance with all state requirements and local standards.

PSTA and Forward Pinellas staff continue to work collaboratively to provide all state-required data pending final review by the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

ATTACHMENT(S): [Draft Community Transportation Coordinator Evaluation Workbook](#)

ACTION: Board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, to receive and file the Draft Community Transportation Coordinator Evaluation Workbook.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the board receive and file the Draft Community Transportation Coordinator Evaluation Workbook.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S): The LCB approved the attached draft CTC Evaluation Workbook at its meeting on February 20, 2024.

March 13, 2024



5D. Approval of Forward Pinellas/FDOT Joint Certification Statement and Summary

SUMMARY

Forward Pinellas performs an annual joint certification review with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 7 office as part of its role as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for Pinellas County. This review focuses on compliance with applicable federal and state laws, rules, and financial requirements. This certification is a key element of Florida’s metropolitan planning process, resulting in assigning levels of risk for an MPO that guide state decisions about financial oversight and review of MPO operations.

The purpose of the certification review is to assist in best practices guidance and ensure that Forward Pinellas meets federal and state requirements governing MPO processes. The FDOT completed the latest certification review of Forward Pinellas on February 27, 2024. That review found the MPO in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations. The summary of the review is attached, which includes a listing of the agency’s notable achievements for 2023. Also attached is the MPO Joint Certification Statement provided by FDOT recommending Forward Pinellas’ certification.

This is an annual supplement to the more comprehensive quadrennial review conducted by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration, as well as FDOT.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Joint Certification Statement
- Joint Forward Pinellas/FDOT Certification Summary

ACTION: Board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, to approve the Joint Certification Statement and Summary.



Florida Department of Transportation

RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450

JARED W. PERDUE, P.E.
SECRETARY

JOINT MPO/FDOT CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

Forward Pinellas Metropolitan Planning Organization

The Annual Joint FDOT/MPO Certification for January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, review was conducted on February 27, 2024, as required by federal guidelines to assess the MPO's compliance with the federal transportation planning process and applicable state laws. **The Forward Pinellas MPO was found to be in compliance with federal and state guidelines for metropolitan transportation planning.** The following is a summary of the Department's findings:

Notable Achievements

- **Complete Streets Before and After Studies**
Forward Pinellas committed to completing before and after studies for some projects advanced through the priority list. In 2023, two studies were conducted.
- **LRTP Outreach**
Agency Staff developed a multi-pronged approach to engaging the public in the plan development, including the use of in-person focus groups, attendance at public events, a statistically valid survey of the public and an interactive website that includes a gamification component.
- **Statistically Valid Survey of the Public**
Forward Pinellas utilized consultants to develop a statistically valid survey of the public in an effort to develop a baseline and enable more thoroughly vetted recommendations.
- **Safe Streets Pinellas**
Forward Pinellas applied for and received a Safe Streets and Roads for All grant in 2023, in partnership with six of their local governments.

Recommended Actions

- The MPO should continue to ensure all documents and document links on the Forward Pinellas website are correct and functional. The MPO should also continue to upload documents as soon as possible after board approval for public viewing and consumption, a requirement from FHWA.
- The MPO should continue to solidify invoicing QA/QC and train incoming staff on the established MPO processes.
- The MPO should continue to regularly review and evaluate public inclusion and outreach techniques to ensure a broad range of resident participation.
- The MPO should continue to improve communication with FDOT using timely and relevant updates.

Corrective Actions

- None

Pursuant to the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 134(k)(5) and 23 CFR 450.334(a), the Department and the MPO have performed a review of the certification status of the metropolitan transportation planning process for the Forward Pinellas with respect to the requirements of:

1. 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303;
2. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 C.F.R. Part 21
3. 49 U.S.C. 5332 prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
4. Section 1101(b) of the FAST Act and 49 C.F.R. Part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects;
5. 23 C.F.R. Part 230 regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
6. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and the regulations found in 49 C.F.R. Parts 27, 37, and 38;
7. The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101) prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
8. Section 324 of 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of gender; and
9. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 C.F.R. Part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

Included in this certification package is a summary of noteworthy achievements by the MPO, attachments associated with these achievements, and (if applicable) a list of any recommendations and/or corrective actions. The contents of this Joint Certification Package have been reviewed by the MPO and accurately reflect the results of the joint certification review meeting held on 2/27/2024.

Based on a joint review and evaluation, the Florida Department of Transportation and the Forward Pinellas recommend that the Metropolitan Planning Process for the Forward Pinellas be certified.

Name: David Gwynn
Title: District Secretary (or designee)

Date

Name: Julie Bujalski
Title: MPO Vice Chair (or designee)

Date

March 13, 2024

5E. Approval of Scope and Fee for Housing Regulatory Toolkit



SUMMARY

The Advantage Pinellas Housing Action Plan, approved by the Forward Pinellas Board in July 2023, calls for the creation of a regulatory toolkit to encourage the creation of housing that is diverse and affordable to a broader range of incomes, coordinated with planning for jobs, job training and transportation.

At present, each local government in Pinellas County is responsible for formulating and adopting its own strategies to encourage housing affordability, which has led to a fragmented regulatory environment that is difficult for developers and other housing providers to navigate. A consultant will assist in drafting the Housing Regulatory Toolkit, which will provide a menu of regulatory incentives and design standards that all local governments in Pinellas County will be encouraged to use in their own communities.

The budget for the project is \$90,000, to be jointly funded by Forward Pinellas (\$50,000) and Pinellas County (\$40,000) per interlocal agreement. Forward Pinellas staff will manage the project, which is scheduled to take nine months from the date of commencement.

Forward Pinellas and Pinellas County Housing and Community Development staff have selected the Pritchett Steinbeck Group to assist with the development of the Housing Regulatory Toolkit. Staff is seeking board approval of the negotiated scope and fee for this project, and authorization to forward the interlocal agreement to the Board of County Commissioners.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Final Scope of Work, Schedule and Fee Estimate for the Housing Regulatory Toolkit
- Interlocal Agreement for the Housing Regulatory Toolkit

ACTION: Board, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, to approve the scope of work and fee for the Housing Regulatory Toolkit and authorize staff to transmit an interlocal agreement to the Board of County Commissioners.

HOUSING REGULATORY TOOLKIT SCOPE OF SERVICES

The purpose of this project is for Pritchett Steinbeck Group (the “Consultant”) to support Forward Pinellas staff, in partnership with Pinellas County, in the development of a Housing Regulatory Toolkit meeting the objectives of the Advantage Pinellas Housing Action Plan, which identifies the critical need for housing that is affordable to a broad range of incomes, coordinated with planning for jobs, job training and transportation.

At present, each local government in Pinellas County is responsible for formulating and adopting its own strategies to encourage housing affordability, which has led to a fragmented regulatory environment that is difficult for developers and other housing providers to navigate. The Consultant will assist in drafting the Housing Regulatory Toolkit, which will provide a menu of regulatory incentives and design standards that all local governments in Pinellas County will be encouraged to use in their own communities.

The project scope shall be structured in three tasks, as follows:

TASK 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT LOCAL REGULATIONS AND THE COUNTYWIDE RULES (MONTHS 1-3)

The Consultant will review the current local land development regulations of the 25 local governments in Pinellas County and assess their effectiveness in incentivizing housing that is affordable and meets other objectives of the Housing Action Plan. The Consultant will also review the Countywide Rules to determine whether enabling and/or supportive amendments are needed. This task will include outreach to local government planning and community development staff. The Consultant will prepare and assist in disseminating information about the nature of the project, its desired outcomes, and the ask that is being made of local governments in terms of participation. The Consultant will organize a series of meetings to ensure there are options for local government participation. That series will include group meetings in the north, south central and beach areas of the county. The Consultant will also hold three meetings with individual local government’s staff to document housing regulations and incentives that have had outcomes that can inform the project’s recommendation. The Consultant will also interview at least six affordable housing and/or market rate housing developers to gain insight on beneficial local strategies, barriers, and opportunities.

Deliverables:

- One (1) kick-off meeting with project management team, including staff from Forward Pinellas, Pinellas County, and the Advantage Pinellas Housing Tactical Team.
- One (1) summary report of the findings and areas of improvement the Consultant has identified upon reviewing current local regulations and the Countywide Rules, including an analysis of how local governments have implemented the Live Local Act and other relevant state statutes.
- One (1) workshop with local government and housing sector stakeholders to gather input on the findings, which shall be modified as needed.

- Presentation and discussion of the analysis/report findings at one (1) meeting of the Forward Pinellas Planners Advisory Committee.
- Biweekly project management meetings via conference call/phone to review progress and findings.

TASK 2: DEVELOP A DRAFT HOUSING REGULATORY TOOLKIT (MONTHS 4-7)

Based on the findings of Task 1, the Consultant will develop a draft menu of regulatory strategies, incentives, and design standards for local government use. The Consultant will also provide direction to Forward Pinellas for supportive amendments to the Countywide Rules.

Deliverables:

- A set of model land development regulations, including regulatory incentives and design standards, consistent with relevant state statutes, in a form sufficient to be adopted by local governments who opt to do so. The model regulations will be accompanied by content that addresses the contexts where strategies are most effective, the benefits the strategies are anticipated to bring, and approaches to overcoming the potential barriers to implementing the strategies.
- A set of draft text amendments to the Countywide Rules.
- Presentation of the analysis/report findings at one (1) meeting of the Forward Pinellas Planners Advisory Committee and (1) meeting of the Forward Pinellas Board.
- Biweekly project management meetings via conference call/phone to review progress and findings.

TASK 3: OUTREACH TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (MONTHS 8-9)

The Consultant will work with Forward Pinellas staff to determine what remaining technical assistance or other needs local governments have that need to be addressed to facilitate adoption of the model regulations developed in Task 2.

Deliverables:

- One (1) workshop with local government stakeholders to determine technical assistance needs or other barriers to local governments’ utilization of the Housing Regulatory Toolkit.
- Biweekly project management meetings via conference call/phone to review progress and findings.

SCHEDULE

The project schedule for each task shall be as outlined above based on the notice to proceed date for the project, or as otherwise agreed upon with Forward Pinellas staff.

FEE

For work under this scope of services, Forward Pinellas will compensate the Consultant \$90,000 to be invoiced monthly based on agreed-upon Consultant contract rates and the percent completion of each task. The budget for each task shall be as follows.

Task 1:	\$35,000
Task 2:	\$40,000
Task 3:	\$15,000

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

THIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into on this ____ day of _____, 2024 by and between the Pinellas Planning Council, a dependent special district of Pinellas County, Florida, dba **FORWARD PINELLAS**, and **PINELLAS COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, Section 163.01 of the Florida Statutes, known as the “Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969,” authorizes local government units to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with other localities and agencies on a basis of mutual advantage and to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities; and

WHEREAS, Part I of Chapter 163 of the Florida Statutes permits public agencies as defined therein to enter into interlocal agreements with each other to exercise jointly any power, privilege, or authority which such agencies share in common and which each might exercise separately; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2 Chapter 2012-245, Laws of Florida, one of the purposes of FORWARD PINELLAS is to provide intergovernmental coordination, and pursuant to Section 6 of said Chapter, FORWARD PINELLAS may enter into contracts with local governments and governmental agencies in Pinellas County to achieve this purpose; and

WHEREAS, FORWARD PINELLAS conducts countywide land use and transportation planning and coordination across jurisdictions in Pinellas County; and

WHEREAS, PINELLAS COUNTY conducts planning and implements programs in land use, community redevelopment, transportation, and affordable housing in the unincorporated county and for the benefit of other local governments; and

WHEREAS, PINELLAS COUNTY and FORWARD PINELLAS have signed the Advantage Pinellas Housing Compact (“Housing Compact”), an agreement among local governments across the county to work together to address the critical need for housing affordability, coordinated with jobs and transportation, together with seven other local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Compact provides for implementation of its goals through the Housing Action Plan, which will serve as a long-term policy framework to guide countywide and local government decision-making; and

WHEREAS, PINELLAS COUNTY and FORWARD PINELLAS executed Joint Resolution 23-25, designating Forward Pinellas as the forum to guide implementation of the Housing Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Action Plan sets forth a goal of developing a housing regulatory toolkit for local government use, including a menu of regulatory strategies, incentives, and design standards to encourage housing that is diverse, affordable to a broad range of incomes, sustainable, and supportive of healthy communities and multimodal transportation; and

WHEREAS, FORWARD PINELLAS and PINELLAS COUNTY support the idea of a collaborative effort to create a regulatory toolkit meeting the objectives of the Housing Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, FORWARD PINELLAS and PINELLAS COUNTY will contribute to this project through a combination of funds and in-kind support; and

WHEREAS, FORWARD PINELLAS has the experience and resources through its consultants and staff to administer this work in a cost-effective manner; and

WHEREAS, FORWARD PINELLAS represents that they are qualified, willing, and able to provide the described services according to the terms of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this Agreement is for FORWARD PINELLAS, through its staff and/or consultants, to provide to PINELLAS COUNTY the services described in the “Scope of Services” attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit “A” (the “Project”).
2. **SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT.** The Project shall be performed by FORWARD PINELLAS in a professional manner and in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. FORWARD PINELLAS, with input from PINELLAS COUNTY, reserves the right to make minor revisions to the Scope of Services, including but not limited to providing additional refinements to planning activity specifications, procedure, and refinements relative to line-item costs of actual work product. Such revisions may be made by FORWARD PINELLAS’ Executive Director. Changes to the Scope of Services, including the addition of new tasks, shall be made by FORWARD PINELLAS’s Executive Director with the concurrence of the County Administrator of PINELLAS COUNTY or his designee.

FORWARD PINELLAS and PINELLAS COUNTY are responsible for ensuring that the quality of work meets the requirements in the Scope of Services and that the end products are satisfactory.

3. **TASK ORDERS.** FORWARD PINELLAS will develop and have final approval authority of task orders, in consultation with PINELLAS COUNTY and the affected municipal partner.
4. **PROJECT COST.** The estimated Project Cost is \$90,000. Contribution from PINELLAS COUNTY is \$40,000, payable from the County’s general fund as further outlined herein.

FORWARD PINELLAS will contribute \$50,000 from its planning funds to fund the remaining portion to fulfill the Scope of Services.

5. **PAYMENT TO FORWARD PINELLAS.** PINELLAS COUNTY shall pay a total “Fee” for the Scope of Services of \$40,000, which shall be payable in one lump sum. FORWARD PINELLAS shall submit an invoice to PINELLAS COUNTY and PINELLAS COUNTY shall pay the invoice in accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act. Should FORWARD PINELLAS and PINELLAS COUNTY conclude that the Project is complete and funds are remaining and unspent, those funds will be distributed equally to each entity.
6. **TERM.** The term of this Agreement shall begin on the Effective Date and shall remain in effect until April 1, 2025.
7. **MODIFICATION.** This Agreement, together with any attachments and schedules, may only be amended by a written instrument duly executed by all parties.
8. **TERMINATION.** Any party may terminate this Agreement with or without cause.
 - a. **Termination without cause.** Any party may terminate its participation in this Agreement without cause at any time upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. In such an event, FORWARD PINELLAS shall return any funds in its possession that are allocated toward work for the Project that have not and will not be performed due to such termination to PINELLAS COUNTY within 120 days of the date the Agreement is terminated.
 - b. **Termination with Cause by PINELLAS COUNTY.** If PINELLAS COUNTY terminates the Agreement with cause, FORWARD PINELLAS shall return any funds in its possession that are allocated toward work for the Project that have not and will not be performed due to such termination to PINELLAS COUNTY within 120 days of the date the Agreement is terminated.
 - c. **Termination with Cause by FORWARD PINELLAS.** If FORWARD PINELLAS terminates the Agreement with cause, FORWARD PINELLAS shall return any funds in its possession that are allocated toward work for the Project that have not and will not be performed due to such termination to PINELLAS COUNTY within 120 days of the date the Agreement is terminated.
9. **DEFAULT/DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** All services to be performed by FORWARD PINELLAS or its consultants are to be done to the satisfaction of FORWARD PINELLAS’ Executive Director based on the requirements of Exhibit A. The Executive Director shall decide all questions and disputes, of any nature whatsoever, between or regarding its consultants that may arise in the execution and fulfillment of the Scope of Services. If a dispute shall arise between the parties

hereto as a result of non-payment, improper payment, conformity to the terms of the Agreement, or other such default, a non-defaulting party must notify the defaulting party in writing within ten (10) days of said default. The party in default shall have ten (10) days to cure said default. Additional time shall be given to cure if the default is unable to be cured within 10 days with diligent effort. If the default is not cured within the applicable time period, the non-defaulting party responsible for notifying the defaulting party shall have a right to terminate this Agreement for cause.

10. **LIABILITY.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to affect any party's entitlement to sovereign immunity or limitation of liability as provided by §768.28, Florida Statutes, nor shall this Agreement be construed to create any indemnification by one party of another. Each party shall be responsible and liable for its actions, including the actions of its employees and agents.
11. **REMEDIES.** Each party shall be entitled to seek any and all remedies available in law and equity due to a breach or default of this Agreement. Default by PINELLAS COUNTY hereunder may also, at FORWARD PINELLAS' discretion, result in a loss of support for future planning activities, including but not limited to: grants, technical assistance, and courtesy reviews.
12. **SEVERABILITY.** Should any portion of this Agreement be deemed unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction, all remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain and continue in full force and effect.
13. **NON-APPROPRIATION.** In the event sufficient budgeted funds are not available for a new fiscal period of PINELLAS COUNTY, PINELLAS COUNTY shall notify FORWARD PINELLAS of such occurrence and the Agreement shall terminate as to the affected agency on the last day of the current fiscal year without penalty or expense of PINELLAS COUNTY. If this provision is invoked, the remaining parties hereto shall decide how to proceed, decreasing the scope of services, or otherwise.
14. **FILING OF AGREEMENT.** This Agreement shall be filed with the Clerk as provided in Section 163.01(11) Florida Statutes. The EFFECTIVE DATE of this Agreement shall be the date of filing. FORWARD PINELLAS shall be responsible for said filing and shall notify PINELLAS COUNTY of the filing date.
15. **COUNTERPARTS.** This Agreement may be executed in counterpart by the parties.
16. **ASSIGNMENT.** No party to this Agreement may assign rights to delegate other duties under this Agreement without prior written consent of the other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, FORWARD PINELLAS and PINELLAS COUNTY have caused these present to be executed by their duly authorized officers, and their official seals hereto affixed, the day and year first above written.

FORWARD PINELLAS

_____ Date Signed: _____

Whit Blanton, FAICP
Forward Pinellas Executive Director

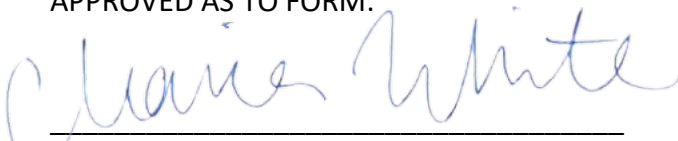
_____ Date Signed: _____

Commissioner Janet Long
Forward Pinellas Chair

WITNESS

By: _____ Date Signed: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Maria C. White
Assistant County Attorney

PINELLAS COUNTY

_____ Date Signed: _____

Barry Burton
County Administrator

WITNESS

By: _____ Date Signed: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Exhibit "A"
SCOPE OF SERVICES

March 13, 2024



6A1. Case CW 24-05 City of Tarpon Springs

SUMMARY

From: Retail & Services
To: Public/Semi-Public
Area: 0.88 acres m.o.l.
Location: 1201 Gulf Road
Jurisdiction: City of Tarpon Springs

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 Tarpon Springs to amend a property from Retail & Services to Public/Semi-Public. The current 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 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.

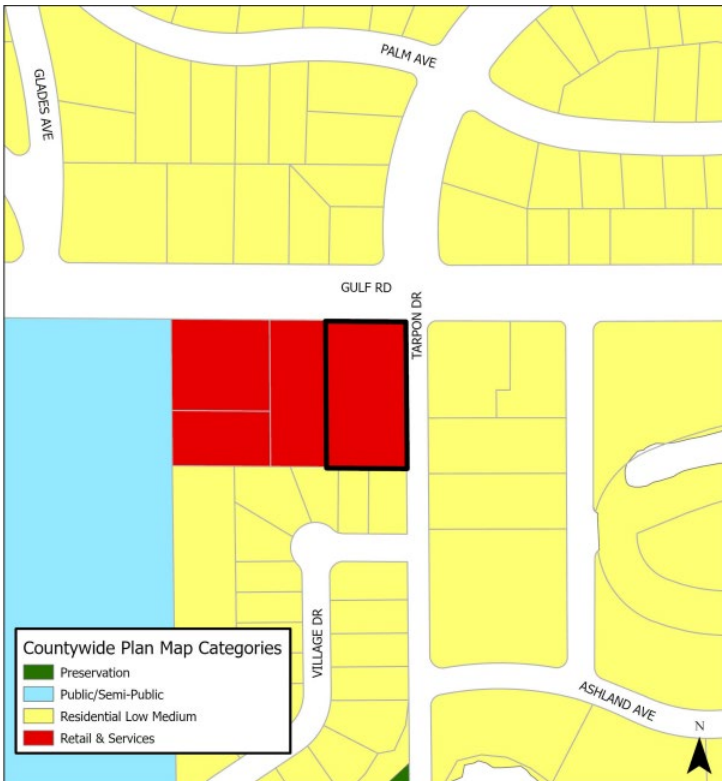
This case involves a parcel totaling approximately 0.88-acres located at 1201 Gulf Road. The property is currently vacant and is the location of the new Tarpon Springs Fire Station 70. The fire station project is currently in the design phase and the city is requesting an amendment to Public/Semi-Public for this proposed use.

The property is located in the Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA). The requested amendment would lower the maximum residential density on the Countywide Plan Map from 24 units per acre to 12.5 units per acre.

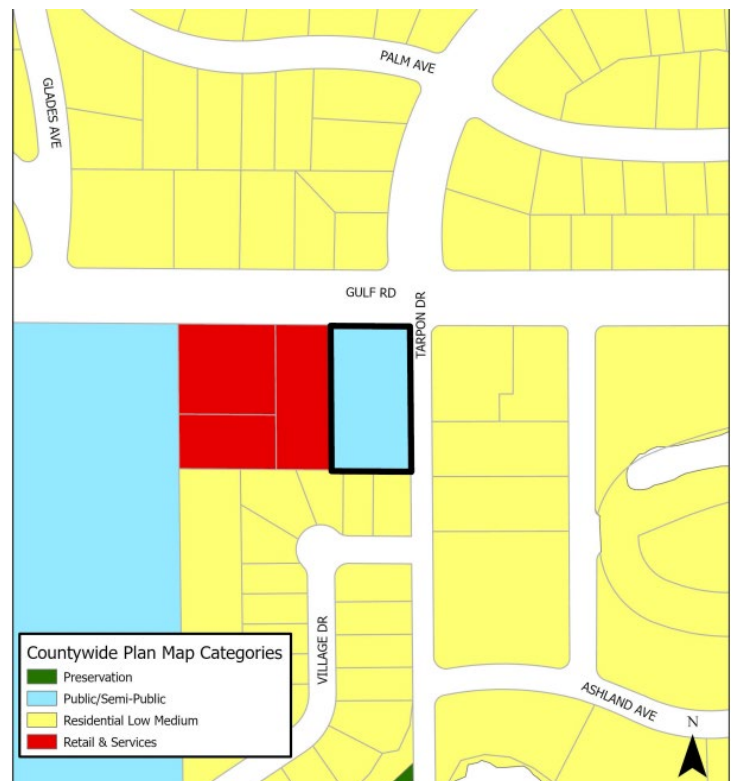
The subject property is located in a Multimodal Accessibility Index (MAX) grid cell that has a score below the countywide average. In order to meet the balancing criteria requirements, the City of Tarpon Springs has cited the Sunset Connector Transportation Alternatives (TA) project as a mitigating improvement. This TA application is the #4 project on the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) 2023 Unfunded Transportation Alternatives Program Priority List. This is the first step in the project development process and design and

construction funding will be programmed as funds become available from the Florida Department of Transportation. Once completed, this 4.4-mile trail will provide continuous bicycle and pedestrian facilities separated from general travel lanes from the existing Pinellas Trail at East Klosterman Road to the communities, parks, and schools to the west in the City of Tarpon Springs. The completion of this project will result in a MAX Index score increase for the proposed amendment area grid cell. For this reason, as well as taking into consideration the scale of the proposed amendment and planned development of the site, Forward Pinellas has determined that this proposed mitigating project satisfies this consideration.

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 property is located in the CHHA. The requested amendment would lower the allocated residential density on the Countywide Map.
- C. The MAX Index score for the subject property's grid cell is 2.5, which is below the countywide average score of 9.7. However, the City of Tarpon Spring's Sunset Connector Trail project will result in a MAX Index score increase for the proposed amendment area grid cell.
- D. 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
- Map 6 CHHA Countywide Plan Map

Forward Pinellas Staff Analysis
[Presentation](#)

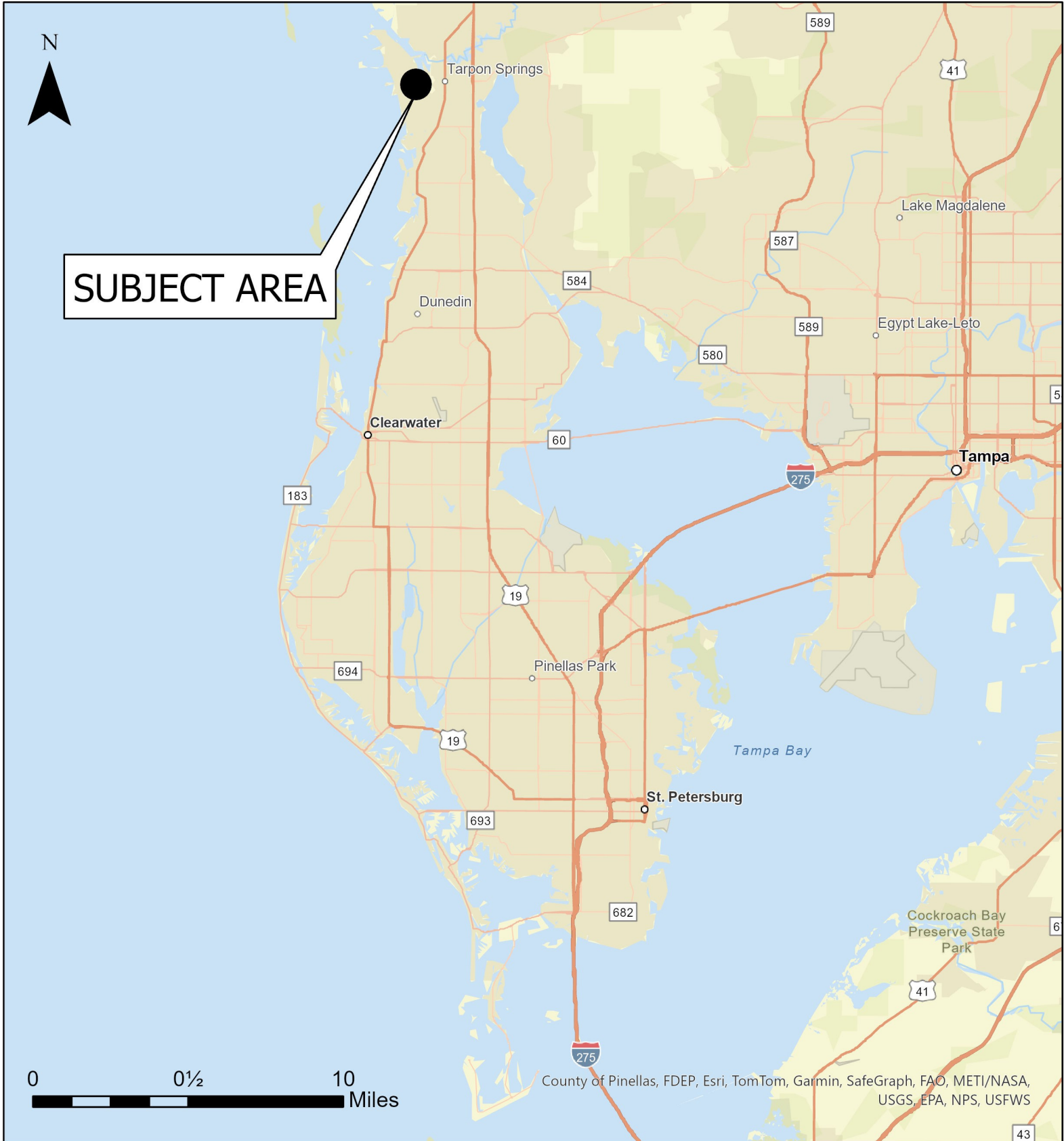
MEETING DATES:

Planners Advisory Committee, March 4, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.
Forward Pinellas, March 13, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.
Countywide Planning Authority, April 9, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: At its March 4, 2024 meeting, the Planners Advisory Committee voted 12-0 to recommend approval of this amendment.

Case CW24-05

Map 1: Location Map



JURISDICTION: Tarpon Springs

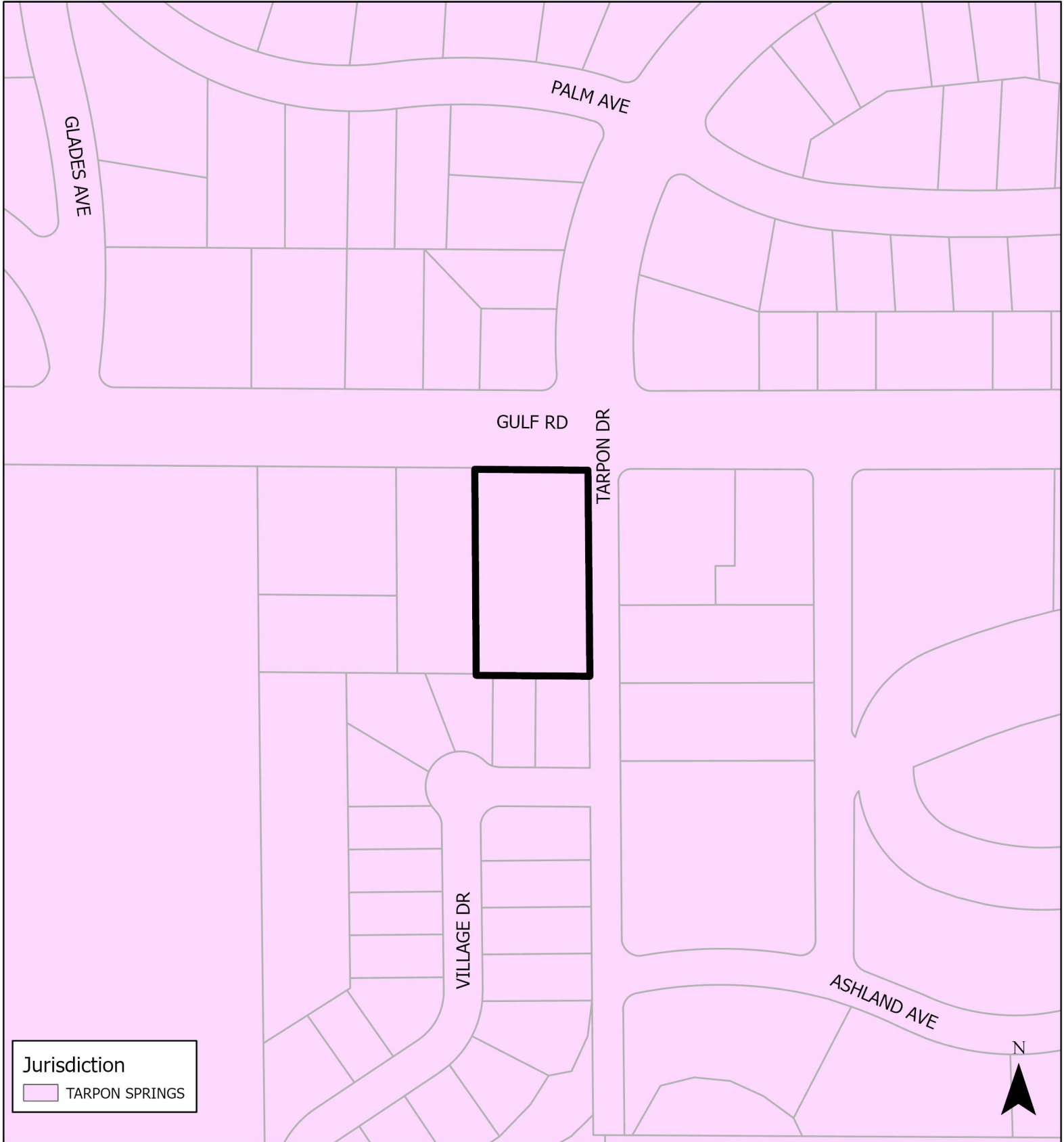
FROM: Retail & Services

AREA: 0.88 acres m.o.l.

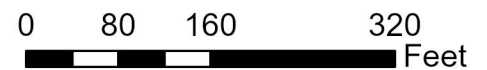
TO: Public/Semi-Public

Case CW24-05

Map 2: Jurisdictional Map



JURISDICTION: Tarpon Springs **FROM:** Retail & Services
AREA: 0.88 acres m.o.l. **TO:** Public/Semi-Public



Case CW24-05

Map 3: Aerial Map

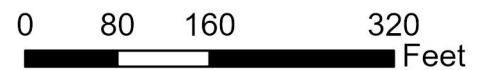


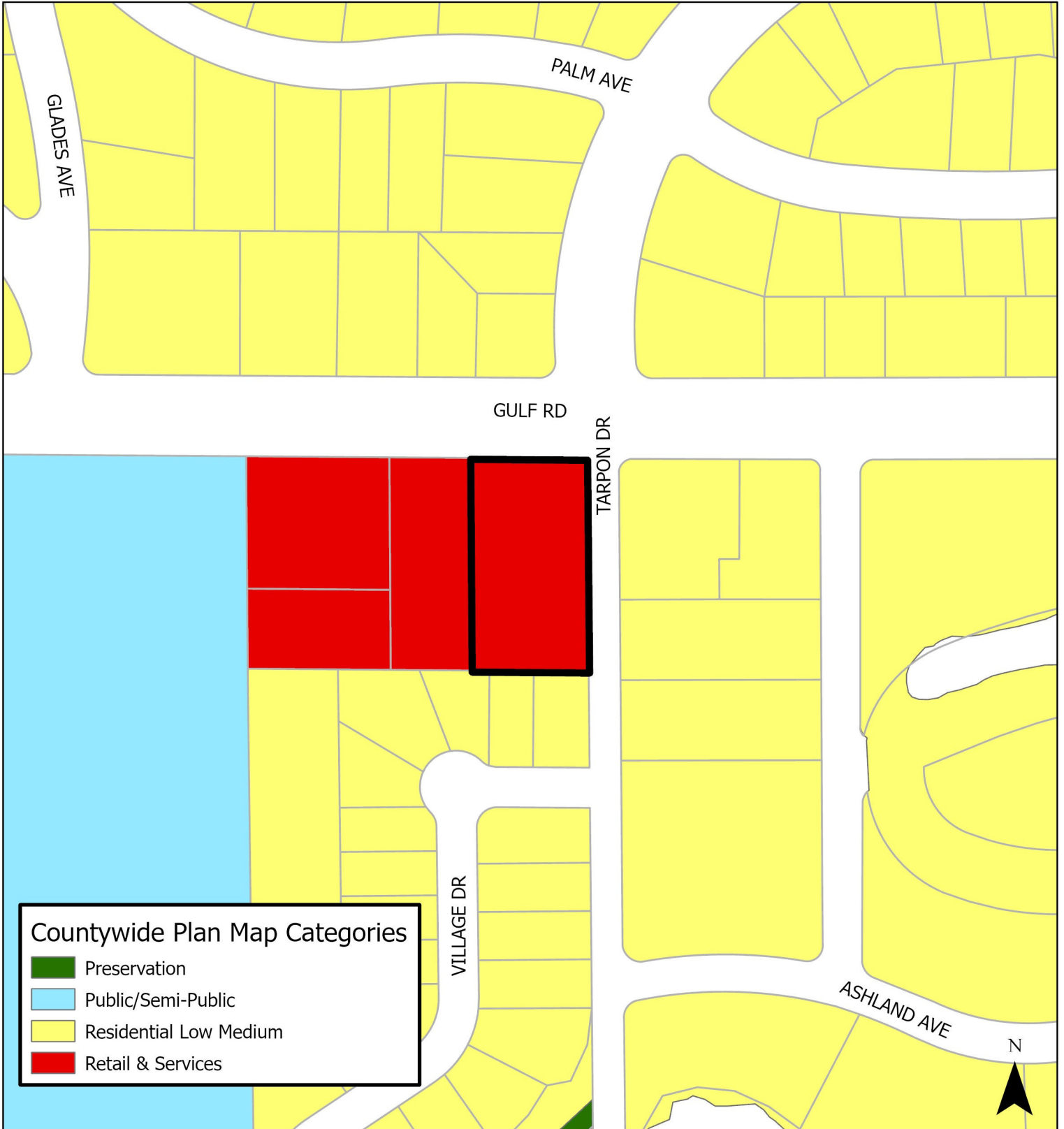
JURISDICTION: Tarpon Springs

FROM: Retail & Services

AREA: 0.88 acres m.o.l.

TO: Public/Semi-Public



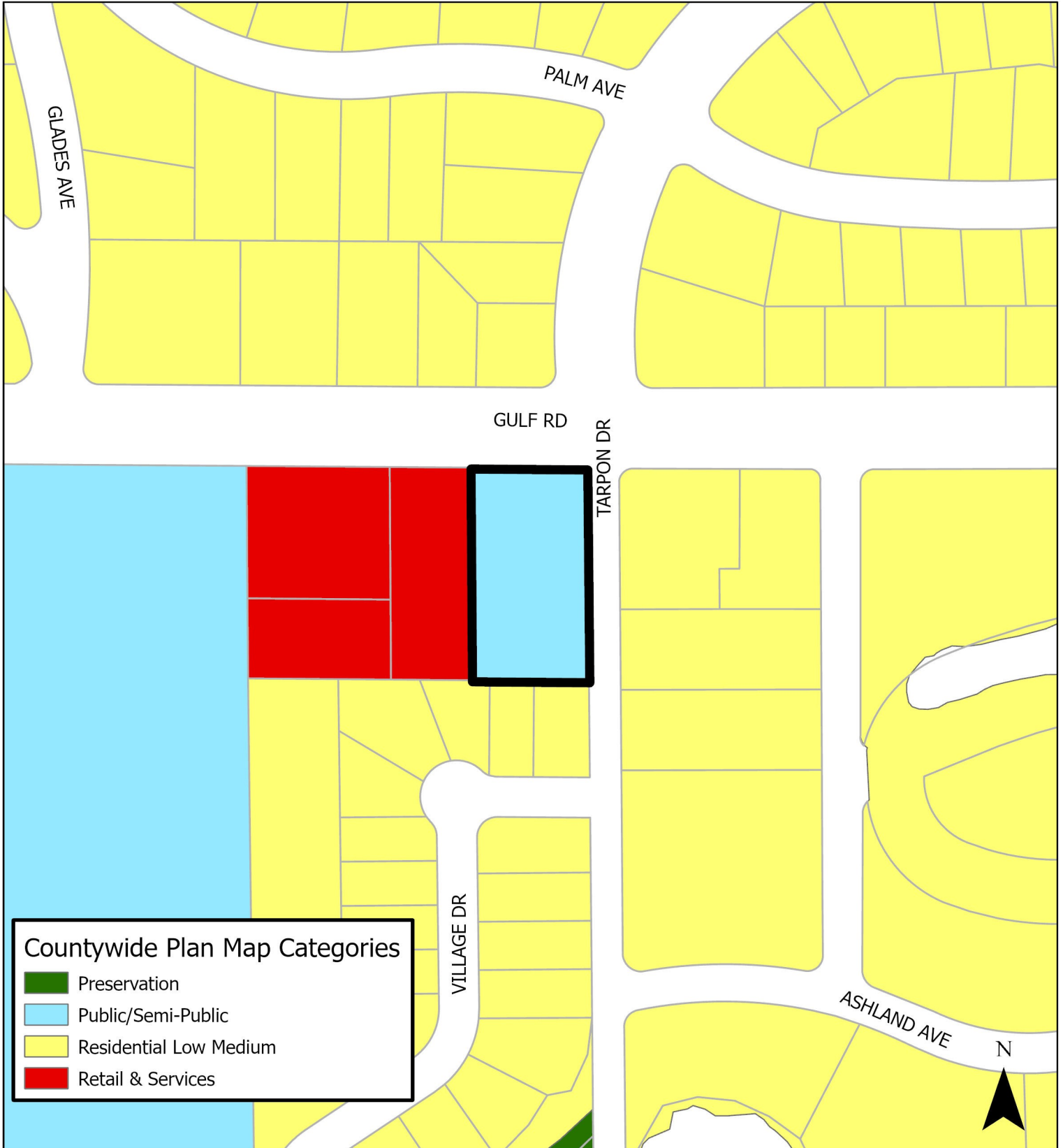


JURISDICTION: Tarpon Springs FROM: Retail & Services

AREA: 0.88 acres m.o.l

TO: Public/Semi-Public





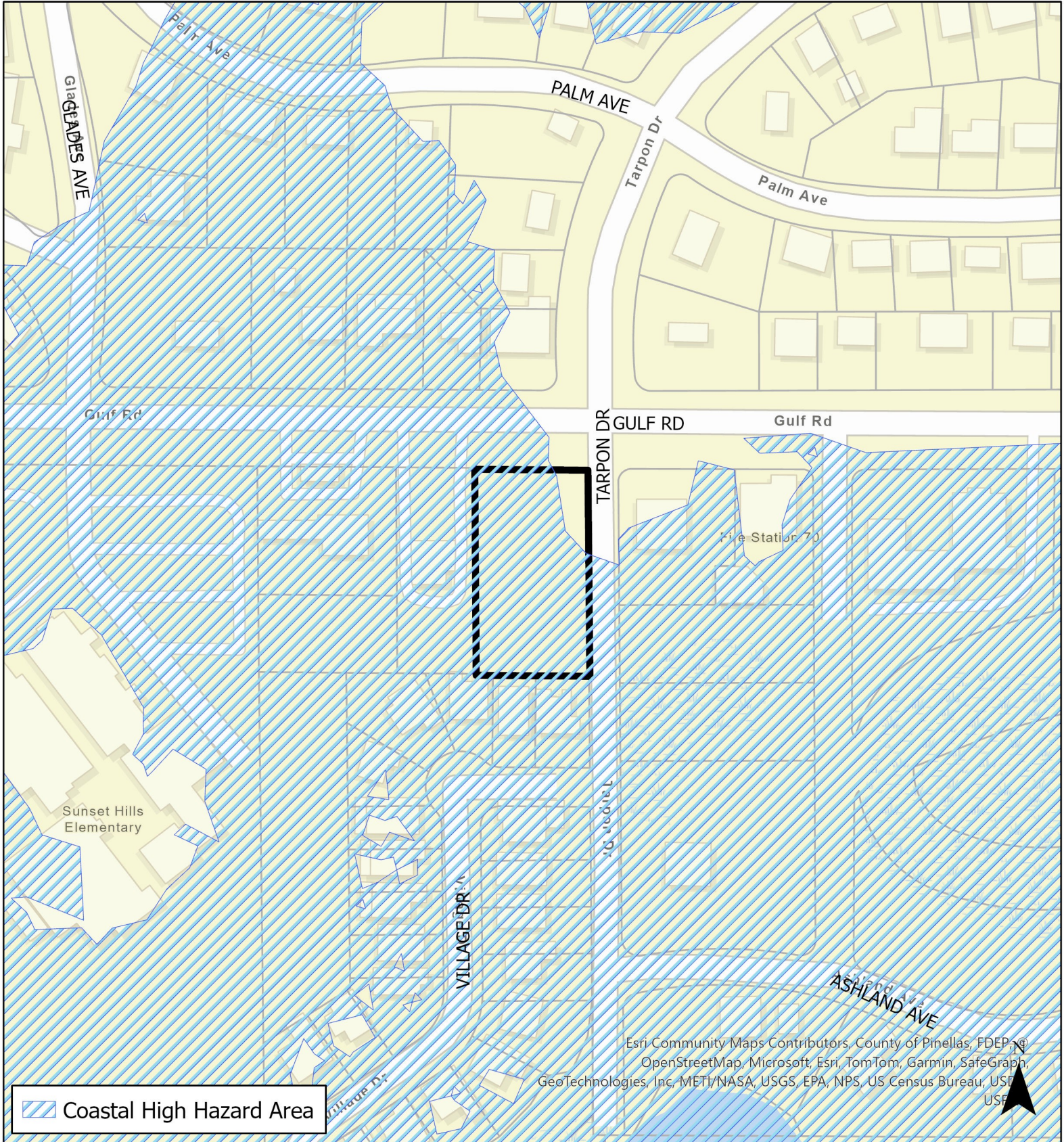
JURISDICTION: Tarpon Springs

FROM: Retail & Services

AREA: 0.88 acres m.o.l.

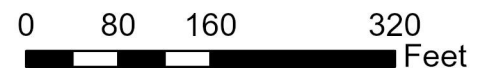
TO: Public / Semi Public





JURISDICTION: Tarpon Springs FROM: Retail & Services

AREA: 0.88 acres m.o.l. TO: Public/Semi-Public



FORWARD PINELLAS STAFF ANALYSIS



APPLICATION NO.:	Case CW 24-05
STAFF:	Emma Wennick, Program Planner
APPLICANT:	City of Tarpon Springs
PROPERTY SIZE:	0.88 acres m.o.l.
CURRENT COUNTYWIDE PLAN MAP CATEGORY:	Retail & Services
PROPOSED COUNTYWIDE PLAN MAP CATEGORY:	Public/Semi-Public
CURRENT LOCAL FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP CATEGORY:	City of Tarpon Springs – Commercial Neighborhood
PROPOSED LOCAL FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP CATEGORY:	City of Tarpon Springs – Institutional
LOCATION / PARCEL ID:	1201 Gulf Road / 14-27-15-89226-000-0175

BACKGROUND SUMMARY:

The applicant is requesting an amendment to the Countywide Plan Map from Retail & Services to Public/Semi-Public. The property is currently vacant and is the location of the future Tarpon Springs Fire Station 70.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of an amendment to the Countywide Plan Map from Retail & Services to Public/Semi-Public.

PLANNERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

At its March 4, 2024 meeting, the Planners Advisory Committee voted 12-0 to recommend approval of this amendment.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL/COMMISSION ACTION:

The Tarpon Springs Planning and Zoning Board held a public hearing at their regular meeting on December 18, 2023. The Board of Commissioners voted to approve first reading of the ordinance at the January 9, 2024 meeting.

CURRENT PROPERTY INFORMATION:

Property Use(s):	Vacant
Site Features:	Ground cover and a few trees. The property is on the corner of Gulf Road and Tarpon Drive and may be accessed from either of these roadways.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

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

1. This property is under city ownership and is planned for a new fire station (Fire Station 70) which is currently in the design phase.
2. The property is located in the Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA). The requested amendment would lower the maximum permitted residential density on the Countywide Plan Map.
3. The MAX Index score for the subject property’s grid cell is 2.5, which is below the countywide average score of 9.7. The city has cited the Sunset Connector Trail project as mitigation.

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:

	Current Countywide Plan Map Category: Retail & Services	Proposed Countywide Plan Map Category: Public/Semi-Public
Purpose:	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.	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>Permitted Uses:</p>	<p>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; 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>	<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>
<p>Max. Density:</p>	<p>24 units per acre</p>	<p>12.5 units per acre</p>
<p>Max. Floor Area Ratio (FAR):</p>	<p>0.55</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Max. Impervious Surface Ratio (ISR):</p>	<p>0.90</p>	<p>Institutional uses shall not exceed 0.85 / Transportation/utility uses shall not exceed 0.90</p>

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.”

The city proposes to amend their future land use map for this site as part of an effort to bring city-owned public facilities into the appropriate future land use map designation. This action results in a Countywide Plan Map amendment to the Public/Semi-Public category. The proposed Countywide Plan Map category of Public/Semi-Public is appropriate for the proposed use of the site.

- 2. Forward Pinellas has developed the Multimodal Accessibility (MAX) index. Proposed amendments must maintain a MAX score equal to or better than the Countywide Average MAX score. The current Countywide Average MAX score is 9.7; 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: The MAX Index score for the subject property’s grid cell is 2.5, which is below the countywide average score of 9.7. However, the Countywide Rules allow for the consideration of other factors when determining if the requested amendment meets the relevant Countywide Considerations.

The subject property is located in a Multimodal Accessibility Index (MAX) grid cell that has a score below the countywide average. In order to meet the balancing criteria requirements, the City of Tarpon Springs has cited the Sunset Connector Transportation Alternatives (TA) project as a mitigating improvement. This TA application is the #4 project on the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (MPO) 2023 Unfunded Transportation Alternatives Program Priority List. This is the first step in the project development process and design and construction funding will be programmed as funds become available from the Florida Department of Transportation. Once completed, this 4.4-mile trail will provide continuous bicycle and pedestrian facilities separated from general travel lanes from the existing Pinellas Trail at East Klosterman Road to the communities, parks, and schools to the west in the City of Tarpon Springs. The completion of this project will result in a MAX Index score increase for the proposed amendment area grid cell. For this reason, as well as taking into consideration the scale of the proposed amendment and planned development of the site, Forward Pinellas has determined that this proposed mitigating project satisfies this consideration.

- 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 property is located in the Coastal High Hazard Area. The Coastal Management Element provisions of the Tarpon Springs Comprehensive Plan restrict expansion of public facilities investment that would subsidize new private development (Policy 3.1.2). The current proposal is to correct an existing emergency services deficiency that primarily serves the surrounding residential area. The proposed Public/Semi-Public designation would substantially lower the allowable density on the Countywide Plan Map Category from 24 units per acre to 12.5 units per acre.

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 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 6.5.4.4.

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.

March 13, 2024



6A2. Case CW 24-06 City of Safety Harbor

SUMMARY

From: Public/Semi-Public
To: Residential Low Medium
Area: 0.82 acres m.o.l.
Location: 675 Elm St.
Jurisdiction: City of Safety Harbor

RECOMMENDATION

Pinellas Planning Council staff recommends that the proposed map amendment to Residential Low Medium, be approved.

BACKGROUND

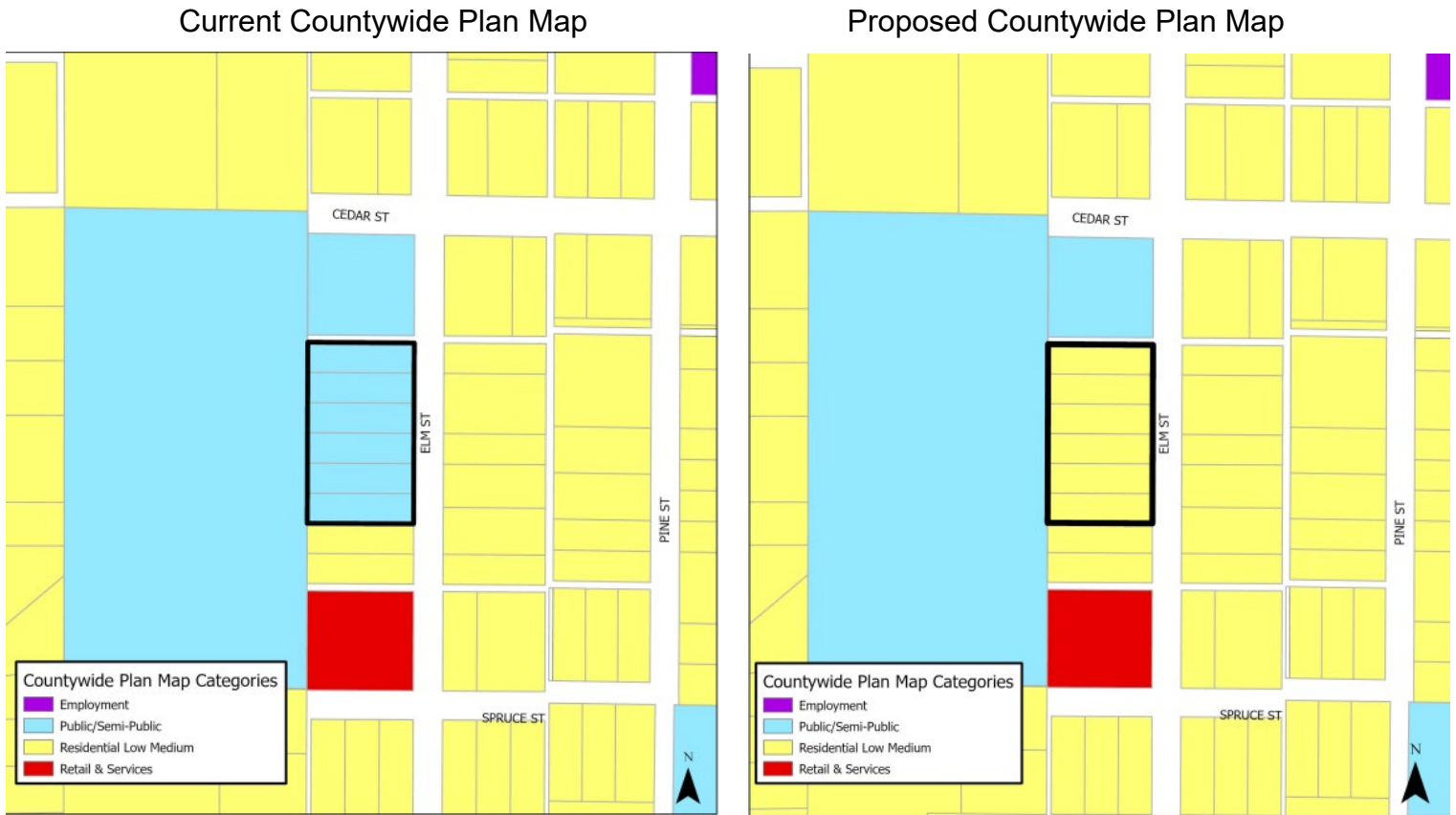
This proposed amendment is submitted by the City of Safety Harbor to amend a property from Public/Semi-Public to Residential Low Medium. The current Public/Semi-Public category is intended to recognize institutional and transportation/utility uses that serve the community or region, especially larger 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.

The proposed 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.

This case involves multiple parcels totaling approximately 0.82-acres located at 675 Elm St. The applicant is requesting an amendment to the Countywide Plan Map from Public/Semi-Public to Residential Low Medium. The northern parcel (675 Elm St.) is owned by the city. In June 2023, the City Commission approved an agreement for purchase of property between the City of Safety Harbor and the Pinellas County School Board, and an Agreement for Purchase and Sale between the City of Safety Harbor and Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County, Inc. In the future, Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County, Inc. will own the four parcels. The city proposes to amend their future land use map for this site as part of an effort to increase the maximum allowable density to allow for Habitat for Humanity homes to be constructed.

The MAX Index score for the subject property's grid cell is 5.75, which is below the countywide average score of 9.7. However, the Countywide Rules state: "An amendment to the Countywide Plan Map that results in an increase of density or intensity within an underperforming grid cell must be evaluated by the applicable criteria." The proposed

Countywide Plan Map amendment results in a decrease in both density and intensity, and therefore is exempt from the MAX index criteria.



FINDINGS

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

- A. The Residential Low Medium category is appropriate for the proposed use of the property and is consistent with the criteria for utilization of this category.
- B. The MAX Index score for the subject property’s grid cell is 5.75, which is below the countywide average score of 9.7. However, the proposed Countywide Plan Map amendment results in a decrease in both density and intensity.
- C. 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, March 4, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

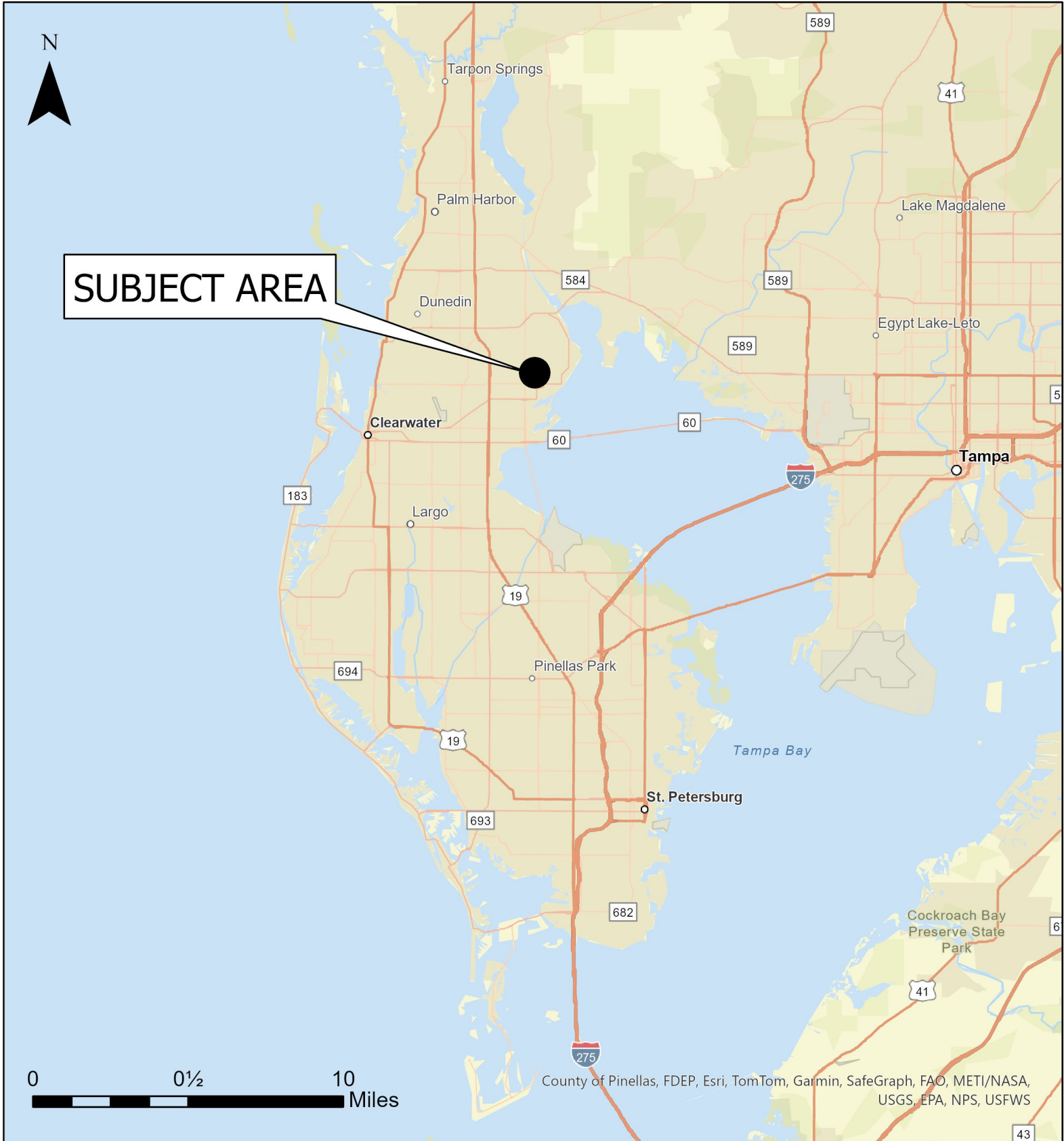
Forward Pinellas, March 13, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: At its March 4, 2024 meeting, the Planners Advisory Committee voted 12-0 to recommend approval of this amendment.

Case CW24-06

Map 1: Location Map



JURISDICTION: Safety Harbor

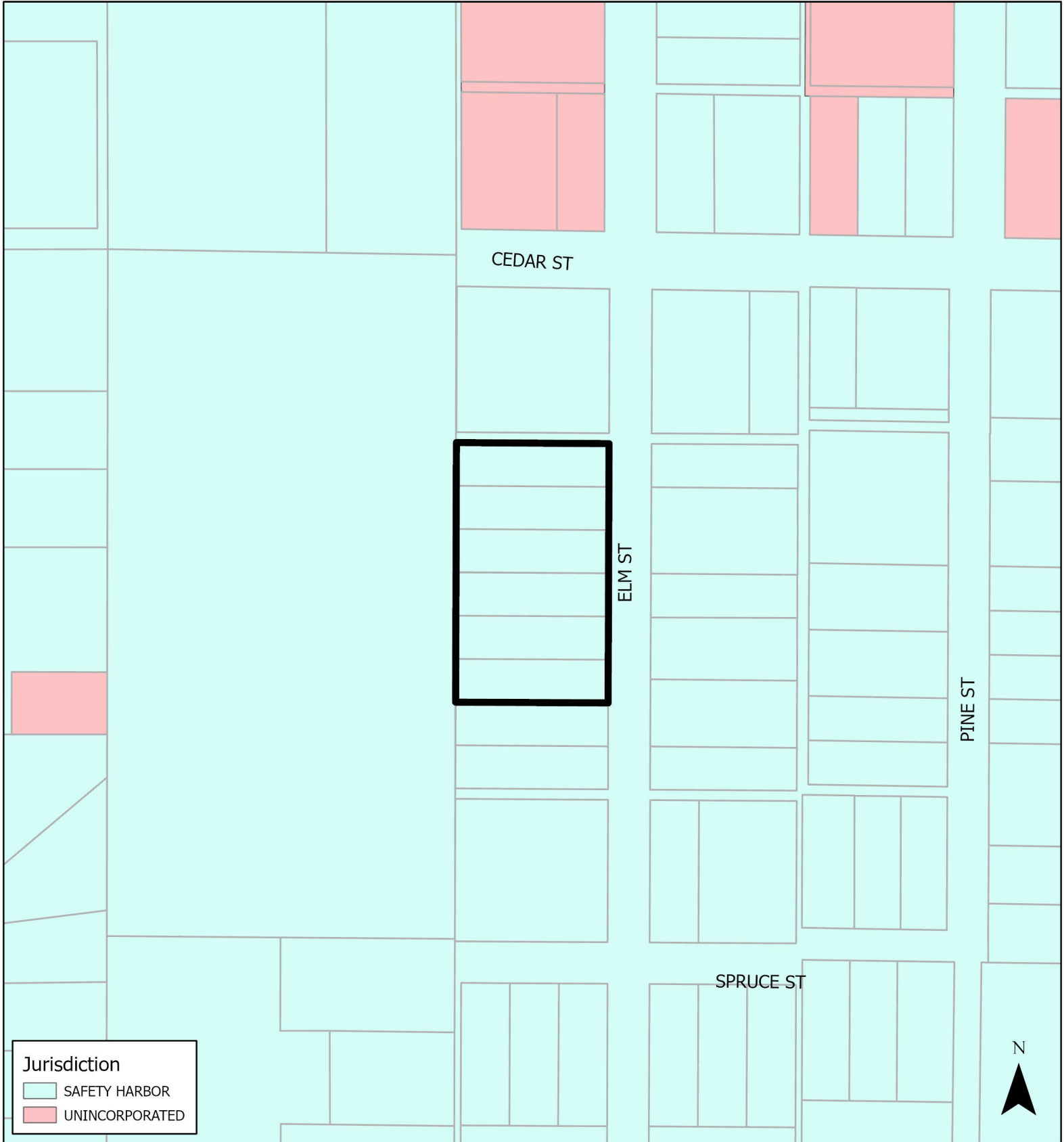
FROM: Public/Semi Public

AREA: 0.82 acres m.o.l.

TO: Residential Low Medium

Case CW24-06

Map 2: Jurisdictional Map

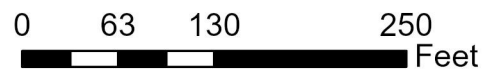


Jurisdiction

- SAFETY HARBOR
- UNINCORPORATED

JURISDICTION: Safety Harbor
AREA: 0.82 acres m.o.l.

FROM: Public/Semi Public
TO: Residential Low Medium



Case CW24-06

Map 3: Aerial Map

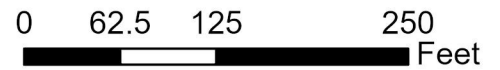


JURISDICTION: Safety Harbor

FROM: Public/Semi-Public

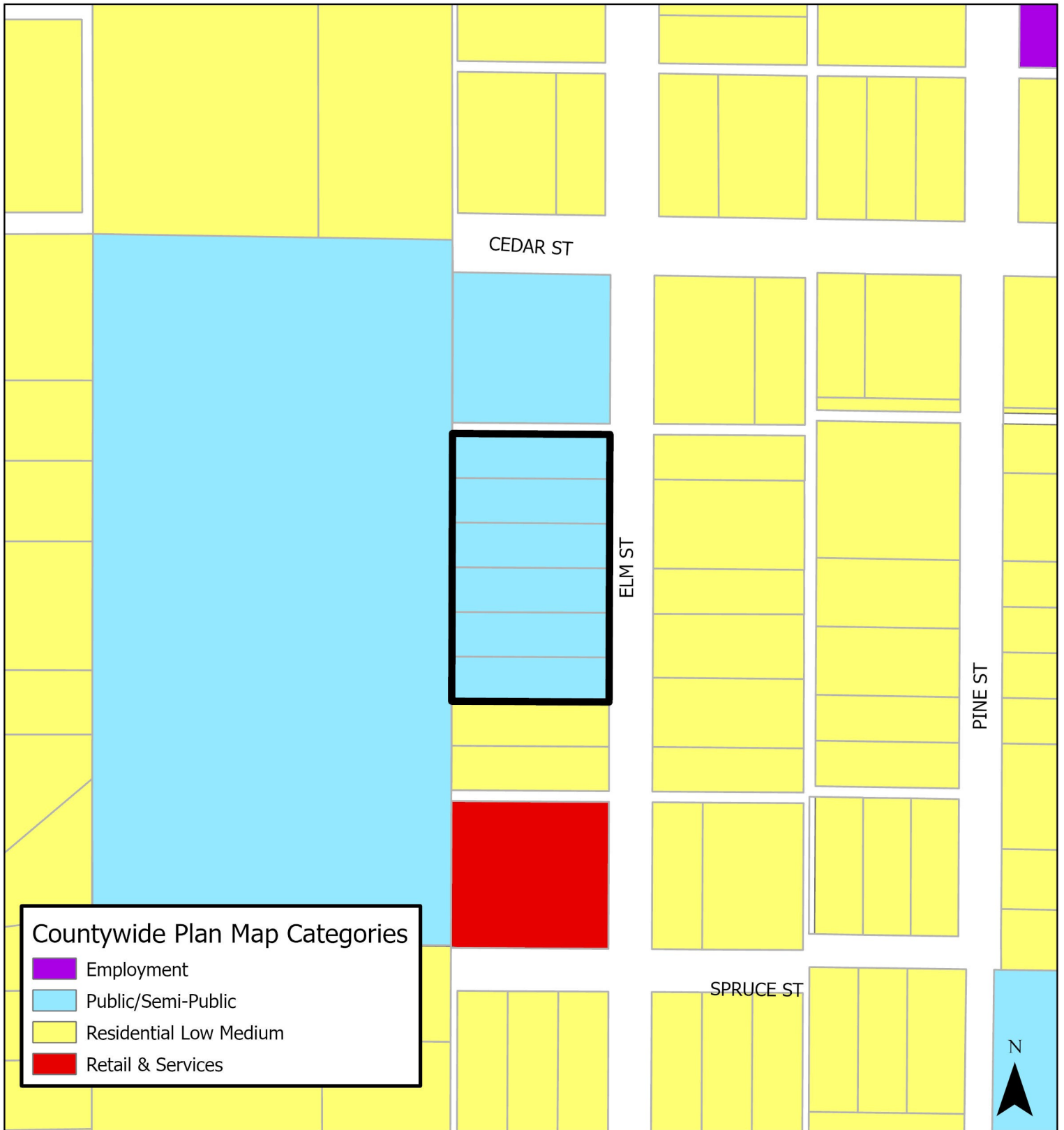
AREA: 0.82 acres m.o.l.

TO: Residential Low Medium



Case CW24-06

Map 4: Current Countywide Plan Map

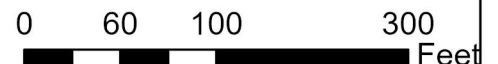


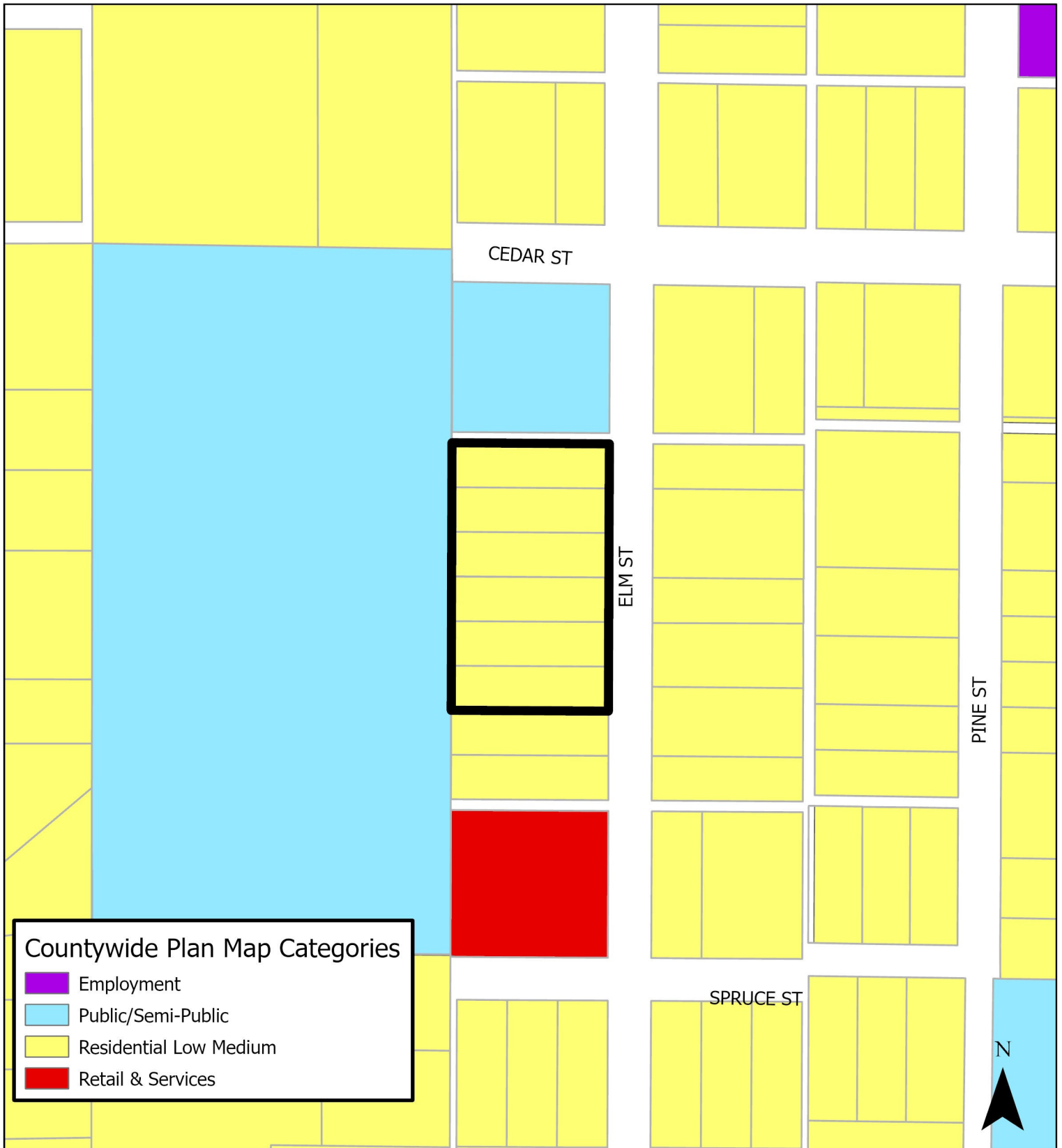
JURISDICTION: Safety Harbor

FROM: Public/ Semi-Public





AREA: 0.82 acres m.o.l

TO: Residential Low Medium





Countywide Plan Map Categories

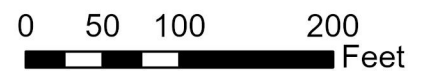
-  Employment
-  Public/Semi-Public
-  Residential Low Medium
-  Retail & Services

JURISDICTION: Safety Harbor

AREA: 0.82 acres m.o.l.

FROM: Public/Semi-Public

TO: Residential Low Medium



FORWARD PINELLAS STAFF ANALYSIS



APPLICATION NO.:	Case CW 24-06
STAFF:	Emma Wennick, Program Planner
APPLICANT:	City of Safety Harbor
PROPERTY SIZE:	0.82 acres m.o.l.
CURRENT COUNTYWIDE PLAN MAP CATEGORY:	Public/Semi-Public
PROPOSED COUNTYWIDE PLAN MAP CATEGORY:	Residential Low Medium
CURRENT LOCAL FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP CATEGORY:	City of Safety Harbor – Institutional
PROPOSED LOCAL FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP CATEGORY:	City of Safety Harbor – Residential Urban
LOCATION / PARCEL ID:	675 Elm St. (Parcel ID # 04-29-16-51822-002-0040), and three parcels to the south (including Parcel ID # 04-29-16-51822-002-0070, Parcel ID # 04-29-16-51822-002-0080 and Parcel ID # 04-29-16-51822-002-0090)

BACKGROUND SUMMARY:

The applicant is requesting an amendment to the Countywide Plan Map from Public/Semi-Public to Residential Low Medium. The northern parcel (675 Elm St.) is owned by the city. In June 2023, the City Commission approved Resolution No. 2023-11, an agreement for purchase of property between the City of Safety Harbor and the Pinellas County School Board, and an Agreement for Purchase and Sale between the City of Safety Harbor and Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County, Inc. In the future, Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County, Inc. will own the four parcels. The agreements were modified in December to remove lot 9, due to a structural encroachment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

PLANNERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

At its March 4, 2024 meeting, the Planners Advisory Committee voted 12-0 to recommend approval of this amendment.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL/COMMISSION ACTION:

The Safety Harbor City Commission held a public hearing at their regular meeting on February 5, 2024. The Board unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2024-03. There was no public comment.

CURRENT PROPERTY INFORMATION:

Property Use(s):	Vacant
Site Features:	The City of Safety Harbor owns 675 Elm St., and the Pinellas County School Board owns the three parcels to the south.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

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

1. The northern parcel (675 Elm St.) is owned by the city. The three parcels to the south are owned by the Pinellas County School Board. In the future, Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County, Inc. will own the four parcels.
2. The site includes four parcels and six platted lots, totaling 0.82 acres. The subject property is vacant, except Lot 9, which has an encroachment.
3. Surrounding uses include a church to the north, single family detached residential uses to the east and the south, and a vacant property to the west.

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:

	Current Countywide Plan Map Category: Public/Semi-Public	Proposed Countywide Plan Map Category: Residential Low Medium
Purpose:	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	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,

	facilities, and natural resource features, and may include residential as part of the mix of uses.	transportation facilities, including transit, and natural resources of such areas.
Permitted Uses:	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	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 are Subject to One Acre Maximum Ancillary Nonresidential; Transportation/Utility are subject to a three-acre maximum. 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.
Max. Density:	12.5 units per acre	10 units per acre
Max. Floor Area Ratio (FAR):	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	0.50
Max. Impervious Surface Ratio (ISR):	Institutional uses shall not exceed 0.85 / Transportation/utility uses shall not exceed 0.90	0.75

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 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 locational characteristics of the Residential Low Medium 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 city proposes to amend their future land use map for the subject property as part of an effort to increase the maximum density to allow for Habitat for Humanity homes to be developed. The proposed Future Land Use map application requires a Countywide Plan Map amendment through Forward Pinellas.

- 2. Forward Pinellas has developed the Multimodal Accessibility (MAX) index. Proposed amendments increasing density and/or intensity must maintain a MAX score equal to or better than the Countywide Average MAX score. The current Countywide Average MAX score is 9.7; 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: The MAX Index score for the subject property’s grid cell is 5.75, which is below the countywide average score of 9.7. However, the Countywide Rules state: “An amendment to the Countywide Plan Map that results in an increase of density or intensity within an underperforming grid cell must be evaluated by the applicable criteria.”

The proposed Countywide Plan Map Amendment results in a decrease in both density and intensity, and is therefore exempt from the MAX index criteria for an underperforming grid cell.

- 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 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 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 6.5.4.4.**

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.

March 13, 2024

6A3. Case CW 24-07 City of Safety Harbor



SUMMARY

From: Public/Semi-Public
To: Recreation/ Open Space
Area: 5.07 acres m.o.l.
Location: The property located west of Elm. St. and south of Cedar St.
Jurisdiction: City of Safety Harbor

RECOMMENDATION

Pinellas Planning Council staff recommends that the proposed map amendment to Recreation/ Open Space, be approved.

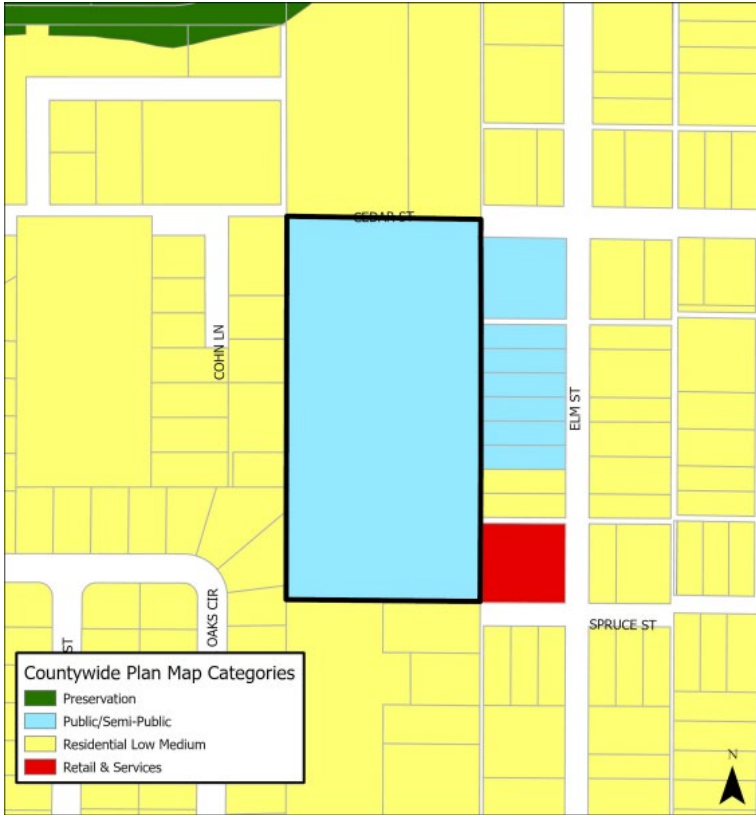
BACKGROUND

This proposed amendment is submitted by the City of Safety Harbor to amend a property from Public/Semi-Public to Recreation/Open Space. The current 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. The proposed Recreation/ Open Space category is intended to recognize recreation/open space uses that serve the community or region.

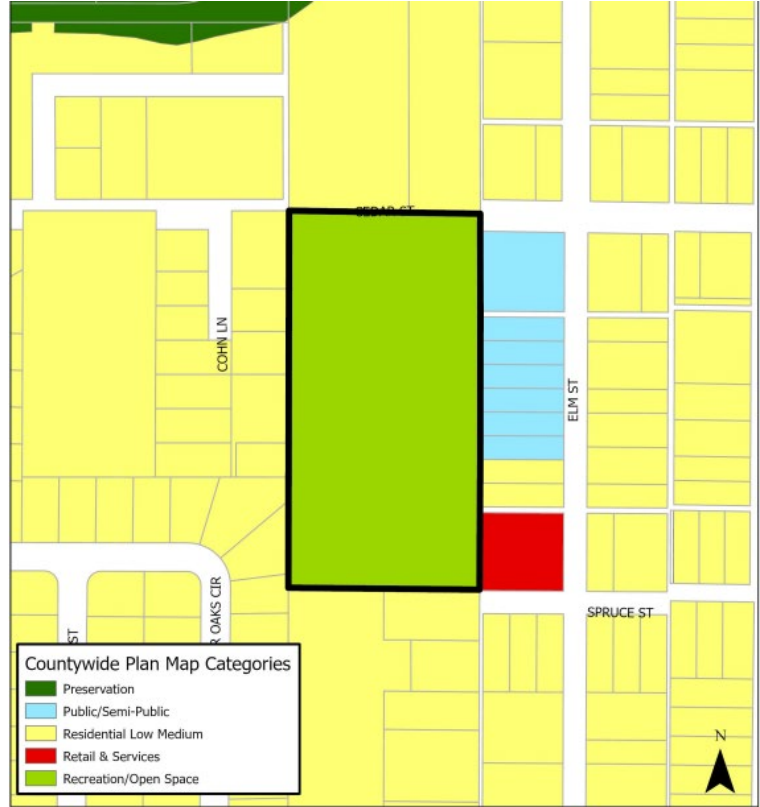
The applicant is requesting an amendment to the Countywide Plan Map from Public/Semi-Public to Recreation/ Open Space. The subject property is owned by the Pinellas County School Board. The Safety Harbor Secondary School was located on the property until it was demolished in 2009. The subject property is being conveyed to the City of Safety Harbor for a future park use.

The average MAX Index score for the subject property's grid cells is 5.56, which is below the countywide average score of 9.7. However, the Countywide Rules state: "An amendment to the Countywide Plan Map that results in an increase of density or intensity within an underperforming grid cell must be evaluated by the applicable criteria." The proposed Countywide Plan Map amendment results in a decrease in both density and intensity, therefore, are exempt from the MAX index criteria for an underperforming grid cell.

Current Countywide Plan Map



Proposed Countywide Plan Map



FINDINGS

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

- A. The Recreation/ Open Space category is appropriate for the proposed use of the property and is consistent with the criteria for utilization of this category.
- B. The MAX Index score for the subject property's grid cell is 5.56, which is below the countywide average score of 9.7. However, the proposed Countywide Plan Map amendment results in a decrease in both density and intensity
- C. 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, March 4, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

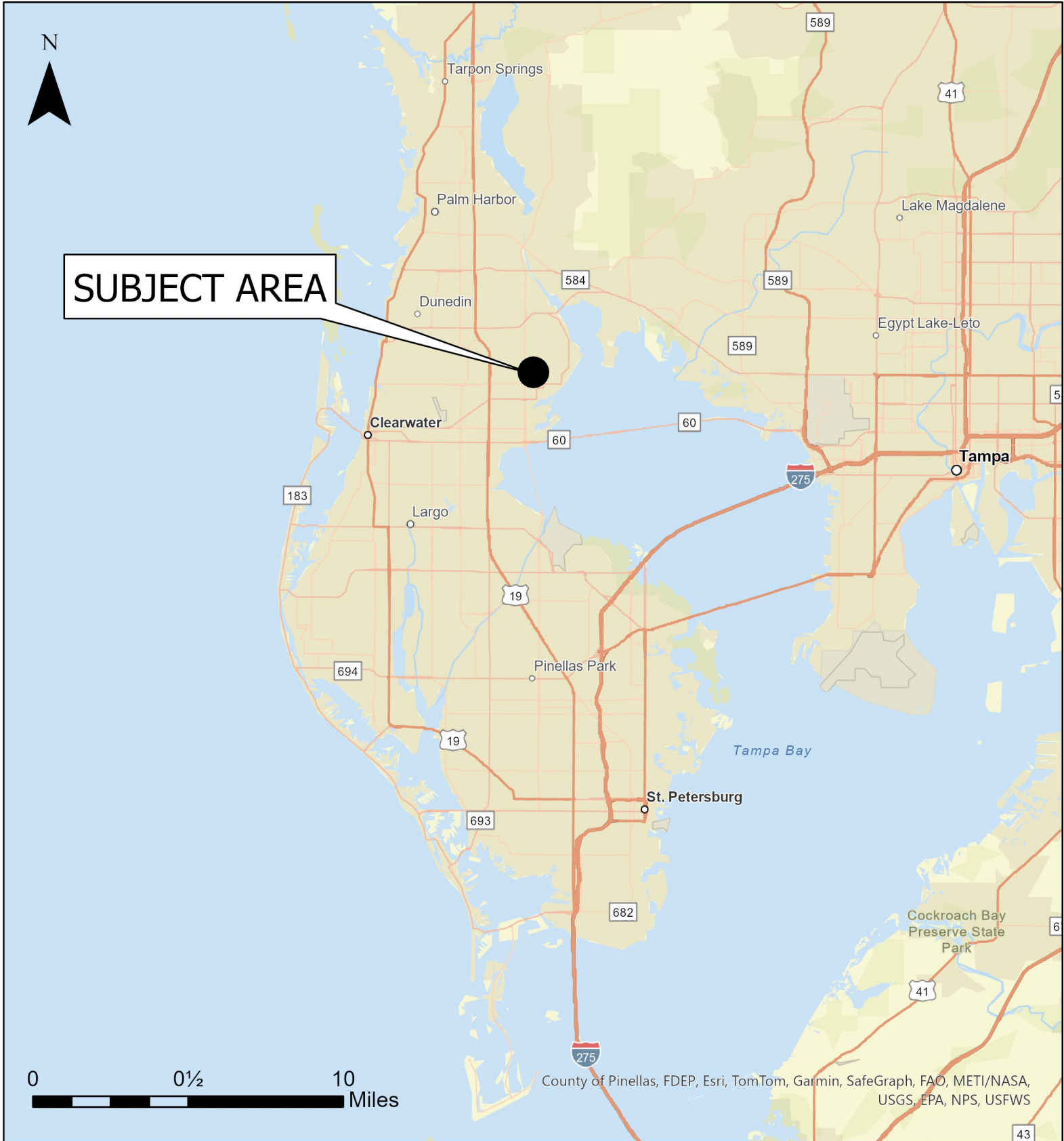
Forward Pinellas, March 13, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: At its March 4, 2024 meeting, the Planners Advisory Committee voted 12-0 to recommend approval of this amendment.

Case CW24-07

Map 1: Location Map



JURISDICTION: Safety Harbor

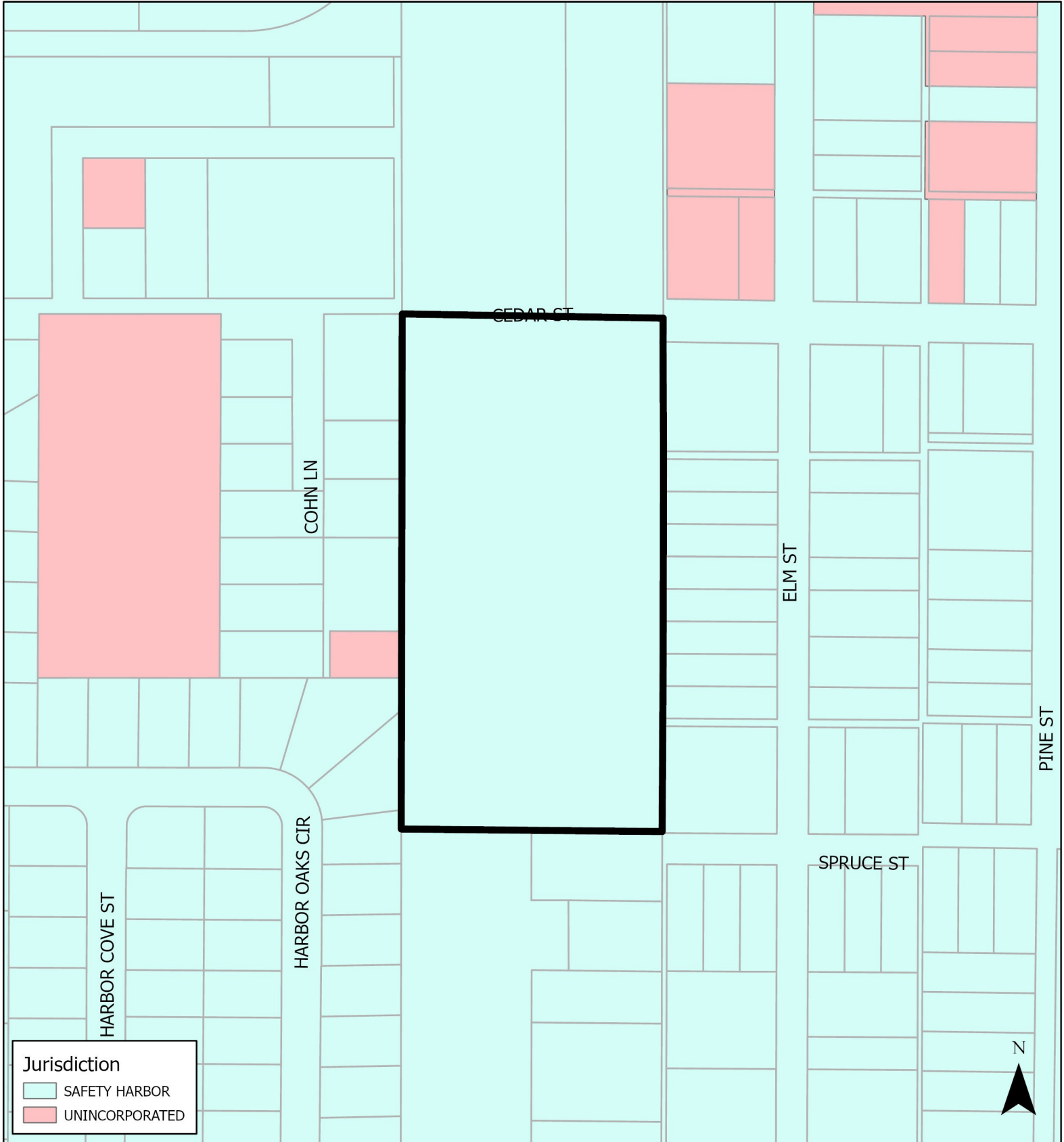
FROM: Public/Semi Public

AREA: 5.07 acres m.o.l.

TO: Recreation/Open Space

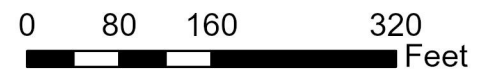
Case CW24-07

Map 2: Jurisdictional Map



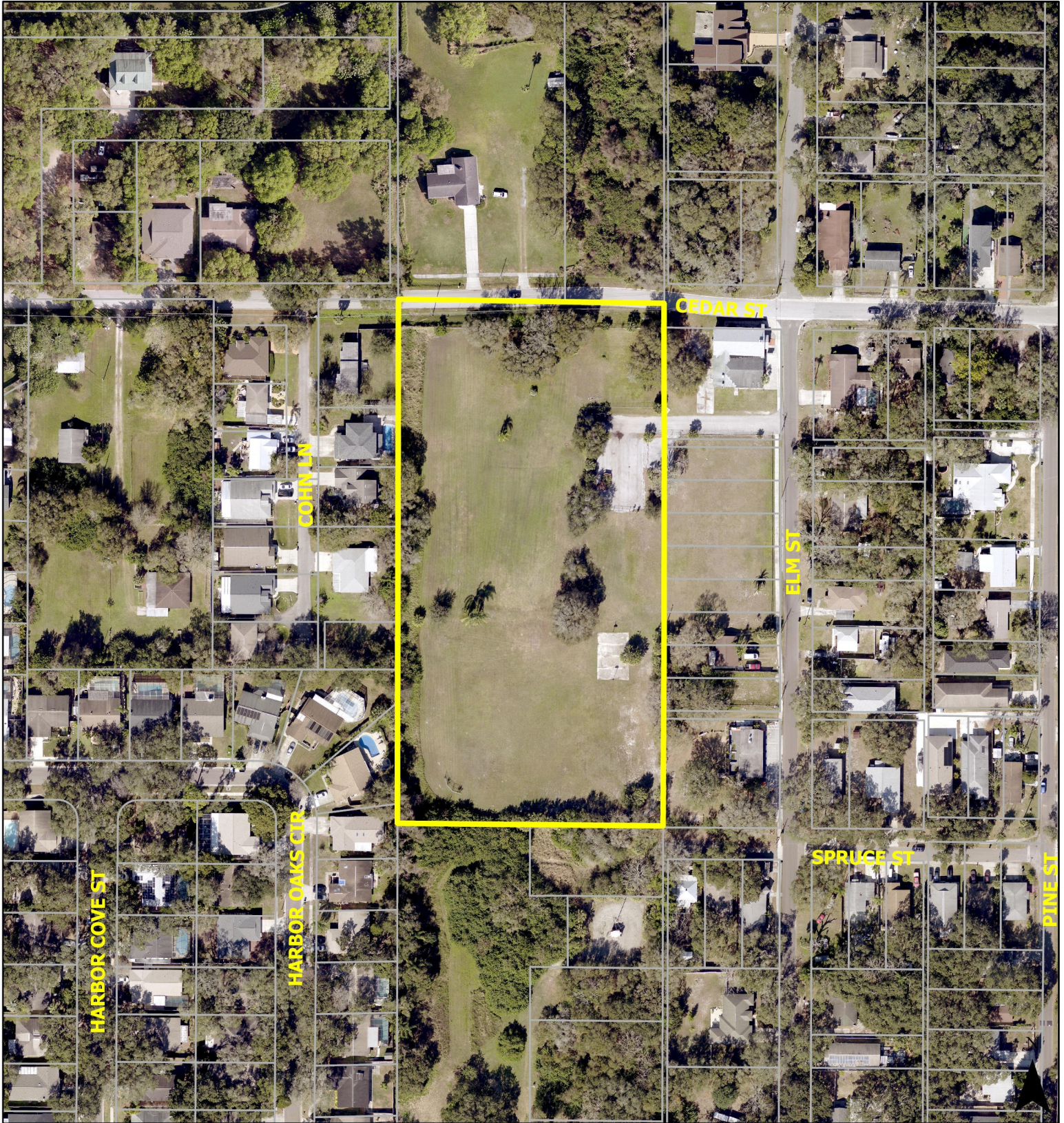
JURISDICTION: Safety Harbor
AREA: 5.07 acres m.o.l.

FROM: Public/Semi Public
TO: Recreation/Open Space



Case CW24-07

Map 3: Aerial Map



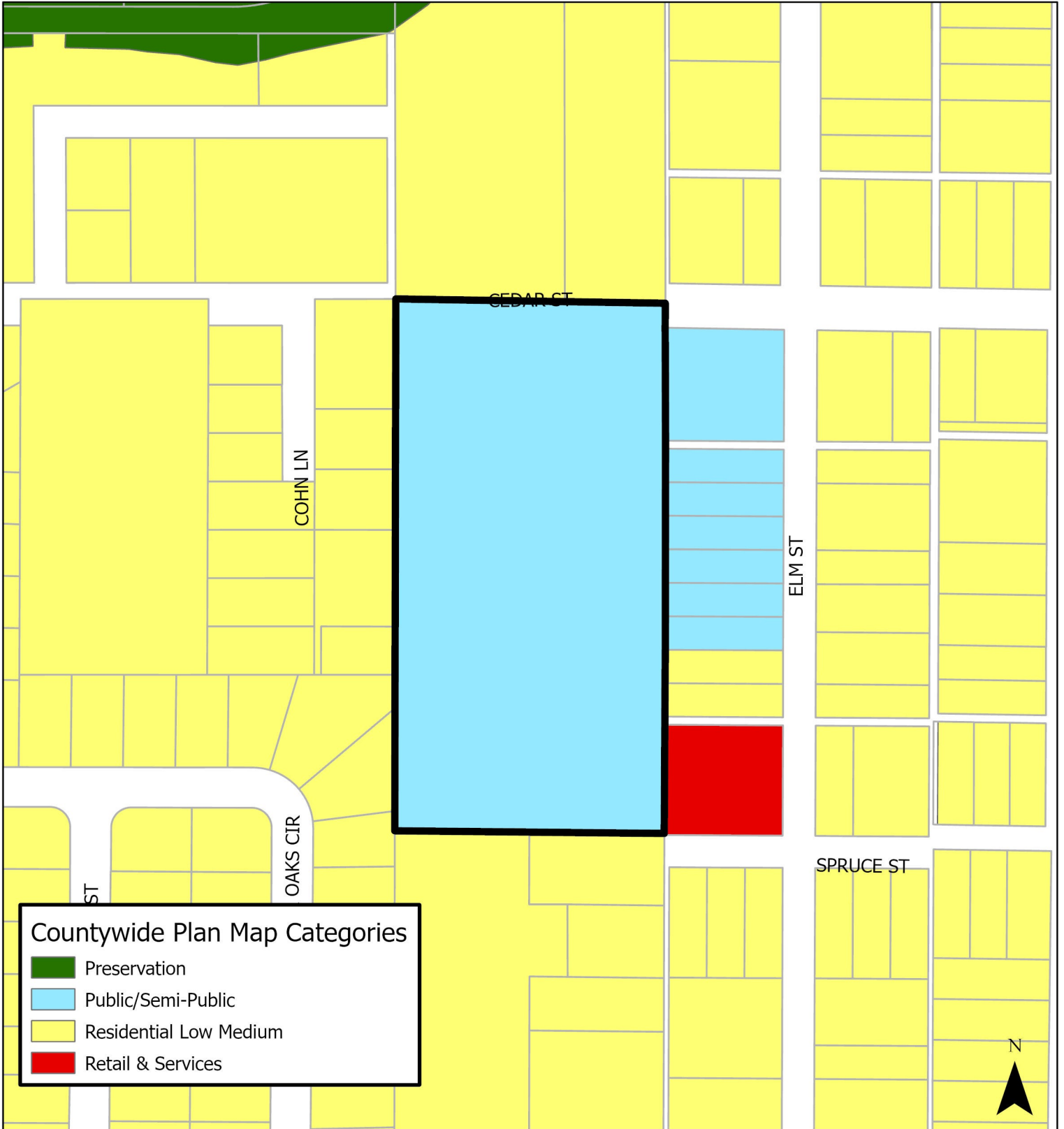
JURISDICTION: Safety Harbor

FROM: Public/Semi-Public

AREA: 5.07 acres m.o.l.

TO: Recreation/Open Space



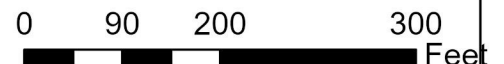


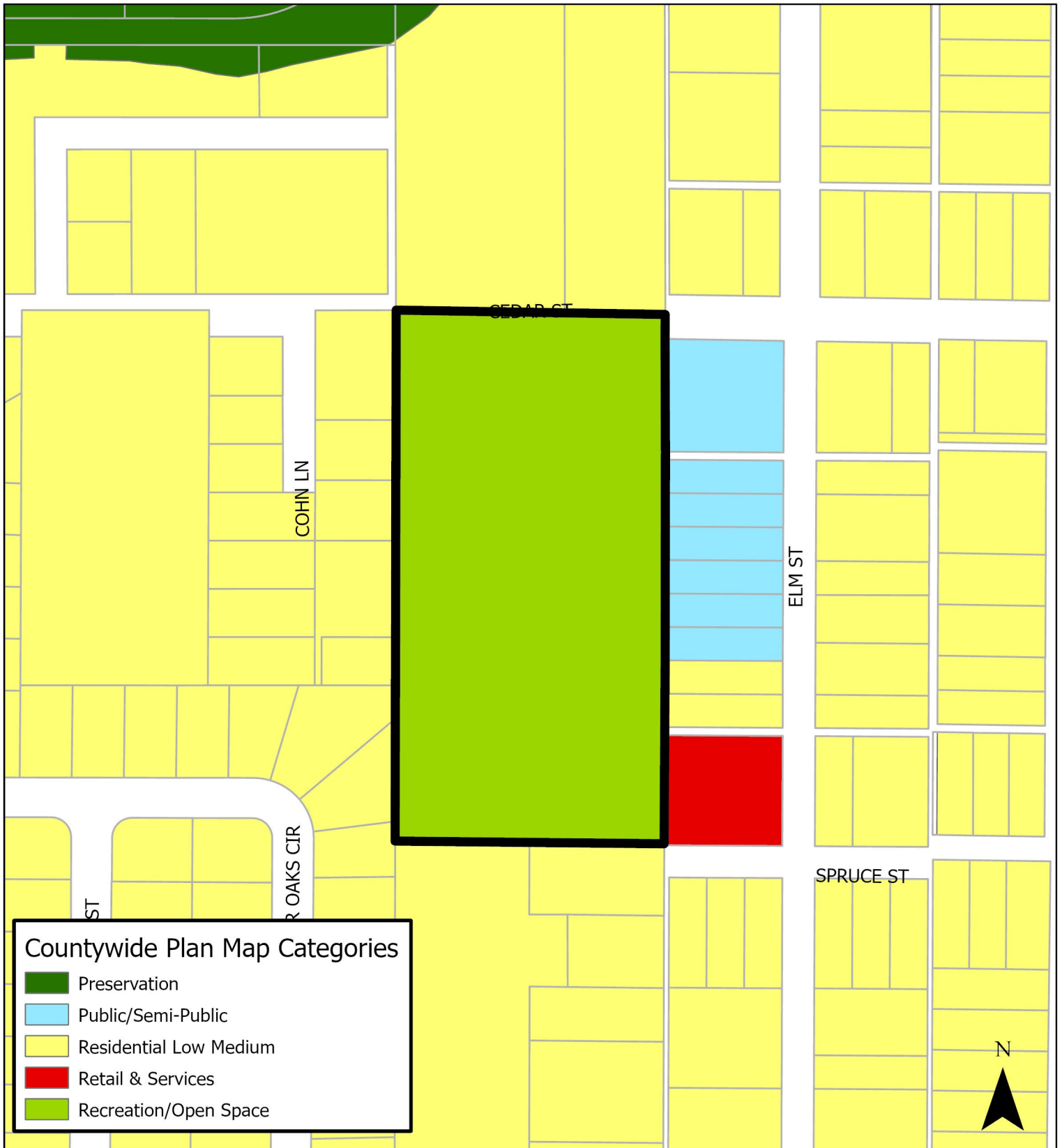
JURISDICTION: Safety Harbor

FROM: Public/ Semi-Public

AREA: 5.07 acres m.o.l

TO: Recreation/Open Space





JURISDICTION: Safety Harbor

AREA: 5.07 acres m.o.l.

FROM: Public/Semi-Public

TO: Recreation/Open Space

0 65 130 260
Feet

APPLICATION NO.: Case CW 24-07

STAFF: Emma Wennick, Program Planner

APPLICANT: City of Safety Harbor

PROPERTY SIZE: 5.07 acres m.o.l.

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

**PROPOSED COUNTYWIDE
PLAN MAP CATEGORY:** Recreation/Open Space

**CURRENT LOCAL
FUTURE LAND USE PLAN
MAP CATEGORY:** City of Safety Harbor – Institutional

**PROPOSED LOCAL
FUTURE LAND USE PLAN
MAP CATEGORY:** City of Safety Harbor – Recreation/ Open Space

LOCATION / PARCEL ID: The property is located west of Elm. St. and south of Cedar St. (Parcel # 04-29-16- 00000-120-2900).

BACKGROUND SUMMARY:

The applicant is requesting an amendment to the Countywide Plan Map from Public/Semi-Public to Recreation/ Open Space. The subject property is owned by the Pinellas County School Board. The Safety Harbor Secondary School was located on the property until it was demolished in 2009. The subject property is being conveyed to the City of Safety Harbor for a future park use.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of an amendment to the Countywide Plan Map from Public/Semi-Public to Recreation/Open Space.

PLANNERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

At its March 4, 2024 meeting, the Planners Advisory Committee voted 12-0 to recommend approval of this amendment.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL/COMMISSION ACTION:

The Safety Harbor City Commission held a public hearing at their regular meeting on February 5, 2024. The Board unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2024-04. There were 3 public comments, 2 in support and 1 in opposition.

CURRENT PROPERTY INFORMATION:

Property Use(s):	Vacant
Site Features:	The subject site is approximately 5.07 acres and is vacant. The subject property has frontage on Cedar St.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

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

1. The subject property is owned by the Pinellas County School Board. The Safety Harbor Secondary School was located on the property until it was demolished in 2009.
2. Surrounding uses include a church to the northeast, single-family detached residential uses to the north, east, west, and south, and a vacant restaurant to the southeast.

One surrounding parcel, located west of the property, is within unincorporated 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:

	Current Countywide Plan Map Category: Public/Semi-Public	Proposed Countywide Plan Map Category: Recreation/Open Space
Purpose:	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.	Intended to recognize recreation/open space uses that serve the community or region
Permitted Uses:	Institutional; Transportation/Utility;	Recreation/Open Space; Community

	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	Garden; Agricultural-Light; Electric substations in compliance with Section 163.3208, F.S. Transportation/Utility uses (excluding electric substations) are subject to a five-acre maximum. Any contiguous use or combination of uses subject to this acreage threshold, alone or when added together, exceeding the acreage maximum, shall require a Countywide Plan Map amendment to another land use category that permits the use(s) where the acreage maximum does not apply.
Max. Density:	12.5 units per acre	N/A
Max. Floor Area Ratio (FAR):	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	0.25
Max. Impervious Surface Ratio (ISR):	Institutional uses shall not exceed 0.85 / Transportation/utility uses shall not exceed 0.90	0.60

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 Recreation/Open Space category is “Intended to recognize recreation/open space uses that serve the community or region.”

The locational characteristics of the Recreation/Open Space category are “generally appropriate to those public and private open spaces and recreational facilities dispersed throughout the county; and in recognition of the natural and man-made conditions which contribute to the active and passive open space character and recreation use of such locations.”

The city proposes to amend their future land use map for this site resulting in a Countywide Plan Amendment being required. The subject property is being conveyed to the City of Safety Harbor for a future park use.

- 2. Forward Pinellas has developed the Multimodal Accessibility (MAX) index. Proposed amendments increasing density and/or intensity must maintain a MAX score equal to or better than the Countywide Average MAX score. The current Countywide Average MAX score is 9.7; 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: The average MAX Index score for the subject property's grid cells is 5.56, which is below the countywide average score of 9.7. However, the Countywide Rules state: "An amendment to the Countywide Plan Map that results in an increase of density or intensity within an underperforming grid cell must be evaluated by the applicable criteria."

The proposed Countywide Plan Map amendment results in a decrease in both density and intensity, therefore, is exempt from the MAX index criteria for an underperforming grid cell.

- 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 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 proposed amendment is not adjacent to a public educational facility. However, it is adjacent to a small unincorporated Pinellas County parcel and no impacts to said parcel will result from this amendment.

- 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 6.5.4.4.**

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.

March 13, 2024

6A4. Case CW 24-08 City of St. Petersburg



SUMMARY

From: Residential Medium
To: Multimodal Corridor
Area: 1.35 acres
Location: SE Corner of Hartford Street North and 32nd Avenue North
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 1.35 acres of property from Residential Medium to Multimodal Corridor. The current Residential Medium category is intended to depict those areas of the county that are now developed, or appropriate to be developed, in a medium-density residential manner; and to recognize such areas as primarily well-suited for residential uses that are consistent with the urban qualities, transportation facilities, including transit, and natural resources of such areas. 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 property is currently vacant with scattered pine and oak trees and has been owned by the St. Petersburg Housing Authority since 2016. Consistent with the stated mission of the St. Petersburg Housing Authority, the purpose of the proposed amendments is to allow for multifamily housing that is safe, sanitary, accessible, decent, and affordable to eligible citizens of the City of St. Petersburg, while enhancing and promoting resident self-sufficiency. The requested local amendments would result in the same allowable base residential dwelling units but also permit commercial intensity to be potentially developed. Furthermore, the proposed map category permits two additional bonus workforce housing units and nine environmental Transferrable Development Rights (TDR) housing units.

The intended use is consistent with the permitted uses and locational characteristics of the proposed Multimodal Corridor category. The subject 1.35-acre site is located approximately 200-feet from 34th Street North, also known as US 19, which is a primary corridor and designated a major roadway. This area has been deemed appropriate to be designated as a Multimodal Corridor, pursuant to the requirements of the Countywide Rules.

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:

- 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, March 4, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

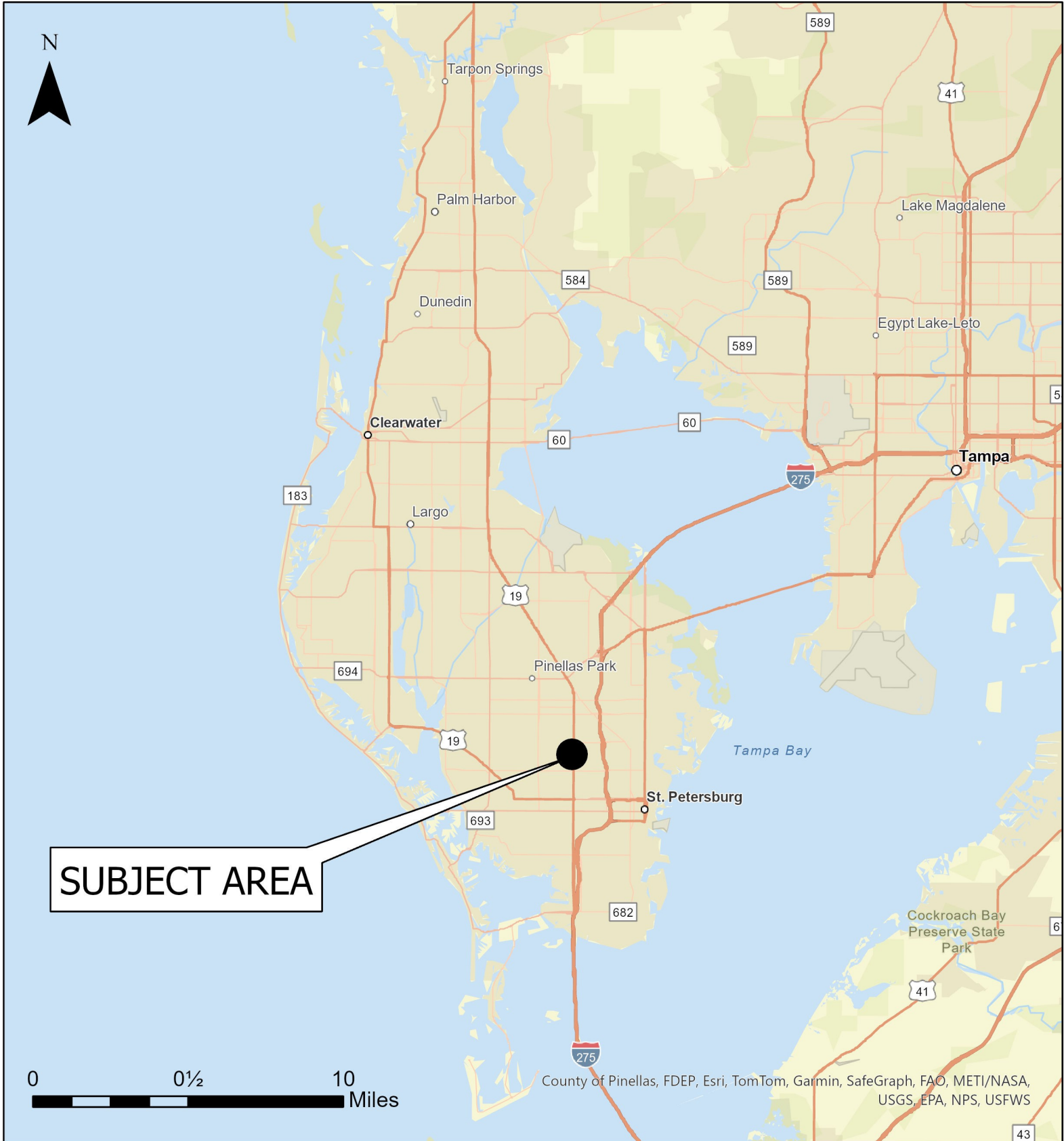
Forward Pinellas, March 13, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: At its March 4, 2024 meeting, the Planners Advisory Committee voted 12-0 to recommend approval of this amendment.

Case CW24-08

Map 1: Location Map



JURISDICTION: St. Petersburg

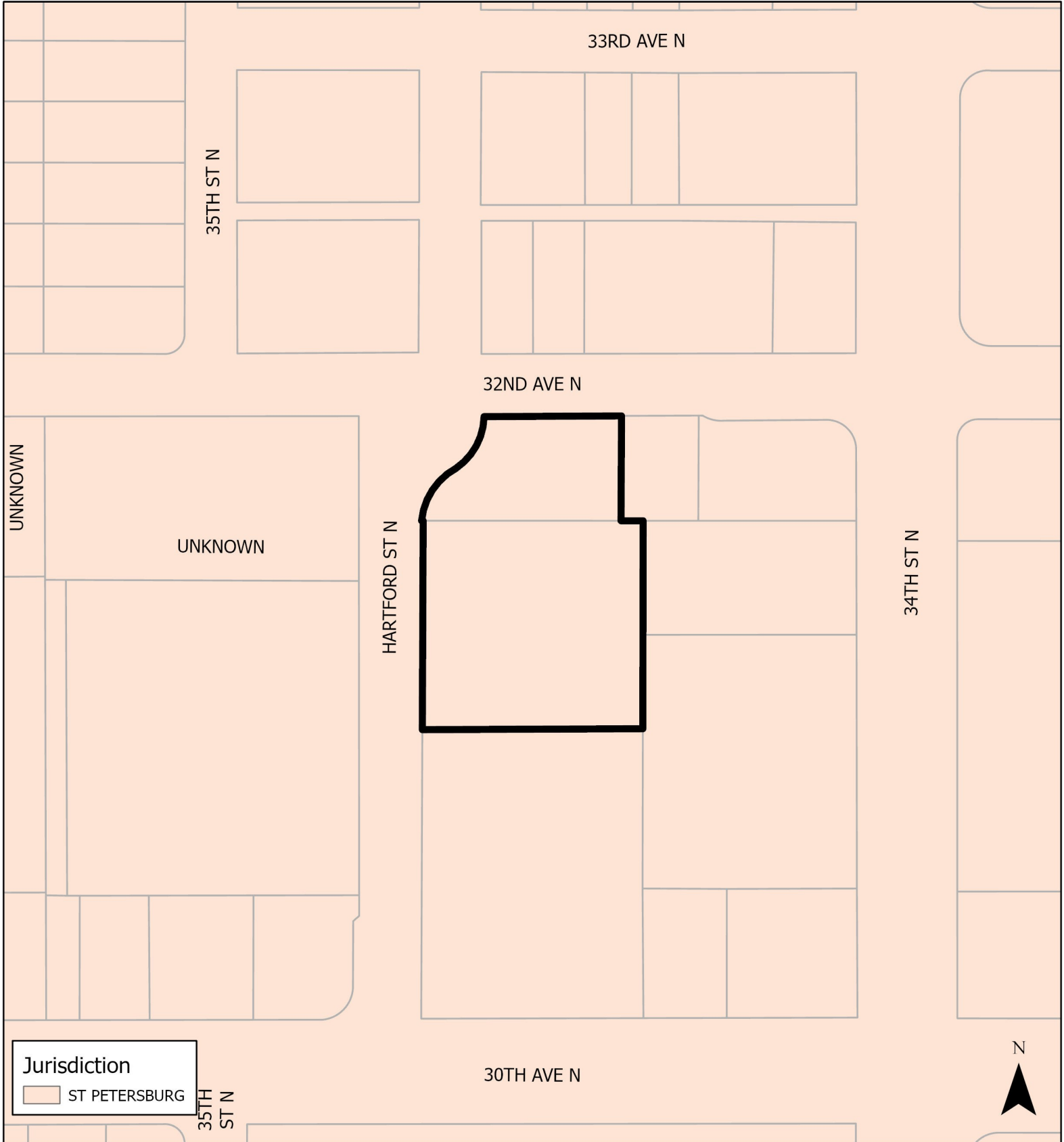
FROM: Residential Medium

AREA: 1.35 acres m.o.l.

TO: Multimodal Corridor

Case CW24-08

Map 2: Jurisdictional Map

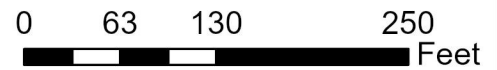


JURISDICTION: St. Petersburg

FROM: Residential Medium

AREA: 1.35 acres m.o.l.

TO: Multimodal Corridor



Case CW24-08

Map 3: Aerial Map

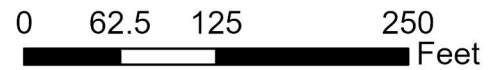


JURISDICTION: St. Petersburg

FROM: Residential Medium

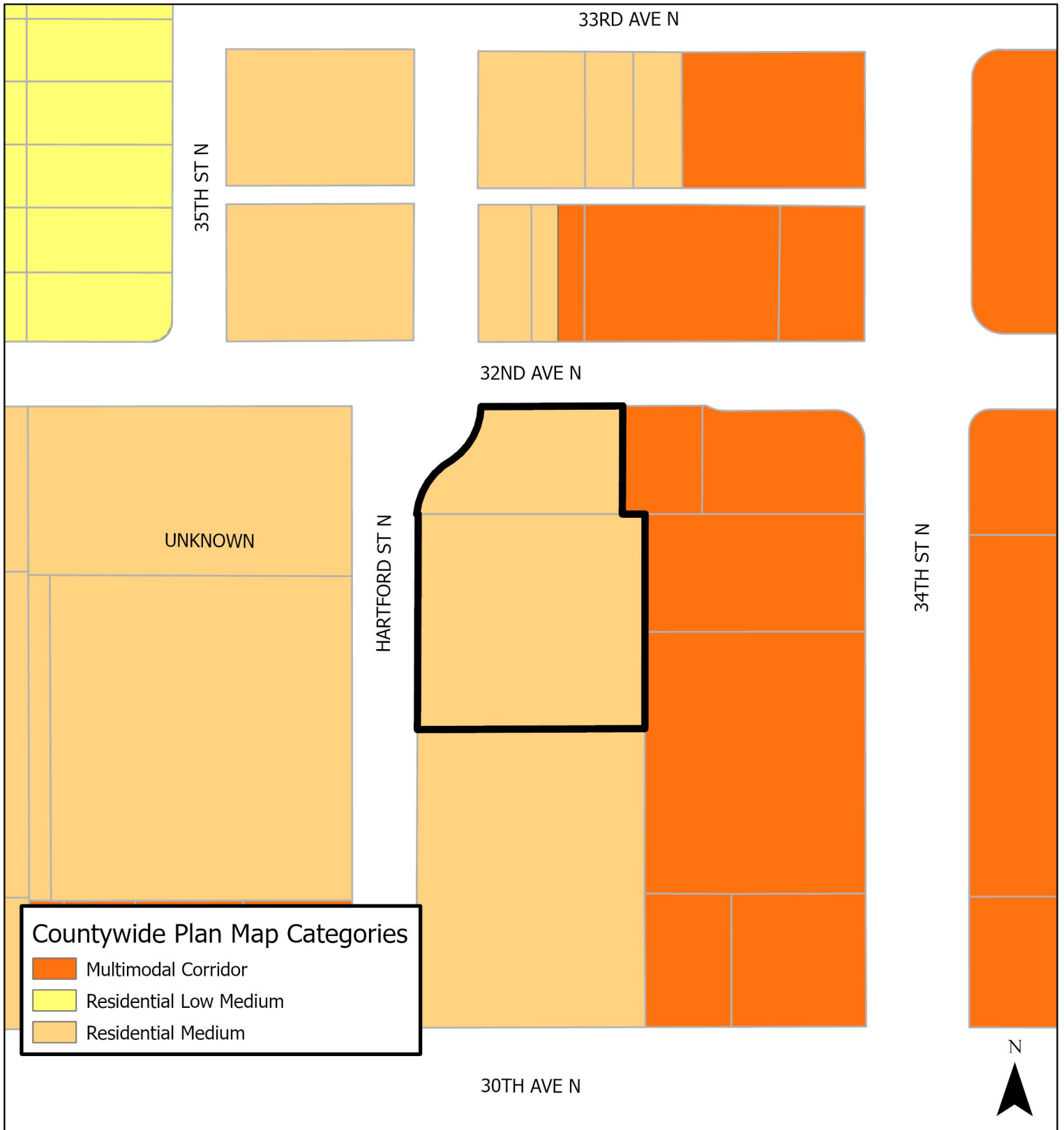
AREA: 1.35 acres m.o.l.

TO: Multimodal Corridor



Case CW24-08

Map 4: Current Countywide Plan Map

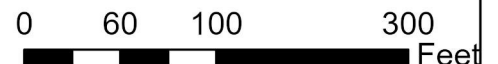


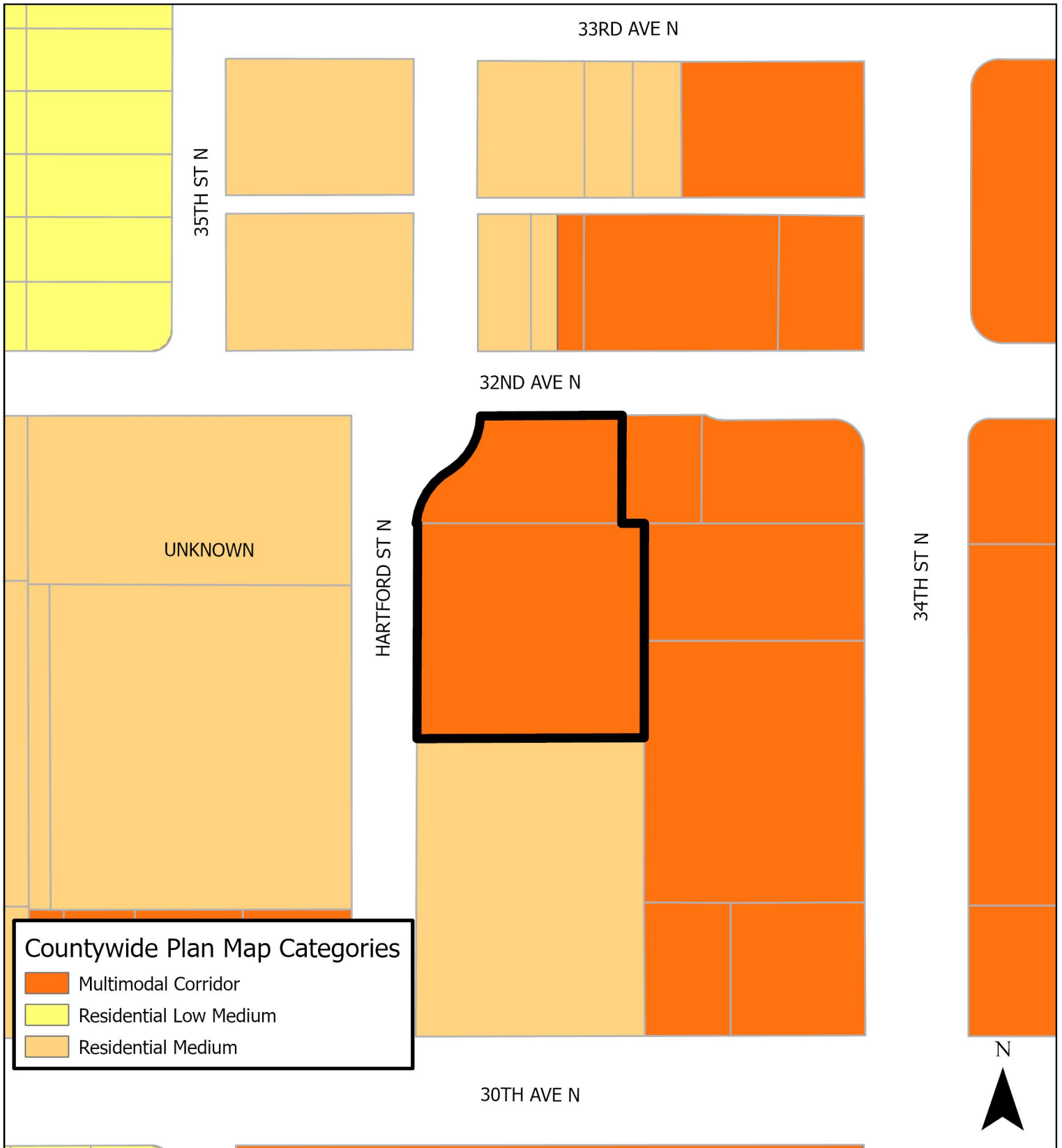
JURISDICTION: St. Petersburg

FROM: Residential Medium

AREA: 1.35 acres m.o.l

TO: Multimodal Corridor





JURISDICTION: St. Petersburg

AREA: 1.35 acres m.o.l.

FROM: Residential Medium

TO: Multimodal Corridor



FORWARD PINELLAS STAFF ANALYSIS



APPLICATION NO.: Case CW 24-08

STAFF: Emma Wennick, Program Planner

APPLICANT: City of St. Petersburg

PROPERTY SIZE: 1.35 acres m.o.l.

CURRENT COUNTYWIDE PLAN MAP CATEGORY: Residential Medium

PROPOSED COUNTYWIDE PLAN MAP CATEGORY: Multimodal Corridor

CURRENT LOCAL FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP CATEGORY: City of St. Petersburg – Residential Medium

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

LOCATION / PARCEL ID: SE Corner of Hartford Street North and 32nd Avenue North / 10-31-16-00000-140-0100 and 10-31-16-81900-000-0030

BACKGROUND SUMMARY:

The proposed amendment is submitted by the City of St. Petersburg and seeks to amend the designation of approximately 1.35 acres of property from Residential Medium to Multimodal Corridor.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

PLANNERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

At its March 4, 2024 meeting, the Planners Advisory Committee voted 12-0 to recommend approval of this amendment.

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 February 15, 2024. The Board approved the first reading of City File: FLUM-73 unanimously.

CURRENT PROPERTY INFORMATION:

Property Use(s):	Vacant
Site Features:	The property is vacant with scattered pine and oak trees and has been owned by the St. Petersburg Housing Authority since 2016.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

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

1. Multimodal Corridor is appropriate at this location as 34th Street North (US 19) is classified as a primary corridor on the Countywide Land Use Strategy Map.
2. There is excess roadway capacity, as well as water and sewer capacity to accommodate the proposed increase in potential density and intensity.
3. The subject property is an appropriate location to permit mixed-use development considering the established surrounding multifamily uses to the west and the site’s close proximity to supportive commercial uses that will ensure that future residents will have safe and convenient access to needed goods and services.

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:

	Current Countywide Plan Map Category: Residential Medium	Proposed Countywide Plan Map Category: Multimodal Corridor
Purpose:	Intended to depict those areas of the county that are now developed, or appropriate to be developed, in a medium-density residential manner; and to recognize such areas as primarily well-suited for residential uses that are consistent with the urban qualities, transportation facilities, including transit, and natural resources of such areas.	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.

Permitted Uses:	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.; Ancillary Nonresidential; Office; Personal Service/Office Support; Retail Commercial; Transportation/Utility are subject to a three-acre maximum. 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.
Max. Density:	15 units per acre	60 units per acre
Max. Floor Area Ratio (FAR):	0.50	4.0
Max. Impervious Surface Ratio (ISR):	0.75	N/A

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 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 property is currently vacant with scattered pine and oak trees and has been owned by the St. Petersburg Housing Authority since 2016. Consistent with the stated mission of the St. Petersburg Housing Authority, the purpose of the proposed amendments is to allow for multifamily housing that is safe, sanitary, accessible, decent, and affordable to

eligible citizens of the City of St. Petersburg, while enhancing and promoting resident self-sufficiency. The requested local amendments would result in the same allowable base residential dwelling units but also permit commercial intensity to be potentially developed. Furthermore, the proposed map category permits two additional bonus workforce housing units and nine environmental Transferrable Development Rights (TDR) housing units.

The width of a designated Multimodal Corridor may 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 Multimodal Corridor category. The subject 1.35-acre site is located approximately 200-feet from 34th Street North, which is a primary corridor and designated a major roadway. This area has been deemed appropriate to be designated as a Multimodal Corridor, pursuant to the requirements of the Countywide Rules.

- 2. Forward Pinellas has developed the Multimodal Accessibility (MAX) index. Proposed amendments increasing density and/or intensity must maintain a MAX score equal to or better than the Countywide Average MAX score. The current Countywide Average MAX score is 9.7; 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 23.25. The countywide average MAX score is 9.7.

- 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 6.5.4.4.

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.

March 13, 2024

6A5. Case CW 24-09 City of St. Petersburg



SUMMARY

From: Public/Semi-Public
To: Residential Medium
Area: 5.24 acres m.o.l.
Location: 7045 Burlington Ave. North
Jurisdiction: City of St. Petersburg

RECOMMENDATION

Pinellas Planning Council staff recommends that the proposed map amendment to Residential Medium, be approved.

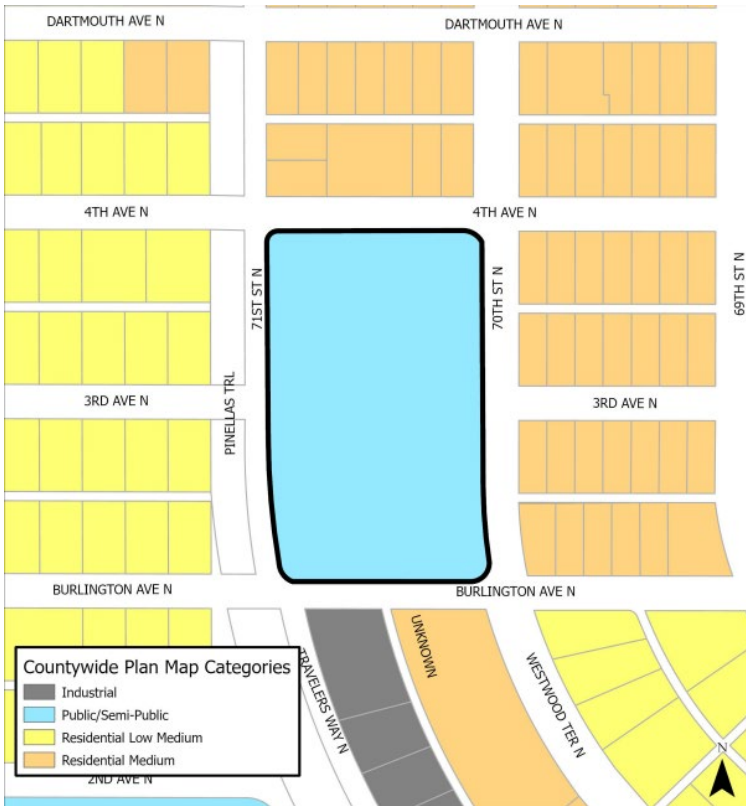
BACKGROUND

This proposed amendment is submitted by the City of St. Petersburg to amend the designation of 5.24 acres of property from Public/Semi-Public to Residential Medium. The current 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 proposed Residential Medium category is intended to depict those areas of the county that are now developed, or appropriate to be developed, in a medium-density residential manner; and to recognize such areas as primarily well-suited for residential uses that are consistent with the urban qualities, transportation facilities, including transit, and natural resources of such areas.

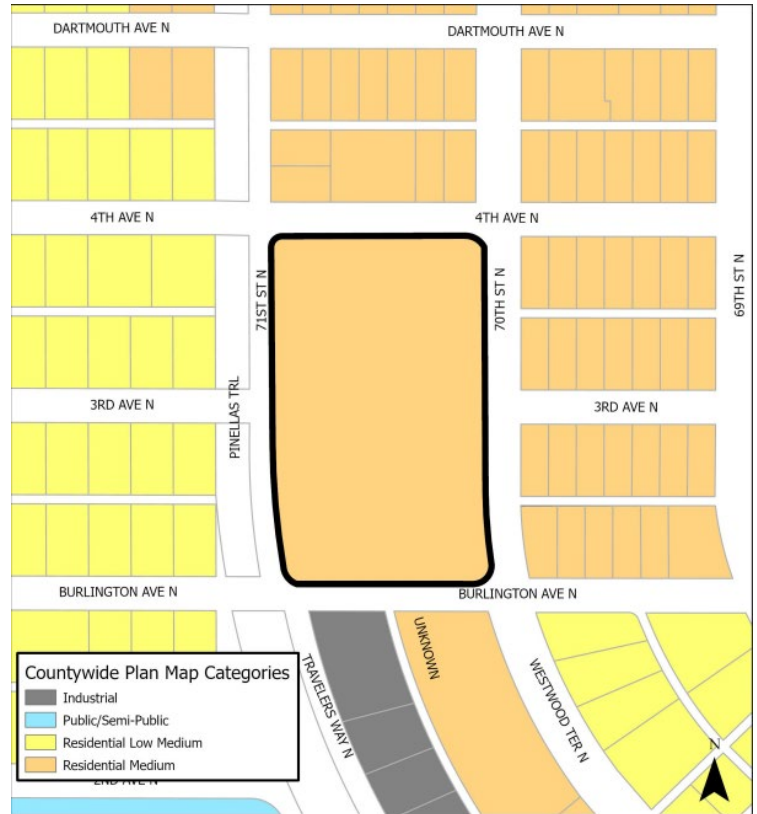
The property has been owned and operated as an accessory wellness center by St. Petersburg College – Gibbs Campus since 1989. On December 6, 2022, the City of St. Petersburg submitted a Letter of Intent to St. Petersburg College, offering to purchase the property for the sum of \$4,200,000, for the purpose of constructing approximately 105 housing units, subject to rezoning and a future land use amendment for the subject property. The city's offer included a commitment to make available up to 30% of the housing units to St. Petersburg College students and staff on a right-of-first-refusal basis.

The City's intent is to redevelop the 5.24-acre site for multifamily is inconsistent with the current local Future Land Use designation. The subject property's Countywide Plan Map designation of Public/Semi-Public is inconsistent with the proposed City future land use designation of Institutional, therefore an amendment to the Countywide Plan Map to Residential Medium is required.

Current Countywide Plan Map



Proposed Countywide Plan Map



FINDINGS

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

- A. The Residential Medium 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, March 4, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

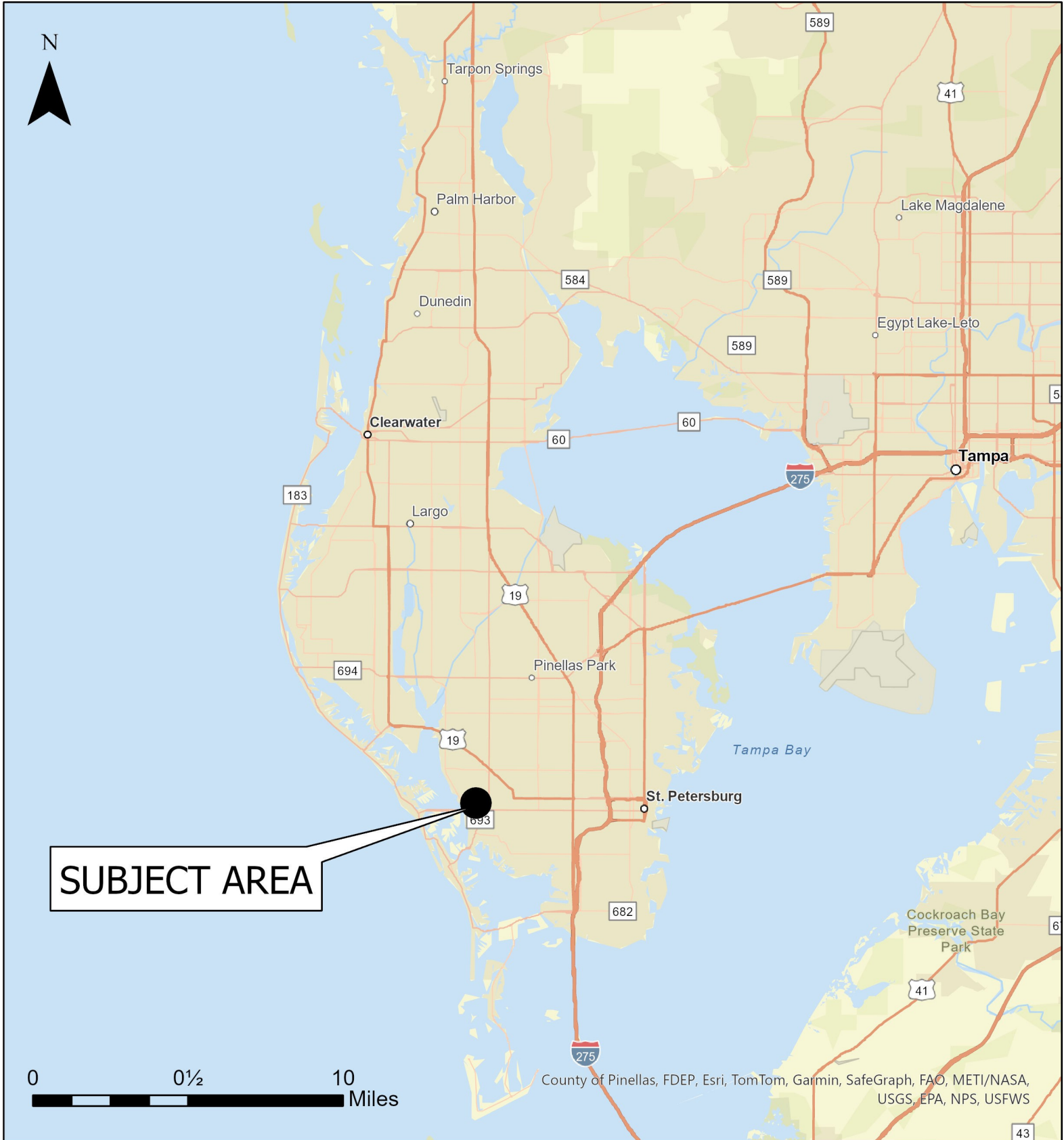
Forward Pinellas, March 13, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: At its March 4, 2024 meeting, the Planners Advisory Committee voted 12-0 to recommend approval of this amendment.

Case CW24-09

Map 1: Location Map



JURISDICTION: St. Petersburg

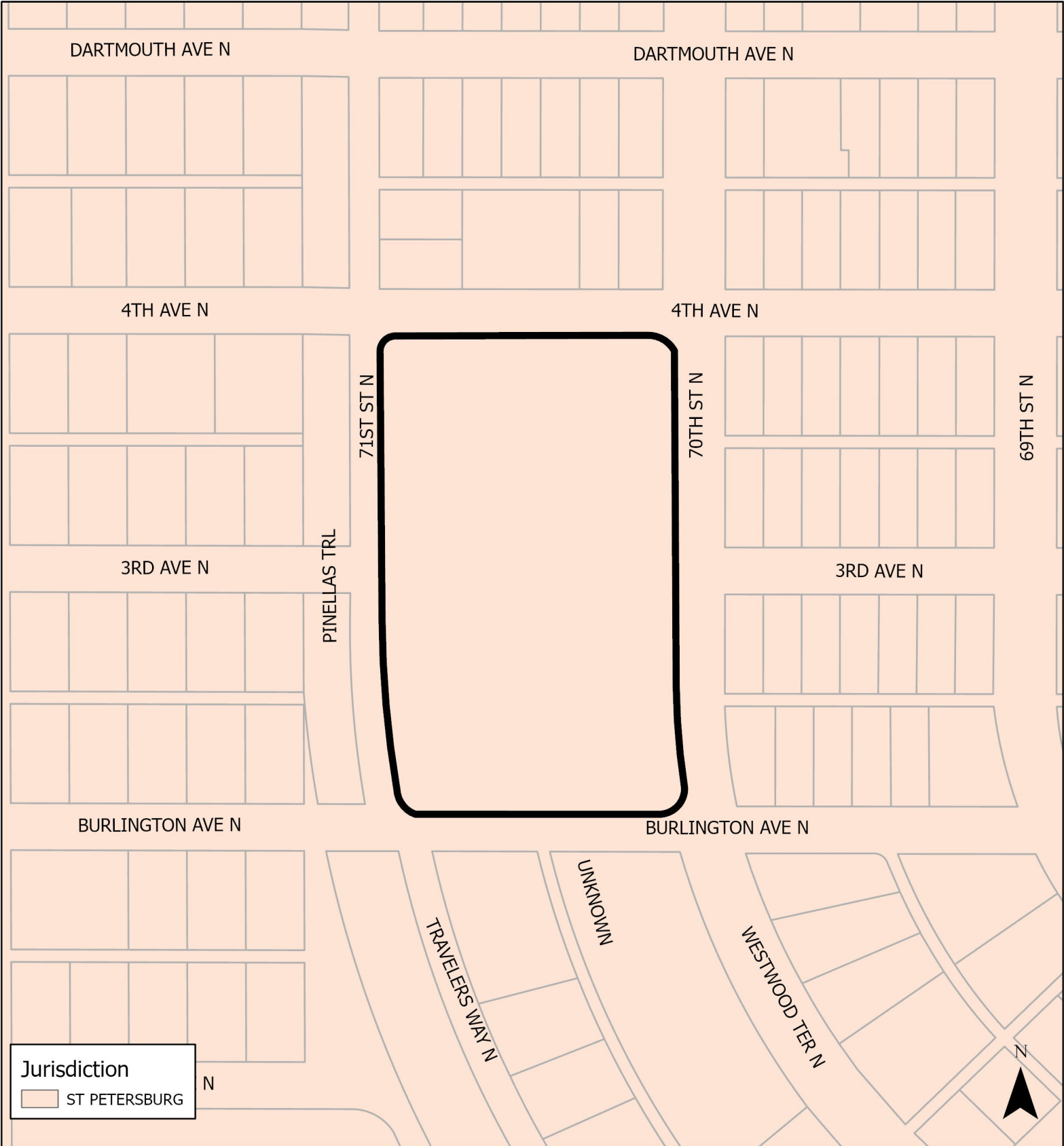
FROM: Public/Semi-Public

AREA: 5.24 acres m.o.l.

TO: Residential Medium

Case CW24-09

Map 2: Jurisdictional Map



JURISDICTION: St. Petersburg

FROM: Public / Semi-Public

AREA: 5.24 acres m.o.l.

TO: Residential Medium

Case CW24-09

Map 3: Aerial Map



JURISDICTION: St. Petersburg

FROM: Public/Semi-Public

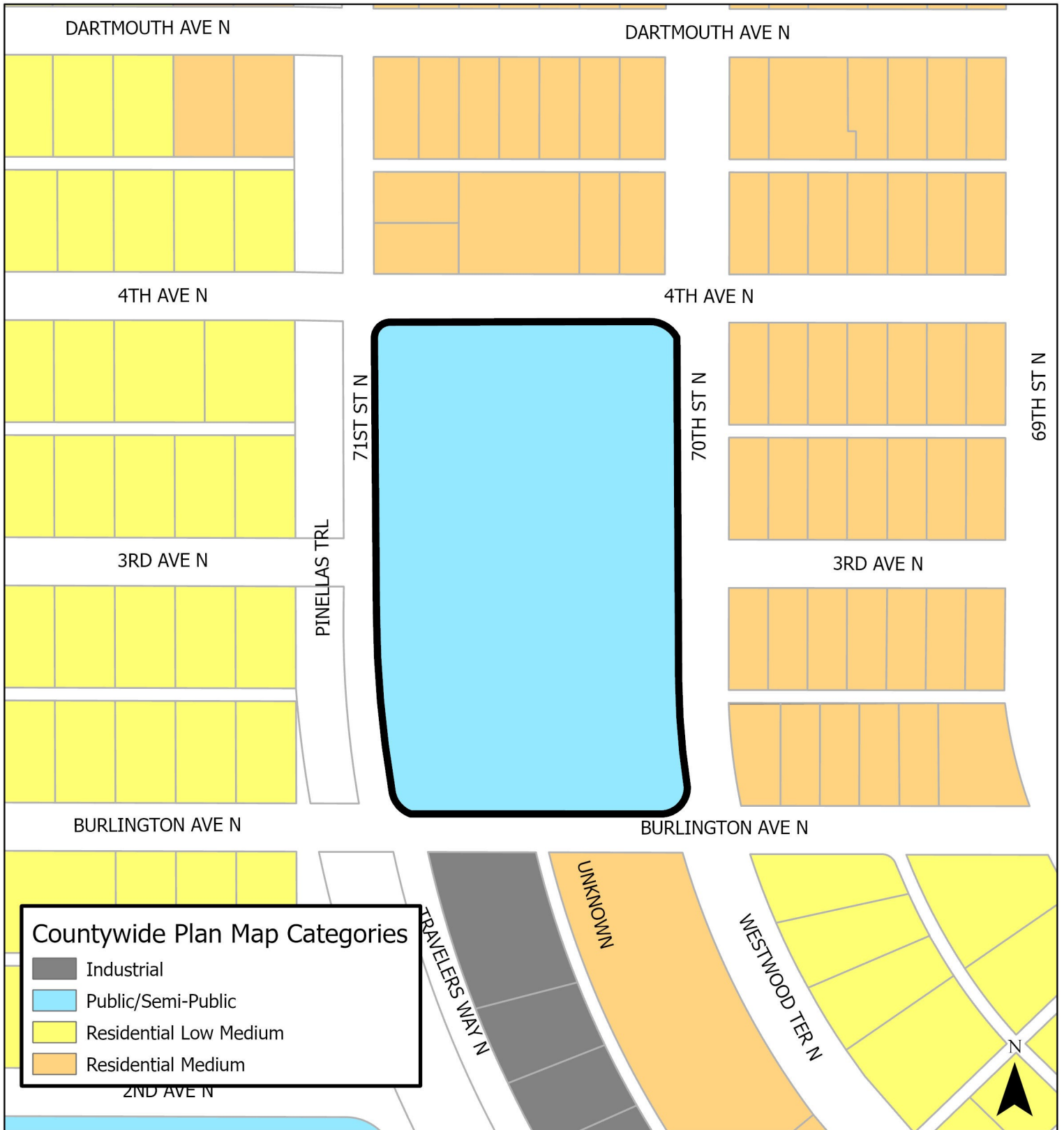
AREA: 5.24 acres m.o.l.

TO: Residential Medium



Case CW24-09

Map 4: Current Countywide Plan Map



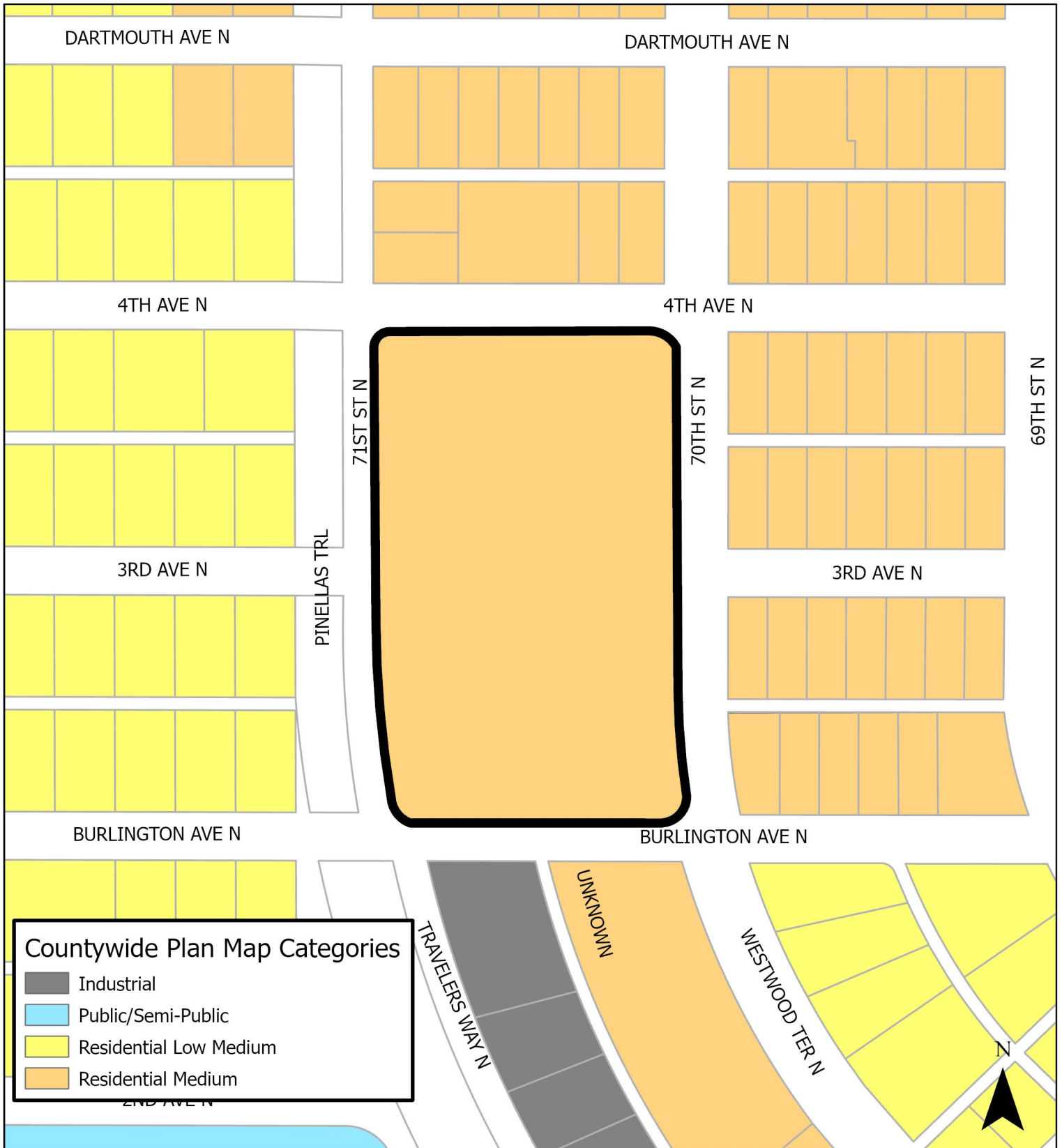
JURISDICTION: St. Petersburg

FROM: Public/Semi-Public

AREA: 5.24 acres m.o.l

TO: Residential Medium





JURISDICTION: St. Petersburg
AREA: 5.24 acres m.o.l.

FROM: Public/Semi-Public
TO: Residential Medium



FORWARD PINELLAS STAFF ANALYSIS



APPLICATION NO.: Case CW 24-09

STAFF: Emma Wennick, Program Planner

APPLICANT: City of St. Petersburg

PROPERTY SIZE: 5.24 acres m.o.l.

CURRENT COUNTYWIDE PLAN MAP CATEGORY: Public/Semi-Public

PROPOSED COUNTYWIDE PLAN MAP CATEGORY: Residential Medium

CURRENT LOCAL FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP CATEGORY: City of St. Petersburg – Institutional

PROPOSED LOCAL FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP CATEGORY: City of St. Petersburg – Residential Medium

LOCATION / PARCEL ID: 7045 Burlington Ave North, St. Petersburg, FL 33710 / 19-31-16-67770-000-0010

BACKGROUND SUMMARY:

The proposed amendment is submitted by the City of St. Petersburg and seeks to amend the designation of approximately 5.24 acres of property from Public/Semi-Public to Residential Medium.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

PLANNERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

At its March 4, 2024 meeting, the Planners Advisory Committee voted 12-0 to recommend approval of this amendment.

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 2/15/2024. The Board approved the first reading of City File: FLUM-74 anonymously.

CURRENT PROPERTY INFORMATION:

Property Use(s):	St. Pete College Wellness Center with Athletic Field/Court and Parking Lot (currently closed)
Site Features:	The subject 5.24-acre site consists of a single parcel located at 7045 Burlington Ave North, just east of the Pinellas Trail.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

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

1. The property has been owned and operated by St. Petersburg College since 1989 and has functioned as an accessory wellness center to the college campus located two blocks to the north at 6605 5th Avenue North.
2. The City is under contract to purchase the site for the purpose of constructing 105 workforce housing units, where 30% of the units are to be made available to St. Petersburg College staff and students.
3. The subject amendment is supporting redevelopment of a site that is served by public facilities with excess capacity available. There is excess roadway capacity, as well as water and sewer capacity to accommodate the proposed increase in potential density and intensity.

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:

	Current Countywide Plan Map Category: Public/Semi-Public	Proposed Countywide Plan Map Category: Residential Medium
Purpose:	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.	Intended to depict those areas of the county that are now developed, or appropriate to be developed, in a medium-density residential manner; and to recognize such areas as primarily well-suited for residential uses that are consistent with the urban qualities, transportation facilities, including transit, and natural resources of such areas.
Permitted Uses:	Institutional; Transportation/Utility;	Residential; Residential Equivalent; Vacation Rental pursuant to the provisions of Section

	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.	509.242(1)(c), Florida Statutes; Accessory Dwelling Unit; Public Educational Facility; Recreation/Open Space; Community Garden; Agricultural-Light.; Ancillary Nonresidential; Office; Personal Service/Office Support; Retail Commercial; Transportation/Utility are subject to a three-acre maximum. 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.
Max. Density:	12.5 units per acre	15 units per acre
Max. Floor Area Ratio (FAR):	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	0.50
Max. Impervious Surface Ratio (ISR):	Institutional uses shall not exceed 0.85 / Transportation/utility uses shall not exceed 0.90	0.75

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 Residential Medium category is “Intended to depict those areas of the county that are now developed, or appropriate to be developed, in a medium-density residential manner; and to recognize such areas as primarily well-suited for residential uses that are consistent with the urban qualities, transportation facilities, including transit, and natural resources of such areas.”

The subject 5.24-acre site consists of a single parcel located at 7045 Burlington Ave North, just east of the Pinellas Trail. The property has been owned and operated by St. Petersburg College since 1989 and has functioned as an accessory wellness center to

the St. Petersburg/Gibbs college campus located two blocks to the north at 6605 5 th Avenue North. On December 6, 2022, the City of St. Petersburg submitted a Letter of Intent to St. Petersburg College, offering to purchase the property for the sum of \$4,200,000, for the purpose of constructing approximately 105 housing units, subject to rezoning the property, and offering to make available up to 30% of the housing units to St. Petersburg College students and staff on a right of first refusal basis.

The City's intent to redevelop the 5.24-acre site for multifamily is inconsistent with the current local Future Land Use designation. Proposed amendments to local future land use plans and land development regulations are required to be consistent with the Countywide Plan Map and the criteria and standards set forth in the Countywide Rules. The subject property's Countywide Plan Map designation of Public/Semi-Public is inconsistent with the proposed City land use designation of, therefore an amendment to the Countywide Map to Residential Medium is required.

- 2. Forward Pinellas has developed the Multimodal Accessibility (MAX) index. Proposed amendments increasing density and/or intensity must maintain a MAX score equal to or better than the Countywide Average MAX score. The current Countywide Average MAX score is 9.7; 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 within multiple grid cells with an average MAX score of 19.13. The countywide average MAX score is 9.7.

- 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 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 property has been owned and operated by St. Petersburg College (SPC) since 1989 and has functioned as an accessory wellness center to the St. Petersburg/Gibbs college campus located two blocks to the north at 6605 5 th Avenue North. The Pinellas Trail runs north-to-south on the eastern perimeter of the site across from 71st North. The site features two crosswalk connections for pedestrian access to the trail. Therefore, new multifamily housing at the subject site will increase accessibility to the trail to a greater number of people while increasing connectivity between housing, parks, commercial areas, employers and schools.

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.

March 13, 2024

7A. PSTA Activities Report



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.

March 13, 2024

7B. Regional Activities Report



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 an update from the last TMA Leadership Group meeting that was held on February 16th. At that meeting, the TMA representatives approved a statement on the need for passenger rail in the Interstate 4 Corridor and authorized staff to work with the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance and the Central Florida MPO Alliance to consider adoption of this joint statement.

ATTACHMENT(S): Draft Statement on Passenger Rail in the I-4 Corridor

ACTION: None required; informational item only.

A Statement on Passenger Rail in the Interstate 4 Corridor

Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance

REVISED DRAFT

March 5, 2024

Florida's Interstate 4 corridor, spanning the Space Coast to the Sun Coast and serving the travel needs of millions of residents, visitors, and industry, faces unrelenting challenges for safe, reliable, and affordable transportation options between communities. Growth in population, jobs, and tourism thanks to Florida's inviting climate and welcoming economy is driving traffic congestion and safety pressures in the I-4 Corridor. Despite the laudable efforts of the Florida Department of Transportation and the Governor's Moving Florida Forward Initiative, we risk falling further behind in coming years without fully developing safe and efficient multi-modal transportation options to support economic growth in the I-4 corridor.

The Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA) and Central Florida MPO Alliance, representing the state's 10 metropolitan planning organizations along the I-4 Corridor, recognize there is a critical transportation need and priority to bring expanded passenger rail service to this super-region. The options should include high speed Brightline rail service linking Tampa to Orlando and Southeast Florida, along with more frequent and new Amtrak service between Tampa Bay metro Orlando, and other parts of the United States to complement the ever-growing travel demand between and through our regions. Brightline and Amtrak offer different service options for distinct travel markets and price points to connect people to jobs, education, and destinations. Other options, including advanced air mobility, infrastructure support for the trucking industry, and enhanced operations and systems management, must be part of this regional mobility package.

The issues of traffic congestion, travel time reliability, safety, and jobs access are at a critical breaking point in the I-4 Corridor. As our Metro Orlando and Tampa Bay regions grow so rapidly, that growth needs to be aligned with the State of Florida's established priorities. Those priorities include sustaining the state's economy through resilience adaptation, preservation of outstanding environmental assets, and connecting wildlife corridors, all of which help guide public investment and growth to where it best serves regional and statewide interests.

The expansion of regional passenger rail between Metro Orlando and Tampa Bay will complement our continuing multi-MPO and multi-District regional collaboration efforts to ensure productive traffic flow and safe, reliable travel along the I-4 corridor. This will further our shared project priorities and enhance our ongoing Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) initiative.

March 13, 2024

7C. Advantage Pinellas Housing Action Plan Update



SUMMARY

Beginning in November 2023, Forward Pinellas staff committed to giving the board bimonthly updates about implementation of the [Advantage Pinellas Housing Action Plan \(HAP\)](#), which creates a countywide policy framework for the creation of diverse housing options affordable to households with a range of incomes. The updates will include progress reports on implementation projects, reports from our partner communities, input from stakeholders in the community, and informational briefings on specific housing topics.

Based on interest expressed by board members, staff will provide an informational briefing on issues related to senior housing and how those needs relate to the larger HAP implementation process. Future briefings in 2024 will include a coordinated communications strategy to educate the community about housing affordability, and countywide housing targets for the creation and preservation of affordable units.

ATTACHMENT(S): [Presentation](#)

ACTION: None required; informational item only.

March 13, 2024

7D. Draft Unified Planning Work Program



SUMMARY

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a two-year plan that identifies a metropolitan planning organization's (MPO) transportation planning activities and associated funding. State and federal transportation funding agencies provide guidance on required elements and timeframes for review and adoption of the UPWP, but the way the MPO allocates its funding for the various planning activities is at the discretion of the MPO.

Forward Pinellas is currently developing the UPWP for July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026. The draft must be submitted to state and federal review agencies by mid-March. After the review, agencies have an opportunity to comment on the draft. The final UPWP must be adopted by Forward Pinellas in May.

The UPWP includes introductory sections that discuss the MPO's functions and the planning priorities of the MPO, state and federal governments. This is followed by task pages and budget information that details staff support activities, consultant work and associated grant funding. Forward Pinellas staff will present the draft UPWP and answer questions from the board.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Forward Pinellas Draft FY 2024/25- 2025/26 Unified Planning Work Program
- [Presentation](#)

ACTION: Board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, to approve the draft FY 2024/25-2025/26 UPWP for transmittal to review agencies

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S): The Citizens Advisory Committee met on February 22, 2024, and voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Draft FY 2024/25 – 2025/26 Unified Planning Work Program. The Technical Coordinating Committee met on February 28, 2024, and voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Draft FY 2024/25 – 2025/26 Unified Planning Work Program.

Forward Pinellas FY 2024/25 - FY 2025/26 Unified Planning Work Program Draft Budget Tables

FY25

	Personnel	Direct Expenses	Travel	Consultant	Total
1.1	\$275,000.00	\$476,150.00	\$2,000.00	\$116,000.00	\$869,150.00
2.1	\$100,500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$25,000.00	\$126,000.00
3.1	\$80,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$140,000.00	\$221,500.00
4.1	\$247,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$749,000.00
5.1	\$65,000.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$65,500.00
6.1	\$165,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$168,000.00
7.1	\$82,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$88,500.00
8.1	\$135,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$109,615.00	\$245,615.00
9.1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
10.1	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00
	\$1,184,500.00	\$476,150.00	\$12,000.00	\$925,615.00	\$2,598,265.00

FY26

	Personnel	Direct Expenses	Travel	Consultant	Total
1.1	\$325,000.00	\$469,200.00	\$2,000.00	\$90,500.00	\$886,700.00
2.1	\$130,000.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$25,000.00	\$155,500.00
3.1	\$110,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$190,000.00	\$301,500.00
4.1	\$328,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$322,000.00	\$652,500.00
5.1	\$63,000.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$63,500.00
6.1	\$165,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$168,000.00
7.1	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$66,500.00
8.1	\$110,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$118,105.00	\$229,105.00
9.1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
10.1	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
	\$1,331,500.00	\$469,200.00	\$12,000.00	\$780,605.00	\$2,593,305.00

Planning Activities and Tasks

UPWP Task 1.1 Program Development and General Administration

PURPOSE: Provide support for the Board and the staff and resources necessary to develop and implement transportation plans and programs and comply with federal and state requirements.

PREVIOUS WORK: In FYs 2023 and 2024, the MPO provided support and assistance to the MPO and committees, conducted procurements, and completed support activities as needed.

Required Activities		End Products	Completion Date
A	Provide support, technical assistance and materials to the Board, including the preparation and distribution of Board-related materials	Board meetings and workshops	Ongoing through FY26
B	Procure necessary equipment, furniture, software, services and support to maintain and enhance MPO activities and programs. For the replacement of equipment, any single purchase exceeding \$5,000 must receive preapproval	Equipment, furniture, software, services. May include additional bicycle/pedestrian counting equipment.	Ongoing through FY 26
C	Provide administrative support for MPO programs, including administration and grant support, internal controls and procedures, to ensure compliance with federal and state regulations	Compliance with federal and state regulations	Ongoing through FY26
D	Develop, maintain, support and update federally-required administrative plans and programs	DBE Reporting Title VI Program Unified Planning Work Program	Quarterly through FY 26 Ongoing through FY 26 Ongoing through FY 26
E	Complete MPO certification requirements and any other federal and state requirements	Certification	Annually

Required Activities		End Products	Completion Date
F	Comply with applicable federal requirements, including Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Title VI	Compliant MPO Organization	Ongoing through FY26
G	Prepare for emergency situations, including updating COOP	COOP	April 2025 & 2026
H*	Pursue, secure, support and administer grant funding, including invoice preparations	Grant funding Invoices	Ongoing through FY 26 Quarterly through FY 26
I	Develop, update and maintain agreements and contracts associated with the MPO, including planning consultant and grant funding agreements	Agreements and contracts	Ongoing through FY 26
J*	Calculate, analyze and maintain financial data, including receipts and expenditures	Audit	January 2025 & 2026
K	Support direct expenses	Direct expenses	Ongoing through FY 26
L	Conduct decennial apportionment activities based on 2020 urbanized boundaries	Apportionment of Forward Pinellas	Ongoing through FY 26
M*	Utilize intern support through the University Partnership Program to augment the capacity of the planning staff.	USF Intern	Ongoing through FY 26
N	Attendance, registration, membership, travel and related costs for professional training, seminars, meetings, workshops, conferences and other development opportunities. Memberships are organizational and not individual	Staff development and coordination activities	Ongoing through FY 26

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY/AGENCIES: Forward Pinellas

*Consultant support will be used to complete this task

UPWP Task 2.1 Public Participation

PURPOSE: Support and enable meaningful public participation.

PREVIOUS WORK: In FYs 2023 and 2024, the MPO engaged the public through a range of activities supported by the Public Participation Plan and Communications Strategy.

Required Activities		End Products	Completion Date
A	Support and conduct Board meetings, workshops, committee and subcommittee meetings that are properly noticed and open to the public	Staff assistance and support to Board and advisory committees	Ongoing through FY26
B*	Review, evaluate and update the Public Participation Plan	Updated Public Participation Plan	Ongoing through FY26
C	Support and conduct advisory committees to review plans and documents, including the LRTP, UPWP, TIP and CMP reports and corridor studies	Forward Pinellas plans and reports reflecting input of local governments and citizens	Ongoing through FY26
D*	Conduct outreach in support of plans and studies	Public outreach	Ongoing through FY26
E	Participate in outreach and educational events, community and business meetings, and other outside agency events/activities	Meaningful public involvement, increased awareness of Forward Pinellas and opportunities for public input in the planning process	Ongoing through FY26
F*	Update orientation materials	Orientation Manual used for orientation for both new Forward Pinellas Board Members and committee members. Updated CAC Orientation PowerPoint and special CAC New Member orientation sessions provided once or twice per year	Ongoing through FY 24
G	Maintain, support and update Forward Pinellas strategic business plan	Strategic Business Plan	Ongoing through FY26

Required Activities		End Products	Completion Date
H*	Implement Forward Pinellas communications strategy	Meaningful public involvement, increased awareness of Forward Pinellas and opportunities for public input in the planning process	Ongoing through FY26
I*	Maintain and update website and social media platforms, including online calendar	Regular communication through a variety of media	Ongoing through FY26
J	Attendance, registration, organizational membership and travel costs related to professional training, seminars, meetings, workshops and conferences	Staff development and coordination activities. Hosted events for AICP Certification Maintenance credits	Ongoing through FY 26

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY/AGENCIES: Forward Pinellas

*Consultant support will be used to complete this task

UPWP Task 3.1 Monitoring Activities

PURPOSE: Update, maintain, monitor and analyze data that support transportation planning transportation, including demographic and land use data to support transportation planning and related efforts.

PREVIOUS WORK: In FYs 2023 and 2024, the MPO collected, analyzed and maintained transportation-related data such as traffic counts and crashes.

Required Activities	End Products	Completion Date
A	Develop and analyze land use and demographic data	Data insights Ongoing through FY 26
B*	Continue to coordinate, monitor, collect, and analyze relevant data to the Pinellas County transportation system and transportation planning activities, such as bicycle and pedestrian data, traffic counts, real-time data and crash data	Coordinated data collection, monitoring and analysis Nonmotorized traffic counts Pinellas County transportation system data Ongoing through FY26 Ongoing through FY26 Ongoing through FY 26
C*	Maintain all nonmotorized traffic count collection equipment in a state of good repair.	Nonmotorized traffic count collection equipment. Ongoing through FY 26
D*	Prepare maps and reports related to the Pinellas County transportation system, such as traffic counts, crashes and trends	Maps and reports including trend reports and performance measure documentation, traffic count maps Ongoing FY 26
E*	Update and maintain transportation inventory and databases, including sidewalk information, bicycle facilities and traffic control devices	Transportation inventory and databases, including traffic count, crash data and other transportation system metrics. Ongoing through FY 26
F	Review related planning documents and agency reports, such as the FDOT Forecasting and Trends Office Sourcebook	Local and regional partner agency reports Ongoing through FY 26

Required Activities		End Products	Completion Date
G*	Monitor US Census product releases and evaluate potential impacts from demographic changes	Socioeconomic dataset monitoring	Ongoing through FY 26
		Designation of the Forward Pinellas Urbanized Area	Ongoing through FY 26
H	Attendance, registration, and travel costs related to professional development, seminars, meetings, workshops and conferences	Staff development and coordination activities	Ongoing FY 26

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY/AGENCIES: Forward Pinellas, FDOT

*Consultant support will be used to complete this task

UPWP Task 4.1 Systems Planning

PURPOSE: Plan for a multimodal, connected transportation network that considers the mobility, land use and the safety

PREVIOUS WORK: In FYs 2023 and 2024, the MPO conducted active transportation, public transportation and

Required Activities	End Products	Completion Date	
A*	Implement a congestion management process and congestion management strategies	Countywide Trends and Conditions Report	Annually through FY 2026
		TSMO Plans	Ongoing through FY 26
		Freight Plans	Ongoing through FY 26
		Corridor/Subarea Studies	Ongoing through FY26
		CMP	Ongoing through FY 26
B*	Public transportation planning efforts, including planning & feasibility studies, service planning, development of innovative pilot programs, agency coordination and stakeholder engagement	Coordinated public transportation planning	Ongoing through FY26
		Alternatives Analysis Reports and Recommendation	Ongoing through FY 26
		Alt 19 Corridor Transition Plan	Ongoing through FY 26
		NEPA Analysis Reports	Ongoing through FY 26
		Conceptual Design Plans	Ongoing through FY 26
		System analysis and visioning	Ongoing through FY 26
Capital facility planning	Ongoing through FY 26		

Required Activities	End Products	Completion Date
		Innovative solutions (e.g. first/last mile, Mobility on Demand, ACES, micromobility) Ongoing through FY 26 Transit Development Plan Progress Reports September 2024&2025 Feasibility Studies Ongoing through FY 26 Waterborne transportation systems planning Ongoing through FY 26
C*	Transportation Disadvantaged planning and support, including regional coordination efforts	Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan June 2025 & 2026 Community Transportation Coordinator Evaluation Fall 2024 & 2025 PSTA Redesignation as the Community Transportation Coordinator Ongoing to FY 26
D*	Bicycle and pedestrian planning and program support, including implementing the Pinellas Trail Loop, evaluation of trail crossings, coordinating on regional/ inter-county projects, implementing and amending the Active Transportation Plan.	Implementation of Active Transportation Plan Ongoing through FY26 Monthly and annual Pinellas Trail User Summary reports Monthly/ annually Bike Your City event Spring 2025 & 2026 Evaluation of trail crossings for safety improvements Ongoing through FY 26 Multiuse Trail Wayfinding Ongoing through FY 26 Trail Crossing consistency evaluation and implementation Ongoing through FY 25
		Safe Routes to School Grant Applications Ongoing through FY 26

Required Activities		End Products	Completion Date
E*	Identify and correct hazardous walking conditions for students traveling to/from schools.	<p>Participation in the STEPS committee to identify and correct hazardous walking conditions.</p> <p>Coordination with school district, law enforcement, local governments, nonprofits and other stakeholders to improve transportation safety for students through events such as Walk to School Days and the distribution of safety equipment, such as helmets and bike lights.</p> <p>Coordination through the School Transportation Safety Committee to improve transportation safety for students.</p> <p>Evaluation of school bus stops for safety improvements.</p>	<p>Ongoing through FY 26</p> <p>Ongoing through FY 26</p> <p>Ongoing through FY 26</p> <p>Ongoing through FY 26</p>
F*	Plan for the improvement of safety conditions on the transportation network for all users.	<p>Safe Streets Pinellas Action Plan.</p> <p>Safe Streets and Roads for All support to local partners.</p> <p>Near miss analyses at intersections and trail crossings</p> <p>Coordination with organizations, nonprofits and stakeholders to improve safety for all users of the network.</p> <p>Participate in the evaluation of local government applications for Highway Safety Improvement Program funds.</p>	<p>Ongoing through FY 26</p> <p>Ongoing through FY 26</p> <p>Ongoing through FY 26</p> <p>Ongoing through FY 26</p> <p>Ongoing through FY 26</p>

Required Activities		End Products	Completion Date
		Participate in the Community Traffic Safety Team	Ongoing through FY 26
G*	Plan for and support Complete Streets	Walkability and mobility audits	Annually through FY 24
		Road Safety Assessments	Ongoing through FY 26
		Local government complete streets projects	Ongoing through FY 26
H*	Work with local government partners to address transportation needs, provide technical support to local governments and other related transportation planning activities	Support for local government planning and integration of transportation planning efforts	Ongoing through FY26
		Local government transportation grant projects	Ongoing through FY 26
		Transportation Before and After Studies	Ongoing through FY 26
I*	Support travel and tourism	Express Bus Route, Trolley Service, Signage and ITS Planning	Ongoing through FY26
J	Work with local and state partners to designate facilities on the federal aid highways based on the results of the 2020 Decennial Census.	Federal Aid Highway Designations	Ongoing through 2026
K	Attendance, registration, organizational membership and travel costs related to professional development, seminars, meetings, workshops and conferences	Staff development and coordination activities	Ongoing through FY 26

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY/AGENCIES: Forward Pinellas, FDOT, PSTA, local government partners

*Consultant support will be used to complete this task

UPWP Task 5.1 Transportation Improvement Program Development and Implementation

PURPOSE: Develop and maintain a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that advances the priorities of the agency

PREVIOUS WORK: In FYs 2023 and 2024, the MPO annually developed and adopted the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) including lists of priority projects.

Required Activities	End Products	Completion Date
A*	Coordinate with FDOT and other partners to update performance measures and targets	Performance measures and targets Annually through FY 26
B*	Develop and coordinate environmental efforts, such as environmental look-arounds, ETDM, Environmental Justice work and air quality monitoring	Coordinated environmental planning Ongoing through FY 26
C	Develop and maintain the TIP in coordination with FDOT, local governments, citizens and transportation providers and in accordance with state and federal laws	TIP updated by board action as needed July 2024 & 2025 (state) November 2024 & 2025 (County and municipal)
D	Conduct public outreach activities related to the TIP, consistent with the PPP	Public outreach Ongoing through FY 26
E	Solicit, review and submit funding priorities for federal programs	Funding priorities Ongoing through FY 246
F	Ensure consistency between the TIP and the LRTP, including identification of transportation improvement projects and phasing for implementation based on LRTP	Consistent TIP and LRTP Ongoing through FY26

Required Activities		End Products	Completion Date
G	Coordinate with FDOT in the development of its Five-Year Work Program	Annual comments and objections letter	Ongoing through FY 26
H	Publish listing of previously funded federal aid projects in the TIP	List of funded federal aid projects	June 2025 & 2026
I	Update and provide support for maintaining priority lists, including the multimodal priority list and Transportation Alternatives Program	Priority lists	Ongoing through FY 26
J*	Develop grant funding applications, including providing assistance to local governments, to pursue all available funding opportunities	Grant applications	Ongoing through FY 26
K	Attendance, registration, organizational membership and travel costs related to professional development, seminars, meetings, workshops and conferences	Staff development and coordination activities	Ongoing through FY 26

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY/AGENCIES: Forward Pinellas

*Consultant support may be used to complete this task

UPWP Task 6.1 Long Range Plan Development and Implementation

PURPOSE: Develop and maintain an integrated land use and transportation plan according to federal and state requirements, providing for a safe, secure, accessible, equitable and context-sensitive multi-modal transportation system.

PREVIOUS WORK: In FYs 2023 and 2024, the MPO developed numerous components of Advantage Pinellas 2050, the long range plan, while also maintaining the 2045 long range plan.

Required Activities		End Products	Completion Date
A*	Implement, modify and amend 2045 and 2050 LRTP	2045 LRTP and 2050 LRTP	Ongoing through FY 25
B*	Maintain population and employment projections for 2050, in coordination with local government partners	2050 Socioeconomic Datasets	Ongoing through FY26
C*	Develop and coordinate environmental efforts, such as ETDM, Environmental Justice work, air quality considerations and resiliency strategies	EJ Analysis and ETDM Review of LRTP Projects	Ongoing through FY 26
D*	Coordinate and participate in Pinellas County and other agencies air quality review and monitoring	Coordinated air quality review	Ongoing through FY 26
E*	Determine cost feasibility and adopt the 2050 LRTP.	2050 LRTP	Fall 2024
F*	Develop documentation for the 2050 LRTP	Technical memos and documentation	Ongoing through FY25
G	Attendance, registration, organizational membership and travel costs related to professional development, seminars, meetings, workshops and conferences	Staff development and coordination activities	Ongoing through FY 26

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY/AGENCIES: Forward Pinellas, FDOT

*Consultant support may be used to complete this task

UPWP Task 7.1 Regional Planning and Coordination

PURPOSE: Maintain and enhance ongoing multi-county collaborative transportation planning while also participating and

PREVIOUS WORK: In FYs 2023 and 2024, the MPO participated in updates of major regional priority projects, project

Required Activities	End Products	Completion Date
A	Participate in the Florida MPO Advisory Council activities and meetings to share best practices, conduct statewide research tasks and stay abreast of statewide policy changes	MPOAC Meetings Ongoing through FY26
B	Provide input to the Florida Transportation Commission on issues affecting the West Central Florida area	Comments to the FTC Ongoing through FY 26
C*	Provide support for the SCTPA and the TMA Leadership Group; review and refine the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) priorities, regional multiuse trail priorities, and major regional priorities while working together to ensure coordination of plans and priorities throughout the region	Regional TRIP Priorities Annually in FY 25 and FY 26 Regional Multiuse Trail Priorities Annually in FY 25 and FY 26 Major Regional Projects Priorities Annually in FY 25 and FY 26 Interlocal Agreement for Regional Planning & Coordination in West Central Florida Ongoing through FY 26 SCTPA operating procedures Ongoing through FY 26 SCTPA conflict resolution process Ongoing through FY 26

Required Activities		End Products	Completion Date
		Quarterly meetings of the TMA and biannual meetings of the SCTPA, including public notice, virtual and in-person access, minutes and video archive	Ongoing through FY 26
D*	Support regional transit and transportation disadvantaged planning, FDOT, Community Transportation Coordinators and local transit agencies	Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Tampa Bay program	Ongoing efforts to fund regional transit for the TD population through FY26
E*	Enhance the quality, usability and value of data by continuing to coordinate regional performance measures and related data gathering among MPOs and with FDOT, supporting and enhancing the FDOT Suncoast Mobility Data Hub project.	Regional data sharing portal	Ongoing through FY26
F*	Maintain and update, as needed, the Shared Data and Analytics Platform. Explore the value and feasibility of expanding the Platform with new mobility-oriented datasets.	Regional Data Platform for performance monitoring	Ongoing through FY 26
G*	Work with local and regional partners to assemble publicly available data sources and augment the regional data-sharing portal to enable professionals, researchers and the public to access data.	Publicly available datasets	Ongoing through FY 26

Required Activities		End Products	Completion Date
H*	Coordinate project implementation phasing during development of the State Tentative Work Programs and the individual MPO TIPs to ensure progress toward implementation of the Regional LRTP	Coordinated regional transportation projects	FY 25 and FY 26
I*	Coordinate with the MPOs of the SCTPA region to develop the 2050 regional LRTP,	Regional LRTP	Ongoing through FY 26
J	Coordinate with the MPOs of the SCTPA region to maintain and keep up to date a regional cloud-based document repository.	Regional Cloud-Based Document Repository Site	Ongoing through FY26
K	Coordinate with the FDOT Regional Goods Movement Advisory Committee on the update and implementation of the Tampa Bay Regional Strategic Freight Plan	Update and implementation of the Tampa Bay Regional Strategic Freight Plan	Ongoing through FY 26
L	Provide input on and coordination with regional and statewide partners on planning efforts, including the Florida SIS, the Florida Transportation Plan, the Regional Transit Development Plan, Transportation Pilot Program Project follow-up activities, tourism and freight planning activities and the state Autonomous, Connected, Electric and Shared (ACES) Vehicle Planning initiative	Consistency in regional, statewide and local plans	Ongoing through FY 26
M	Participate in the Scenic Highway Corridor Management entities for the Courtney Campbell Causeway and Suncoast Parkway	Meetings of the Scenic Highway Corridor Management entities	Ongoing through FY 26

Required Activities		End Products	Completion Date
N	Develop an interagency coordination agreement for air quality planning as/if required by nonattainment airshed designation(s) or other federal regulations and support the air quality planning process and monitoring of mobile source emissions	Interagency Coordination Agreement for air quality planning	Ongoing through FY 26
O	Support regional bicycle and pedestrian planning, including access to regional facilities and participation in and support for the Regional Multiuse Trails committee and tri-county meetings	Tri-county and eight-county bicycle and pedestrian planning	Ongoing through FY26
		Maintenance of MUT Map	Ongoing through FY 26
P	Coordinate regional rideshare and vanpool program planning and transportation management organizations	Regional rideshare, vanpool program and TD Tampa Bay program	Ongoing through FY 26
Q	Participate in regional and statewide modeling efforts including the Technical Review Team (TRT) for the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Model and the Florida Model Task Force	Regional and statewide modeling	Ongoing through FY26
R*	Engage the public, including implementing strategies from the regional PPP, updating the regional PPP as necessary, integrating regional perspectives in local community presentations, and reviewing effectiveness of regional public involvement process	Regional public engagement	Ongoing through FY24

Required Activities		End Products	Completion Date
S*	Maintain the SCTPA website and social media pages, including the development of graphics and content, along with the coordination of message dissemination through social and media platforms. Improve transparency in the regional decision-making process with access to adopted priority lists, planning documents and public meeting materials.	SCTPA Website and Social Media Accounts	Ongoing through FY 2026
T*	Update and reprint publications as needed, such as the Regional Multi-Use Trails	Printed Publications	Ongoing through FY 26
U*	Provide a forum to ensure products, processes and activities are consistent with and among coordinating MPOs, and corresponding support for these efforts	Consistent planning products and processes	Ongoing through FY26
V*	Develop and support regional UPWP tasks	Regional UPWP task(s)	Ongoing through FY 2026
W	Provide financial support to Forward Pinellas for specific regional planning tasks to be conducted pursuant to the SCTPA Interlocal Agreement that are above and beyond regularly recurring administrative and coordinating responsibilities. Each of the six member MPOs/TPOs will be allocating \$5,000 annually in their budget tables. A different MPO may take responsibility for conducting such tasks in future years, subject to a modification of the UPWP	SCTPA regional planning task	FY 25 and FY 26
Y*	Integrate the results of the Regional Needs Assessment into the individual MPO Long	Regionally consistent Long	Ongoing through FY 26

Required Activities		End Products	Completion Date
X	Assessment into the individual MPO Long Range Transportation Plans.	Range Transportation Plans	Ongoing through FY 26
Y	Attendance, registration, organizational membership and travel costs related to professional development, seminars, meetings, workshops and conferences	Staff development and coordination activities	Ongoing through FY 26

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY/AGENCIES: Forward Pinellas, Hillsborough MPO, Pasco MPO, TBARTA, FDOT, TBRPC, Hernando-Citrus MPO, Sarasota/Manatee MPO, Polk and other regional/statewide partners

*Consultant support may be used to complete this task.

UPWP Task 8.1 Special Projects

PURPOSE: To develop and support initiatives associated with special projects, such as Pinellas SPOTlight

PREVIOUS WORK: In FYs 2023 and 2024, the MPO continued its work on the four SPOTlight emphasis areas (Gateway Master Plan, A Vision for US 19, Enhancing Beach Community Access, Innovations in Target Employment and Industrial Lands) while also addressing resiliency, Vision Zero and completing a mobility study for downtown St. Petersburg.

Required Activities		End Products	Completion Date
A*	Implement recommendations from US 19 corridor planning efforts	US 19 Corridor Improvements	Ongoing through FY26
B*	Implement the recommendations of the Gateway/Mid County Master Plan, including convening working group	Gateway/Mid-County Area Master Plan Implementation	Ongoing through FY26
	Work to establish a Transportation Management Organization in the Gateway Area	Establishment of a TMO	Ongoing through FY 26
C*	Enhance safe and convenient beach community access, including exploring waterborne transportation	Strategic action plan	Ongoing through FY24
D*	Conduct health, sustainability and resilience-related transportation planning efforts	Health, sustainability and resilience plans	Ongoing through FY26
E*	Explore the application of new and evolving technologies	Integration of emerging technologies into planning studies	Ongoing through FY 26

Required Activities		End Products	Completion Date
G*	Implement the Downtown St Petersburg Mobility Study, including an evaluation of the I-175 corridor with FDOT	Implementation of priority projects from the DTSP study	Ongoing through FY 24
H*	Develop and implement the Innovations in Target Employment/Industrial Land Uses	Target Employment and Industrial Lands Study	Ongoing through FY 24
I*	Implement Equity Assessment Near Term Actions	Implement GIS-based equity assessments for LRTP and TIP.	Ongoing through FY 26
		Develop and implement equity-based flow chart for decision making.	Ongoing through FY 26
		Conduct targeted outreach in environmental justice communities.	Ongoing through FY 26
		Monitor agency practices for equity.	Ongoing through FY 26
J	Attendance, registration, organizational membership and travel costs related to professional development, seminars, meetings, workshops and conferences	Staff development and coordination activities	FY 23 and FY 24

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY/AGENCIES: Forward Pinellas*, FDOT, City of Largo, City of Pinellas Park, City of St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, and other local governments

*Consultant support may be used to complete this task

UPWP Task 9.1 SCTPA Support and Shared Task – Includes shared or transferred funds and Agreements/MOU

PURPOSE: Multi-county collaborative transportation planning requiring interlocal agreements and transfer of funds to further regional and statewide planning activities.

PREVIOUS WORK: Regional Needs Assessment

ONGOING ACTIVITIES
Develop Regional UPWP Task
Participate in Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA)

	REQUIRED ACTIVITY	END PRODUCT	COMPLETION DATE
	Regional LRTP		
A*	Create a Regional Long Range Transportation Plan, reflective of the individual MPO Plan.	Regional Long Range Transportation Plan	Ongoing through FY 26
B	Produce and create content materials, presentations, website, graphics and assist in administration of SCTPA.	Social Media content production, website maintenance and creation	Ongoing through FY 26

Consultants will assist with these tasks. FHWA, FTA, and other funds may be used in support of these tasks (lobbying is an ineligible expense for federal funds). All projects are consistent with federal and state regulations and detailed in invoices submitted to FDOT for reimbursement.

Responsible Agencies: Lead Agency: Forward Pinellas

Responsible Agencies: Hillsborough TPO, Pasco MPO, Hernando/Citrus MPO, Sarasota/Manatee MPO, and Polk TPO

Stakeholders: TBRPC, FDOT, and other regional/statewide partners

UPWP Task 10.1 Exploration of a Regional MPO

PURPOSE: Support the exploration of a Regional MPO for the Tampa Bay area through the creation of documents and processes necessary to the operation of the agency.

PREVIOUS WORK: N/A

	REQUIRED ACTIVITY	END PRODUCT	COMPLETION DATE
A*	Coordinate with the MPOs in the Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area to apportion the voting membership of a Regional MPO.	Regional MPO Apportionment Plan	Ongoing through FY 26
B*	Coordinate with the MPOs in the Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area to create internal operating procedures and documents necessary for a Regional MPO.	Agency Operating Documents	Ongoing through FY 26
C*	Provide administrative support for MPO programs, including administration and grant support, internal controls and procedures, to ensure compliance with federal and state regulations	Compliance with federal and state regulations	Ongoing through FY26
D*	Develop, maintain, support and update federally-required administrative plans and programs	Regional DBE Reporting	Quarterly through FY 26
		Regional Title VI Program	Ongoing through FY 26
		Regional Unified Planning Work Program	Ongoing through FY 26
		Regional Long Range Transportation Plan	Ongoing through FY 26
		Regional Transportation Improvement Program	Ongoing through FY 26
	Regional Congestion Management Process	Ongoing through FY 26	
	Regional Public Participation Plan	Ongoing through FY 26	

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY/AGENCIES: Forward Pinellas, Pasco MPO, Hillsborough TPO

*Consultant support may be used to complete this task

March 13, 2024



8. Director's Report

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

- A. SPOTlight Update
- B. 2050 LRTP Ranking Sheets Follow Up from Work Session Exercise
- C. Legislative Update
- D. Public Engagement Policy Discussion

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational item only.

March 13, 2024



8A. SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update

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.

This will include an update on the Belcher Rd./Gulf-to-Bay Blvd. Intersection, an update on the grant for ferry service between downtown Clearwater, Clearwater beach, and Dunedin, and next steps for the US 19/34th Street complete streets project in St. Petersburg.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational item only.

2050 LRTP Transportation Investment Ranking Results

Forward Pinellas Board Work Session, February 14, 2024

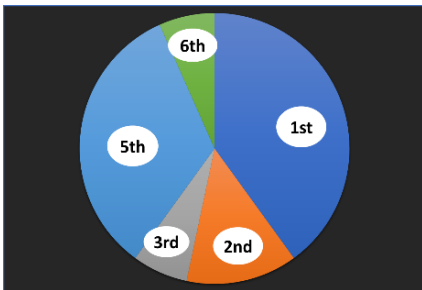
Board Members were asked to rank each mode of transportation investment from 1-6, with 1 being the most preferred. The table below shows the combined ranking of the Board members, which resulted in the following preferred investment priorities:

1. Premium Transit
2. Bicycle/Pedestrian
3. Regional Premium Transit
4. Local Transit
5. Automobile
6. Technology

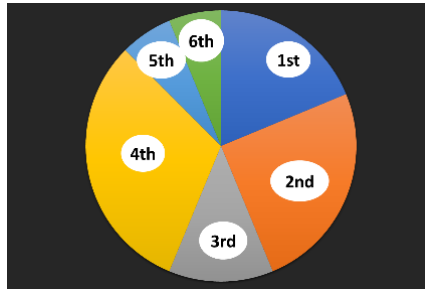
TRANSPORTATION MODE						
	Local Transit	Premium Transit	Regional Premium Transit	Automobile	Bicycle Pedestrian	Technology
Total Score (of 15)	56	44	47	58	46	64
Average Score	3.73	2.93	3.13	3.87	3.07	4.27
Investment Priority	4th	1st	3rd	5th	2nd	6th

The distribution of responses for each mode is shown in the charts below.

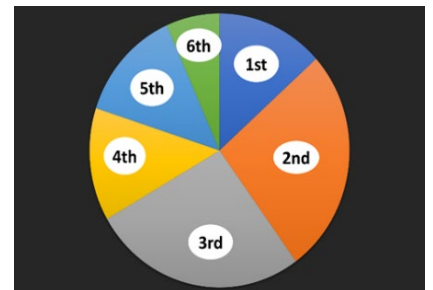
#1 PREMIUM TRANSIT



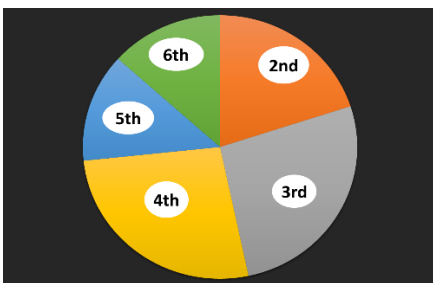
#2 BIKE/PEDESTRIAN



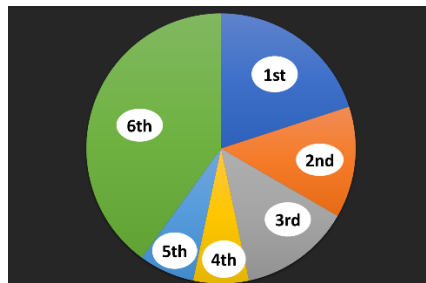
#3 REGIONAL TRANSIT



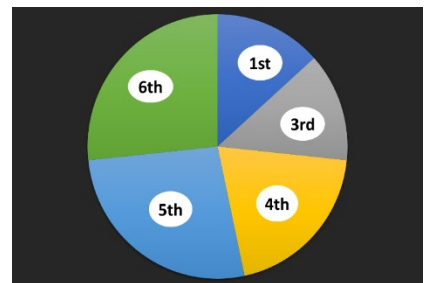
#4 LOCAL TRANSIT



#5 AUTOMOBILE



#6 TECHNOLOGY



The last portion of the exercise ask Board members to identify their three highest priority projects for the next LRTP. The responses were categorized and if the category was mentioned by 2 or more people, it is shown on the word cloud below. The larger the font of the word or phrase, the more times it was mentioned. The top three responses were regional transit, bus rapid transit, and pedestrian.



March 13, 2024



8C. Legislative Update

SUMMARY

Staff continues to follow several bills of interest that would affect Forward Pinellas. The executive director will highlight the latest on these bills of note and seek board input and direction, as appropriate.

ATTACHMENT(S): Legislative Summary Document

ACTION: As deemed appropriate based on board discussion.

**Legislative Summary
as of March 7, 2024 12:03 PM**

Passed Bills

SB 328 (Calatayud) – Affordable Housing [PASSED]

This bill amends provisions of the Live Local Act, clarifying some existing preemptions and broadening others. Both bills contain these provisions:

- Allowing qualifying developments to be built up to the highest allowable density or 150% of highest allowable floor area ratio standard in the jurisdiction. The statute currently allows density only.
 - Requiring parking standards to be reduced for qualifying developments located within 1/2 mile of a major transportation hub or in a designated transit-oriented area.
 - The bills originally proposed to delete industrial from eligible types of land and reduce the preemption of building height, but those provisions were removed due to opposition from the real estate industry.
-

HB 287 (Esposito) – Transportation [PASSED]

The bill stipulates that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) 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,
 - Projects that are approved by a supermajority vote of the board of county commissioners of the county in which the project is located, or
 - A bus rapid transit or rail project that would result in maintaining or enhancing the level of service of the state highway system along the corridor of the project, provided state funds do not exceed 50 percent of the nonfederal share of the costs and the percentage of the local share.
-

HB 1301 (Abbott) – Department of Transportation [PASSED]

The bill revises FDOT responsibilities and related transportation planning provisions, including:

- Replaces the guiding principle “improving travel choices to ensure mobility” with “promoting the efficient movement of people and goods” and “preserving Florida's quality of life.”
- Requires any governmental entity proposing to repurpose existing traffic lanes to conduct a traffic study, notify all affected property owners and local governments 180 days in advance, and hold a public meeting 30 days in advance.
- Requires to FDOT to withhold funding from any public transit provider that mandates masks or vaccines.
- Requires certain State Transportation Trust Fund revenue increases since 2019 to be prioritized for arterial roadways.

HB 479 (Robinson, W.) – Alternative Mobility Funding Systems [PASSED]

The bill revises statutes governing funding alternatives to transportation concurrency. The original version of the bill stipulated that only the local government issuing building permits could charge for transportation impacts within its jurisdiction, prompting concerns that this provision could invalidate countywide mobility fee programs. However, that language has been amended to allow for interlocal agreements between municipal and county and municipalities.

HB 1133 (Redondo) – Violations Against Vulnerable Road Users [PASSED]

The original version of the bill would have established criminal penalties for a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes death of, a vulnerable road user. Both have been amended to instead require fines of up to \$5,000, suspension of the driver’s license, and driver improvement training.

SB 1084 (Collins) – Electric Vehicle Charging Stations [PASSED]

The bill preempts all regulation of electric vehicle charging stations to the State, including for local governments with existing ordinances. The statute currently directs the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to adopt statewide rules, but with no timeframe, and the bill does not change that.

Bills Not Yet Passed

[HB 1487 \(Chaney\) – Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority](#)

The bill proposes several major changes to the governance and operation of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA), including:

- The governing board is reduced from 15 to 11 members, consolidating the seats for some local governments into rotating seats.
- PSTA is prohibited from employing or sponsoring any actor whose purpose is to eliminate or repurpose lanes, other than a local or municipally owned roadway.
- A 2/3 majority vote of the governing board is required for eminent domain and lane elimination or repurposing
- PSTA must report such actions to the Board of County Commissioners, along with regular presentations on ridership statistics and financial information.

Status:

1. House – Passed 3/1/24
2. Senate – Not yet heard

HB 7049 (McFarland) – Transportation

The bill proposes to significantly revise Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and other statewide transportation organizations:

- The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will establish quality performance metrics to rate each MPO's service to its communities. The additional annual reporting requirements will be a financial and staffing burden to federally-funded MPOs.
- MPO performance measures will be established in cooperation with MPOs, and will include safety, infrastructure condition, congestion relief, and mobility. Provisions for a minimum score were removed from the bill.
- The Florida Transportation Commission (FTC) will establish performance measures for transportation authorities and transit providers, as developed by a working group of "transportation industry leaders and stakeholders." For agencies not meeting a minimum performance score, the FTC will recommend any leadership, process, management, or legislative changes needed to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and FDOT.
- The statewide MPO Advisory Council, which currently serves as statewide clearinghouse for MPOs and provides training for governing board members, will be eliminated.

Status:

1. House – Passed 2/29/24
2. Senate – Not yet heard

March 13, 2024



8D. Public Engagement Policy Discussion

SUMMARY

In light of public concerns raised about the advancement of some adopted transportation project priorities into the Florida Department of Transportation's Work Program and the adopted Forward Pinellas Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), staff is considering bringing a policy to the board to guide continued public discussion for transportation projects included in the TIP as it is reviewed and adopted each year. Before we draft the policy, we would like some guidance from the board on the following:

- how can we make our process more open and transparent?
- how to determine which of the many projects in the Department's Work Program and our TIP may deserve additional time for public input after they are selected for funding in the Work Program and TIP?
- how can we reinforce the importance of strong and sustained local partnerships to accomplish project goals?
- given staff and financial resources, where should we focus these efforts?

Based on this guidance in the coming months, staff will coordinate with state and local partners to bring forward a draft policy for review and consideration for adoption.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational item only.

March 13, 2024



9. Informational Items

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

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Fatalities Map
- Pinellas Trail Data
- Draft PAC Action Sheet

March 13, 2024

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



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 February 2024

The Board of County Commissioners, acting according to its Countywide Planning Authority, held public hearings on February 20, 2024, to consider the following amendments to the Countywide Plan Map:

- CW 24-01, a City of Clearwater case located at 210 Meadow Lark Lane, was **approved** for an amendment from Residential Low Medium to Public/Semi-Public. (vote: 7-0)
- CW 24-02, a Pinellas County case located at 4685 Park Street, was **approved** for an amendment from Residential Low Medium to Retail & Services. (vote: 7-0)
- CW 24-03, a City of St. Petersburg case located at 200 66th Street North, was **approved** for an amendment from Office to Multimodal Corridor. (vote: 7-0)
- CW 23-03, a City of Madeira Beach case located in an area generally bounded by 133rd Ave. W. to the west, John's Pass to the east, Boca Ciega Bay to the north, and the Gulf of Mexico to the south, was **approved** for an amendment from Retail & Services, Resort, Residential Medium, and Recreation/Open Space to Activity Center. (vote: 6-1 with Commissioner Long dissenting)

Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments February 2024:

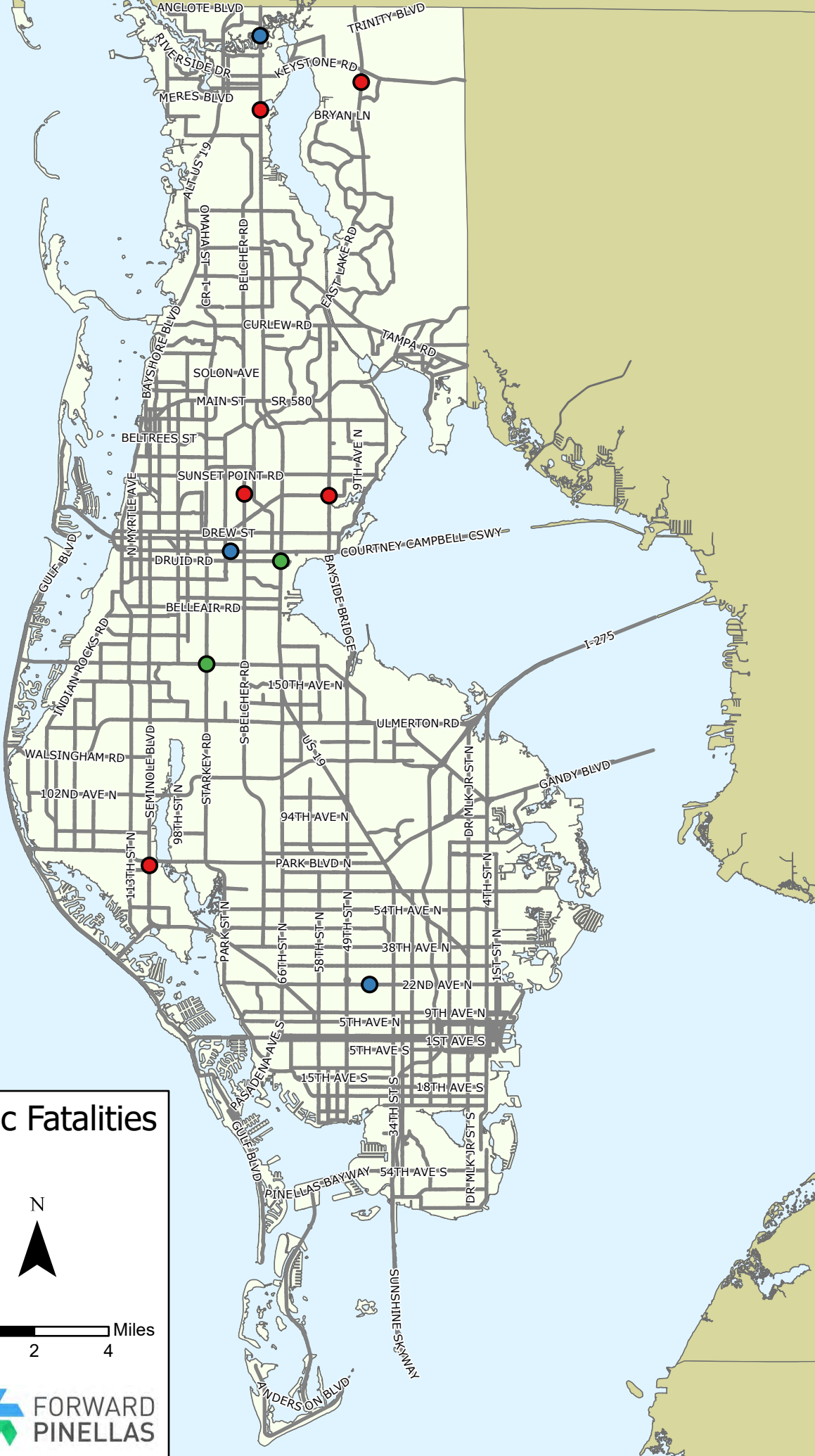
- FLUM 24-01, Pinellas County, satisfies the Tier I provisions of Section 6.1.2.1 of the Countywide Rules
- FLUM 24-02, City of Pinellas Park, satisfies the Tier I provisions of Section 6.1.2.1 of the Countywide Rules

Map Adjustments February 2024:

There were no map adjustments processed in February 2024.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

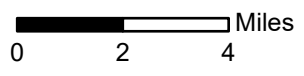
ACTION: None required; informational item only.



2024 Reported Traffic Fatalities (as of February 28)

Crash Type

- Motorcycle
- Pedestrian
- Vehicle

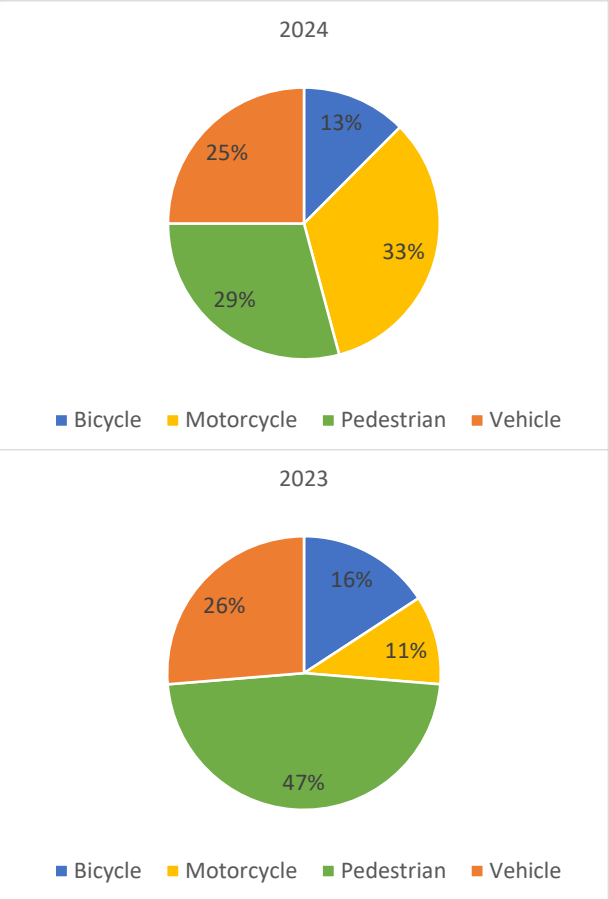
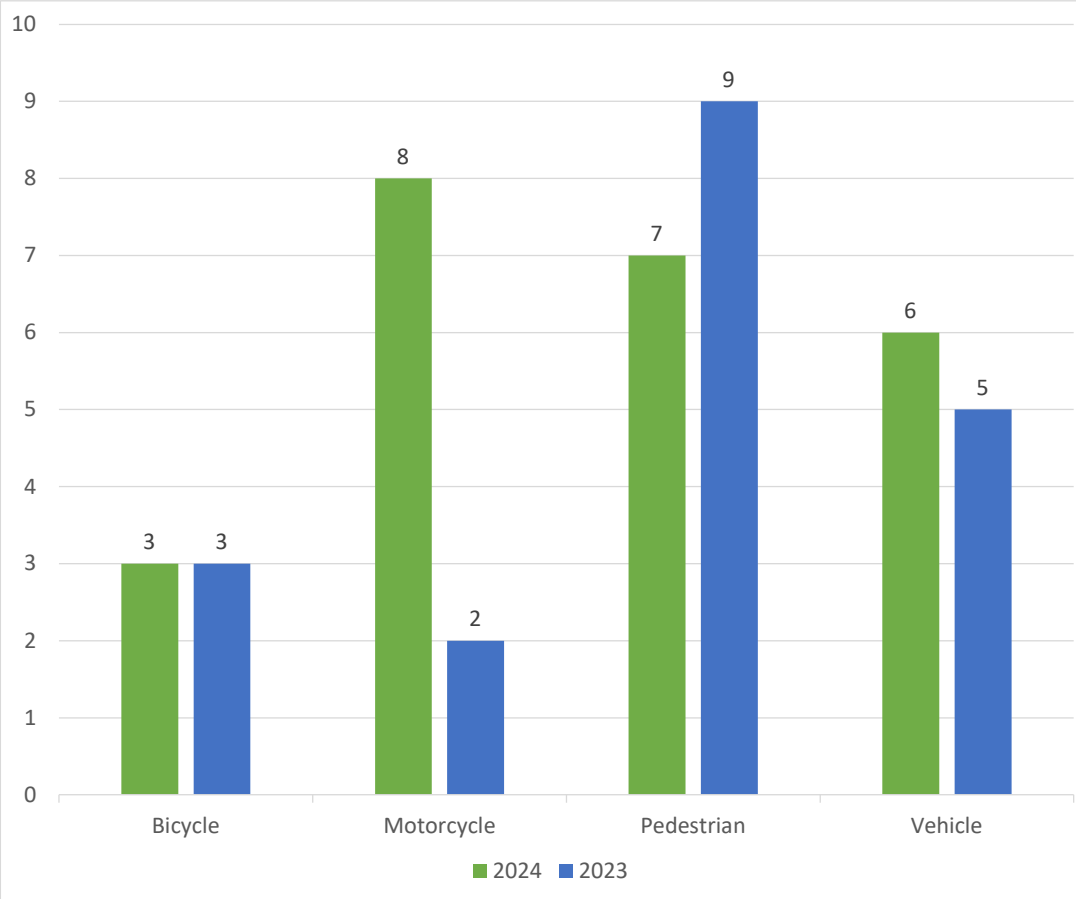


Data Source: Forward Pinellas, 2024.
Map Produced: February 28, 2024.

Report Number	Fatalities	Date	Time	Type	On Street	Intersecting Street	Jurisdiction	Driver Age	Driver Sex
25959532	1	1/3/2024	6:45 PM	Pedestrian	22nd Ave N	41th St N	St. Petersburg	Unknown	Unknown
26557922	1	1/14/2024	10:30 AM	Motorcycle	McMullen Booth Rd	SR 590	Clearwater	Unknown	Unknown
25904803	1	1/23/2024	9:22 AM	Pedestrian	US 19	Shell Pointe Dr	Tarpon Springs	21	Female
26558065	1	1/26/2024	11:30 AM	Vehicle	US 19	Druid Rd	Clearwater	71	Male
25971145	2	1/28/2024	5:11 AM	Vehicle	East Bay Dr	Starkey Rd	Largo	33	Male
26558062	1	1/28/2024	9:32 PM	Pedestrian	Gulf to Bay Blvd	S Mercury Ave	Clearwater	25	Unknown
89365431	1	1/30/2024	7:55 PM	Motorcycle	Seminole Blvd	72nd Ave N	Seminole	37	Male
25960077	1	1/31/2024	7:06 AM	Bicycle	18th Way N	76th Ave N	St. Petersburg	86	Male
26305439	1	2/1/2024	5:10 AM	Motorcycle	CR 611/East Lake Rd	Maple Trace	Unincorporated	67	Male
25960131	1	2/2/2024	6:42 AM	Motorcycle	SW Monroe Cir N	4th St N	St. Petersburg	79	Female
Unknown	2	2/3/2024	10:35 PM	Vehicle	US 19	Republic Drive	Dunedin	50	Male
Unknown	1	2/8/2024	4:10 AM	Pedestrian	62nd St N	148th Ave N	Unincorporated	22	Male
26486390	1	2/9/2024	7:51 PM	Motorcycle	US 19	Wood Hill Dr	Tarpon Springs	30	Female
26558170	1	2/9/2024	2:29 PM	Motorcycle	N Belcher Rd	S Lagoon Cir	Clearwater	Unknown	Unknown
Unknown	1	2/10/2024	2:30 PM	Motorcycle	Belcher Rd	Curtis Dr N	Clearwater	Unknown	Unknown
25960336	1	2/10/2024	11:43 PM	Vehicle	20th St S	22nd Ave S	St. Petersburg	21	Male
Unknown	1	2/11/2024	4:08 PM	Vehicle	102nd Ave	Botanica Dr	Unincorporated	27	Male
25960376	1	2/13/2024	6:11 AM	Bicycle	5th Ave N	49th St N	St. Petersburg	58	Male
Unknown	1	2/18/2024	12:19 AM	Bicycle	66th St N	65th Ave N	Pinellas Park	Unknown	Unknown
25960522	1	2/20/2024	7:19 AM	Pedestrian	22nd Ave S	Grove St S	St. Petersburg	50	Male
Unknown	1	2/20/2024	9:00 PM	Pedestrian	Park Blvd	77th St	Pinellas Park	69	Male
Unknown	1	2/22/2024	12:23 PM	Vehicle	Keystone Rd	Lora Ln	Tarpon Springs	63	Male
Unknown	1	2/25/2024	9:35 AM	Motorcycle	Tampa Rd	Oakleaf Blvd	Oldsmar	73	Male
Unknown	1	2/26/2024	2:39 AM	Pedestrian	7th Ave S	12th St S	St. Petersburg	Unknown	Unknown

Note: Due to Florida Statute changes, there is a 60-day delay in the sharing of crash data from FLHSMV. As such, all crashes listed thus far are unofficial. These crash listings will be updated with official information as it becomes available.

Reported Fatal Crashes 2023/2024 Comparison (as of February 28)



Pinellas Trail Count Data Summary

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

January 2024

31-Day Count Total: 171,861

Daily Average Count: 5,544

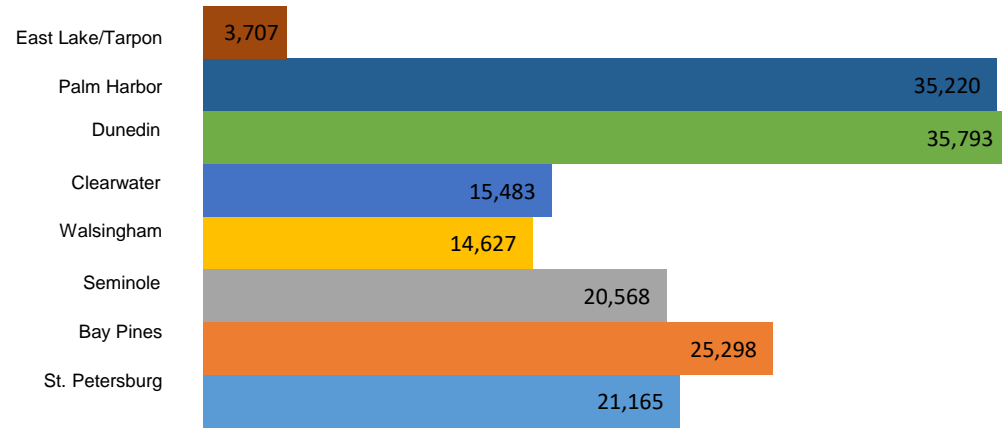
Highest Daily Totals:

#1 – Saturday, January 27th (Dunedin – 3,150)

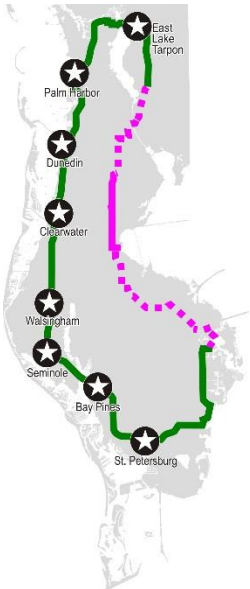
#2 – Saturday, January 27th (Bay Pines – 1,548)

#3 – Saturday, January 27th (St. Petersburg – 1,403)

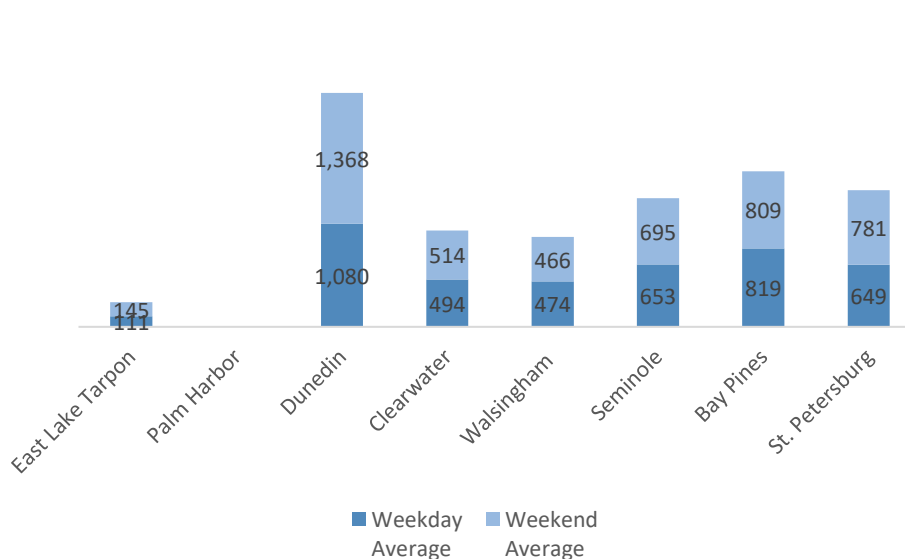
January Totals by Counter Location*



Counter Locations



Weekday & Weekend Profile*

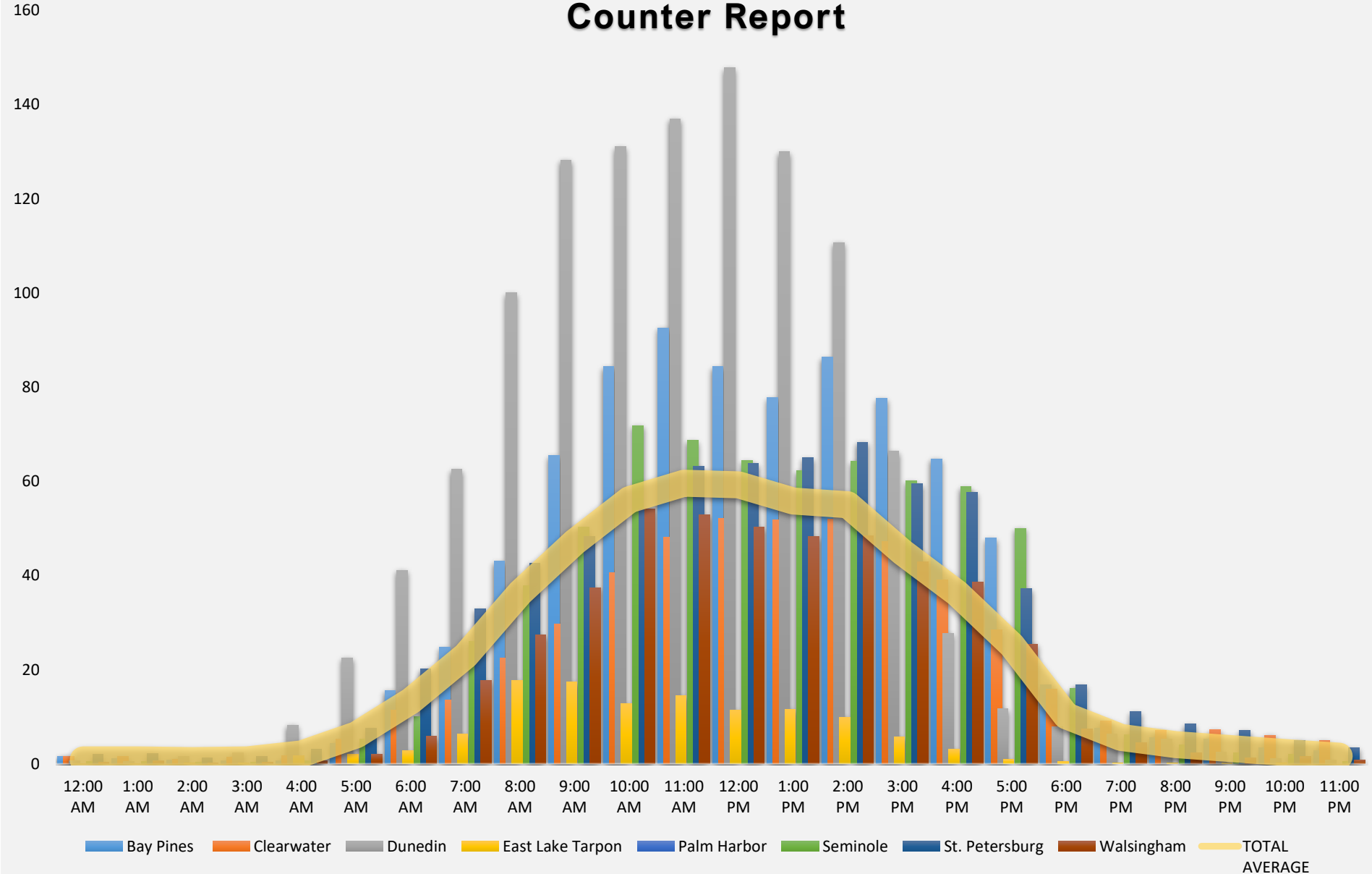


Trail User Mode Split*

Counter Location	Walking (Pedestrian)	Bicycling (Bicycle)
Palm Harbor	N/A	N/A
Dunedin	20%	80%
Clearwater	N/A	N/A
Walsingham	N/A	N/A
Seminole	25%	75%
Bay Pines	29%	71%
St. Petersburg	29%	71%
East Lake/Tarpon	7%	93%

Source: Forward Pinellas January 2024

January 2024 Average Hourly Counter Report



Pinellas Trail Count Data Summary

Automated Trail Counter Data Collection

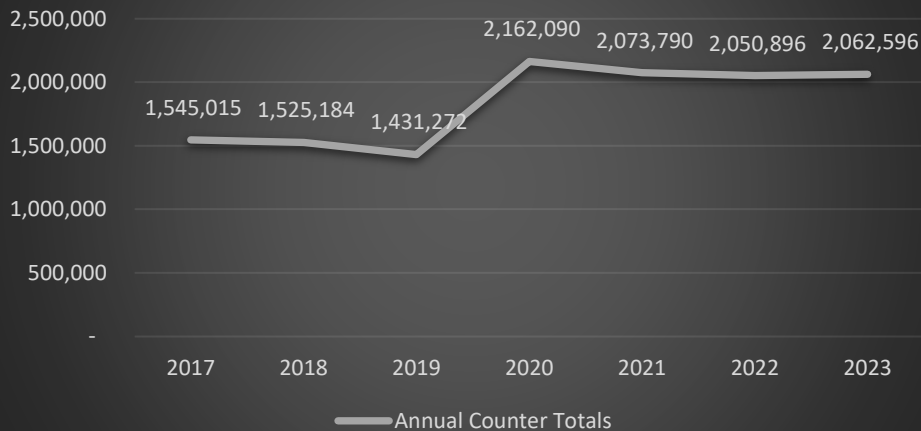
Period: January 2017 – January 2024 Data



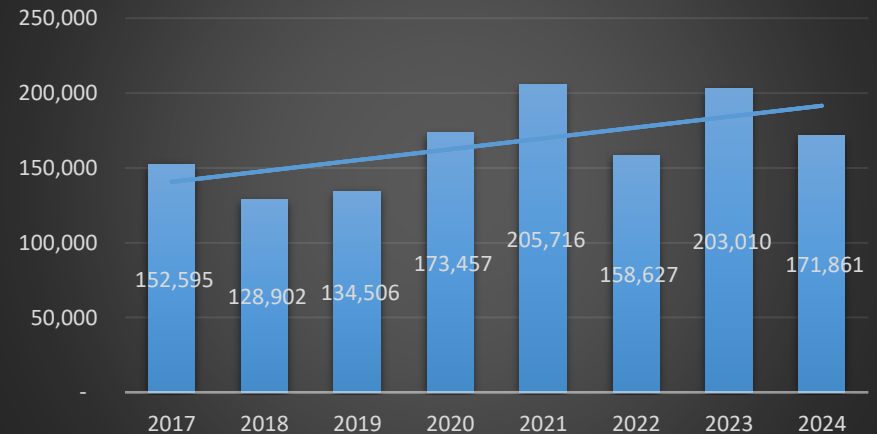
**2024 Total Count:
171,861**

January Monthly Trail Counts 2017 - 2024

Pinellas Trail Use 2017 - 2023



January Monthly Counts



Notes:

- *Due to technical issues with the Palm Harbor counter, a linear regression formula was used to generate an estimated count based on historical data. Daily, hourly, and mode split data is not available. Due to technical issues with the Clearwater, and Walsingham counters, mode split data is not available.
- 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.

PAC AGENDA – SUMMARY AGENDA ACTION SHEET
DATE: MARCH 4, 2024

ITEM	ACTION TAKEN	VOTE
<p>1. <u>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</u></p>	<p>The PAC held its March 4, 2024, meeting in the Palm Room at 333 Chestnut Street, Clearwater.</p> <p>The Chair, Matt Jackson, called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. and the members introduced themselves.</p> <p>Committee members in attendance included: Andrew Morris, Allie Keen, Tom Scofield, Wesley Wright, Jayme Lopko, Alicia Parinello, Matt Jackson, Marcie Stenmark, Maryellen Edwards, Marshall Touchton, Frances Leong Sharp and Britton Wilson.</p> <p>Others in attendance: Alissa Hevesh, Pinellas County staff; Sara Howard, Property Appraiser’s Office; Cecelia Chen, City of Safety Harbor.</p> <p>Forward Pinellas staff included: Rodney Chatman, Linda Fisher, Emma Wennick, Tina Jablon, Kyle Simpson, Alexis Hall (intern) and Jared Austin.</p>	
<p>2. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 5, 2024 PAC MEETING</u></p>	<p>Motion: Tom Scofield Second: Britton Wilson</p>	<p>12-0</p>
<p>3. <u>REVIEW OF FORWARD PINELLAS AGENDA FOR MARCH 13, 2024 MEETING</u> <u>PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS</u> A. <u>Countywide Plan Map Amendments</u></p>	<p>Motion: Marshall Touchton Second: Marcie Stenmark</p>	<p>12-0</p>
<p>1. Case CW 24-05 – City of Tarpon Springs (continued from February)</p>		
<p>2. Case CW 24-06 – City of Safety Harbor</p>	<p>Motion: Marshall Touchton Second: Frances Leong Sharp</p>	<p>12-0</p>
<p>3. Case CW 24-07 – City of Safety Harbor</p>	<p>Motion: Marshall Touchton Second: Tom Scofield</p>	<p>12-0</p>
<p>4. Case CW 24-08 – City of St. Petersburg</p>	<p>Motion: Maryellen Edwards Second: Allie Keen</p>	<p>12-0</p>

<p>5. Case CW 24-09 – City of St. Petersburg</p>	<p>Motion: Alicia Parinello Second: Marcie Stenmark</p>	<p>12-0</p>
<p><u>REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS</u> B. <u>CPA Actions and Forward Pinellas Administrative Review Items</u></p>	<p>Rodney Chatman advised the committee members that there were four cases approved by the Countywide Planning Authority on February 20th. This included the John’s Pass Village Activity Center. He advised that two Tier I Countywide Plan Map amendments were administratively approved by staff for Pinellas County and Pinellas Park. Lastly, he stated that there were no map adjustments processed during this period.</p>	
<p>4. <u>PLANNING TOPICS OF INTEREST</u> A. <u>Property Appraiser Process for Permits – Multi-Parcel, Splits and Combinations</u></p>	<p>Rodney Chatman reminded the PAC members that in 2016, the PAC requested Forward Pinellas staff to contact the Pinellas County Property Appraiser’s Office (PAO) to determine the feasibility of improving the parcel-dividing process which ultimately led to revisions being made to the PAO parcel split/separation request form. Because, since that time, the PAO has further revised the form, the PAO reached out for an opportunity to have a discussion with the PAC members to learn more about the local processes to look for additional areas for improvement. Sara Howard, the PAO’s Assistant Director of Land Records led this discussion. Specifically, it was discussed whether the PAO or the local government should be the first to approve a parcel split or combination and the best methods for conveying those approvals to the other party. Overwhelmingly, the PAC members felt the local governments should be the first to review and approve an application. Additionally, the members felt it was important for the forms themselves to contain a place for the local government to sign off on the approval. It was also discussed that there be a process to ensure the same documentation is submitted for both approvals. It was agreed that Ms. Howard would take the information from the discussion back to the PAO for additional refinement of the process/forms. She will bring the item back at the April PAC meeting for further deliberation.</p>	

<p>B. <u>Bike Parking Code Comparison</u></p>	<p>Alexis Hall, Forward Pinellas intern, provided the PAC members with an overview of her research on municipal codes across the United States that leverage bicycle parking strategies to promote alternative transportation and optimize parking infrastructure. Using examples from around the country and locally, she highlighted a variety of codes for reduced auto parking standards that included short-term and long-term bicycle parking, as well as spacing guidelines. Lastly, Ms. Hall cited some emerging trends in bike parking codes. Specifically, she mentioned planning for e-bikes and charging as an emerging need. Rodney Chatman polled the PAC members to inquire how many local governments are employing some of these bike parking strategies. A large majority are.</p>	
<p>C. <u>Legislative Update</u></p>	<p>Linda Fisher reminded the PAC members that the legislative session is scheduled to conclude this Friday, March 8th and that committee meetings are already completed. She advised that most of the bills of interest being tracked by Forward Pinellas have made it through committees and are awaiting votes by the House or Senate. She offered updates on the specific status of a few of those bills including SB 328 which amends the Live Local Act, HB 1221 which creates a new preemption for residential infill, HB 1547/SB 1628 which require business impact statements for land use ordinances, HB 1526/SB 1647 which create a preemption for demolition of coastal buildings, HB 7049 which creates performance measures for MPOs, HB 1487 which makes governance and policy changes to PSTA, SB 280/HB 1537 which limits local government license requirements for vacation rentals, and several bills aimed at expediting building permits.</p>	
<p>D. <u>Map Adjustment Application Form</u></p>	<p>Linda Fisher, referring to the form in the agenda, debuted the Map Adjustment Application form citing the rationale for its creation. She advised that, like the Countywide Plan Map Amendment form, the new form contains a checklist for submittals to assist the local governments. Lastly, Ms. Fisher advised the PAC members that the form has not yet gone live on the Forward Pinellas website to allow member input in advance of doing so.</p>	

5. OTHER PAC BUSINESS/PAC DISCUSSION AND UPCOMING AGENDA
A. Pinellas SPOTlight Emphasis Areas
Update (Information)

Rodney Chatman updated the PAC members on the latest activities related to two of the SPOTlight Emphasis Areas. This included:

- **Vision for US 19 Corridor**
Along US 19, single-point interchanges have been built based on a project development and environmental study approved in the 1990s. Upon further discussion with FDOT, consideration is underway to evaluate alternative concepts for the segment north of Nebraska Avenue to the county line to address business concerns about the highway becoming a barrier to access and reducing visibility. One option is to build a viaduct (an elevated roadway over an existing roadway) instead of single-point interchanges. This type of improvement would also offer more visibility and local access to surrounding areas and businesses. If FDOT moves forward with this design, the design of the frontage roads, how much space to include for the at-grade roads, and how the remaining land underneath may be used, are subject to change. This matter will be brought before forward in the Spring. We will begin with the Forward Pinellas Board and then begin community outreach to include the Tarpon Springs City Commission and Palm Harbor residents and business groups. It is our goal to include the design concept in the long-range transportation plan, if possible.
- **Enhancing Beach Community Access**
A request has been made from the Forward Pinellas Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) of the board to ask Pinellas County to consider removal of signs on the Dunedin Causeway that direct bicyclists to “Dismount Bike if Riding on Sidewalk.” The sign is in place due to bottle-neck areas on the bridge that place bicyclists and pedestrians in conflict for space. However, the BPAC has forwarded that the signs are not practical in this application due to the significant distance people would have to push their bikes and the unsafe alternative of bicyclists entering a traffic lane to avoid dismounting. Forward Pinellas will

	coordinate a meeting with Pinellas County and Dunedin staff to develop a way forward that everyone can support.	
B. <u>Upcoming Land Use Cases & Pre-App Meetings</u>	Rodney Chatman again stressed the importance of pre-application meetings prior to the formal submittal of land use amendments to ensure a smooth process from the start. He stated that this seems to be happening more consistently now and it seems to be improving the process for all involved parties.	
C. <u>Interesting Topics from Your Planner's Notebook</u>	Rodney Chatman explained that at the recommendation of the new PAC Chair, Matt Jackson, Forward Pinellas staff is looking for ways to engage the PAC members with one another to provide learning opportunities. To that end, Mr. Chatman outlined a new recurring agenda item called the "Planner's Notebook" that will allow members to elaborate each month on topics or ideas from each local government's perspective. Additionally, Mr. Chatman advised that Forward Pinellas will be hosting a lunch and learn with the PAC on April 1 st just prior to the regular meeting. This will offer an opportunity for newer members to gain some orientation, while also allowing for some team building among all the members.	
6. <u>Upcoming Events</u>	The Chair highlighted the upcoming events.	
7. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.	

Respectfully Submitted,

PAC Chair

Date

March 13, 2024

9E. Committee Vacancies



SUMMARY

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

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

- **Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)**

The CAC currently has three openings: one for Largo, one for Beaches and one Pinellas Park/Mid-County.

- **Local Coordinating Board (LCB)**

The LCB currently has three openings: one for Citizen Representative, one for 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 (Chair) (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. Vacant

Largo Area

11. Paul Wallace (03/14/18)
12. Vacant

Beaches Area

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

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

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

Tarpon Springs, Oldsmar, Safety Harbor Area

16. Duncan Kovar (07/12/17)
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. Joseph Santana (04/12/23) (Oldsmar)
25. Marita Lynch (05/11/22) (Clearwater)
26. Mark Birenbaum (10/12/22) (Clearwater)

TRAC

27. Elisabeth Olden (02/14/24)

**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 (01/2020) Ian Martin (Alternate- 10/2016)

Citizens

Gloria Lepic-Corrigan – Citizen TD Rider
Vacant – Citizen Rep (06/2022)

FL Dept. of Elder Affairs

Michelle Tavares (10/2023) Jason Martino (Alternate - appointed 10/2023)

Persons with Disabilities

Jody Armstrong (Reappointed 04/2022) (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 (01/2021)

Public Education

Joseph Camera (10/2020) (Alternate: Autumn Westermann (10/2020)

Department of Children and Families

Ivonne Carmona (Reconfirmed 03/2021) (Alternate -)

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 (10/2021) Jennifer Brackney (Alternate)

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)

Technical Support – Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

Tracy Noyes (03/2022)

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

School Board

Stephanie Meyer - Chair
Carol Cook – Vice Chair

Pinellas County

Commissioner Rene Robinson- Flowers

Clearwater

Councilmember Mark Bunker

Citizen

Doug Mullis

Dunedin

Commissioner Jeff Gow

PSTA

Josh Shulman

Gulfport

Vacant

Largo

Commissioner Eric Gerard

Oldsmar

Councilmember Katie Gannon

Gulf Beaches

Vacant

Pinellas Park

To Be Appointed

Tarpon Springs

Commissioner Mike Eisner

Seminole

Vacant

Safety Harbor

Commissioner Cliff Merz
Vice Mayor Nancy Besore (Alternate)

St. Petersburg

Councilmember Ed Montanari

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.)

March 13, 2024

10. Upcoming Events



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 8-9 th	MPOAC Weekend Institute for Elected Officials – Orlando
April 6 th	Targeted Enforcement Day – Pinellas Trail
May 17 th	TMA Leadership Group Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
May 17 th	Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance Meeting – 10:30 a.m.
May 17-18 th	MPOAC Weekend Institute for Elected Officials – Tampa

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: None required; informational item only.