



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS
10117 PRINCESS PALM DRIVE, SUITE 120
TAMPA, FLORIDA 33610

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

December 10, 2008

Tampa Regulatory Office

PUBLIC NOTICE

Permit Application No. SAJ-2008-3059 (IP-JPF)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This district has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) as described below.

APPLICANT: Florida Department of Transportation District Seven
11201 N. McKinley Drive
Tampa, FL 33612

WATERWAY & LOCATION: The project site involves proposed impacts to wetlands and surface waters located along I-75 between Bruce B. Downs Blvd. and State Road 56, in Sections 3, 10, 11, 14, and 23, Township 27 South, Range 19 East, and Sections 26, 27, 34, and 35, Township 26 South, Range 19 East, Hillsborough and Pasco Counties, Florida. The project is within the Hillsborough River Watershed.

Directions to the site are as follows: From Tampa, take I-4 east to I-75, take I-75 north to the site.

LATITUDE & LONGITUDE: Latitude 28.169956
Longitude -82.393548

PROJECT PURPOSE:

Basic: To widen a section of an interstate highway by one lane in each direction to provide improved transportation capacity.

Overall: To widen an approximately 4.7-mile long segment of I-75 in Hillsborough and Pasco Counties by one lane in each direction to meet a need for additional transportation capacity in that area and adjacent areas.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant proposes to impact approximately 28.06 acres of waters of the United States, which includes 15.97 acres of wetland and 12.09 acres of surface water impacts. The project is referenced by FDOT as FPID Number 408459-3.

Avoidance and Minimization Information: The applicant has provided the following information in support of efforts to avoid and/or minimize impacts to the aquatic environment:

The applicant states that the project design reflects all practicable measures for avoidance and minimization of impacts, including for the siting of the stormwater management system. The project site, alongside the existing road alignment, was the most practicable location for the activity. The project was planned and designed with a view to minimizing impacts to wetland resources, including best management practices in areas of wetland construction.

Compensatory Mitigation: The applicant has offered the following compensatory mitigation plan to offset unavoidable functional loss to the aquatic environment:

The applicant proposes to provide mitigation at the Colt Creek State Park mitigation site via the FDOT Mitigation Plan pursuant to 373.4137 (F.S.) to offset the functional loss associated with this project.

EXISTING CONDITIONS: The project area includes approximately 207.5 acres, including 28.49 acres of wetlands and surface waters. A summary of the wetland and surface water types and acreages is attached to this notice.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The project area contains habitat suitable for the eastern indigo snake and the wood stork.

If a permit is issued, it will include the most recent standard protection measures for the eastern indigo snake, and suitable compensation for the loss of the storks' wetland foraging habitat.

The Corps has determined the proposed project may affect but is not likely to adversely affect the eastern indigo snake and wood stork, or their critical habitat. The Corps used the September 2008 Eastern Indigo Snake and Wood Stork Keys for Central and North Peninsular Florida to make these determinations, and therefore no further coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is necessary.

NOTE: This public notice is being issued based on information furnished by the applicant. This information has not been verified. The jurisdictional line has not been verified by Corps personnel.

AUTHORIZATION FROM OTHER AGENCIES: Water Quality Certification is required from the State Department of Environmental Protection and/or one of the state Water Management Districts.

Comments regarding the application should be submitted in writing to the District Engineer at the above address within 21 days from the date of this notice.

If you have any questions concerning this application, you may contact John Fellows at the letterhead address, by electronic mail at john.p.fellows@usace.army.mil, by telephone at (813) 769-7067, or by fax at (813) 769-7061.

The decision whether to issue or deny this permit application will be based on the information received from this public notice and the evaluation of the probable impact to the associated wetlands. This is based on an analysis of the applicant's avoidance and minimization efforts for the project, as well as the compensatory mitigation proposed.

IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES: Preliminary review of this application indicates that an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required. Coordination with US Fish and Wildlife Service, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Marine Fisheries Services, and other Federal, State, and local agencies, environmental groups, and concerned citizens generally yields pertinent environmental information that is instrumental in determining the impact the proposed action will have on the natural resources of the area. By means of this notice, we are soliciting comments on the potential effects of the project on threatened or endangered species or their habitat.

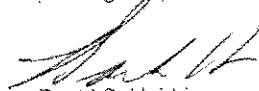
IMPACT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES: Review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places indicates that no registered properties, or properties listed as eligible for inclusion therein, are located at the site of the proposed work. Presently, unknown archaeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including cumulative impacts thereof; among these are conservation, economics, esthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historical properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, EPA, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act of the criteria established under authority of Section 102(a) of the Marine, Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

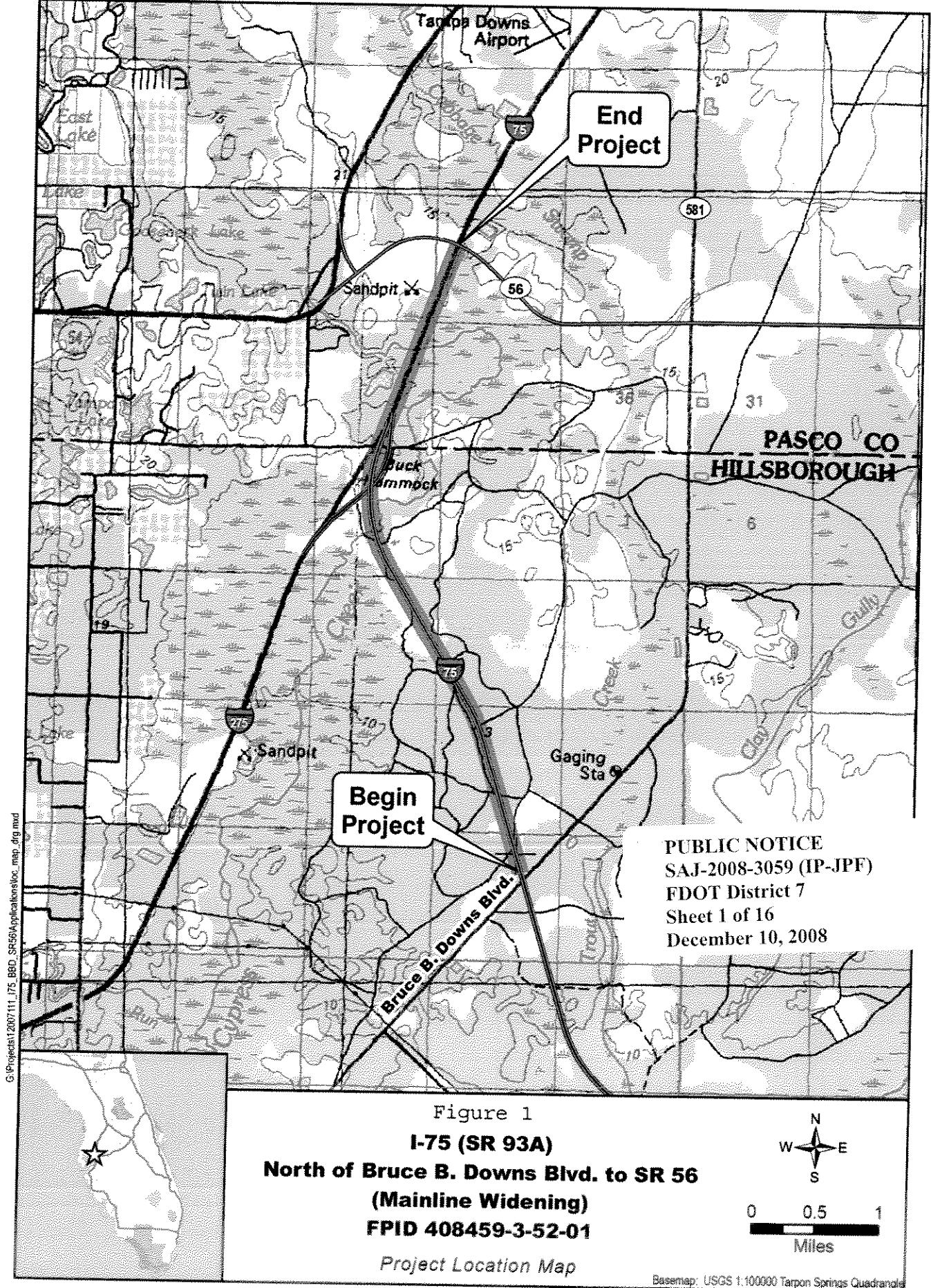
The US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make or deny this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT CONSISTENCY: In Florida, the State approval constitutes compliance with the approved Coastal Zone Management Plan. In Puerto Rico, a Coastal Zone Management Consistency Concurrence is required from the Puerto Rico Planning Board. In the Virgin Islands, the Department of Planning and Natural Resources permit constitutes compliance with approved Coastal Zone Management Plan.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request a public hearing. The request must be submitted in writing to the District Engineer within the designated comment period of the notice and must state the specific reasons for requesting the public hearing.



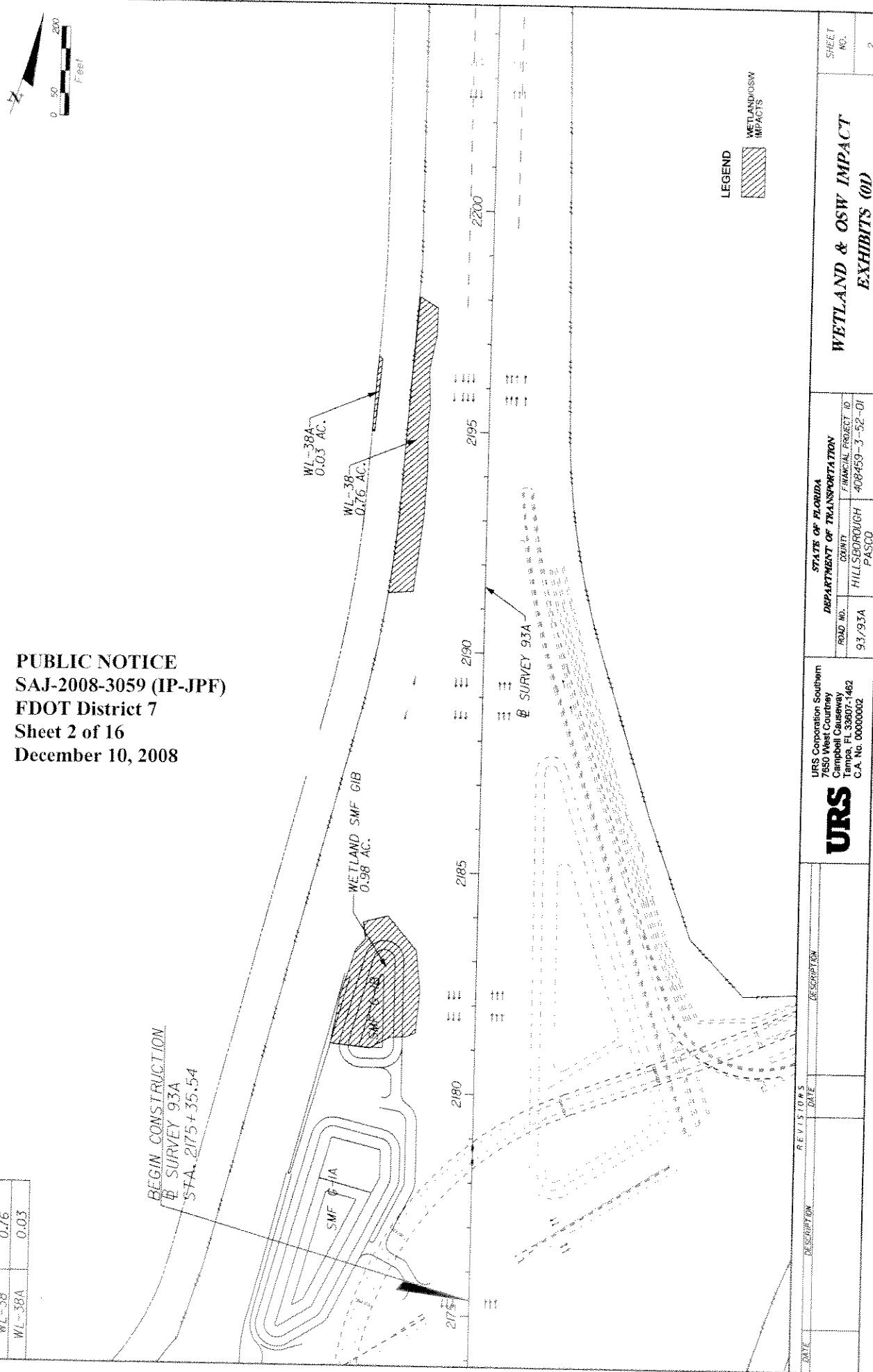
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Regulatory Division

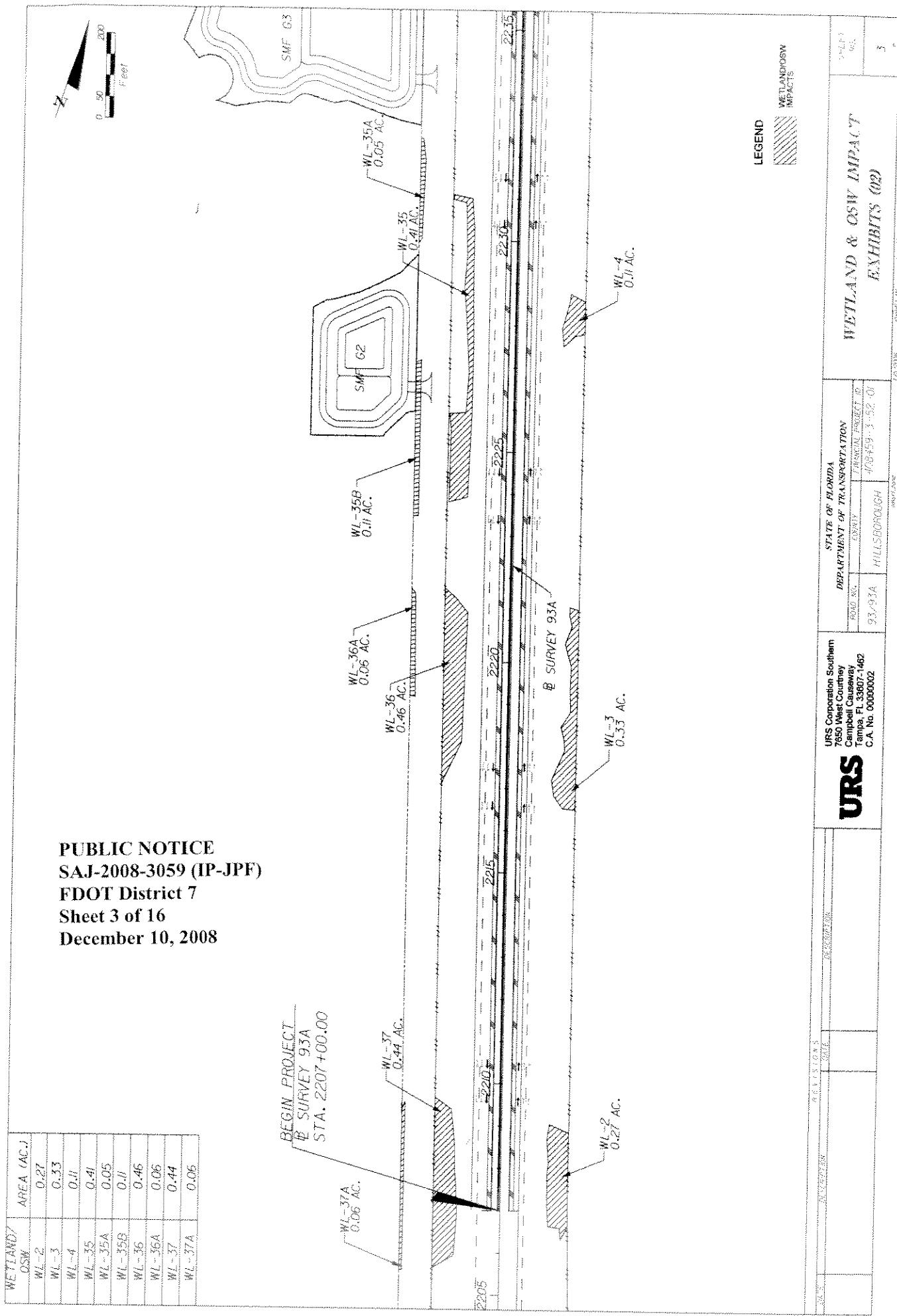


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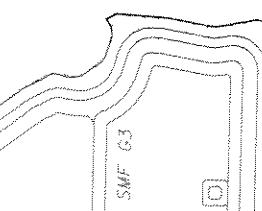
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WL-34	0.14

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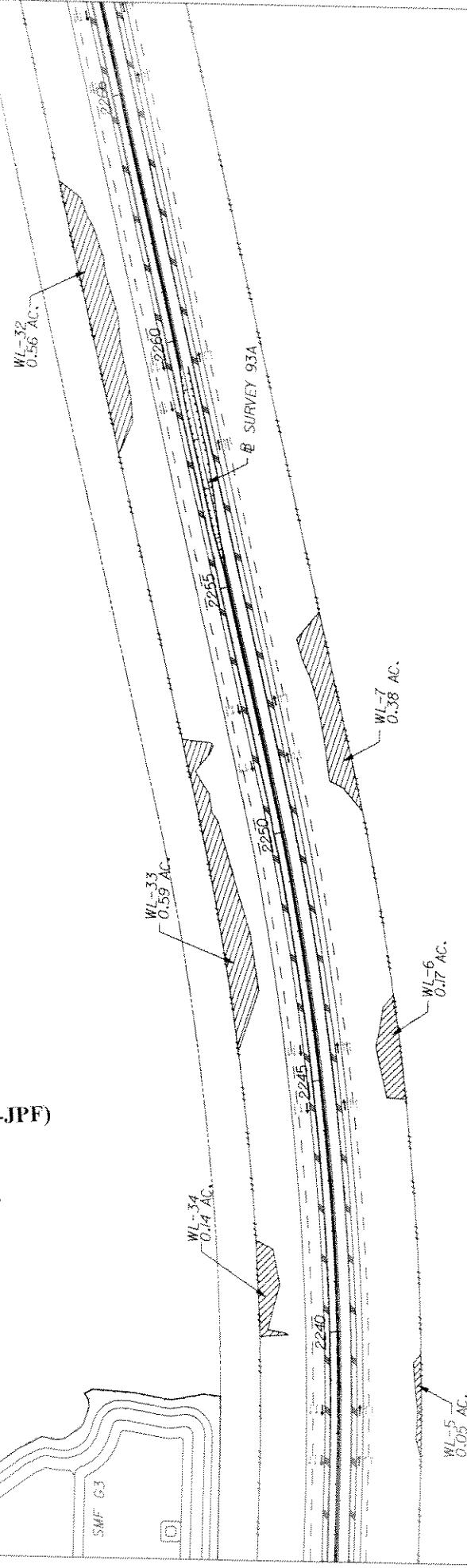
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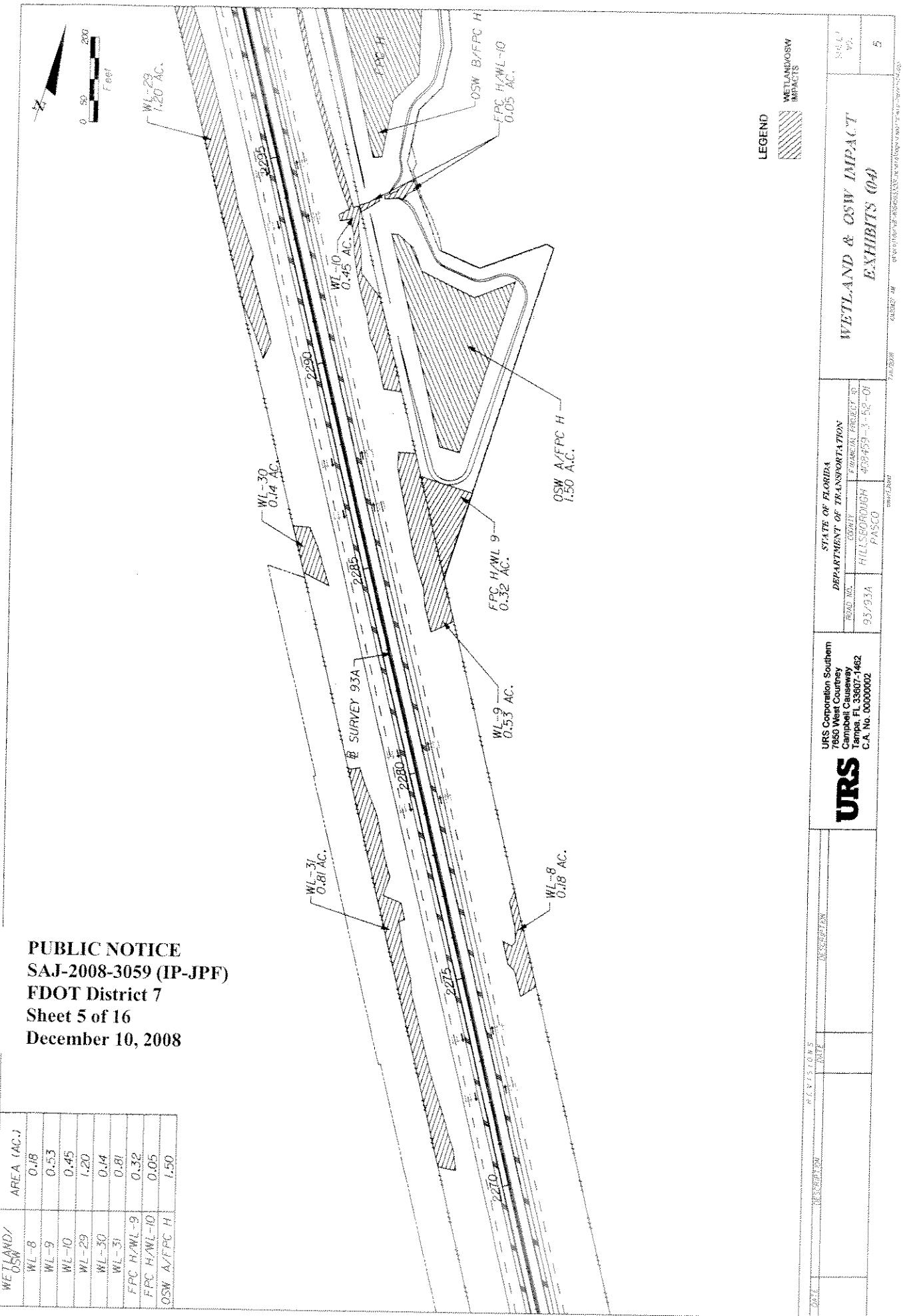


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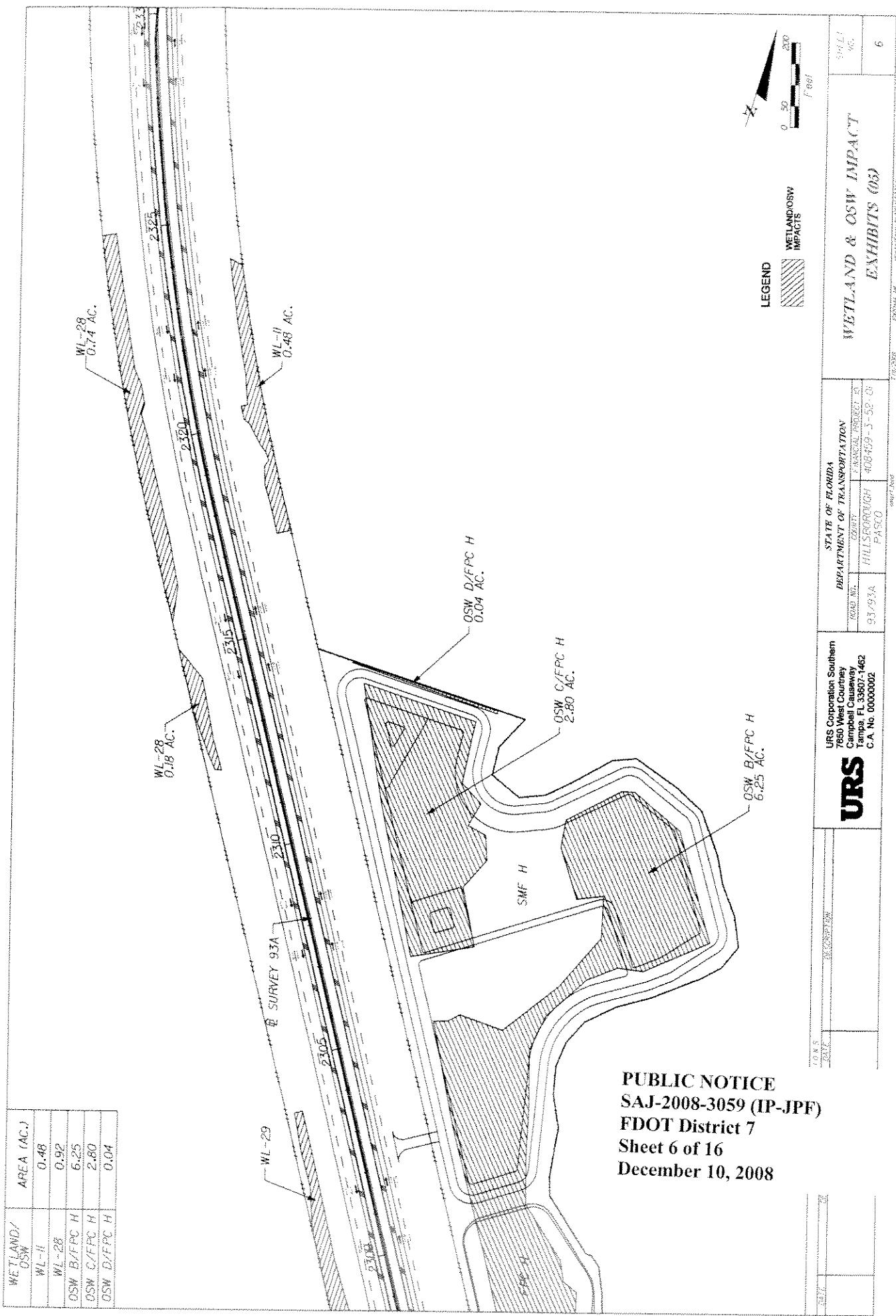
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STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
ROAD No. 93793A
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Flood Protection
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PASID
URS Corporation Southern
7680 West Courtney
Campbell Causeway
Tampa, FL 33607-1462
C.A. No. 00000002
Date: 12/10/08
Surveyor: SAJ-2008-3059 (IP-JPF)

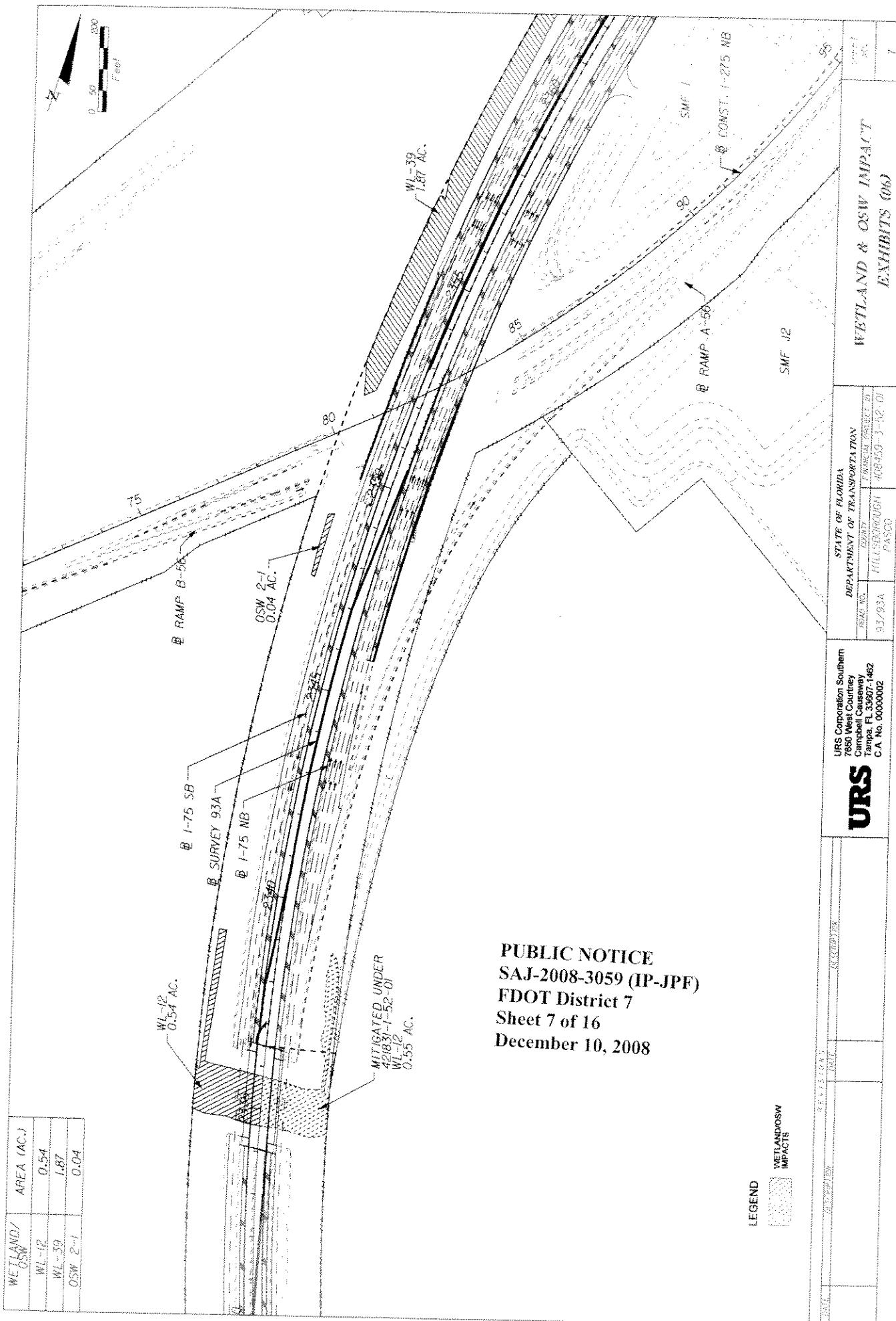
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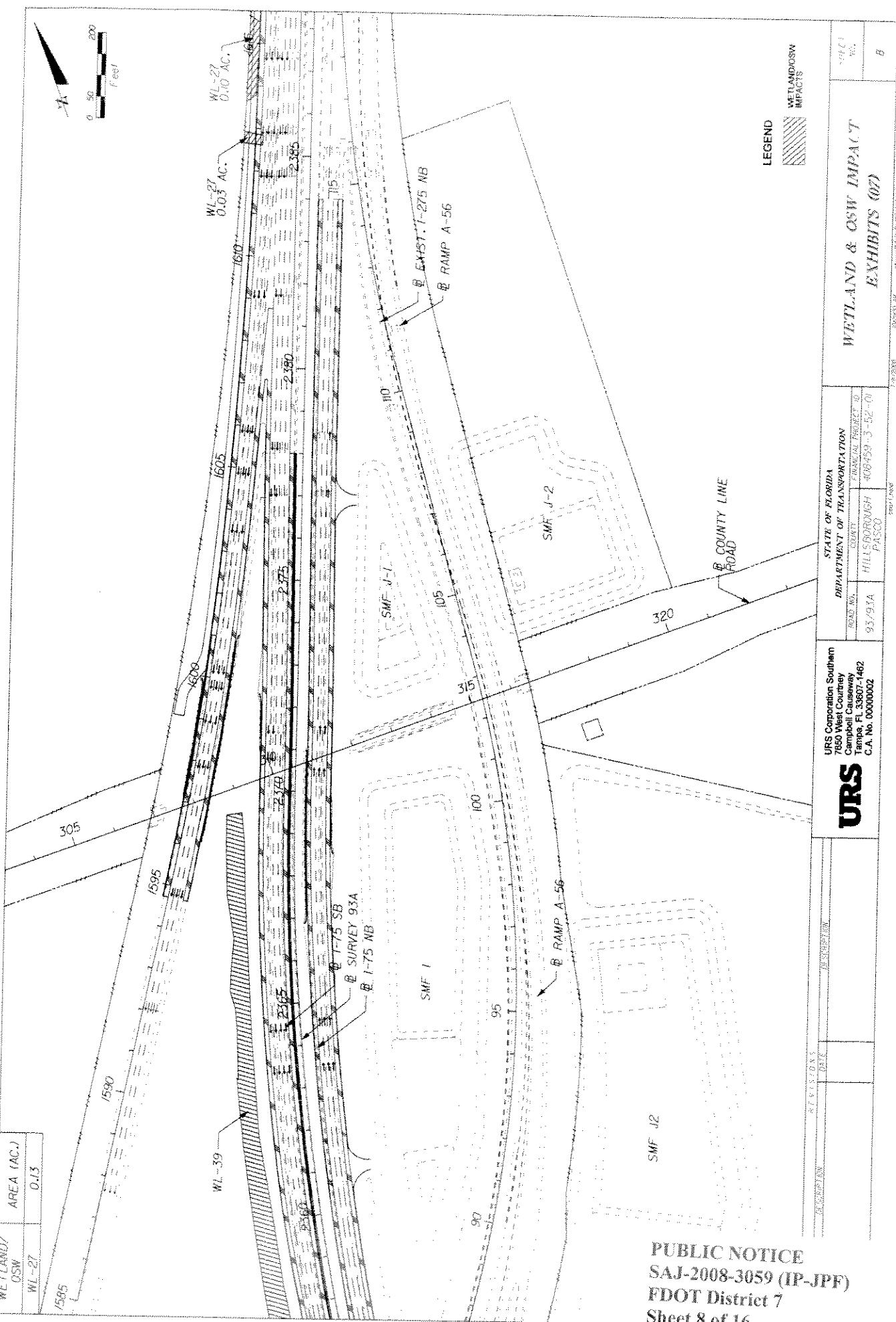
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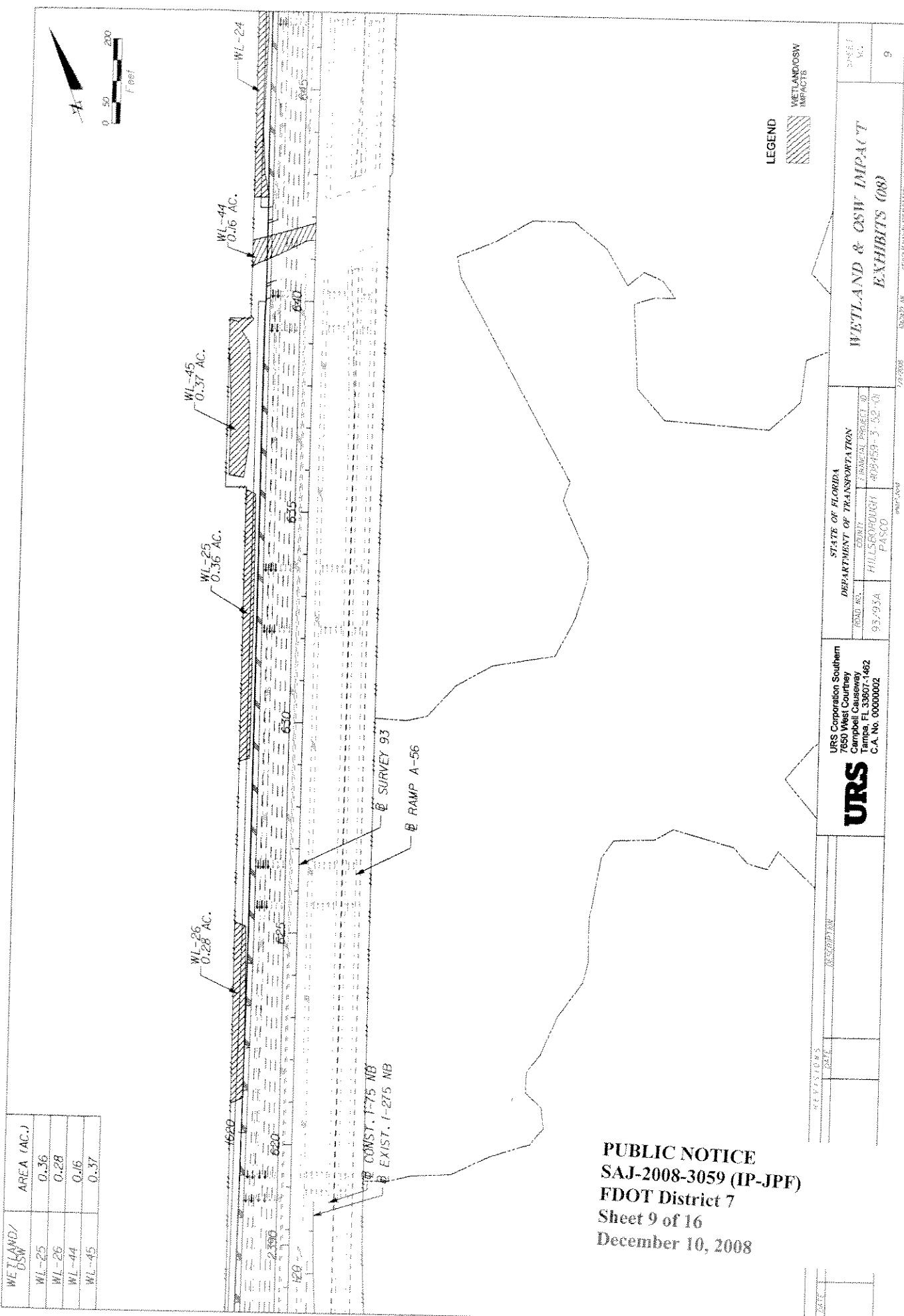
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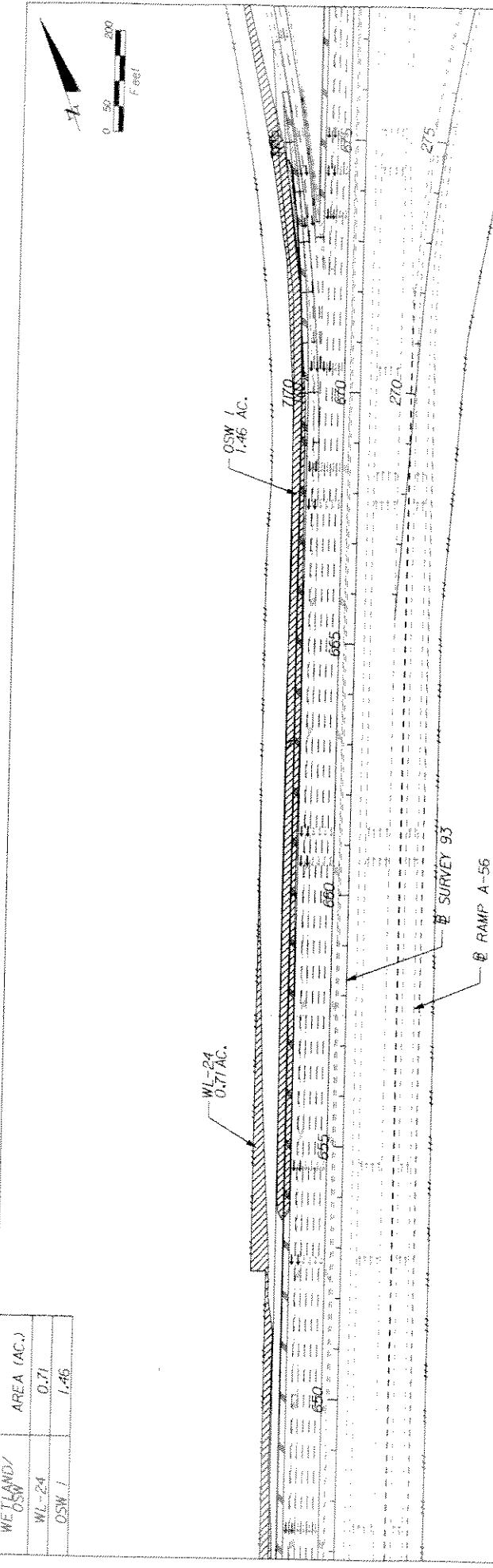
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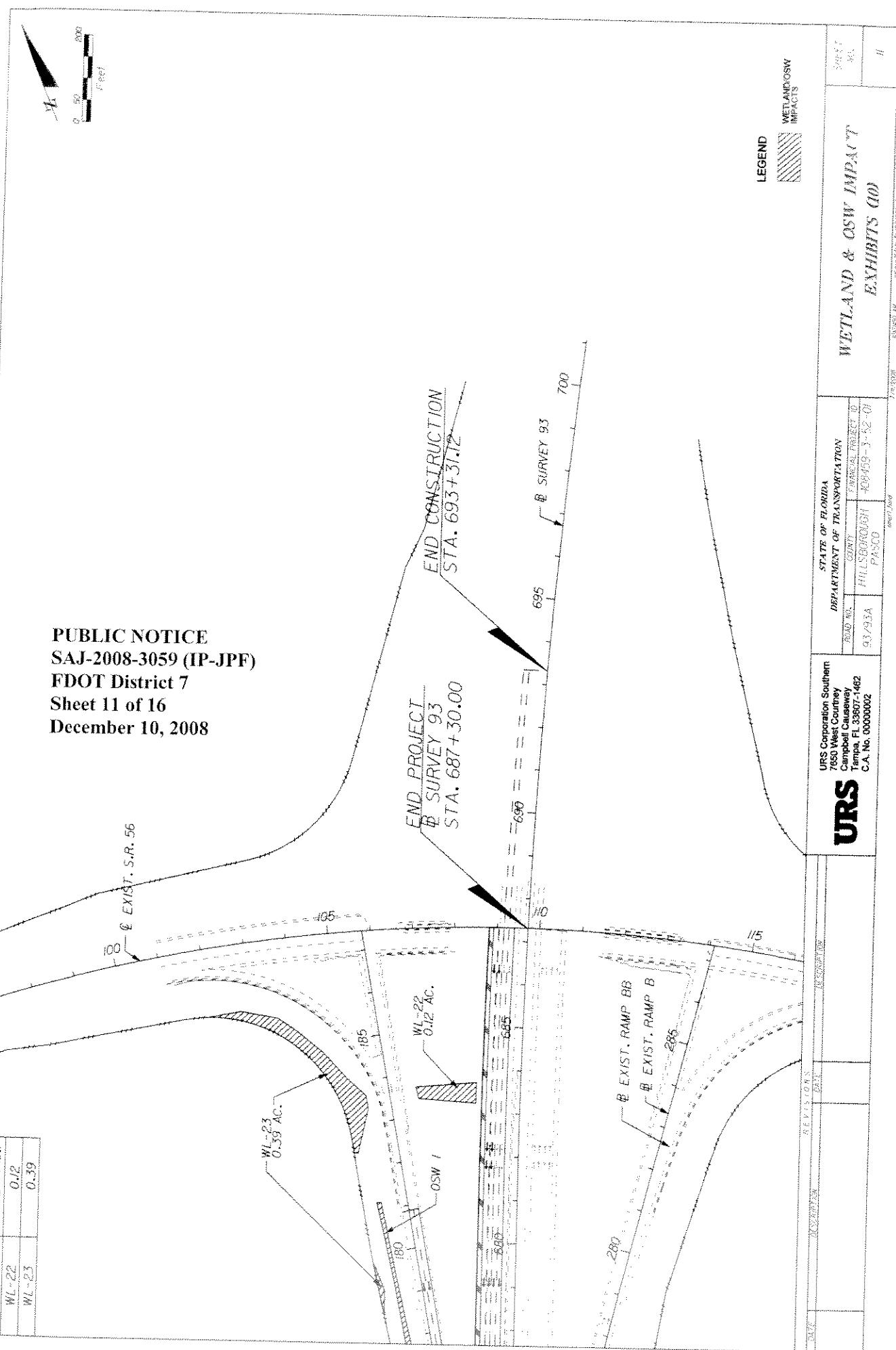
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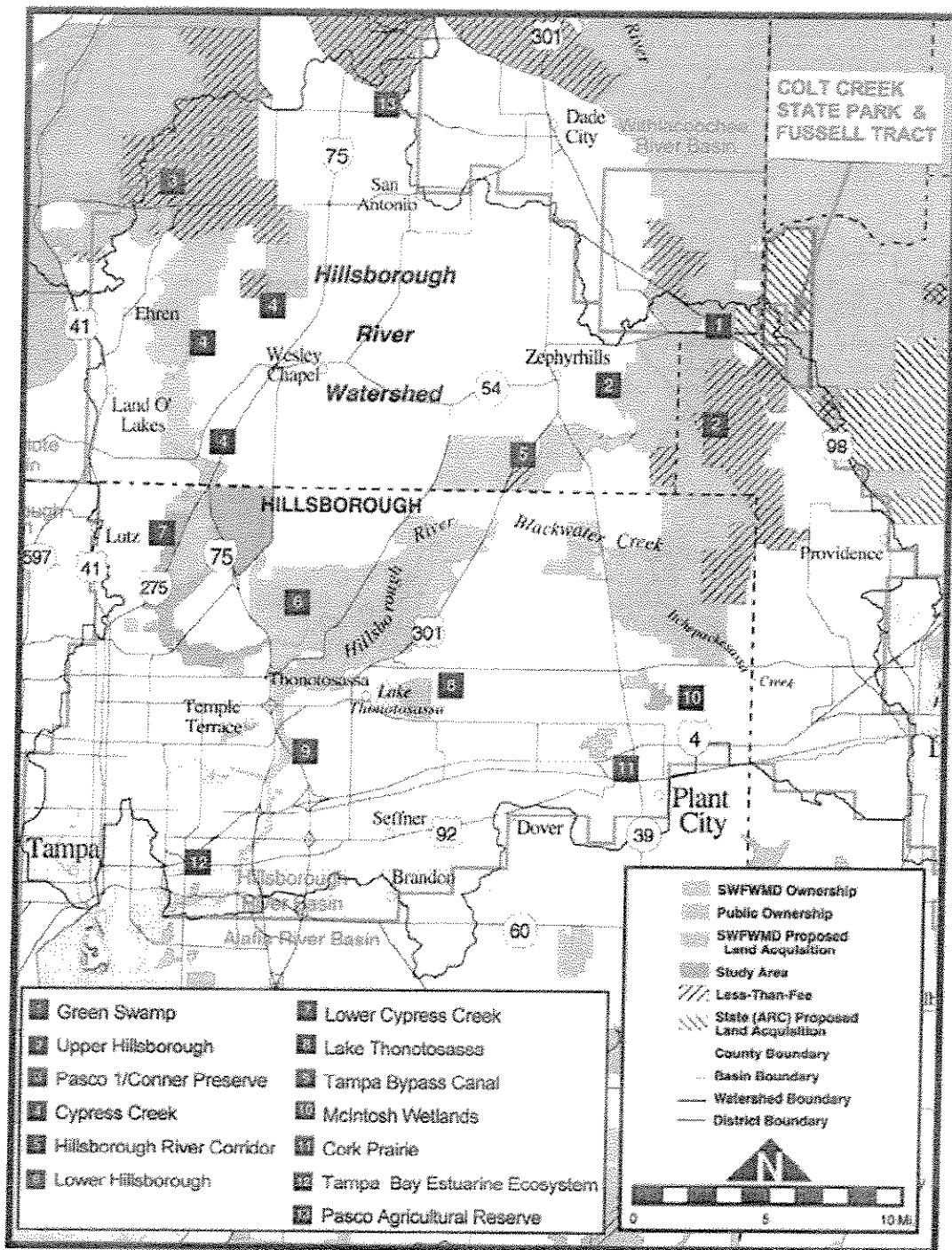
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WETLANDS	AREA (AC.)
OSW	0.12
WL-22	0.39
WL-23	0.39

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**SW 84 – COLT CREEK STATE PARK
FIGURE A – LOCATION MAP**

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TABLE ONE:

PROJECT WETLAND AND OTHER SURFACE WATER SUMMARY

WL & SW ID	WL & SW TYPE	WL & SW SIZE	WL & SW NOT IMPACTED	TEMPORARY WL & SW IMPACTS			PERMANENT WL & SW IMPACTS			MITIGATION AREA ID
				WL & SW TYPE	IMPACT SIZE	IMPACT TYPE	WL & SW TYPE	IMPACT SIZE	IMPACT TYPE	
WL 2	WL	WL 621	WL 0.27				WL 621	0.27	F	Senate Bill
WL 3	WL	WL 621	WL 0.33				WL 621	0.33	F	Senate Bill
WL 4	WL	WL 617	WL 0.11				WL 617	0.11	F	Senate Bill
WL 5	WL	WL 631	WL 0.05				WL 631	0.05	F	Senate Bill
WL 6	WL	WL 630	WL 0.17				WL 630	0.17	F	Senate Bill
WL 7	WL	WL 630	WL 0.38				WL 630	0.38	F	Senate Bill
WL 8	WL	WL 630	WL 0.18				WL 630	0.18	F	Senate Bill
WL 9	WL	WL 617	WL 0.53				WL 617	0.53	F	Senate Bill
WL 10	WL	WL 617	WL 0.45				WL 617	0.45	F	Senate Bill
WL 11	WL	WL 617	WL 0.48				WL 617	0.48	F	Senate Bill
Cypress Creek Bridge-Hillsborough	WL	WL 510	WL 0.97				WL 510	0.54	D/F	Senate Bill
WL 12	WL	WL 510	WL 0.12				WL 510	0.12	F	Senate Bill

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WL 23	WL 630	WL 0.39	WL 0			WL 630	0.39	F	Senate Bill
WL 24	WL 630	WL 0.71	WL 0			WL 630	0.71	F	Senate Bill
WL 25	WL 630	WL 0.36	WL 0			WL 630	0.36	F	Senate Bill
WL 26	WL 630	WL 0.28	WL 0			WL 630	0.28	F	Senate Bill
WL 27	WL 621	WL 0.13	WL 0			WL 621	0.13	F	Senate Bill
WL 28	WL 617	WL 0.92	WL 0			WL 617	0.92	F	Senate Bill
WL 29	WL 617	WL 1.20	WL 0			WL 617	1.20	F	Senate Bill
WL 30	WL 617	WL 0.14	WL 0			WL 617	0.14	F	Senate Bill
WL 31	WL 630	WL 0.81	WL 0			WL 630	0.81	F	Senate Bill
WL 32	WL 630	WL 0.56	WL 0			WL 630	0.56	F	Senate Bill
WL 33	WL 631	WL 0.59	WL 0			WL 631	0.59	F	Senate Bill
WL 34	WL 631	WL 0.14	WL 0			WL 631	0.14	F	Senate Bill
WL 35	WL 631	WL 0.41	WL 0			WL 631	0.41	F	Senate Bill
WL 35A	WL 641	WL 0.05	WL 0			WL 641	0.05	F	Senate Bill
WL 35B	WL 641	WL 0.11	WL 0			WL 641	0.11	F	Senate Bill

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WL 36	WL 631	WL 0.46	0			WL 631	0.46	F	Senate Bill
WL 36A	WL 641	WL 0.06	0			WL 641	0.06	F	Senate Bill
WL 37	WL 621	WL 0.44	0			WL 621	0.44	F	Senate Bill
WL 37A	WL 621	WL 0.06	0			WL 621	0.06	F	Senate Bill
WL 38	WL 617	WL 0.48	0			WL 617	0.48	F	Senate Bill
WL 38	WL 621	WL 0.28	0			WL 621	0.28	F	Senate Bill
WL 38A	WL 621	WL 0.03	0			WL 621	0.03	F	Senate Bill
WL 39	WL 631	WL 1.87	0			WL 631	1.87	D	Senate Bill
WL 44/ Cypress Creek Bridge~ Pasco	WL 510	WL 0.16	0			WL 510	0.16	D	Senate Bill
WL 45	WL 630	WL 0.37	0			WL 630	0.37	D	Senate Bill
SMF GLB	WL 621	WL 0.98	0			WL 621	0.98	D/F	Senate Bill
FPC H/WL 9	WL 641	WL 0.32	0			WL 641	0.32	D/E	Senate Bill
FPC H/WL 10	WL 510	WL 0.05	0			WL 510	0.05	D/F	Senate Bill
OSW A-FPC H	OSW 534	OSW 1.50	0			OSW 534	1.50	D/F	No Mitigation Required
OSW B-FPC H	OSW 534	OSW 6.25	0			OSW 534	6.25	D/F	No Mitigation Required
OSW C-FPC H	OSW 534	OSW 2.80	0			OSW 534	2.80	D/F	No Mitigation Required

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OSW D-FPC H	OSW 534	OSW 0.04	0				OSW 534	0.04	D/F
OSW 1	OSW 510	OSW 1.46	0				OSW 510	1.46	F
OSW 2 - 1	OSW 510	OSW 0.04	0				OSW 510	0.04	F
PROJECT TOTALS:		28.49						28.06	

Note:
 WL=Wetland SW=Other Surface Water ID=Identification number, letter, etc.
 Wetland Type: from an established wetland classification system
 Impact Type: D=dredge; F=fill; H=change hydrology; S=shading; C=clearing; O=other
 Multiple entries per cell not allowed, except in the "Mitigation ID" column. If more than one impact is proposed in a given area, indicate the final impact.

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