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RE: 435914-1 PD&E Study concept information

Mr. Pupke,

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is currently conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study along US 19 from 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue North to 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue North<sup>1</sup>. The preliminary recommendations of this study include proposed improvements at the interchange of US 19 and Gandy/Park Boulevard, 70<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 66<sup>th</sup> Ave. intersection improvements which include widening US 19 on the intersection approaches to accommodate auxiliary lanes, bike lanes, sidewalks and pedestrian refuge medians.

To accommodate these improvements the FDOT would need to acquire additional right-of-way along the east side of the highway including the vicinity of the intersection of Haines Road where the H&R Trains parcel is located. This project is priority #14 in the Pinellas MPO priority and is scheduled to begin design soon.

Please note the attached exhibit detailing the existing and proposed right-of-way lines in addition to the current right-of-way request for vacation at the H&R Trains parcel.

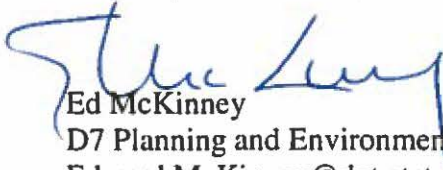
Based on the attached exhibit, the FDOT has identified a planned acquisition interest for the County owned right of way along US 19 which is adjacent to the H&R Trains parcel. Therefore, we request that you deny the petition to vacate portions of Haines Road North and 34<sup>th</sup> Street

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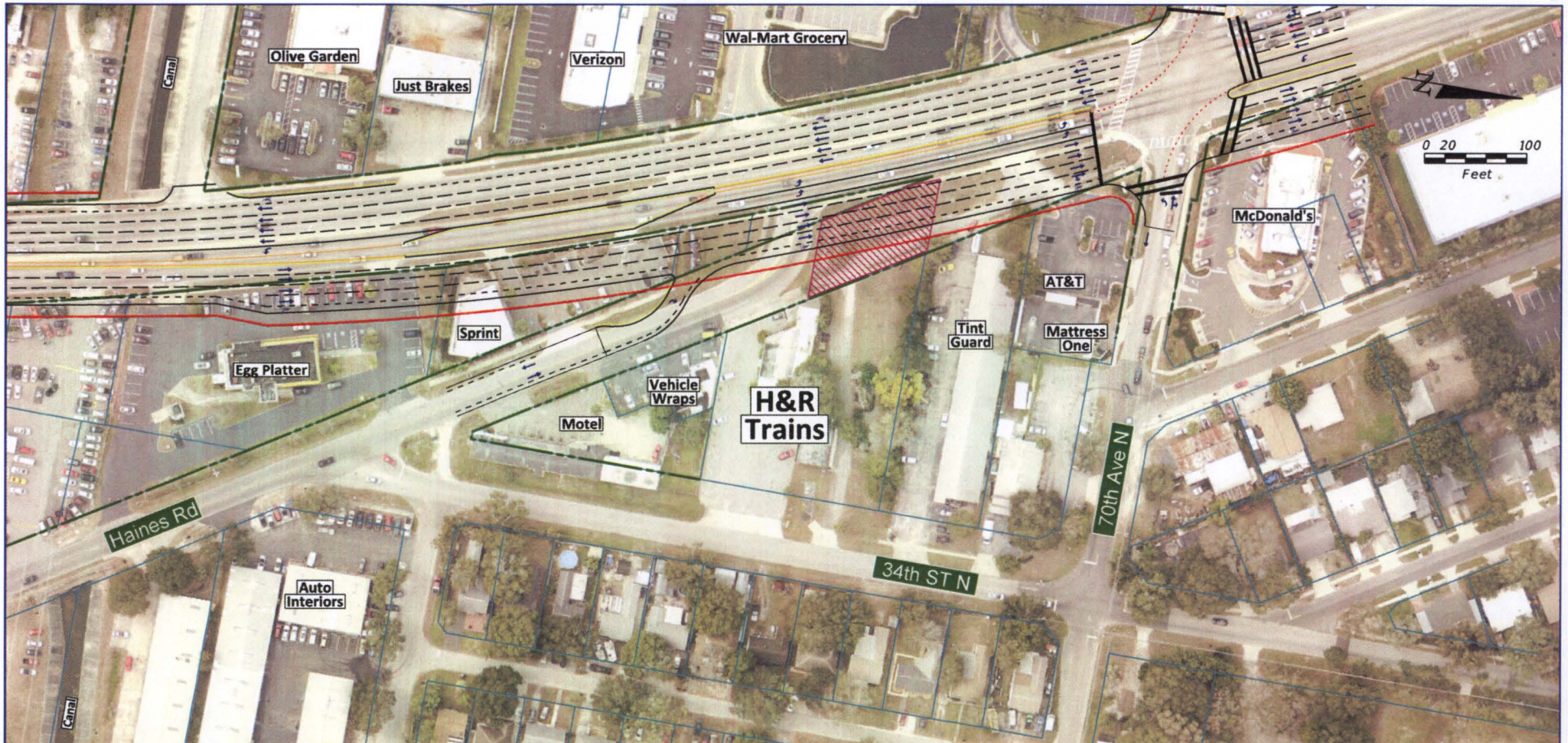
<sup>1</sup> Under FPID #435914-1-22-01

rights-of-way adjacent to 6901 US Hwy 19 N, Pinellas Farms, in Section 34/30/16, Pinellas County, Florida. Should you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Lilliam Escalera at (813)975-6445 or email [lilliam.escalera@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:lilliam.escalera@dot.state.fl.us).

Sincerely,







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# US 19 (SR 55) Reevaluation Project Development & Environment Study Proposed Improvements

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2016 Aerials, Source: Pinellas County

-  Request for Right-of-Way Vacation
-  Existing Right-of-Way
-  Property Lines
-  Proposed Right-of-Way

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