



**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024, 6:00PM
ABITA SPRINGS TOWN HALL
22161 LEVEL ST., ABITA SPRINGS, LA 70420**

Posted: June 3, 2024 4pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Curtis
INVOCATION: Alderman Boudreaux
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Alderman Saussy

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ROLL CALL:

Call for Agenda Modifications
Accept May 7, 2024, Town Council Meeting Minutes

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Discussion related to the Recreational Trails Grant Opportunity

OPEN/ADJOURNMENT:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT US AT (985) 892-0711.
PLEASE CONTACT TOWN HALL AT THE SAME NUMBER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS AGENDA.

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Recreational Trails Program

The FHWA Recreational Trails Program for Louisiana (RTPL) is a Federal-aid assistance program to help States provide and maintain recreational trails for both motorized and non-motorized recreational trails use. The program provides funds for all kinds of recreational trail uses, such as pedestrian uses (hiking, running, wheelchair use), bicycling, in-line skating, equestrian use, off-road motorcycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, four-wheel driving, or using other off-road motorized vehicles.

RTPL is administered by the Louisiana Office of State Parks, Division of Outdoor Recreation. RTPL provides funding for recreational trails in both urban and rural areas throughout the state. The program may be used on any trail that provides recreation.

Project sponsors are evaluated and monitored to assure that the projects will be accomplished quickly, the required 20% match is provided, and projects are in compliance with the federal guidelines for the program.

What type of projects are permitted?

A grant recipient may use monies received under this Program on actual trail or trail-related projects such as:

- Construction of new trails on state, parish, municipal or private lands, where a recreational need for such construction is shown.
- Redesign, reconstruction, no routine maintenance, or relocation of trails in order to mitigate and minimize the impact to the natural environment.
- Structure design or engineering, or GPS mapping when included with trail development (not to exceed 5% of grant).
- Trail development and renovation activities such as: subgrade preparation, base course, soil sterilization, earthwork, erosion control, revegetation, natural and hardened surfacing, culverts, low-water crossings, bank improvements, retaining walls, guard rails, and hand rails.
- Bridges and boardwalks may be constructed, repaired, or replaced to provide an integral link along a trail, to provide connections between trails.
- Development of trailside and trailhead facilities. This includes trail components or associated facilities which serve the purpose and safe use of the recreational trail, and may include, but are not limited to, the following: drainage, crossings, stabilization, parking, signage, controls, shelters, hitching rails, bike racks, fencing, motorized access barriers, water, restroom facilities.
- Providing access and use of trails by persons with disabilities.
- Acquisition of easements for trails or for trail corridors identified in a trail plan.
- Acquisition of fee simple title to trail Right Of Way (ROW) property from a willing seller, when the objective of the acquisition cannot be accomplished by acquisition of an easement or by other means.

- Construction of new trails crossing federal lands, where such construction is approved by the administering agency of the State, and the Federal agency or agencies charged with management of all impacted lands. Such approval to be contingent upon compliance by the Federal agency with all applicable laws, including the National Environmental Policy Act and the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act.

What type of projects are not permitted?

A grant recipient may not use monies received under this Program for:

- Planning or environmental documentation.
- Condemnation of any kind of interest in property.
- Construction of new trails for motorized use on National Forest land that has been recommended for Wilderness designation.
- Road construction, sidewalks, gardening/landscaping, park acquisition, sprinklers, or campgrounds.

What are the recommended project guidelines?

Projects selected for funding should:

- Follow guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in providing for trail access and consider the needs of the elderly and families with small children.
- Further a trail-related goal in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) or local/regional comprehensive plan.
- Include a commitment for maintenance and long-term public access.
- Have written permission and support of land manager(s).
- Include a commitment to starting and completing the project quickly and efficiently.
- Provide for trail use in a manner sensitive to the environment.
- Plan for the needs of the widest variety of trail users and accommodate them safely.
- Solicit Disadvantaged Businesses when contracting out work.
- Include resolution of support from local government

Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development
2023 APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS
DOTD TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM
COMMUNITIES WITH POPULATIONS **BELOW 50,000**

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Entity Name Town of Abita Springs

Type of Sponsor
 Check Public University/School Check Federal Agency Check Local Government
 Check State Government Check Non-profit Check Partnership (if more than 1 explain)
 Check Other: _____

Address 72022 Live Oak St.

City Abita Springs State LA Zip (9 digits) 70420-0461

Contact Person (Signatory) _____ Title _____

Contact Person (Responsible Charge) Dan Curtis Title Mayor

Email dcurtis@abitaspringsla.gov Phone # 985-892-0711

Fax # _____ UEI # YL8JXRUQS4F8

Vendor # 310005799 Federal ID 72-0694583

BRIEF PROJECT INFORMATION

Name of project **Abita Springs Sidewalk Expansion - Improving the Quality of Life**

Roadway or Facility Name (If different from project name) _____

Preliminary Purpose and Need
State the Purpose (reason for proposing the project) and Need (problem or issue)
The Town of Abita Springs is a walking community and the expansion of sidewalks to provide safe passage for residents to commerce centers and schools is paramount.

Brief Project Description (Detailed version is later in the application)
The sidewalk expansion project includes 9 areas of sidewalk expansion including crosswalks to tie-in to the existing transportation corridor within the town.

Length with Project Beginning & Ending Points (If applicable) **7421 feet of Sidewalk Expansion with 445 feet of High Visibility Crosswalks**

GPS Coordinates Please see map for coordinates

Project Location (Attach Map) Parish(es) St. Tammany

State House District No. 104 State Senate District No. 11

Will the Sponsor be obtaining their own consultant (at local cost) for design and CE&I or utilizing a DOTD provided consultant?

DOTD Provided Own Design Own CE&I

If hiring your own, please name the consultant: **Kyle Associates LLC.**

What is the type of land use adjacent to the project? (Residential, Commercial, Agricultural, School, Government, etc.)

Residential, Commercial, and School

Are there any drainage issues or features associated with the property site location? Please explain. **The sidewalks run along roadside drainage ditches and where it may conflict with a drainage ditch, appropriate culverts will be added and the sidewalk will be placed on top of the culverts.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Priority (Relative to other applications submitted by Project Sponsor this cycle)	YES	NO
Is Sponsor providing funding for required match?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will additional funding be provided over required match? If yes, how much? \$33,012.49	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is this project a continuation of a phased project? Which phase of Series? State Project No/Names of other phases:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
For Metropolitan Areas over 50,000 population, has the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) endorsed the project? (Provide letter of MPO endorsement)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For areas under 50,000, is the project endorsed by the local government?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does all right-of-way necessary for the project fall within public ownership or lease? If yes, was right-of-way obtained using federal guidelines?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
If no, can the sponsor obtain the property (or 25 year lease within 1 year of acceptance into the program. in - program specific) in accordance with the Federal Uniform Act	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will all of the project be constructed within State-Maintained right-of-way?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If not all, will any of the project be constructed within State-Maintained right-of-way?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does any part of the project encroach on or cross railroad right-of-way?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If yes, attach a document from the affected railroad stating they are aware of the project

Is the sponsor aware that the project must conform to applicable requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act or any other state or federal laws concerning accessibility?

Has the DOTD Complete Streets Policy been considered in the project scope?

Which modes of alternative transportation (if any) are accommodated by this project?

Pedestrian Bicyclists Transit

Will this project serve a low-income community?

Will this project serve minorities (Black, Hispanic, Asian and Pacific Islander, American Indian or Alaskan Native)?

Will this project serve senior citizens (age 65 or older)?

Which, if any, of the following high-need areas are accommodated by this project?

Rural Transit-Dependent
 Low Income Distressed

Will this project serve those physically challenged (disabled, handicap, etc.)?

DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Describe all work necessary for the project. If the project is to be phased, first give overall description of entire project with cost, then detail items for which funding is sought. Description should reflect only activities checked under project category and limited to the space provided.

The Town of Abita Springs (Abita) is a bedroom community and a major tourist attraction. 52.8% of the area population are in underserved communities that access daily needs within Abita Springs. Abita is a walking and bicycling community with weekly arts & farmers markets, festivals year-round, trailhead & park. Abita is a major access point for the St. Tammany trace bike trail which connects 5 cities. Abita currently has very limited designated walking areas, lighting, and safety signals, and needs to expand its sidewalks to allow cyclists and pedestrians safe passage. Approximately 938 students attend the public elementary and middle schools within the town, many of which cross streets with no safety control devices. Additionally, many of the disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations walk into town to access schools, and stores, for their economic needs. This project provides 9 areas of sidewalk expansion that currently do exist including crosswalks to tie-in to the existing transportation corridors within the town providing non-motorized transport safer and more convenient. This project will be in compliance with ADA requirements and provide a continuous transportation corridor linking the many activity centers in the town: businesses, schools, shopping areas, recreational areas, etc. The project will provide an expansion of 7421 feet of sidewalks with 445 feet of high visibility crosswalks, notated on the map. The funding sought enables Abita's capacity to expand its sidewalk facilities and will enhance current safety improvements being made throughout the community. Abita desires to continue working with Kyle Associates for engineering design and construction management of these improvements who has the current knowledge and experience working within Abita. The Town of Abita Springs has committed as its local match to hire and pay for these design and engineering costs.

MAPS, PLANS & PHOTOGRAPHS

Attach project location map(s); project boundary map and site plan (if available). Include photographs of the existing site and/or facility if applicable. Please note this application will be reproduced, so please provide maps in a "reproducible friendly" format (on 8-1/2" X 11" paper. No Polaroid pictures please). Comments (if necessary) on the attached maps and photographs should be outlined in the space provided below.

PROJECT BENEFITS

Please indicate in the space provided how the project benefits the state and/or community. Examples include economic, quality of life, quality of transportation, and quality of environment. If project benefits safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and/or motorists, please include information on applicable accident and/or fatality information/records. If project provides access to schools, please show location of school to the project on the location map. *Prioritization of High-Need Areas and Equity should be conveyed in this section.* Though attachments may be included, "See attached" for project benefits description is NOT acceptable.

The Sidewalk Expansion Project improves the quality of life, quality of transportation for Abita Springs residents and visitors, and provides a significant community benefit. The project will be a lasting sustainable project for the community and has long-term value. With Abita being a walking and bicycling community providing expanded sidewalks will mitigate bicyclists and pedestrians being in the roadways mitigating accidents and potential fatalities. These sidewalk facilities will not only link the many areas of commercial businesses but also museums, four schools, multiple churches, and three medical facilities. Adjacent to the northwest corner of Abita Springs is an area of over 50% LMI population. This population utilizes the transportation infrastructure to travel into Abita Springs to access economic resources. This west portion of the town and much of the surrounding area is identified by DOT as a highly disadvantaged community. This disadvantaged Census Tracts exceeded the 50th percentile (75th for resilience) across at least four of the six transportation disadvantaged indicators and these residents will be a beneficiary of this project.

IMPLEMENTATION

Explain how you plan to implement your project (include anticipated start date, design date, implementation timeframe, completion date and any anticipated "hold-ups"). Please note that it is a program policy, that if a project has not shown significant progress (as determined by the Program Manager) 3 years after inclusion into the program, the project may be cancelled.

This Sidewalk Expansion Project is ready for funding and will begin upon notice of the award. The initial design has already been completed and this project's first activity will be the engineering and final design which is anticipated to take six (6) months to complete. Advertising and bids will be conducted through LaDOTD and after the award, construction duration would take about six (6) months if all sidewalks and crossing beacons are done under one contract. Abita Springs Public Works would oversee and manage the project and therefore there wouldn't be any anticipated "hold-ups".

PROJECT COST

Itemize ALL project elements and costs for which funding is being sought. All construction contracts will be advertised and bid by DOTD, take this into consideration when preparing project costs. List item, quantity, unit price, amount, etc. Include items for mobilization, temporary signs and barricades, and construction layout (if layout is applicable and to be performed by contractor). Be sure to have as complete and accurate a cost estimate as possible for all phases of the work and consider **inflationary costs due to time in the program.**

Construction Costs				
DOTD ITEM	UNIT OF MEASURE	QUANTITY (A)	UNIT PRICE (B)	AMOUNT (A*B)
Inspection Services	HR	1.0	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Surveying	HR	1.0	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Clearing And Grubbing	AC	1.5	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Remove Asphalt Paving	SY	95.0	\$ 11.00	\$ 1,045.00
General Excavation	CY	3534.0	\$ 8.00	\$ 28,272.00
Saw Cutting	LF	280.0	\$ 5.00	\$ 1,400.00
15" PVC Culvert	LF	294.0	\$ 85.00	\$ 24,990.00
36" PVC Culvert	LF	285.0	\$ 150.00	\$ 42,750.00
42" PVC Culvert	LF	40.0	\$ 150.00	\$ 6,000.00
Drain Inlet	EA	4.0	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 14,000.00
Drain Inlet, 42" Culvert	EA	2.0	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 7,000.00
Concrete Walk (4" Thick), 5' wide	SY	4221.0	\$ 75.00	\$ 316,575.00
Concrete Walk (6" Thick), 5' wide	SY	680.0	\$ 90.00	\$ 61,200.00
Handicapped Ramps	SY	110.0	\$ 90.00	\$ 9,900.00
Construction Layout	LS	1.0	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Plastic Pavement Striping (24" Width)	LF	2512.0	\$ 25.00	\$ 62,800.00
Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon	EA	8.0	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 96,000.00
Subtotal				\$ 716,932.00
Mobilization (5-10% of Amount Subtotal)		1		\$ 38,125.00
Traffic Control (2-10% of Amount Subtotal)		1		
Construction Layout (0-5% of Amount Subtotal)		1		\$ 3,000.00
Contingencies (0-10% of Amount Subtotal)		1		\$ 71,693.20
CONSTRUCTION COSTS TOTAL				\$ 829,750.20

Other Costs (If Necessary)				
Right-of-way		1		
Utility Relocation		1		
Miscellaneous (Design and CE&I)		1		\$ 74,500.00
OTHER COSTS TOTAL				

Total Project Costs (Construction + Other)	\$ 904,250.20
Total Project Costs Eligible for Disbursement (Normally Construction Only)	\$ 829,750.20
Federal Participation/Local Match (show as %, ex. 90/10, 95/5, etc.)	8%
Total Requested Federal Funds	\$ 829,750.20
Local Match	\$ 74,500.00

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS

Briefly describe the Maintenance and Operating Plan for this project. Include an estimate of the annual cost of maintenance and operation including the source of those funds. For projects with landscaping and/or electrical systems, a formal operation and maintenance report will be required at the final plan submittal.

Included in the application is a maintenance and operation plan that was created for pedestrian facilities. Operation and maintenance costs come from the Public Works Fund. The town has \$10,200 budgeted for Maintenance and Repairs and has \$8,500 budgeted for Capital Outlay in the fund. Additionally, the town can budget more each year for the Maintenance & Repairs of pedestrian facilities.

Program Specific

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

DOTDTAP Projects - Letters of Support may be included as attachments to this application.

Eligibility Criteria

Checking all categories possible does not ensure or increase eligibility. Each criteria checked must meet all criteria listed for that activity in the DOTDTAP Application Guide

Project Category (Check only those activities that will be funded with DOTDTAP funds)

- Pedestrian And Bicycle Facilities (A1)
- Safe Routes For Non-Drivers (A2)
- Conversion Of Abandoned Railway Corridors To Trails (A3)
- Scenic Turnouts, Overlooks And Viewing Areas (A4)
- Outdoor Advertising Management (A5)
- Historic Preservation & Rehab Of Historic Transportation Facilities (A6)
- Vegetation Management (A7)
- Archaeological Activities (A8)
- Stormwater Mitigation (A9)
- Wildlife Management (A10)

Other Considerations for Eligibility

YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If the project involves landscaping activities on State-Maintained Highway right-of-way, has the project been discussed with the DOTD District Operations Engineer?

If the project involves Category A4 (Scenic Turnouts, etc) along a designated Louisiana byway, has a letter of no objection been obtained from the Louisiana Byways Manager at DCRT? If yes, attach copy.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If the project involves Category A6 (Historic Preservation, etc), is the property listed on the National Register of Historic Places?

If not registered, has registered been applied for?

If the project involves piping a ditch (subsurface drainage) that is over 50% of the overall project cost, has there been reported vehicular/pedestrian incidents? If so please provide reports.

If no incidents, is the sponsor aware that the remaining 50% is a local cost?

FEDERAL COST SHARE REQUESTED, LOCAL FUNDING AND SOURCE

Line 1-Total project cost \$ 904,250.20

Line 2-Required Local Funding \$ 74,500.00

LIST OF SOURCES OF LOCAL FUNDING

AMOUNT

A- Public Works Fund Budget \$ 74,500.00

B- \$ _____

C- \$ _____

D- \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF LOCAL FUNDING (Should be equal to Line #2 above) \$ 74,500.00

Line 7-Federal Cost Share Requested for Project \$ 829,750.20
(Subtract Line 2 from Line 1, Round to nearest \$100)

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned has authority to sign on behalf of the Sponsor and certifies that the undersigned has legal authority to enter into a contract to implement this project. The undersigned certifies that all information provided is complete and accurate to their best knowledge. The undersigned acknowledges that if the project is accepted into an LPA program that funding and scope of work requested in this application shall not be changed from that originally requested without approval by LaDOTD. Any additional costs will be borne by the Sponsor. The undersigned understands that this application may also be considered for funding under the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

Signature

Date

Title

Phone Number

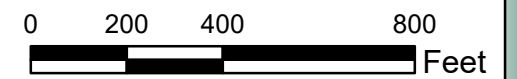
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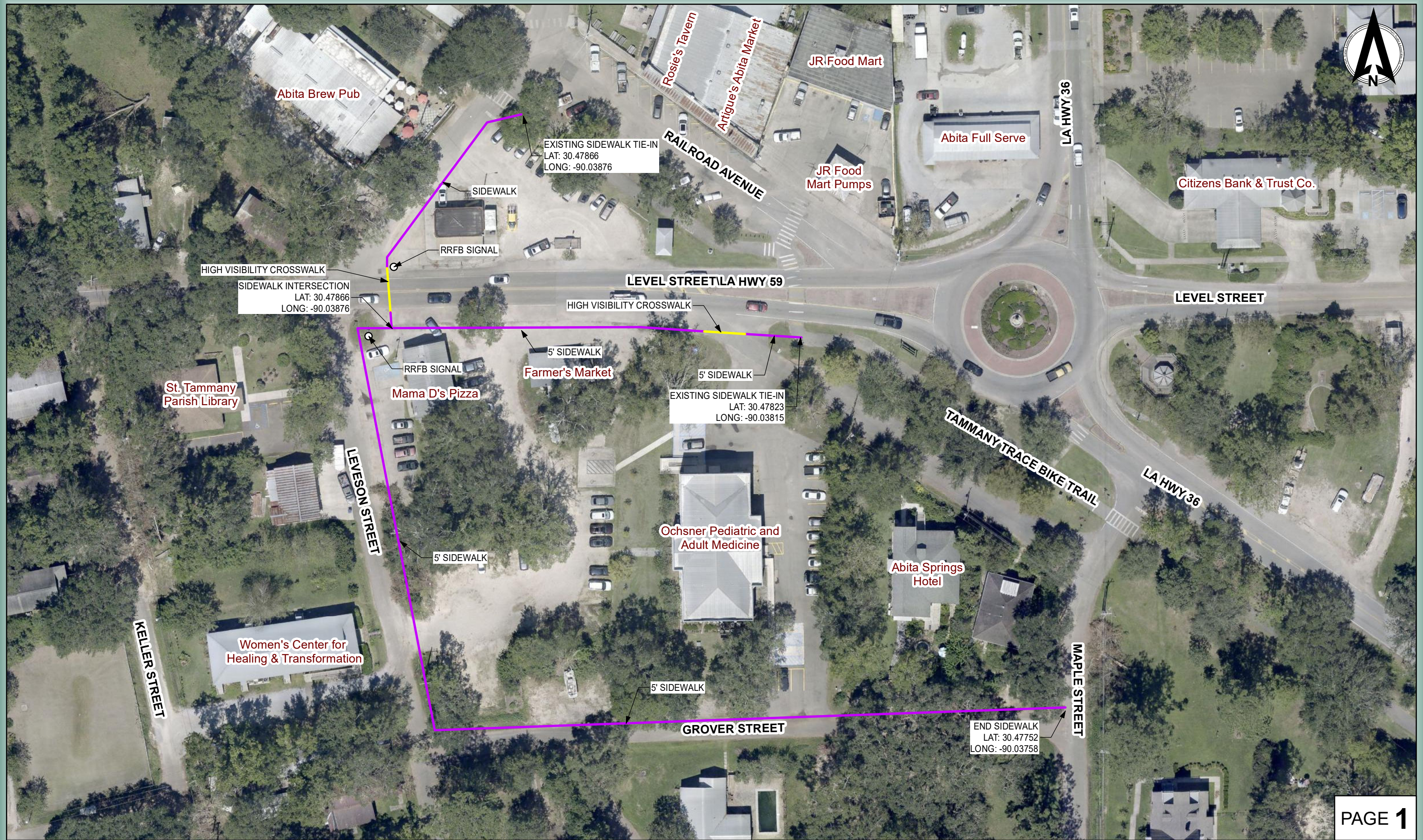


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ABITA SPRINGS - SIDEWALK EXPANSION - PROJECT OVERVIEW

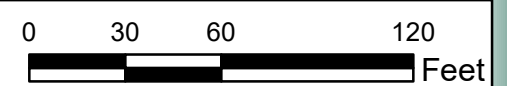




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ABITA SPRINGS - SIDEWALK EXPANSION





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Tri-Games

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MAPLE STREET

Edward Jones
Investments

NORTH STREET

HIGH VISIBILITY CROSSWALK

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Abita Springs Middle School

HICKORY STREET

Maple Street
Bakery



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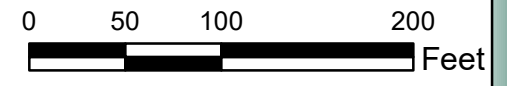
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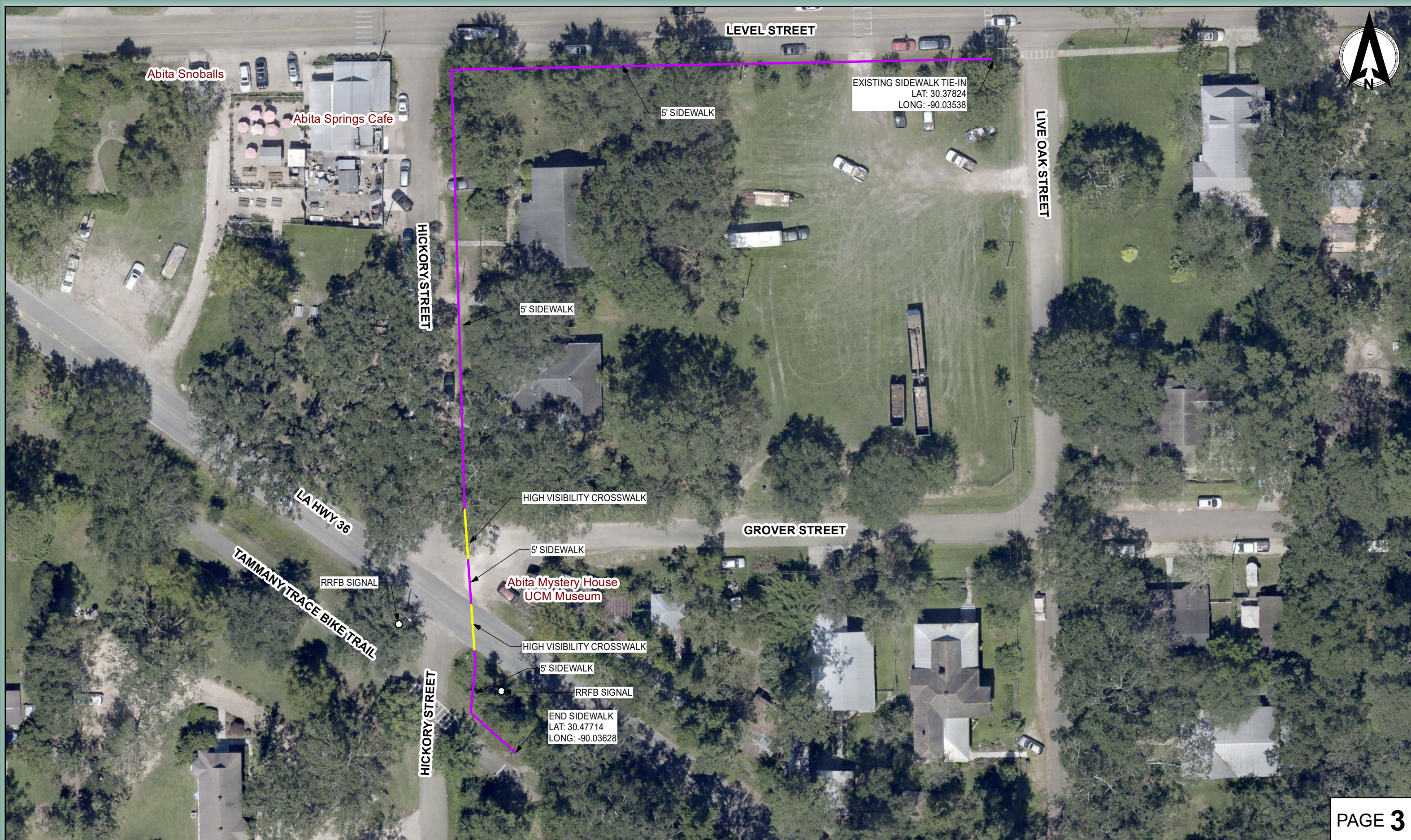
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ABITA SPRINGS - SIDEWALK EXPANSION





Abita Snoballs

Abita Springs Cafe

LEVEL STREET

5' SIDEWALK

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LIVE OAK STREET

HICKORY STREET

5' SIDEWALK

HIGH VISIBILITY CROSSWALK

GROVER STREET

LA HWY 36

RRFB SIGNAL

5' SIDEWALK

Abita Mystery House
UCM Museum

HIGH VISIBILITY CROSSWALK

TAMMANY TRACE BIKE TRAIL

5' SIDEWALK

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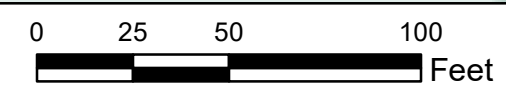
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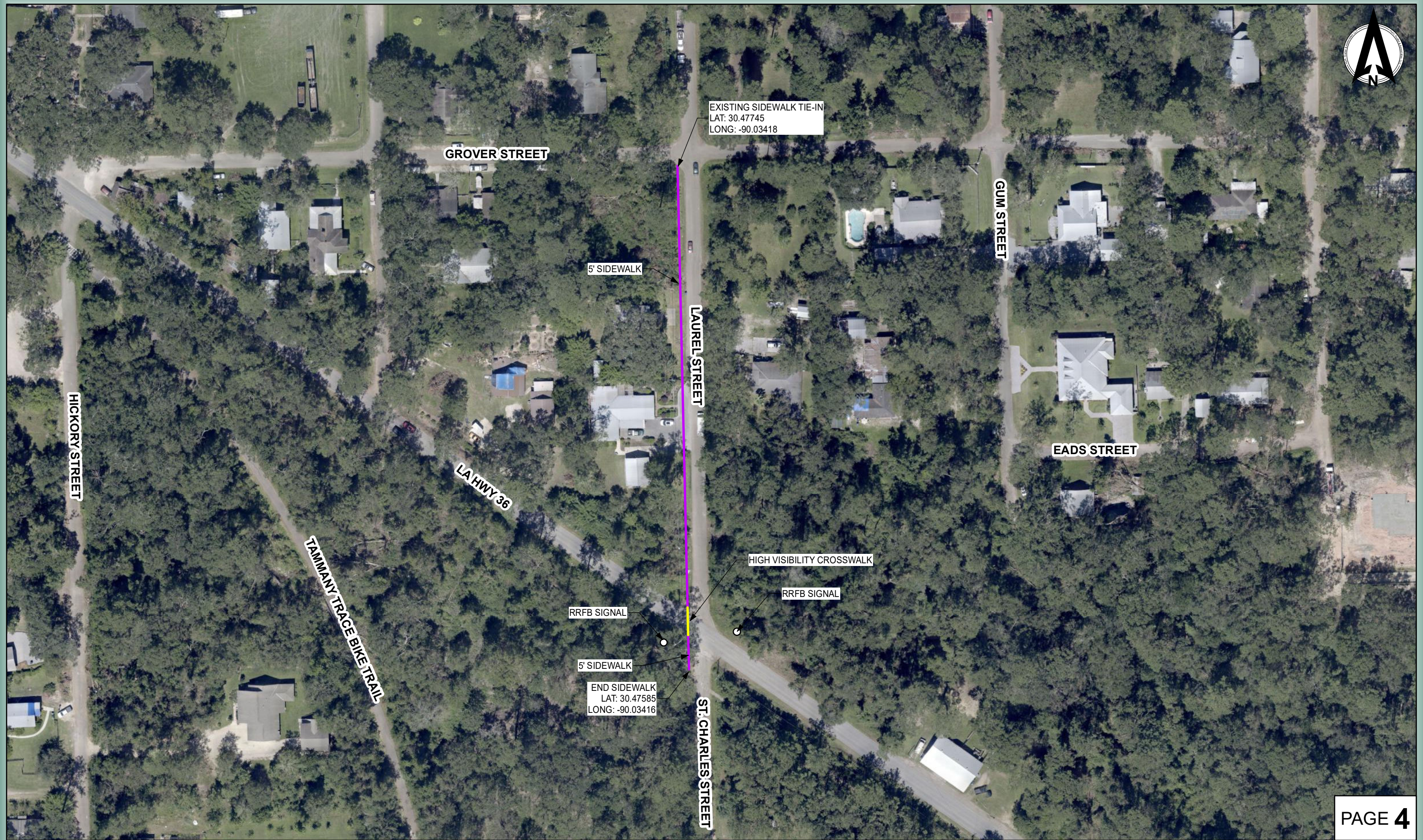
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ABITA SPRINGS - SIDEWALK EXPANSION



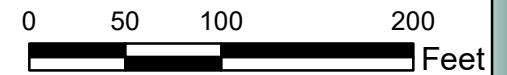


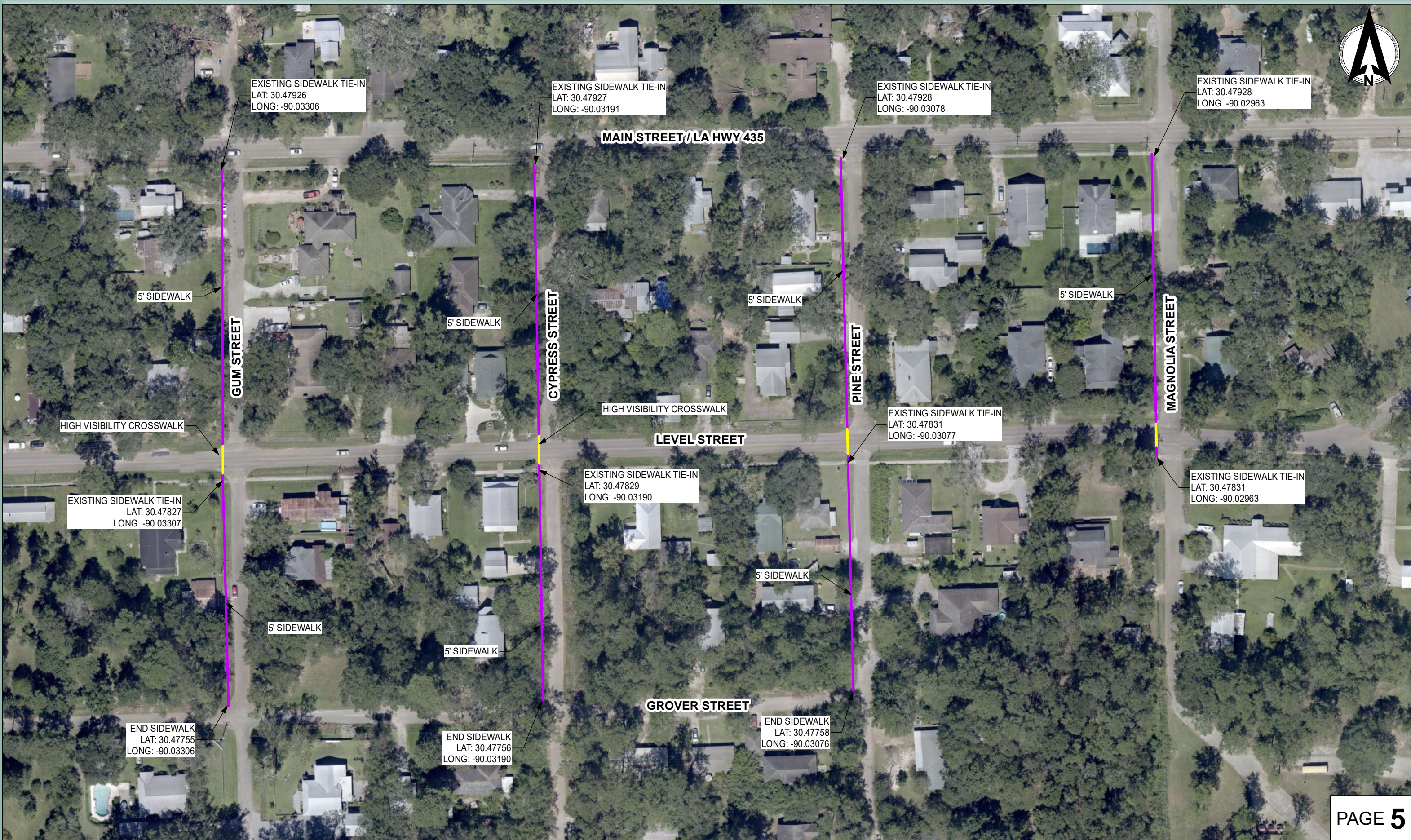
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ABITA SPRINGS - SIDEWALK EXPANSION





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MAIN STREET / LA HWY 435

5' SIDEWALK

GUM STREET

5' SIDEWALK

CYPRESS STREET

5' SIDEWALK

PINE STREET

5' SIDEWALK

MAGNOLIA STREET

HIGH VISIBILITY CROSSWALK

HIGH VISIBILITY CROSSWALK

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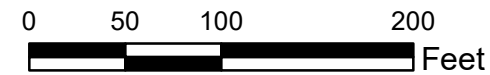
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ABITA SPRINGS - SIDEWALK EXPANSION





TALSHEEK ROAD

HIGH VISIBILITY CROSSWALK

LEVEL STREET

HIGH VISIBILITY CROSSWALK

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
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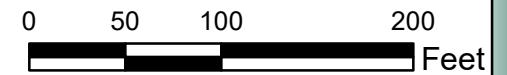
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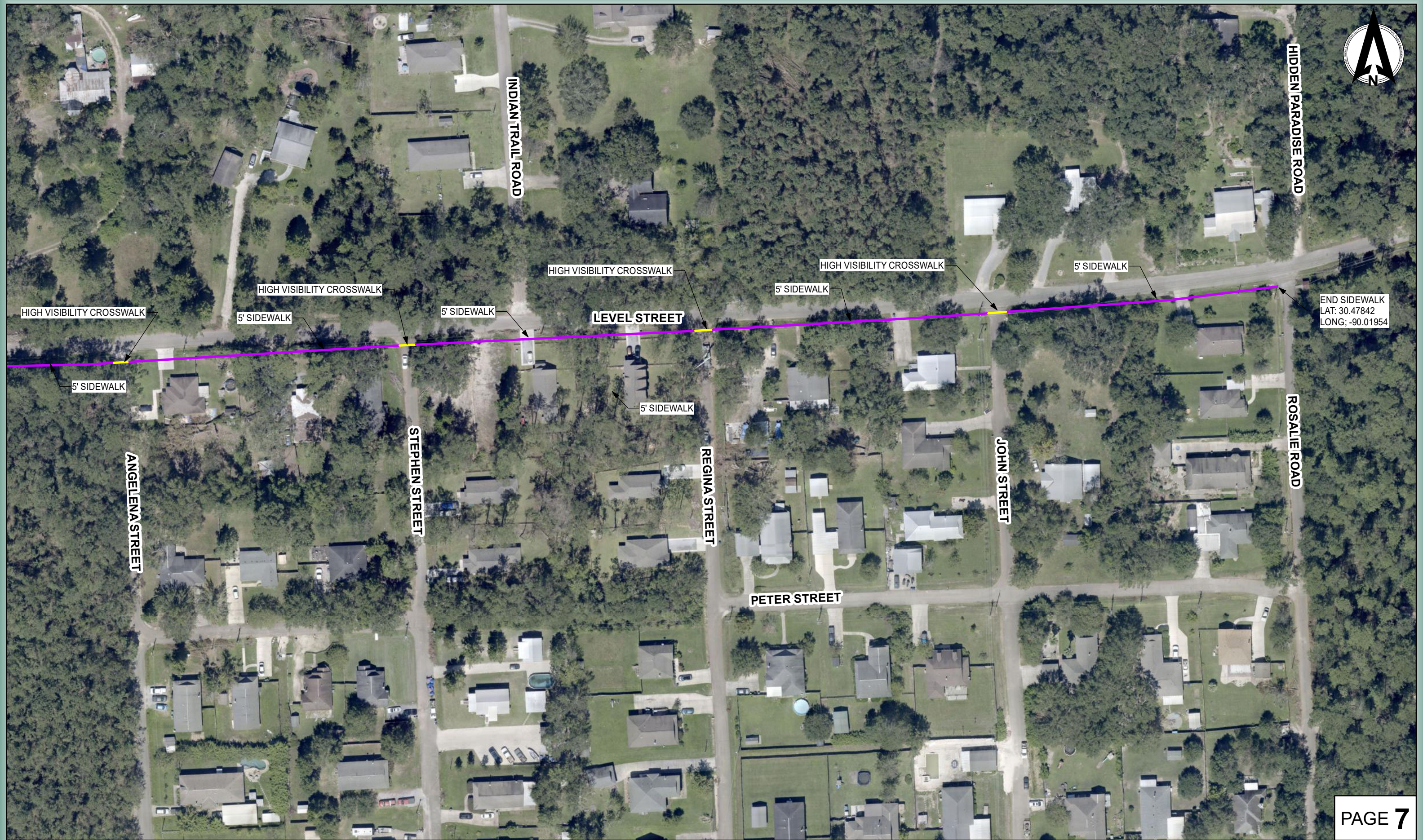
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ABITA SPRINGS - SIDEWALK EXPANSION





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