Florida Department of TRANSPORTATION

Community Aesthetic Features

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Overview of Discussion Topics:

- History
- Definition
- Categories and Criteria
- Submittal and Approval Process
- Conceptual and Final submittals
- CAF Agreements
- Examples
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Tools

History of Community Aesthetic Features

- Requests for new installations on FDOT ROW
- FDOT criteria development
- Roadway Aesthetics Community of Practice (RA CoP)
- FDOTs Plans Preparation Manual, Vol.1, Chap.9: Criteria for CAFs

http://www.dot.state.fl.us/default.shtm

Community Aesthetic Feature

What is a CAF:

- Enhancements installed on the SHS or Interstate
- Purpose is to represent, reflect or recognize:
  - ✓ Nearby community cultural and/or natural values and resources
  - ✓ Enhance the sense of place

Community Aesthetic Feature (cont.)

- Designed, maintained and paid for by the local governmental entity.
- May be constructed by the local governmental entity or as part of a Department project.

CAF Categories

Public Art

- Stand-Alone
- Add-On/ Affixed

Local ID Marker

- Stand-Alone
- Add-On/ Affixed

Criteria

- No parking
- No signs (***MUTCD*** Part 1, Chap.1A.13)
- No commercial advertising
- Lighting allowed
- No median interstate installations
- One Stand-Alone feature per mainline interchange approach allowed

Criteria (cont.)

- Limited Access right-of-way: must not be visible from the mainline
- Meet all applicable building codes and design criteria
- No obstruction to signs, sight distance, sight triangles, or view zones
- No adverse environmental impacts
- Signed and sealed final plans
- ***Exhibit 23-A*** signed by applicant and DDE

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Public Art

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Local ID Marker

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Public Art – Stand Alone

- Outside the clear zone
- No messages
- Artist insignia
- Height ≤ 25’

Interstates

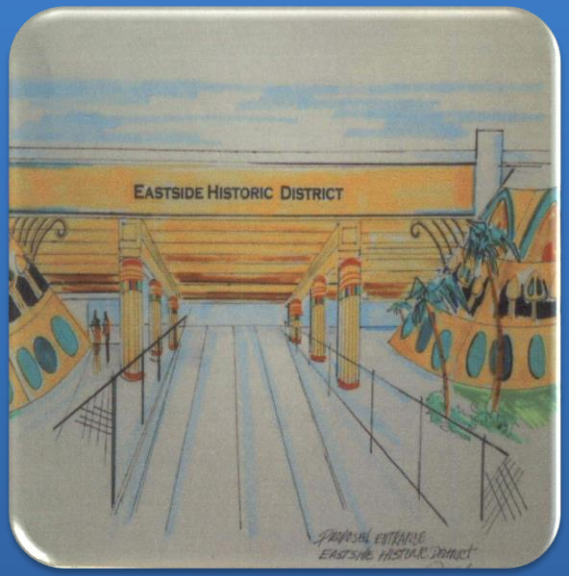
- 50’ min.
  (100’ preferred)

Urban Roadways

- Median:
  - Design Speed ≤ 45mph
  - Curb & gutter
  - Restricted ROW
  - 6’ from edge of inside travel lane

Public Art

Public Art – Add-On/Affixed



- No messages, words or alphanumeric characters
- Artist insignia
- Must not reduce vertical clearance

Local ID Marker – Stand Alone

- Outside the clear zone
- Name of municipality, county, or community area
- Short phrase or message allowed
- Height ≤ 25’

Interstates

- 50’ min. (100’ preferred)
- Letter height ≤ 4’

Urban Roadways

- Median:
  - Design Speed ≤ 45mph
  - Curb & gutter
  - Restricted ROW
  - 6’ from edge of inside travel lane

Local Identification Marker

Local ID Marker – Add-On/Affixed

- Name of municipality, county or community area
- Short phrase or message
- Must not reduced vertical clearance
- Interstates:
  - Letter height ≤ 4’
  - No phrase or message

Coordination and Review

Concept Phase

- District coordination
- DDE
- RA CoP
- SRDE
  - Approval/ Denial

Final Approval

- Final plans and documents
- DDE
- SRDE
  - Approval/ Denial
- CAF Agreement

Conceptual Submittal

- CAF category
- Conceptual drawing
- Site plan
- Design speed
- Governing Design Standards, Criteria and Building Code
- Impact to bridge loading if applicable
- Exhibit 23-A (Submittal/Approval Letter)

PPM, Vol.1, Section 9.5.2.1

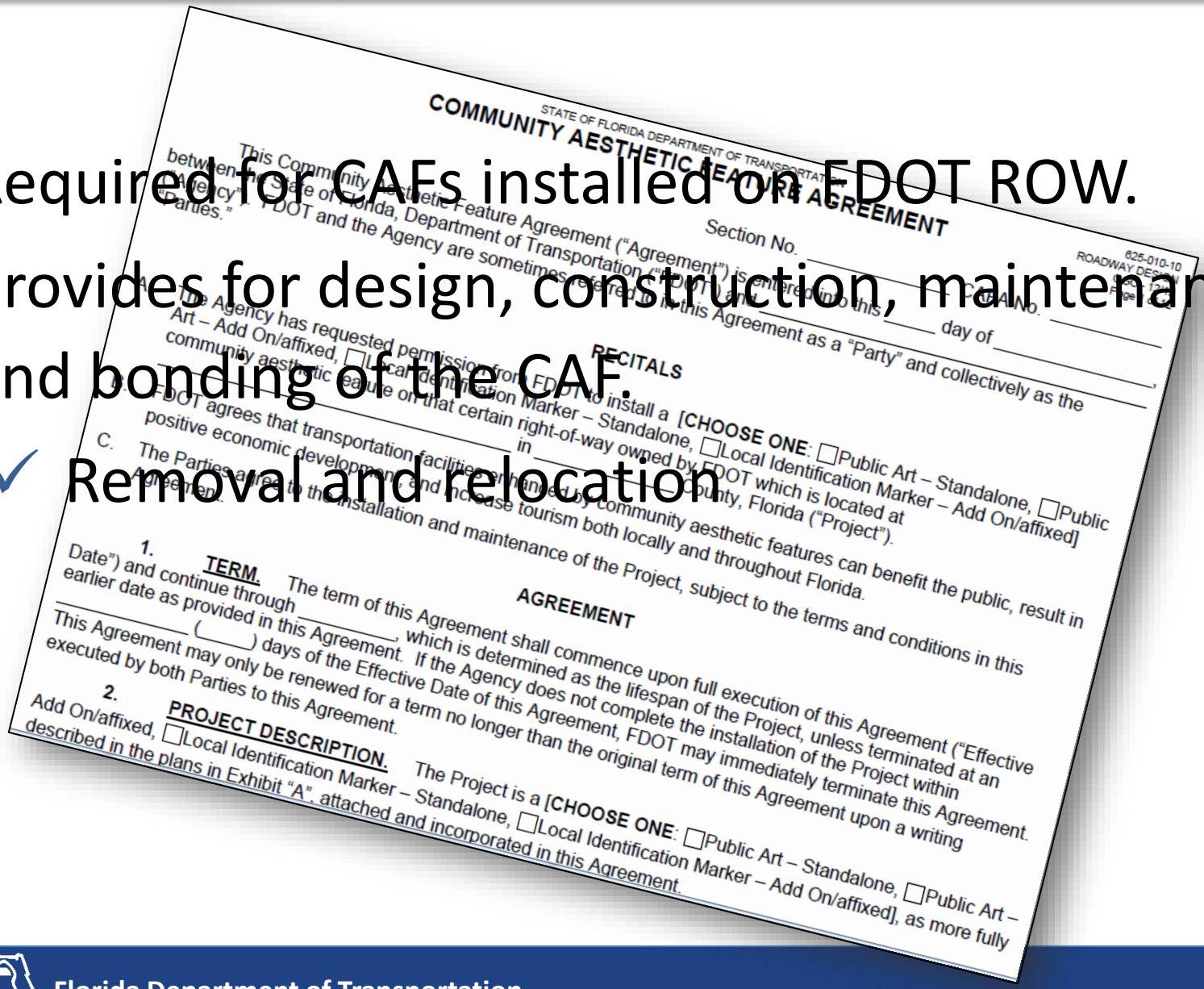
Final Submittal

- Site plans, including Traffic Control Plan
- Structural Plans
- Local Government Entity Resolution
- Executed CAF Agreement
- Exhibit 23-A (Submittal/Approval Letter)

PPM, Vol.1, Section 9.5.2.1

CAF Agreement

- Required for CAFs installed on FDOT ROW.
- Provides for design, construction, maintenance and bonding of the CAF.
  - ✓ Removal and relocation



STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

COMMUNITY AESTHETIC FEATURE AGREEMENT

Section No. _____ CAFIA No. _____

This Community Aesthetic Feature Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into this _____ day of _____, between the State of Florida, Department of Transportation ("FDOT") and _____ ("Agency"). FDOT and the Agency are sometimes referred to in this Agreement as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

RECITALS

A. The Agency has requested permission from FDOT to install a [**CHOOSE ONE**: ☐Public Art – Standalone, ☐Public Art – Add On/affixed, ☐Local Identification Marker – Standalone, ☐Local Identification Marker – Add On/affixed] community aesthetic feature on that certain right-of-way owned by FDOT which is located at _____ in _____ County, Florida ("Project").

B. FDOT agrees that transportation facilities enhanced by community aesthetic features can benefit the public, result in positive economic development and increase tourism both locally and throughout Florida.

C. The Parties agree to the installation and maintenance of the Project, subject to the terms and conditions in this Agreement.

AGREEMENT

1. **TERM.** The term of this Agreement shall commence upon full execution of this Agreement ("Effective Date") and continue through _____, which is determined as the lifespan of the Project, unless terminated at an earlier date as provided in this Agreement. If the Agency does not complete the installation of the Project within _____ (____) days of the Effective Date of this Agreement, FDOT may immediately terminate this Agreement. This Agreement may only be renewed for a term no longer than the original term of this Agreement upon a writing executed by both Parties to this Agreement.

2. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION.** The Project is a [**CHOOSE ONE**: ☐Public Art – Standalone, ☐Public Art – Add On/affixed, ☐Local Identification Marker – Standalone, ☐Local Identification Marker – Add On/affixed], as more fully described in the plans in Exhibit "A", attached and incorporated in this Agreement.

625-010-10
ROADWAY DESIGN
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CAF Agreement

- Agreement between the local governmental entity and FDOT.
  - ✓ Form 625-010-10
  - ✓ Director of Transportation Development or District Secretary (or delegate), after a review by the District General Counsel's Office

Ann Norton Sculpture – Concept

Public Art - Standalone

City of West Palm Beach, D4

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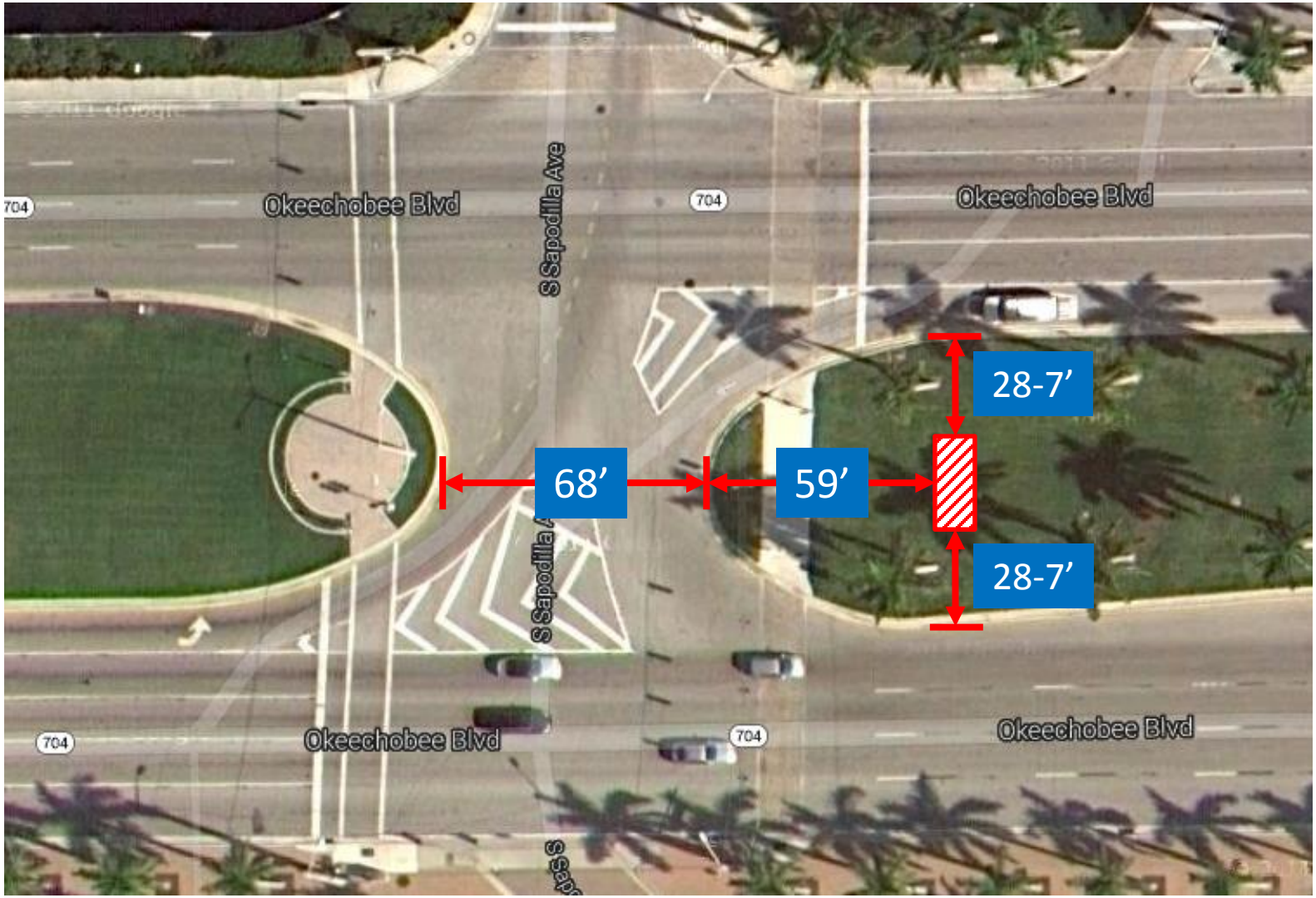

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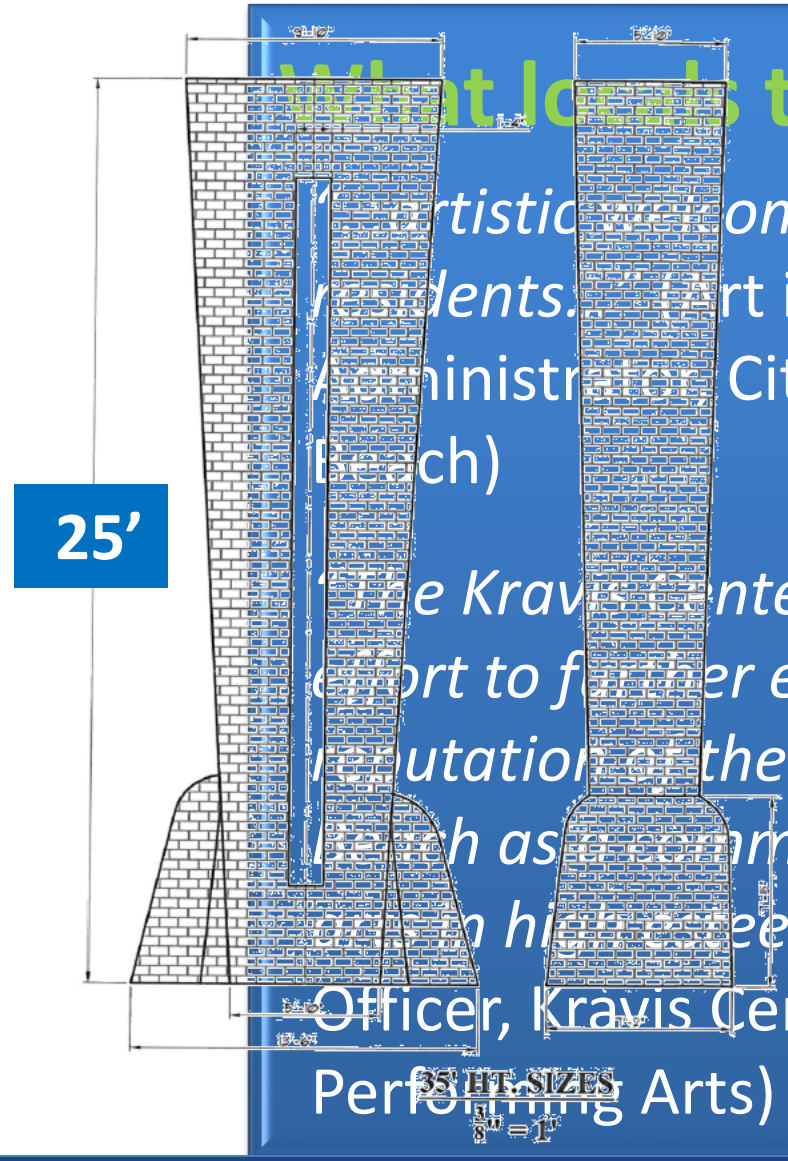


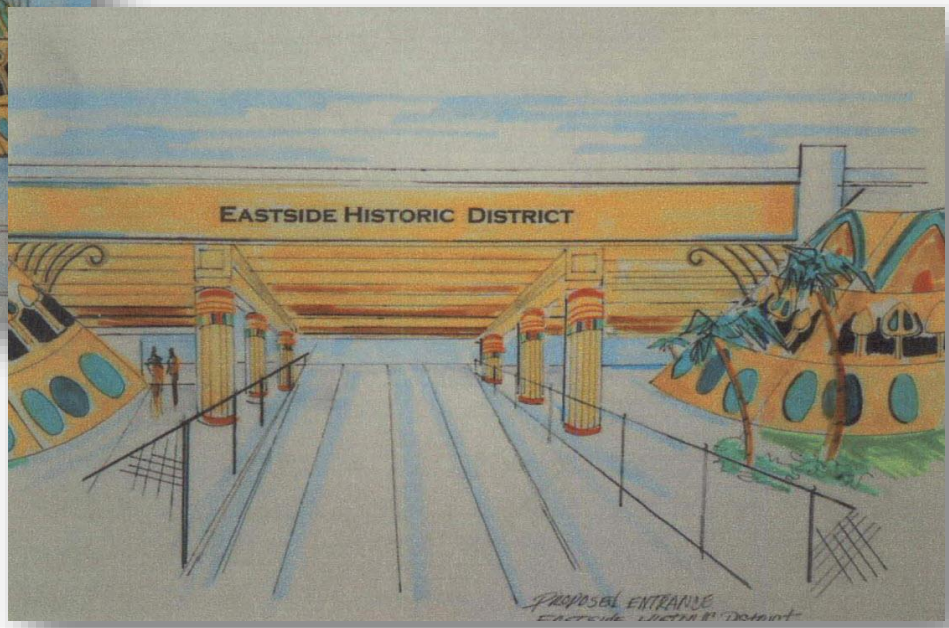
What locals think:

“Artistic welcome to visitors and residents.” (Art in Public Places Administration, City of West Palm Beach)

“The Kravis Center supports this effort to further enhance the reputation of the City of West Palm Beach as a community that holds the arts in high esteem.” (Chief Executive Officer, Kravis Center of the Performing Arts)

Valley of Kings – Concept

Public Art – Add-On/Affixed



City of Jacksonville, D2

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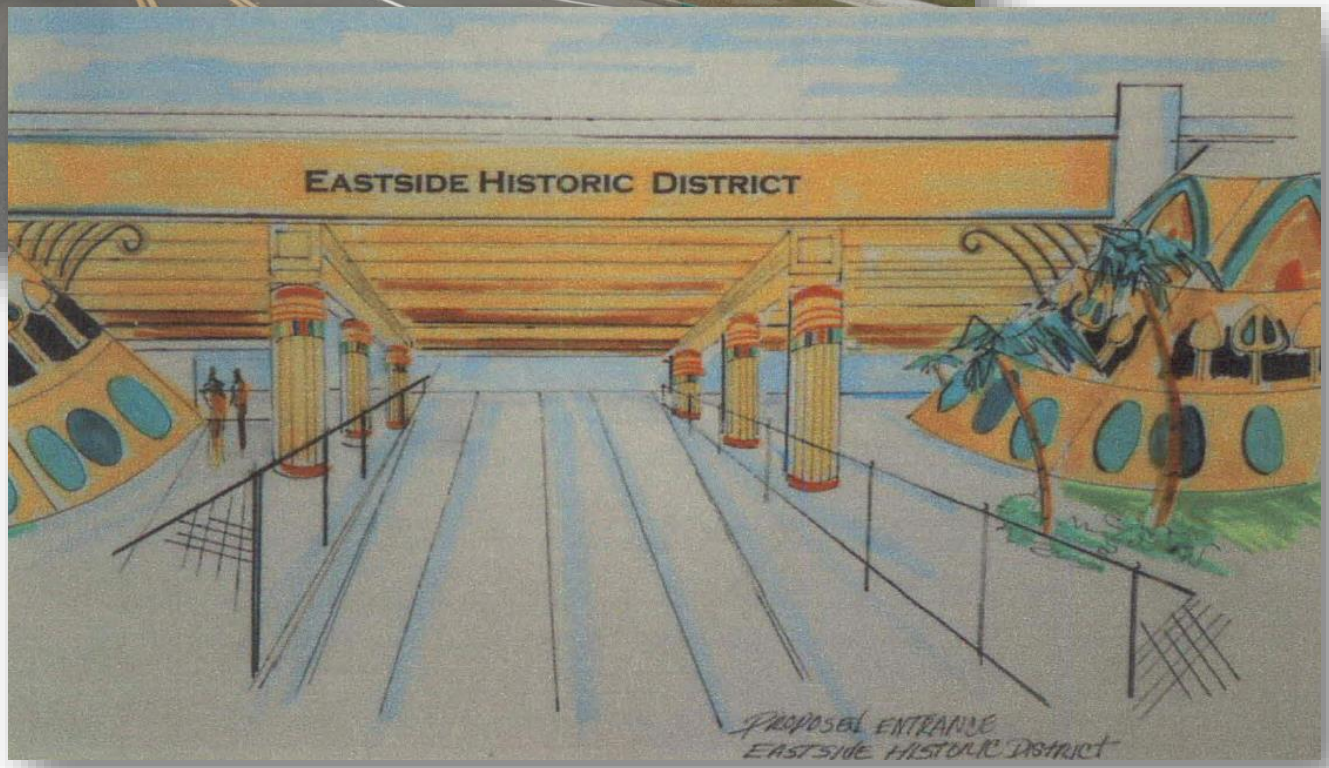

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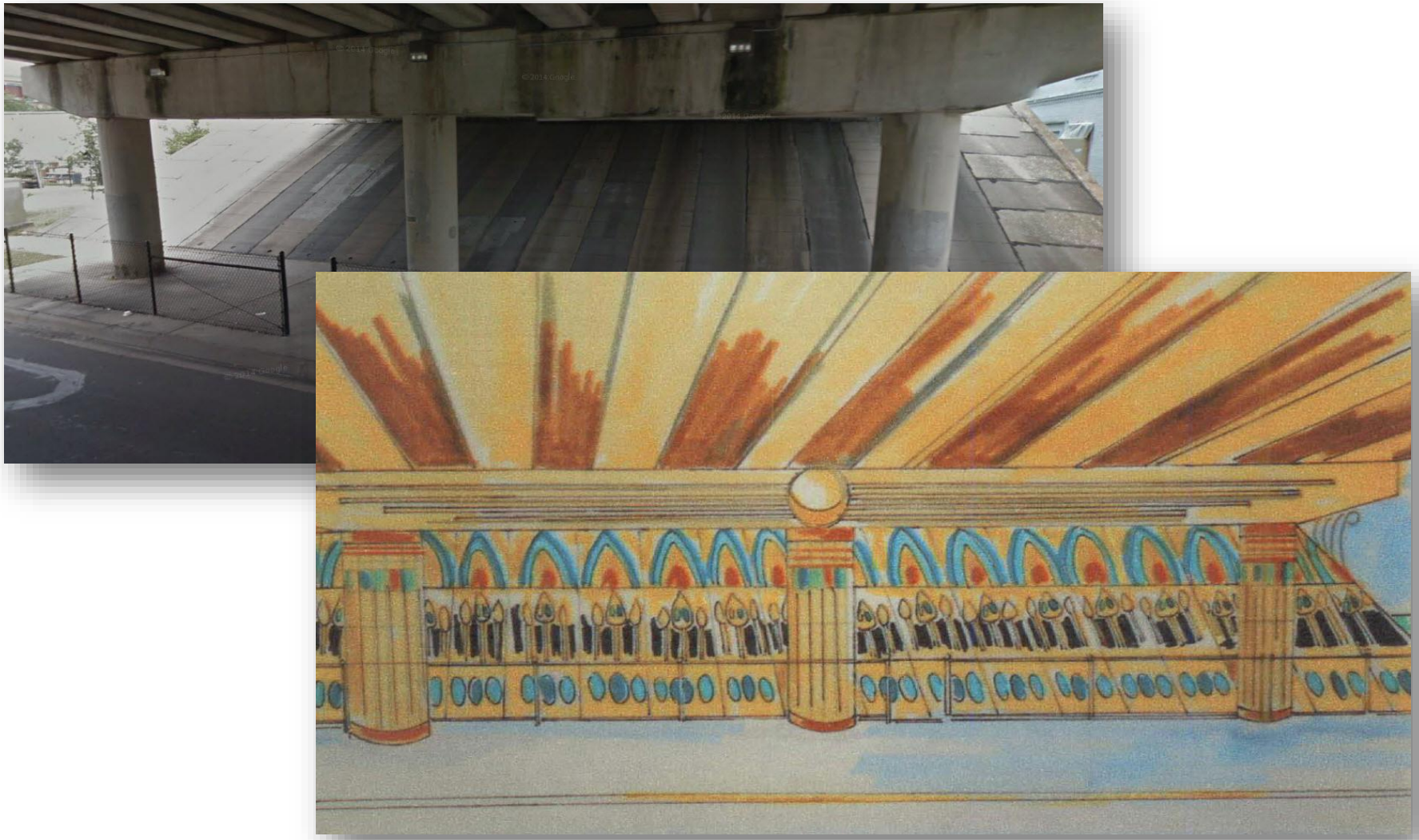

Hallandale Beach – Concept

Local Identification Marker - Standalone

City of Hallandale Beach, D4

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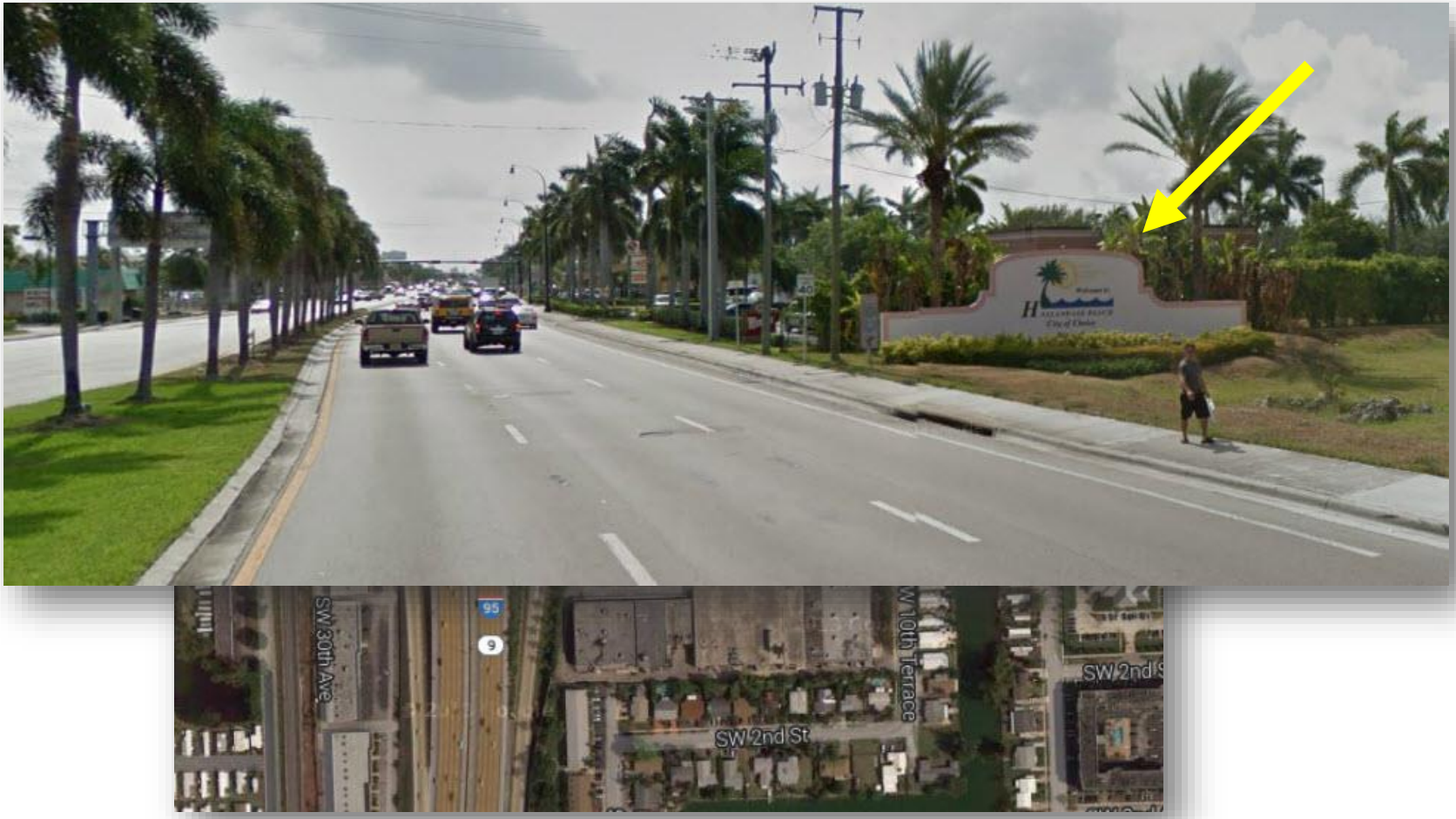

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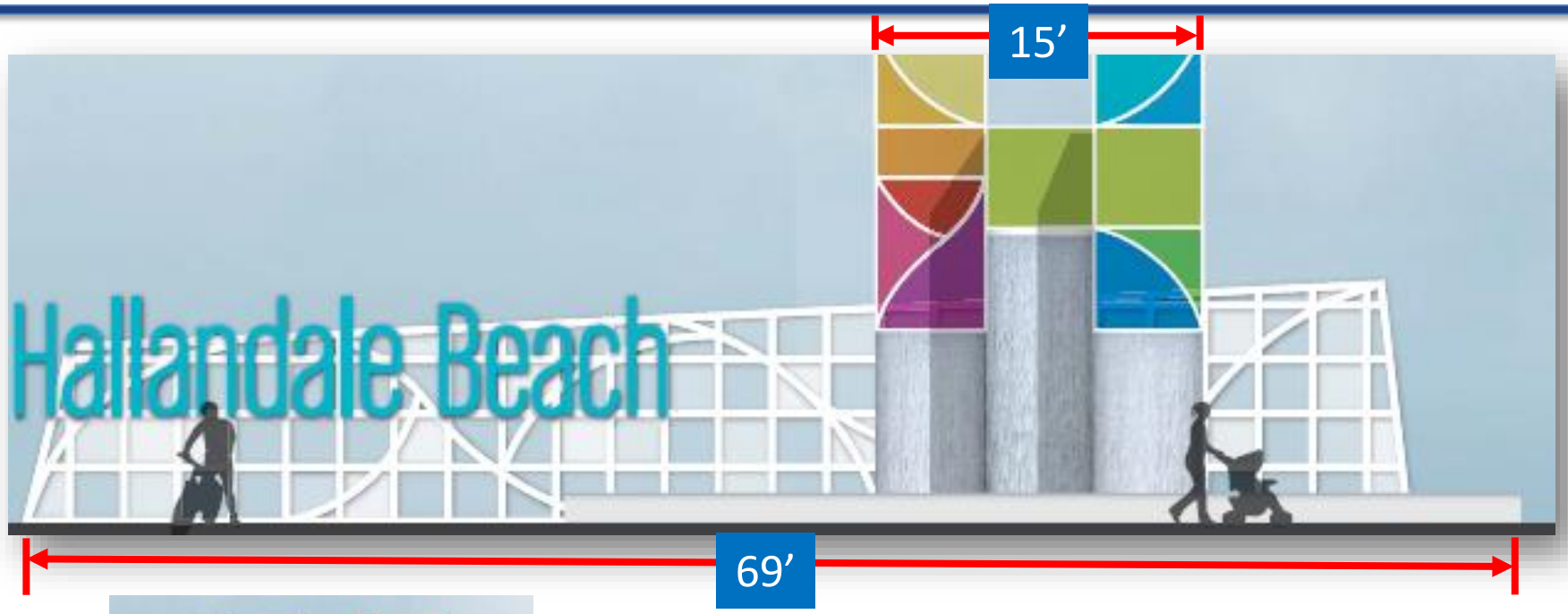
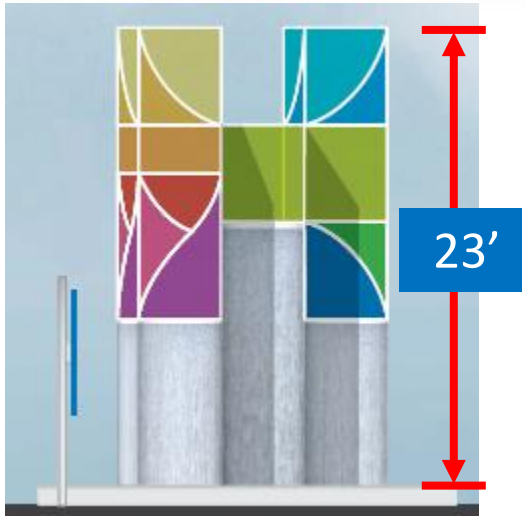


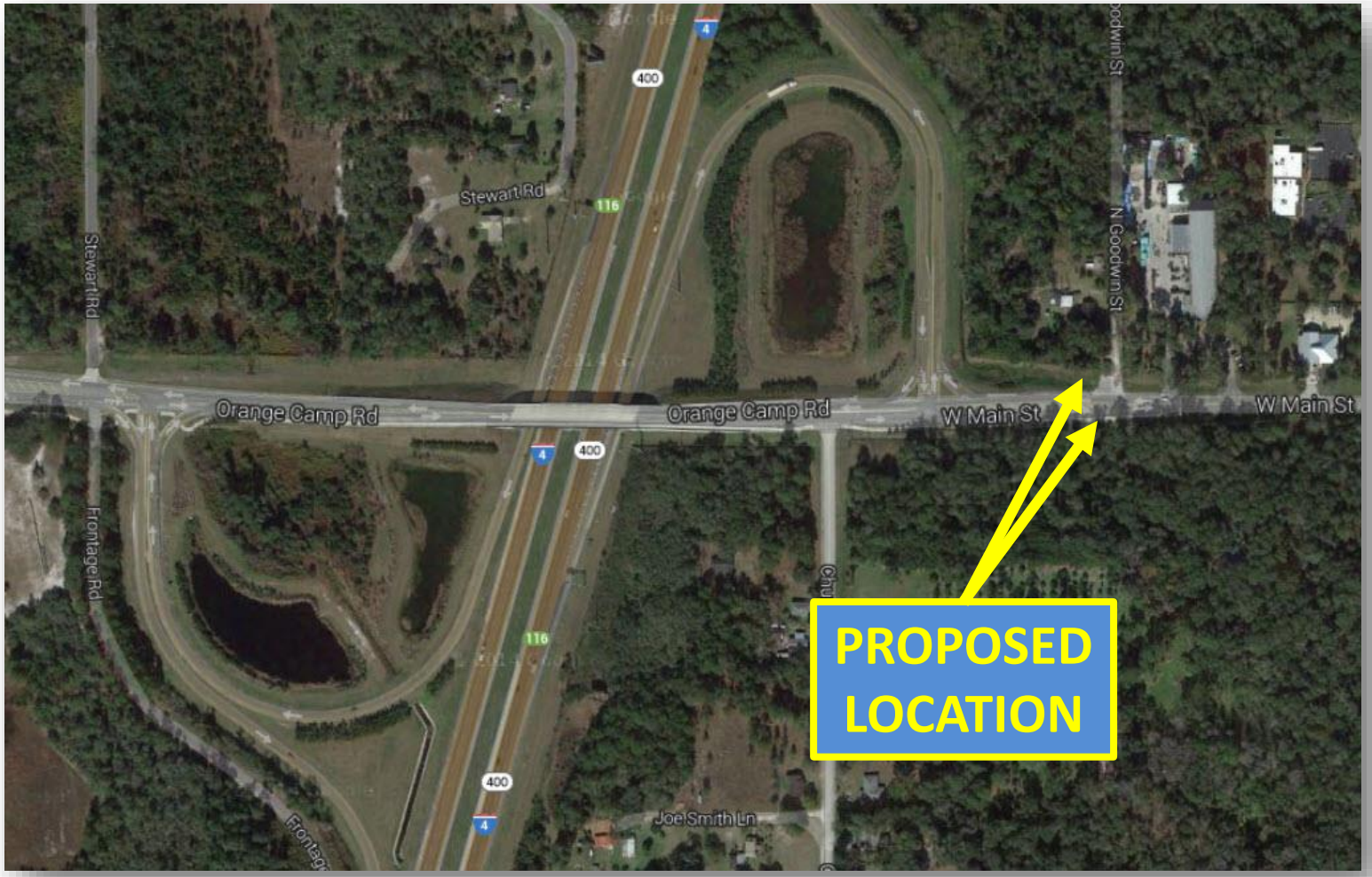


Lake Helen – Concept

Local Identification Marker - Standalone

City of Lake Helen, D5

Lake Helen – Concept



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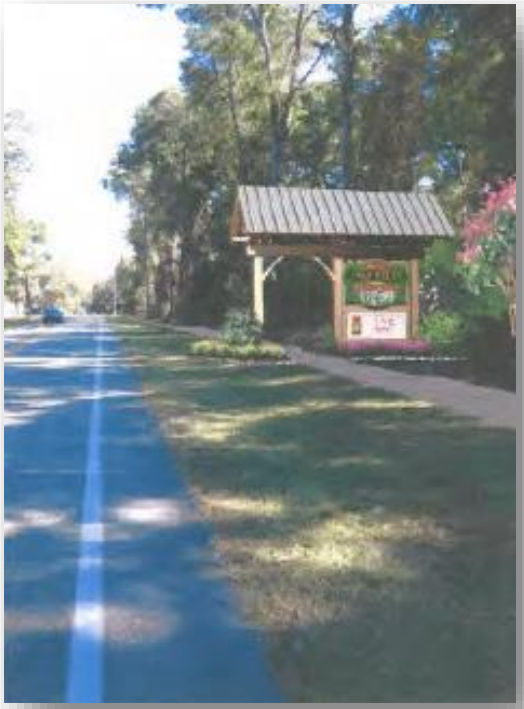
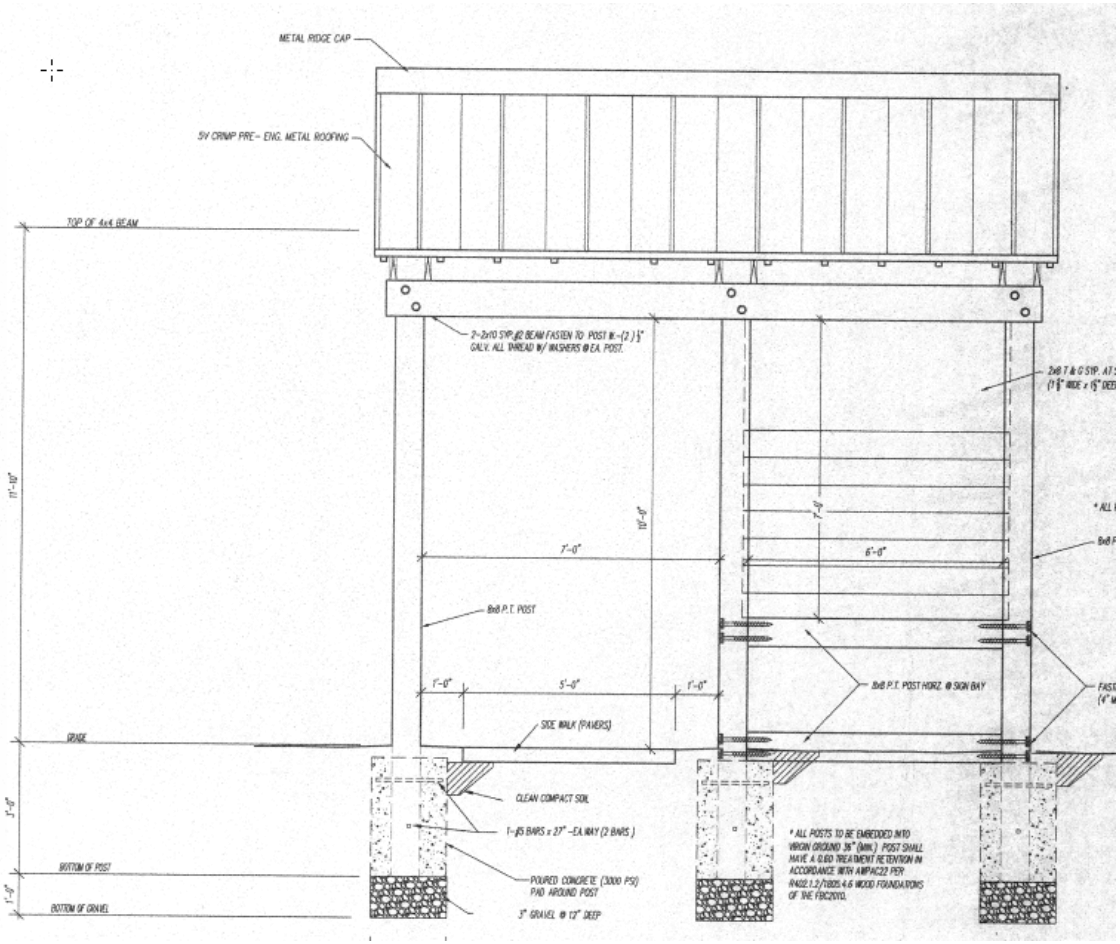




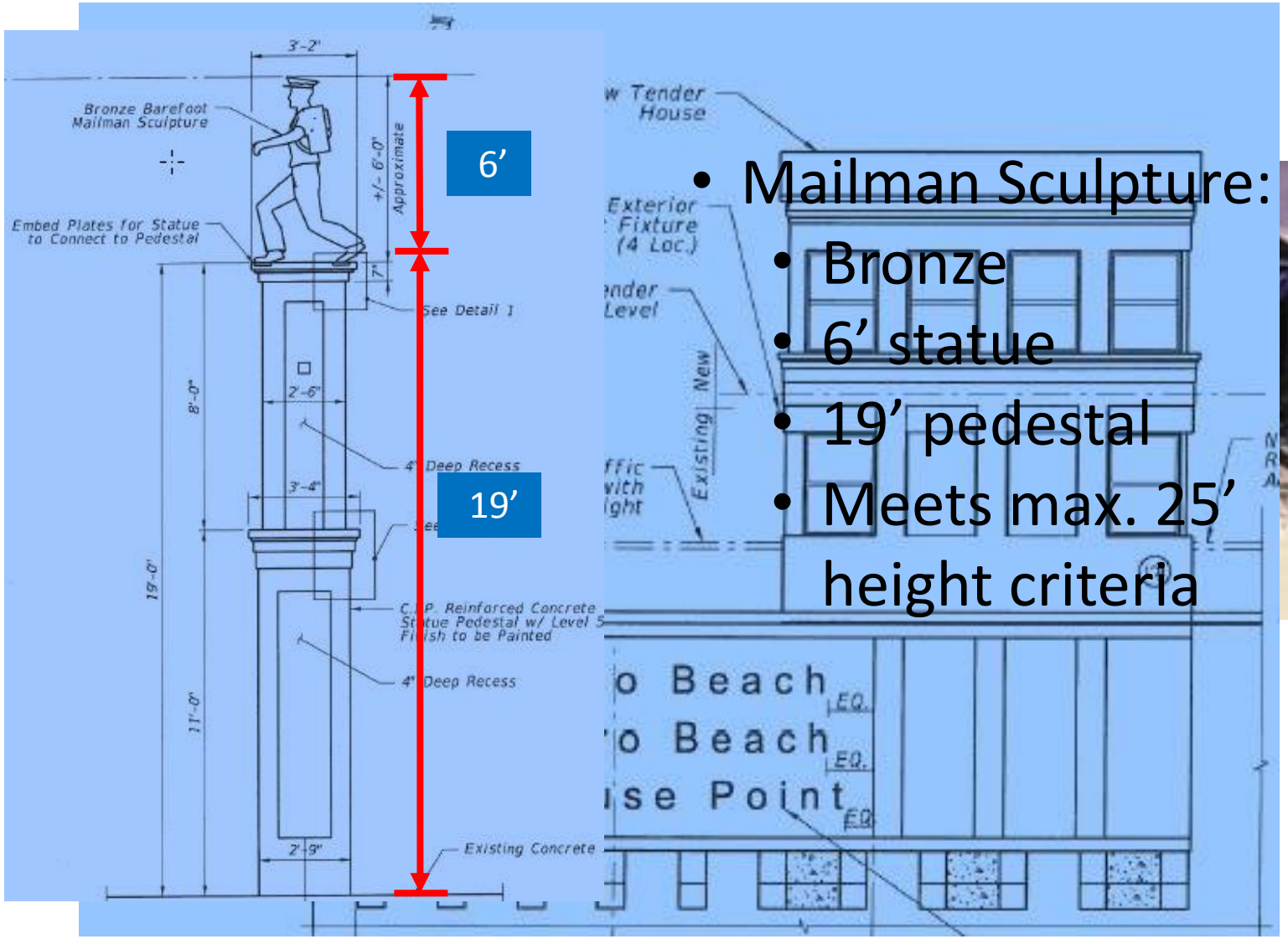
Hillsboro Inlet Bridge – Final

Local ID Marker – Add On/Affixed

Public Art – Stand-Alone

City of Pompano Beach, D4

Hillsboro Inlet Bridge – Final



- Mailman Sculpture:
  - Bronze
  - 6’ statue
  - 19’ pedestal
  - Meets max. 25’ height criteria

Hillsboro Inlet Bridge – Final

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Hillsboro Inlet Bridge – Final

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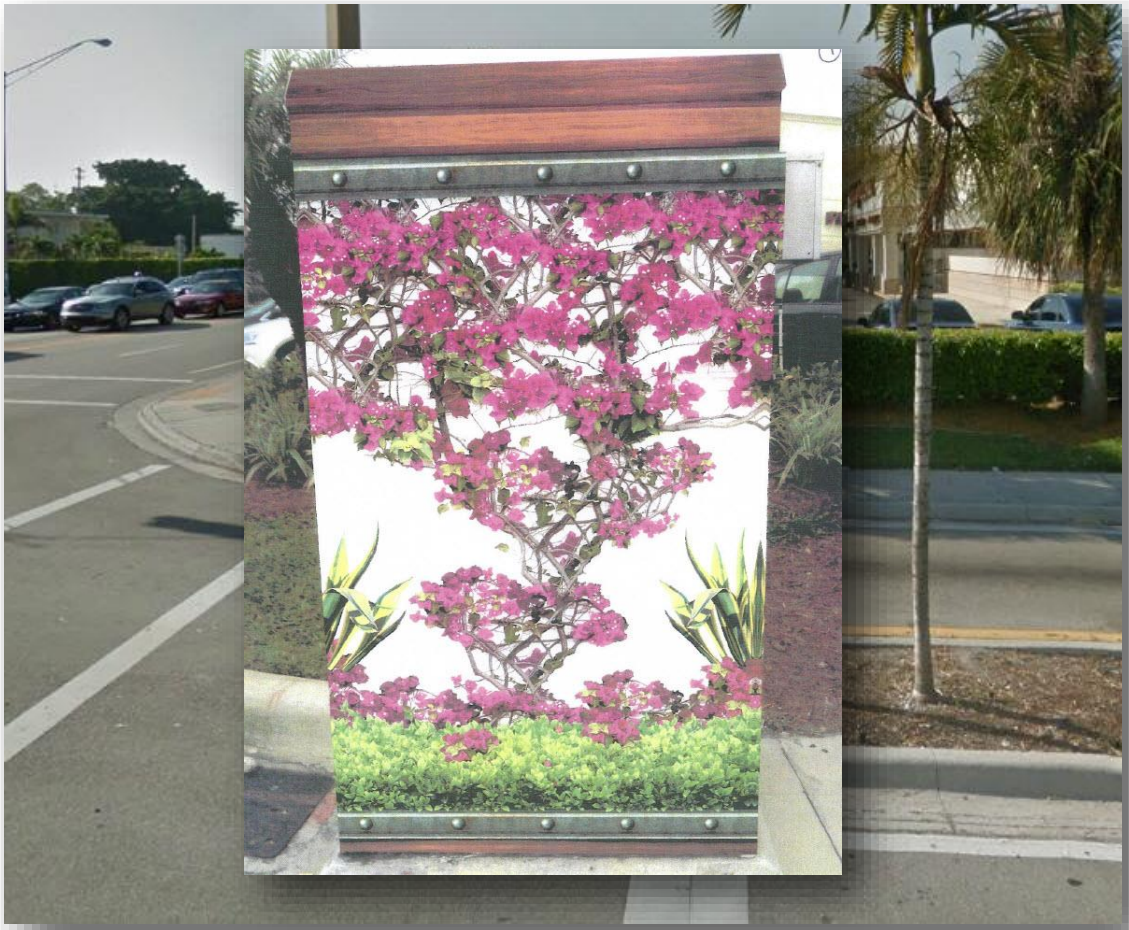
Hillsboro Inlet Bridge – Final

Signal Cabinet Wraps - Concept

Public Art – Add-On/Affixed



City of Dania Beach, D4

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **How are the maintenance related requirements for a Community Aesthetic Feature (CAF) installation documented?**

   The Community Aesthetic Feature (CAF) Agreement includes standardized language for maintenance.

Frequently Asked Questions

2. **Which office will administer the CAF review and approval process?**

   The District Design Office and the State Roadway Design Office along with the Roadway Aesthetics Community of Practice.

Frequently Asked Questions

3. What role does the Roadway Aesthetics Community of Practice (RA CoP) have in the CAF approval process?

The purpose of the review by the RA CoP is to ensure statewide consistency for the varieties of CAFs approved to be installed on FDOT right of ways.

Frequently Asked Questions

4. **Do the requirements for CAFs proposed to be installed on "Interstate" facilities also apply to "Limited Access" facilities which are not on the Interstate System?**

   Any CAFs proposed on a Limited Access facility will be required to abide by Interstate design criteria and require FHWA approval.

Frequently Asked Questions

5. **Is a permit needed for the Local Governmental Entity to perform future planned/required maintenance work on an approved CAF installation?**

   No. The executed CAF Agreement provides the necessary authority/approval for the Local Governmental Entity to do all construction and maintenance work.

Frequently Asked Questions

6. **How is the appropriate and necessary dollar amount determined for the required bond or deposit?**

   A bond (or letter of credit) or deposit is required to cover the cost to remove the CAF installation and restore the site to pre-construction conditions.

Suggested Tools

- CAF Checklist
- FAQs

  http://www.dot.state.fl.us/rddesign/Div-FA.shtm

- Aerial Photo Look Up System (APLUS)
  - FDOT Survey & Mapping: http://www.dot.state.fl.us/surveyingandmapping/

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