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AGENDA

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – FLORIDA’S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE
UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MEETING
SUNCOAST PARKWAY 2 – FROM S.R. 44 TO C.R. 486
(FPID # 442764-1)
CITRUS COUNTY
NOVEMBER 18, 2020: 3:00 PM CONFERENCE CALL**

I. Introductions

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise (FTE)
- DRMP

II. Project Description/Background

- Suncoast Parkway 2 from SR 44 to CR 486, approximately 2 miles of new alignment (Figure 1)
- Previous meeting with USFWS on December 11, 2019
- Signed SEIR February 1998 (Suncoast Parkway 2 from US 98 in Hernando County to US 19/98 in Citrus County, FPID # 405270-1)
- No USACE permitting required

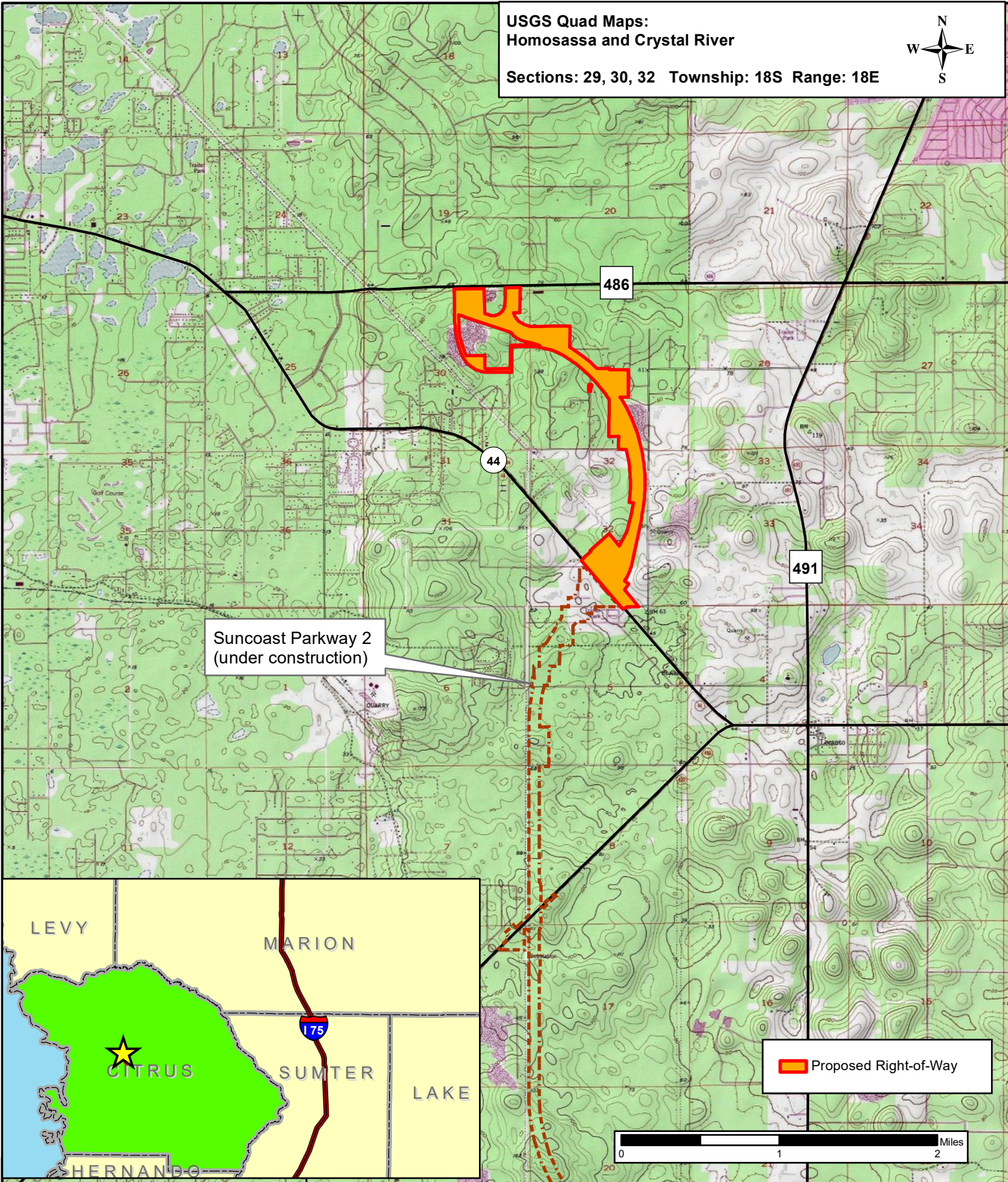
III. Federally Protected Species with the Potential to Occur within ROW


- Red-cockaded woodpecker (RCW)
 - No suitable habitat located within project area, No Effect determination anticipated
- Wood stork
 - No suitable habitat located within project area, No Effect determination anticipated
- Florida scrub-jay
 - USFWS provided concurrence scrub jay survey methodology on 1/24/20
 - Surveys conducted in March 2020 (no SJs observed)
 - Based on survey results, no impacts to scrub-jays will occur
- Eastern indigo snake: No survey proposed
 - Documented observation within 0.62 miles?
 - If sighting is farther than 0.62 miles – no impacts anticipated, and no HCP/ITP required.

- If sighting is within 0.62 miles and valid (date of siting and connectivity?), assess project for impacts.
 - Approximately 140 acres of suitable EIS habitat within ROW (Figure 2)
 - Home ranges for male/female
- Gopher tortoise (Candidate)
 - No ITP required if no other protected species impacts
 - Gopher tortoises will be relocated prior constructions in accordance with FWC Gopher Tortoise Permitting Guidelines

IV. ITP Submittal

- New ITP proposed





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Suncoast Parkway 2 - SR 44 to CR 486

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Location Map

DATA SOURCE:
Topographic Map - ESRI 2016

Figure

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