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1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to outline the general Public Involvement Plan (PIP) that will be used to guide the development of a collaborative and cooperative process to achieve regional consensus for the ultimate I-95 multimodal improvements among stakeholders.

A stakeholder is a person or a group of people who can affect or be affected by a proposed transportation improvement project. A stakeholder may be actively involved in the process, be affected by the outcome, or be in a position to affect the project's success.

The development of a Master Plan (Plan) is a result of a collaborative, consensus-building process. It will entail significant coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the Metropolitan/ Transportation Planning Organizations (M/TPOs) and other relevant state, regional and local government agencies, to ensure proper coordination with affected parties as well as consistency with all regional and local transportation plans. It will reflect the values and needs of the communities it is designed to benefit.



Exhibit 1: Public involvement outreach workshops.

Gaining community consensus among the many stakeholders throughout the Treasure Coast is essential to achieving a successful project outcome. The keys to gaining community consensus are:

- Include project stakeholders early in the study process,
- Maintain regular communication with project stakeholders, and
- Provide multiple opportunities and methods for them to participate in the process and provide comments, in order to shape the future of capacity, operational and access needs along the Corridor.

2. GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

2.1 Project Description:	A new Multimodal Master Plan is being prepared for a 71-mile portion of the I-95/SR-9 Corridor, which is a Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) highway facility. The study area also includes key intersecting roadways.
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Project Limits:	The project limits extend from the Palm Beach/Martin County line to the Indian River/Brevard County line, Florida. The project length is approximately 71 miles.

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2.3 Project Overview:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will conduct a Multimodal Master Plan for the I-95/SR-9 SIS highway corridor segment, which stretches 71 miles from the Palm Beach/Martin County line to the Indian River/Brevard County line. The project limits include large, unincorporated areas and several municipalities.

The preparation of a Multimodal Master Plan is an integral part of the continuing process for the development of the SIS and in reaching overall regional mobility goals. The plan will identify short-term and long-term capacity and operational improvements necessary to make the corridor compliant with SIS standards. It will also make recommendations for actions to be taken by the FDOT and local governments to protect and enhance the corridor through the year 2045.

The development of the plan will be a collaborative effort involving FDOT, the local Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Transportation Planning Organizations (TPOs) and other local, regional and state agencies along the corridor. The cooperative development of the plan will ensure consistency with all local and regional transportation plans.



Exhibit 2: Project Location Map

2.4 Project Background:

Interstate 95 is a critical corridor, moving freight, transit and passenger vehicles into, through and out of the corridor each day. I-95 is a major north/south Principal Arterial-Interstate Corridor, and a key facility of the SIS, the high priority network of transportation facilities important to the state's economic competitiveness. The SIS was established by the State Legislature in 2003 to focus the state's limited transportation resources on the facilities most significant for interregional, interstate, and international travel.

The development of the I-95 Corridor has occurred over a 50-year period. This particular section of the Corridor, through what is known as Florida's Treasure Coast, was to be completed in the early 1970s, although local objection to the proposed alignments delayed its opening until 1987.

I-95 runs primarily west of Florida's Turnpike through Martin and St. Lucie counties, and crosses Florida's Turnpike at State Road 70 (Fort Pierce). From this point, Florida's Turnpike turns west toward Orlando and I-95 continues directly along the coast through Indian River County.

Future year traffic volumes along I-95 are projected to increase significantly throughout the corridor, with the largest increase projected in St. Lucie County where volumes are projected to increase by more than 219 percent from 47,300 vehicles per day in 2008 to 151,000 vehicles per day in 2035. Freight traffic accounts for 6,000 to 8,000 trucks per day or 10-20 percent of current traffic volume.



Exhibit 3: SR-70 at I-95 Interchange (facing west), St. Lucie County

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I-95 serves as an emergency evacuation route. It connects to other major highways and arterials along the evacuation route.

The counties within the project corridor, especially St. Lucie County, are experiencing growth in population and employment. In 2015, the U.S. Census designated Port St. Lucie/Fort Pierce as one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the nation.

The project is consistent with the goals and objectives of the M/TPOs Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP), to provide safe and efficient mobility over the foreseeable future for all users including single- and high-occupancy vehicles, public transportation and the transport of freight and goods.



Exhibit 4: I-95 south of CR 512 (facing north), Indian River County

3. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

A key part of the project is a public involvement plan that will allow stakeholders, along the corridor, to identify potential issues, needs, and possible solutions early in the development of the Plan. Key stakeholders have been identified for inclusion in the public involvement process. Additional stakeholders will be added to the PIP throughout the life of the project. Public involvement will shape the recommendations for planned improvements identified in the Plan. All activities will be in compliance with existing FDOT policies and procedures.

3.1 Public Involvement Goals

Goal 1: Collaborative and cooperative regional consensus: Achieve collaborative and cooperative regional consensus to identify the challenges along the Corridor and assist the FDOT in coordinating with local governments, to investigate additional capacity as well as operational and access improvements on I-95. Input gathered from stakeholders, agencies, and interested public regarding community needs and perspectives will also become a part of the decision-making process.

Goal 2: Opportunity: Provide opportunities to gather and consider stakeholder input regarding the future of the Corridor. Through public involvement activities, provide a comprehensive management plan for the Corridor, supported by the FDOT and its partners.

Goal 3: Information and Communication: Provide the public and stakeholders with clear, timely and accurate information related to the Plan and its progress.

3.2 Team Member Roles: Gus Schmidt, PE (T.Y. LIN) will lead the agency coordination component of this project and will be supported by Gabriella Ferraro (QCA) on general public involvement activities. The following team members will participate and communicate the various public involvement activities as shown in Exhibit 5.

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 One-on-One Meeting Strategy and Coordination – Eric Penfield Presenters/Facilitators – Eric Penfield, Winston Harris, David Stroud, Dave Schmitt, Ashu Kumar Graphics – renderings, visualizations, maps, PowerPoint presentation Workshops staffing and logistics support 	 One-on-One Meeting Strategy and Coordination – Gus Schmidt Facilitators – Gus Schmidt Quality assurance – public outreach content review Workshops staffing and logistics support 	 One-on-One Meeting Coordination – Gabriella Ferraro Website maintenance Graphics – Materials for newsletters, handouts, presentations, etc. Facilitators - Gabriella Ferraro Workshops staffing and logistics lead Other community outreach staffing - flyers, ads, etc.

Exhibit 5: Public Involvement Team Roles

Exhibit 5 Legend

RS&H, Inc. (RS&H) HDR Engineering (HDR) T.Y. Lin International (T.Y. Lin) Quest Corporation of America (QCA)

3.3 Identification of Concerned Stakeholders

At the beginning of the process, the Project Team identified a list of stakeholders. The list includes local, regional, state, and federal agencies having potential concern with the Plan due to jurisdictional review or expressed interest. As other concerned stakeholders are identified throughout the process, they will also be listed and contacted.

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The following local, state, and national public interest groups or organizations having a direct or expressed interest in the project study have been preliminarily identified and will be contacted by FDOT. This list will be expanded throughout the study process.

Public Interest Organizations

Chambers of Commerce/Economic Development Organizations

Palm City St. Lucie County Stuart/Martin County Hobe Sound Indiantown Indian River County Stuart/Martin County Economic Council of Martin County St. Lucie County Economic Development Council

Additional Regional Stakeholders

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Florida Highway Patrol Smart SunGuide Center Florida's Turnpike South Florida Water Management District St. Johns River Water Management District **Equestrian facilities** PGA Village **Tradition Square** Stuart West Cobblestone Walmart Distribution Center St. Lucie County Emergency Center Tropicana Florida Department of Environmental Protection- State Parks Indian River State College Meadowood Golf and Tennis Club **Encore Sunshine RV Resort** Vero Outlets Hotels (numerous along the corridor) **FDOT Treasure Coast Operations Citrus League**

3.4 Technical Review Committee

The Technical Review Committee (TRC) membership will include the following agencies' representatives:

Agency	Member		
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council			
Executive Director	Michael Busha		
Director of Strategic Development and Policy	Kim Delaney		
Martin County			
MPO Director	Beth Beltran		
County Engineer	Lisa Wichser		
Airport Manager	Erik Treudt		
Transit Manager	Claudette Mahan		
City of Stuart - City Engineer	Sam Amerson/Tim Voelker		
St. Lucie County	1		
MPO Director	Peter Buchwald		
County Engineer	Kim Graham		
Airport Director	John Wiatrak		
Port Director	Stan Payne		
Transit Director	Murriah Dekle		
City of Port St. Lucie - City Engineer	James Angstadt		
City of Fort Pierce - City Engineer	Jack Andrews		
Indian River County			
MPO Director	Phil Matson		
County Engineer	James Ennis		
Airport Director	Eric Menger		
Transit Director	Karen Deigl		
City of Vero Beach - Director of Public Works	Monte Falls		
City of Fellsmere - City Manager	Jason Nunemaker		
Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)			
Min-Tang Li Project M	anager		
Planning and Environmental Man	agement (PLEMO)		
Design			
Office of Modal Developm	ent (OMD)		
Construction			
Traffic Ops			
Right of Way			
Other offices as appropriate			
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Exhibit 6: Technical Review Committee (TRC) Membership

The TRC validates the planning process and provides a direct conduit between the agency staff, elected officials, and the public for developing a successful plan. It is essential that the established review committee maintain a broad base of local interests, viewpoints, and concerns to develop the foundation for building consensus amongst stakeholders. The relationships built between the Project Team and committee members during the planning process will be reflected directly in the quality of the final document. The organizational chart below illustrates the major players in the planning and decision-making process.

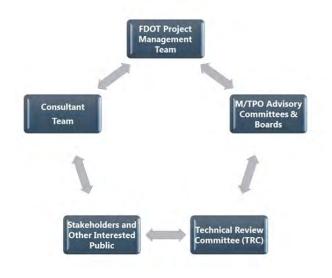


Exhibit 7: Project Decision-Making Framework

The TRC will meet at major milestones throughout the course of the study to guide the planning and study development process. The Project Team will provide the TRC with all the information and materials needed to allow for meaningful input and recommendations during the process. The Project Team will meet with the TRC to discuss, understand and concur on the study goals and objectives, provide study information, present data collection and results of the technical analysis, obtain feedback on preliminary alternatives, present the results of the alternatives analysis and seek recommendations for the multimodal improvements.

The TRC will assist with implementation of the PIP by sharing information with their respective agencies and municipalities, communicating the needs of their agencies and constituents to the Project Team, and by ensuring that their constituents are aware of the study and the alternatives under consideration.

TRC Meetings: The Project Team will organize and conduct four (4) technical meetings and presentations before the TRC. The Project Team will:

- 1. Notify TRC members by email, telephone or other means approved by the FDOT.
- 2. Prepare presentations, graphics, and displays.
- 3. Deliver presentations using knowledgeable staff members, including a question and answer session.
- 4. Work with FDOT to secure suitable meeting locations, and set up and take down the audiovisual equipment.
- 5. Prepare and provide meeting summaries to FDOT within five (5) working days of each meeting.

3.5 Public Notification

The following public notification techniques will be utilized:

- *Invitational letters*: Invitational letters will be emailed to elected and appointed officials, agency staff and other interested parties, as directed by and coordinated with the FDOT to announce public outreach events. The team will utilize local groups to support outreach efforts.
- **Project informational newsletters/e-newsletters**: Electronic informational newsletters will be distributed to elected and appointed officials, agency staff and other interested parties as directed by and coordinated with the FDOT. Newsletters will be developed in both English and Spanish (as necessary).
- News releases to the media: News releases will be submitted to the FDOT 10 days prior to each public meeting. The project team will prepare and submit a press release electronically to FDOT's Public Information Office. In turn, FDOT's Public Information Office will distribute the press release to the local media outlets.
- **Social media**: Information dissemination via social media may be utilized. The Project Team will coordinate with the FDOT regarding content for social media.
- Presentations to M/TPOs: The Project Team will make presentations at regularly scheduled M/TPO meetings to update the groups on progress and gather feedback. These meetings will be scheduled prior to all key decisions. The schedule and agenda for these meetings will be available on M/TPO websites.
- Project website: A project website will be available on the FDOT's Major Projects webpage at http://www.fdot.gov/info/moreDOT/majorprojects.shtm, or at another location, to share information about the study with all interested persons. Updates will include project objectives, the study location map, schedule, study details, contacts, public information activities and other information, as identified by the Project Team. The site will be updated at key project milestones. It is anticipated that the website will provide links to presentations and final reports, and will be maintained throughout the project. The site will include contact information for the FDOT Project Manager and Public Information Director. Links will be provided to allow the public to submit comments and sign up to be added to the mailing list. Newsletters and other public notices will be available. All materials will be provided to the FDOT for review and approval prior to being uploaded on the website.

3.6 Public Meetings

The following information meetings will be held to involve the public, stakeholders, local officials and interested agencies in the project development process and to inform interested parties of the project's current status:

Formal Public Meetings: The Project Team will prepare for and conduct one full-scale public meeting in each of the three counties in the Treasure Coast area. In support of these meetings, the Project Team will:

- 1. Prepare a presentation and relevant material, including hand-outs.
- 2. Deliver the presentation using knowledgeable staff members, including a question and answer session.
- 3. Summarize all meeting comments, assist FDOT in preparing responses and prepare all meeting documentation, including the presentation material.
- 4. Maintain a file of media coverage, letters, and direct contact memos for conversations before, during and after the public meeting.

Potential Public Meeting Location(s): Public facilities will be visited prior to the Public Meetings to reserve an appropriate location that will accommodate the anticipated number of attendees and meet all requirements outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Preliminary locations for the Public Meetings have been identified as follows:

Facility	Location
Cummings Library	2551 SW Matheson Avenue, Palm City, FL 34990
Blake Library	2351 SE Monterey Road, Stuart FL 34996
Indian River State College, Wolf Technology Center	2400 SE Salerno Road, Stuart, FL 34997
Port St. Lucie Community Center	2195 SE Airoso Boulevard, Port St Lucie, FL 34984
Havert L. Fenn Center	2000 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL 34982
Indian River State College	3209 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL 34981
Indian River County Administration Center	1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, FL
IRSC Mueller Campus	6155 College Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32966
North IRC Library	1001 Sebastian Boulevard, Sebastian, FL 32958

Exhibit 8: Potential Public Meeting Locations

Public Meeting Follow-up: The following procedures will occur after Public Meetings:

- 1. A Public Meeting debriefing will be held with all project team members to identify issues that require additional correspondence and/or development. This meeting will assign responsibility for the issues that need to be addressed further.
- 2. Responses to all letters received after the Public Meeting will be made in writing. The Project Team will prepare all letters of response for review and concurrence by FDOT. The consultant will mail the responses to the person or group who posed the question or comment. A copy of all responses will be included in the project file.
- **3.** A Public Involvement Summary Report will be produced and submitted at the conclusion of the project, containing all documentation regarding public participation performed throughout the project period. This report shall include all comments and responses received from the public, as well as records of coordination with local officials and agencies, and public meetings; proof of publication of legal ads; newsletters; sign-in sheets; comment forms; public meeting materials; presentations and displays; and all public correspondence. The Public Involvement Summary Report will be submitted with the final project documents.

3.7 Agency Coordination/Public Involvement Implementation Timeline

The following matrix summarizes various TRC, M/TPO Advisory Committees and Board meetings as well as formal public meetings.

Project Phase	Timeframe	Type of Meeting	Intended Outcome(s)
Dupingt kick off	Aug. 30, 2017	TRC meeting #1	Project overview
Project kick off	Oct. 2017	TAC/CAC meeting #1-3	 Mobility issues and needs
	Nov. 2017	MPO/TPO Board meeting #1-3	 Expectations and corridor vision
Existing Conditions	Feb. 27, 2018	TRC meeting #2	 Initial technical/traffic analysis
	Existing conditions Feb. 27, 2018 The meeting #2		 Feedback of potential improvements
Alternatives Development	Jun. 28, 2018	TRC meeting #3	 Refined alternatives/improvements
Alternatives Development	Sep. 2018	TAC/CAC meeting #4-6	 Screening analysis
	Oct. 2018	MPO/TPO Board meeting #4-6	 Select alternatives/improvements
	Jan. 10, 2019	TRC meeting #4	• Decommonded short mid and
Draft Final I-95 Master Plan	Mar. 2019	Formal alternatives public meeting #1-3	Recommended short-, mid-, and long-term improvements
	Apr. 2019	TAC/CAC meeting #7-9	 Phasing and implementation plan Funding needs
	May 2019	MPO/TPO Board meeting #7-9	• Funding needs

Exhibit 9: Agency Coordination/Public Involvement Implementation Timeline

3.8 Evaluation of the Public Involvement Plan

A public involvement evaluation process will be developed to assess the effectiveness of the public involvement efforts used throughout the study. The evaluation is to be included at the end of the Public Involvement Summary Report. This process will include the results and effectiveness of the public outreach activities, reporting on associated project performance measures, as well as any recommendations for outreach during design and construction.

4. NON-DISCRIMINATION LAWS AND AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANCE

Title VI and Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance of 1964: In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, all reasonable steps will be taken to ensure persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) receive the language assistance necessary to give them meaningful access to programs and services. Upon request, arrangements will be made to provide an appropriate interpreter and translation services free of charge. Based on FDOT guidance dated March 21, 2013, the non-discrimination language shown below will be added to all meeting notices, letters, ads, newsletters, boards, and other project-related materials.

FDOT Approved Non-Discrimination Language – March 21, 2013

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation service (free of charge) should contact Jorge Padron, Public Involvement Coordinator at 954.777.4320 or via e-mail at gaspar.padron@dot.state.fl.us at least seven (7) working days in advance of the meeting.

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990: Notification of FDOT's intent to comply with the Americans with Disabilities ACT (ADA) will be provided in the public meeting announcements, invitations and newsletters by the selection of an ADA-compliant public meeting site.

4.1 Special Outreach

Limited English Proficiency and Assistance for Spanish Speakers: Ensuring the inclusion of persons with LEP in the transportation decision-making process is a critical component of a comprehensive PIP. Persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Jorge Padron, Public Involvement Coordinator at 954.777.4320 or via e-mail at gaspar.padron@dot.state.fl.us at least seven (7) working days in advance of the meeting. Spanish-speaking personnel will be made available to those in need.

4.2 Environmental Justice (EJ) Population Groups

This project traverses through incorporated and unincorporated areas in the Treasure Coast Region. There are five key municipalities and three counties located within the project study area.

The area includes two metropolitan statistical areas designated by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) that are used for statistical purposes by the Census Bureau and other agencies: the Port St. Lucie, Florida Metropolitan Statistical Area (comprising St. Lucie and Martin counties) and the Sebastian–Vero Beach, Florida Metropolitan Statistical Area (comprising Indian River County). Port St. Lucie, located in St. Lucie County, is the only city on the Treasure Coast that has a population of more than 100,000 inhabitants.

The location of the Environmental Justice (EJ) population groups in the study area was obtained from 2015 American Community Survey (ACS) at block group level geography. and is included in Appendix B.

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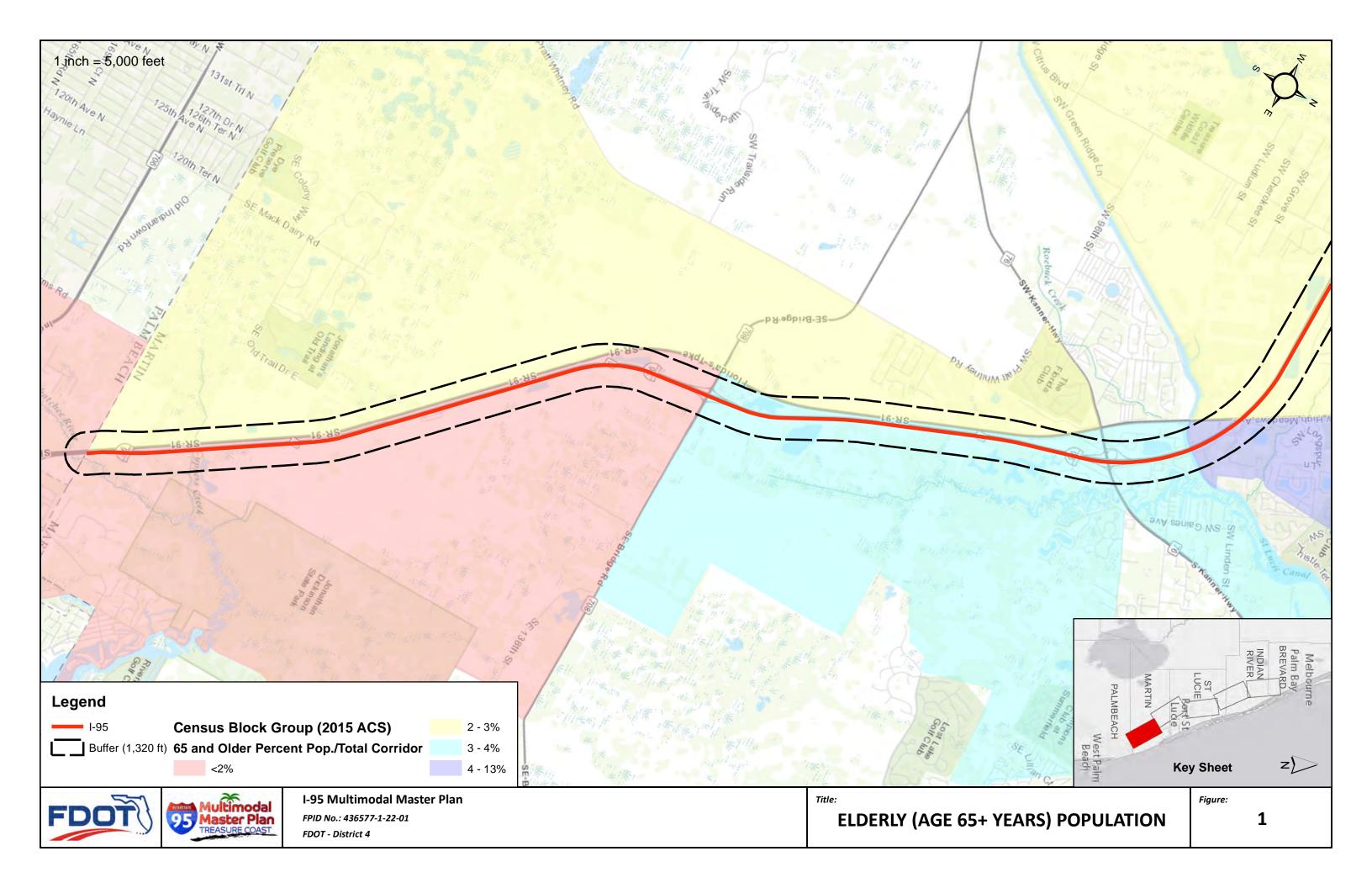
A number of mass media communication techniques and vehicles could be utilized to carry public notices, news releases, public service announcements, news items, and interviews. Appendix A includes a list of potential media outlets.

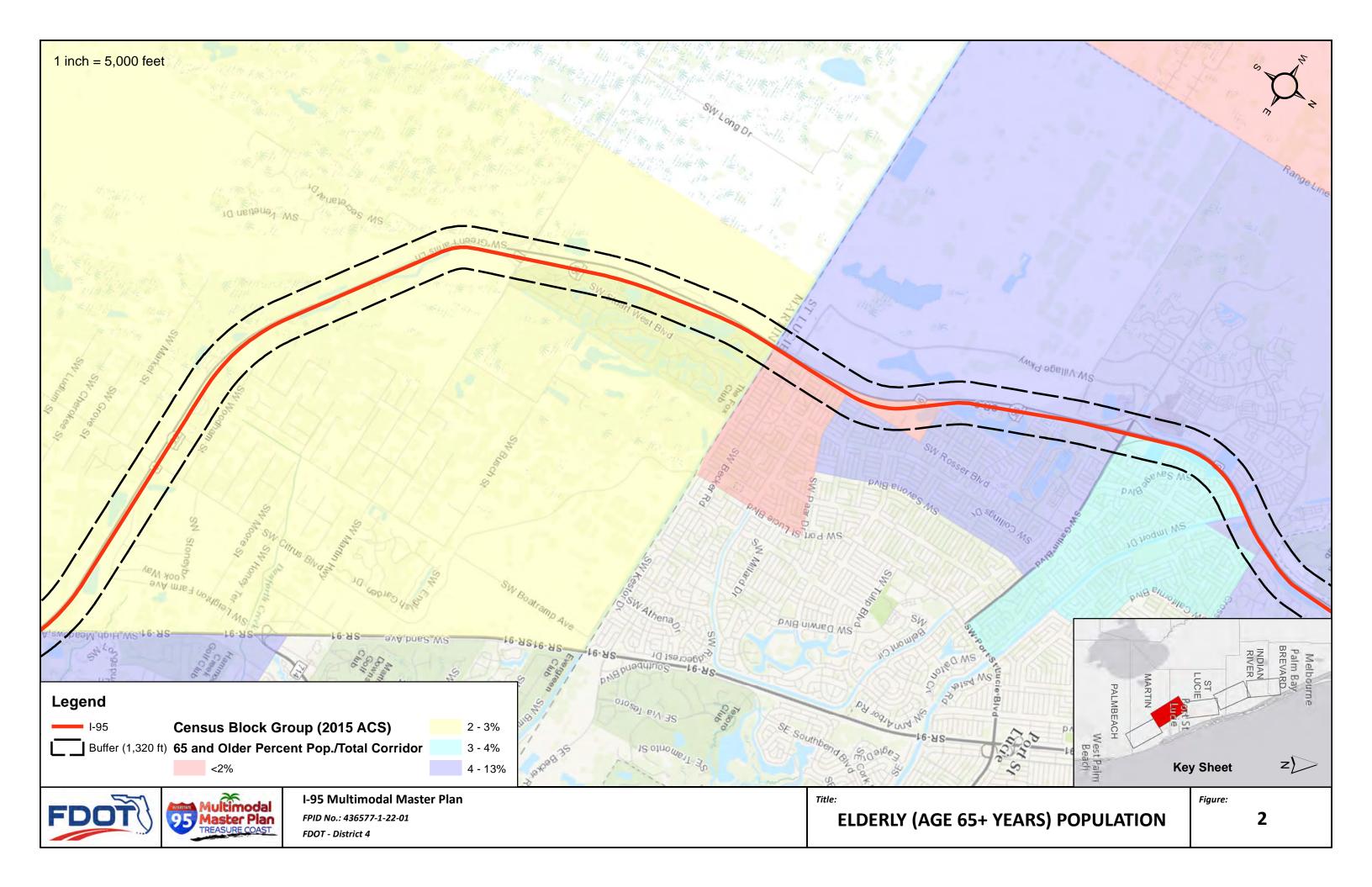
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772-226-7925		
Telev		
WPTV 1100 Banyan Boulevard West Palm Beach, Florida 33401 561-655-5455	WPEC 1100 Fairfield West Palm Beach, Florida 33407 561-844-1212	
WPBF 3970 RCA Blvd., Suite 7007 Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410 561-694-2525 MCTV (County TV) Martin County BOCC 2401 SE Monterey Road Stuart, Florida 34996 772-288-5400	WFLX Fox 29 1100 Banyan Boulevard West Palm Beach, Florida 33401 561-845-2929 SLC-TV (County TV) St. Lucie County BOCC 2300 Virginia Avenue Fort Pierce, Florida 34982 772-462-1100	
PSL-TV 20 (City TV) City of Port St. Lucie 121 S.W. Port St. Lucie Blvd. Port St. Lucie, Florida 34984-5099		

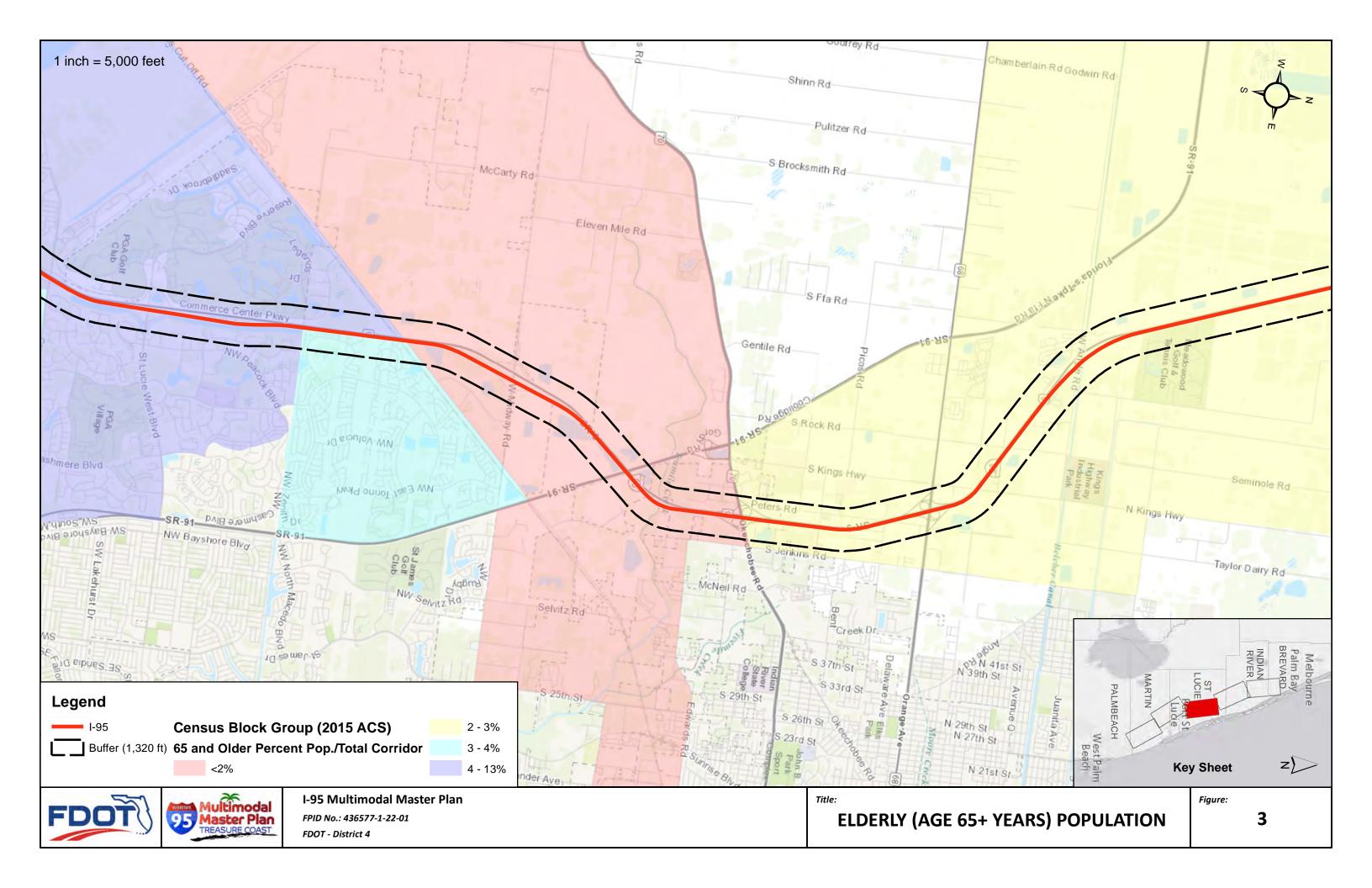
Radio		
WQCS-FM 3209 Virginia Ave. Fort Pierce, Florida 34981	WSTU Radio 215 SW Federal Highway Stuart, Florida 34994 772-220-9788	
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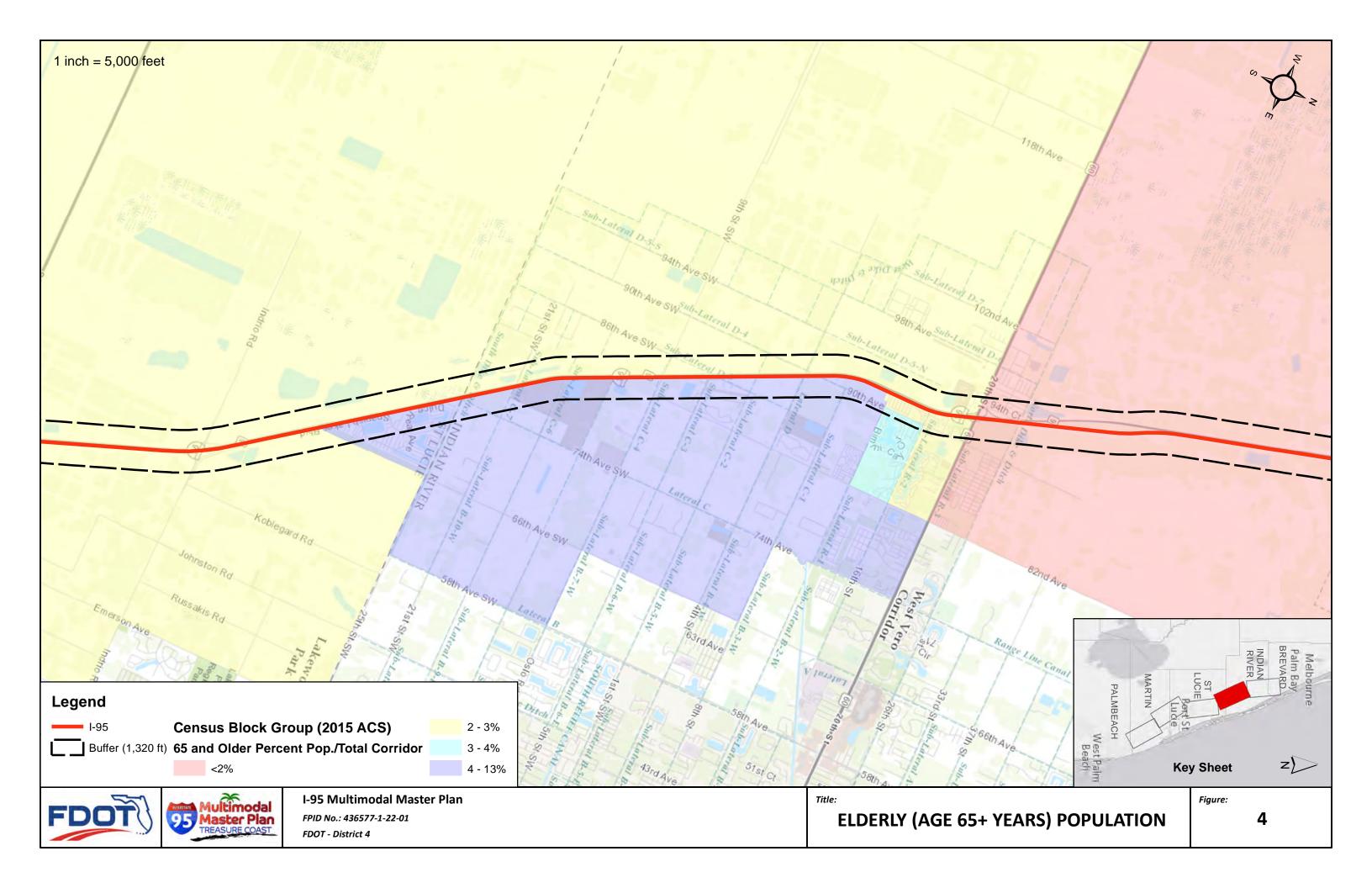
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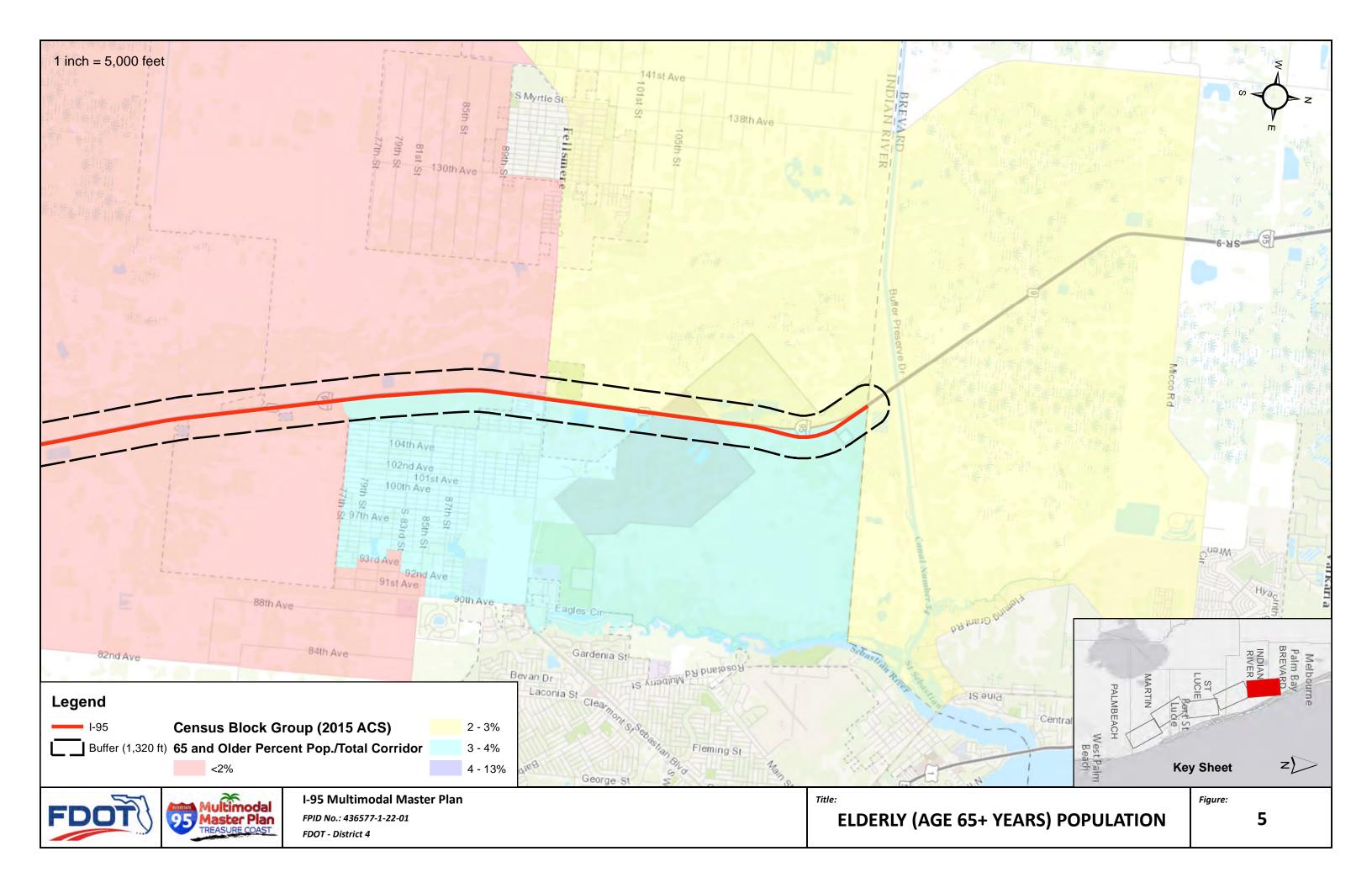
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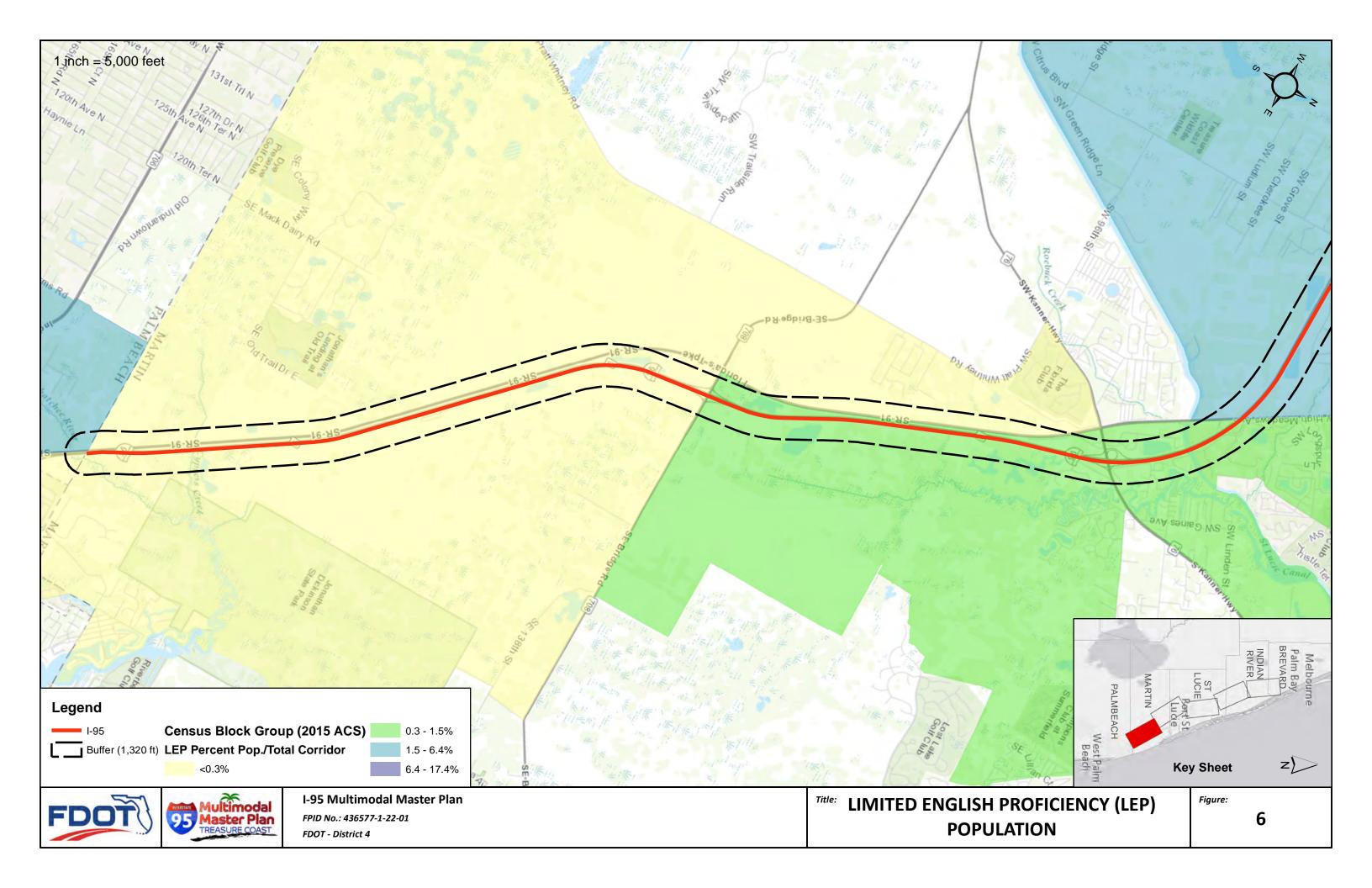


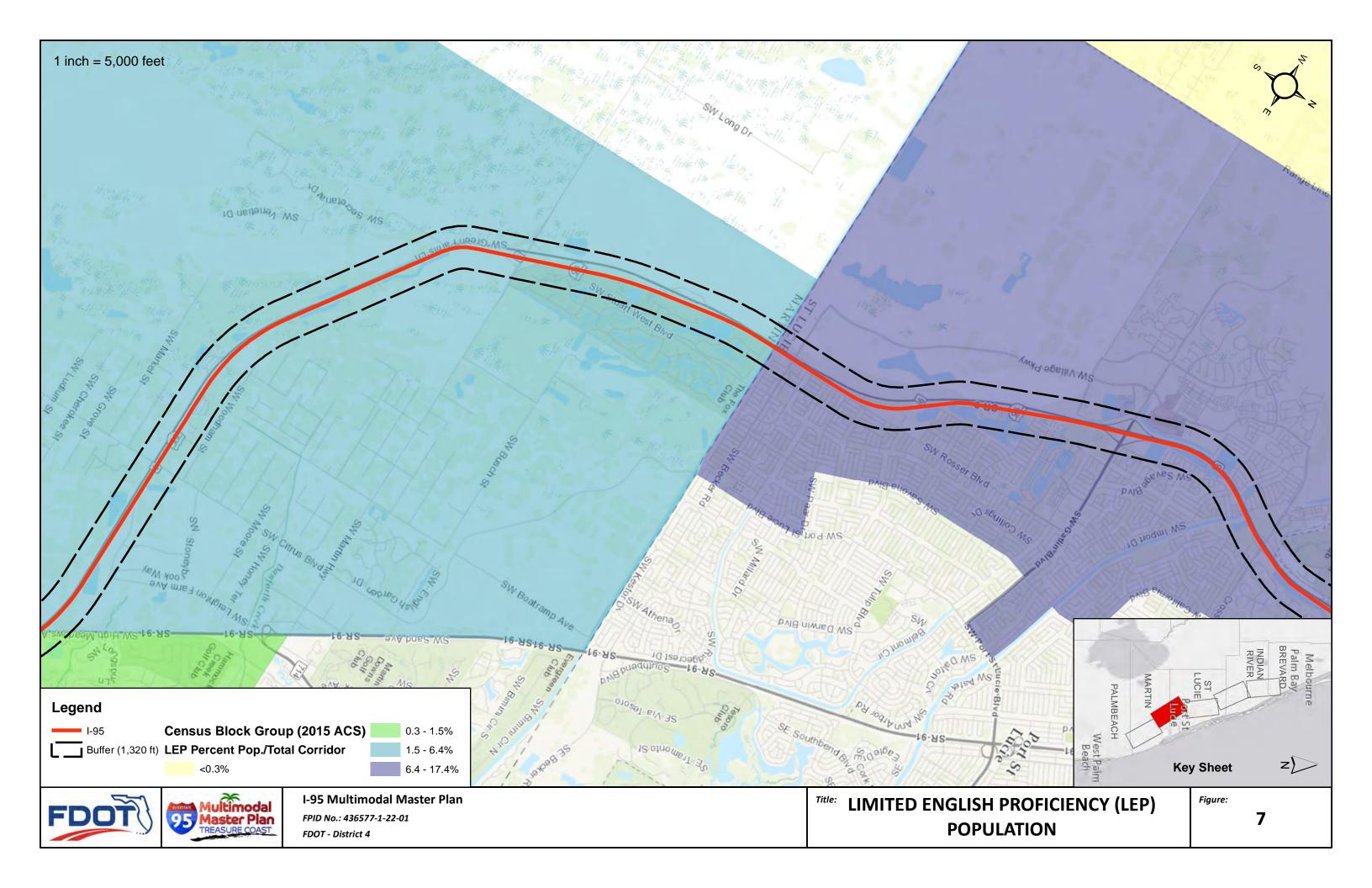


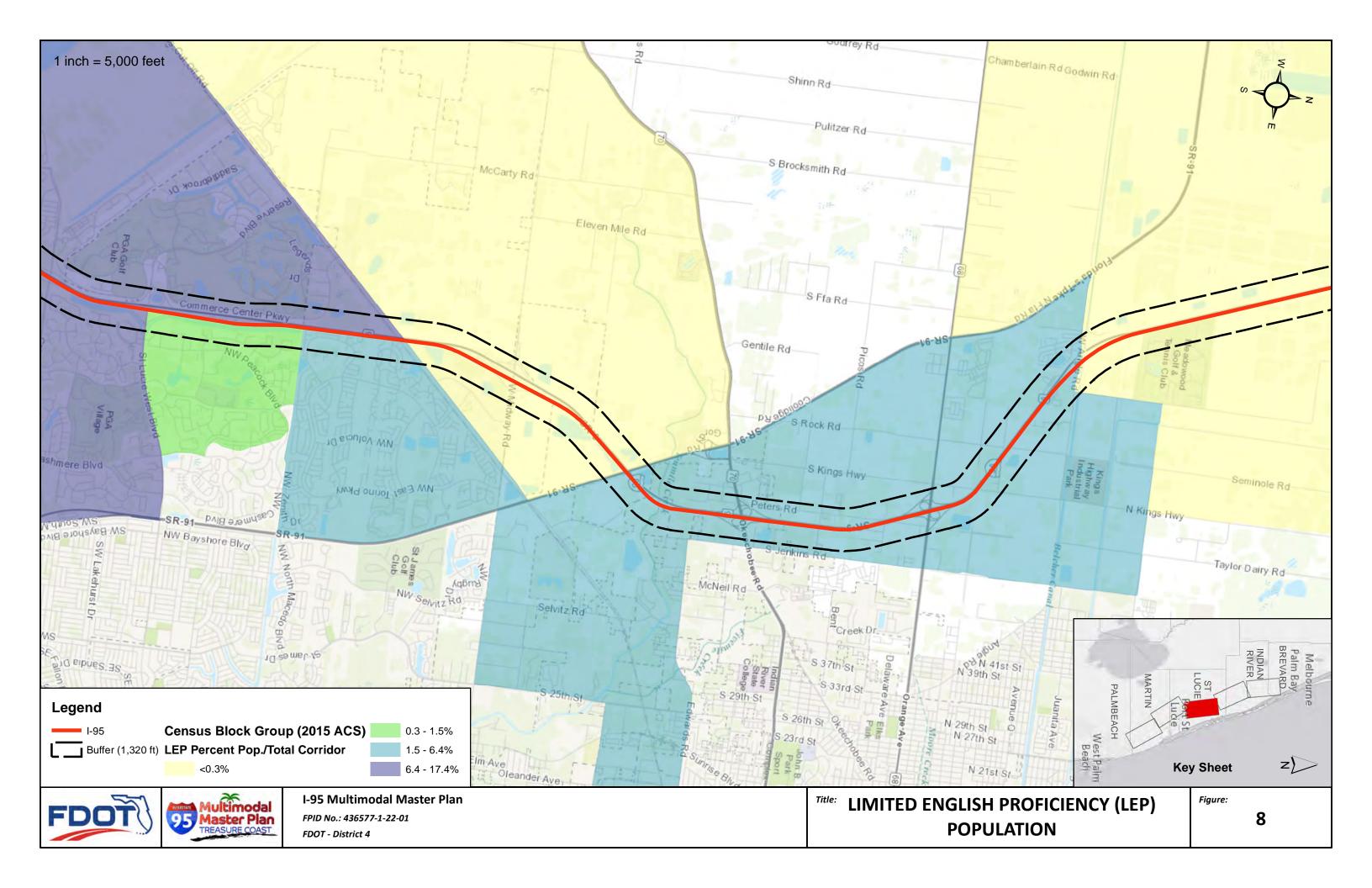


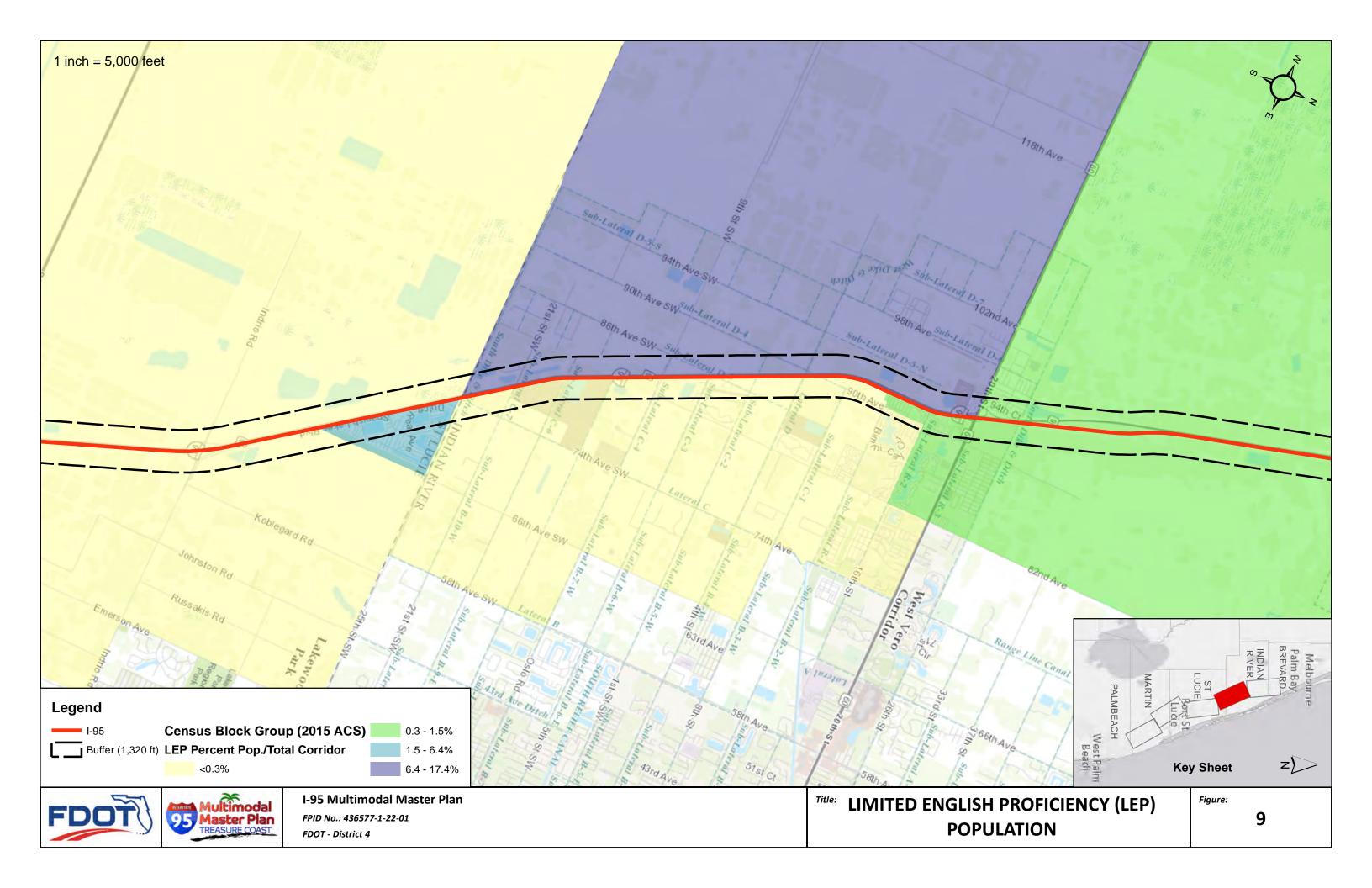


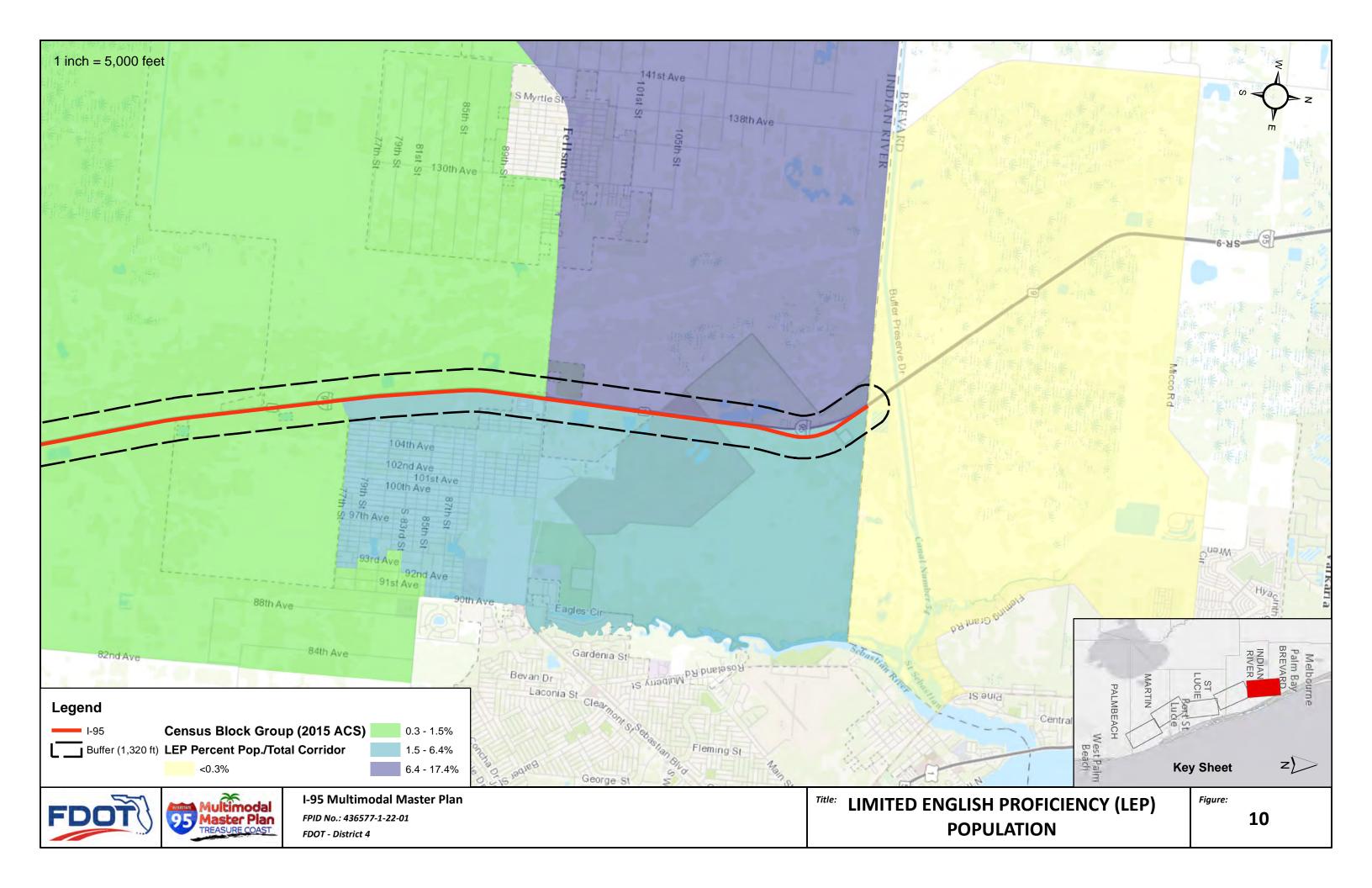


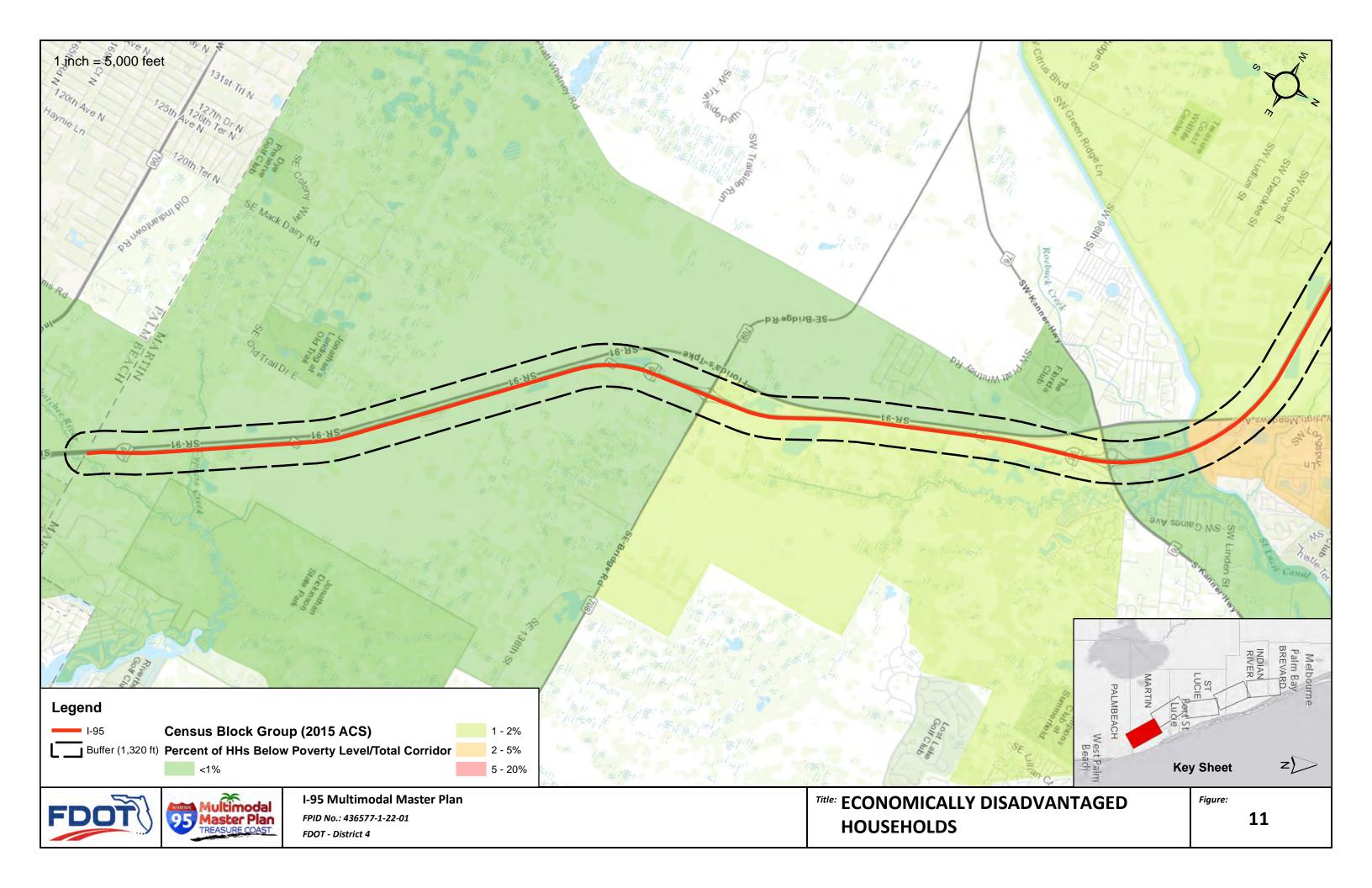


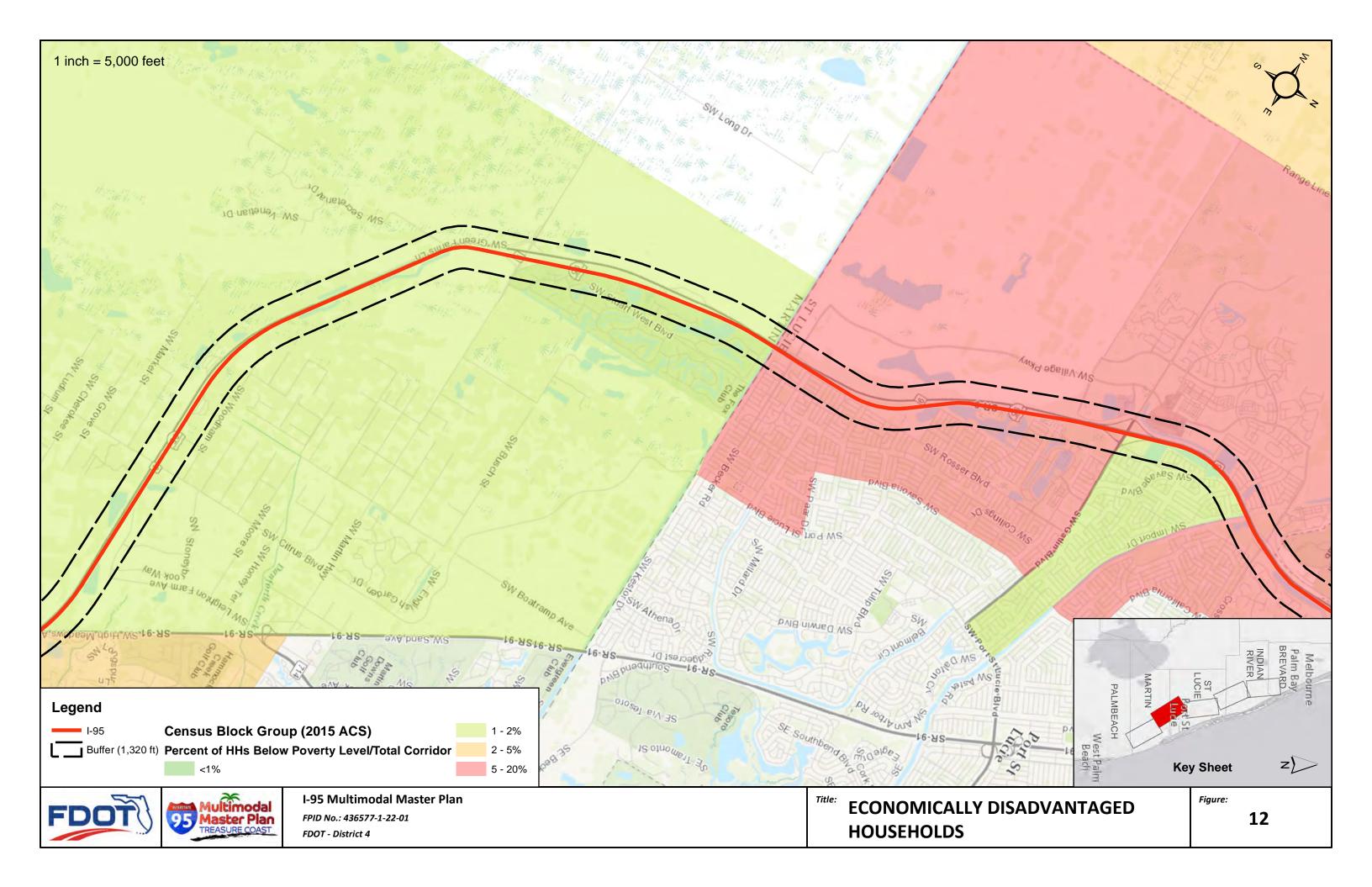


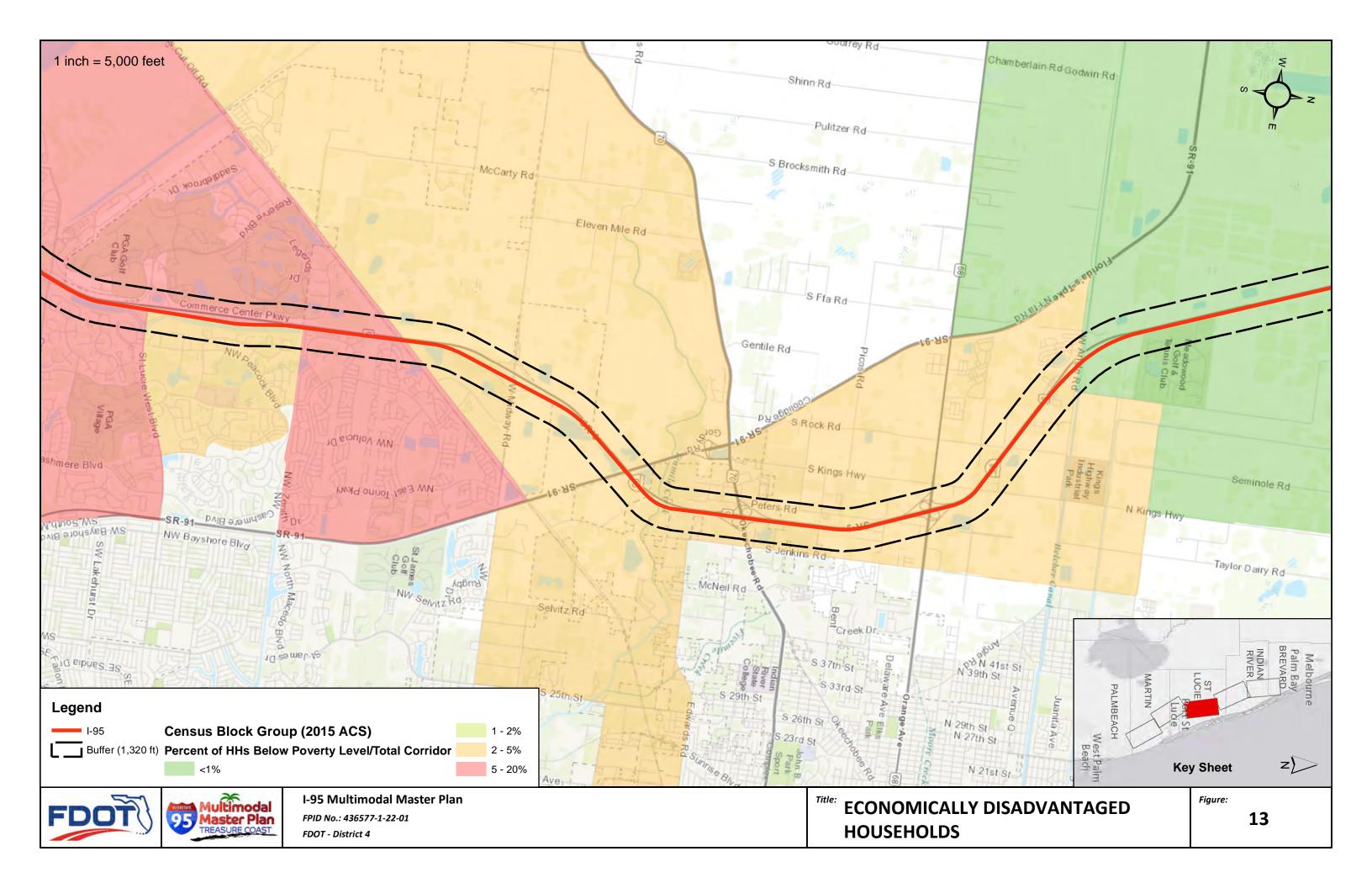


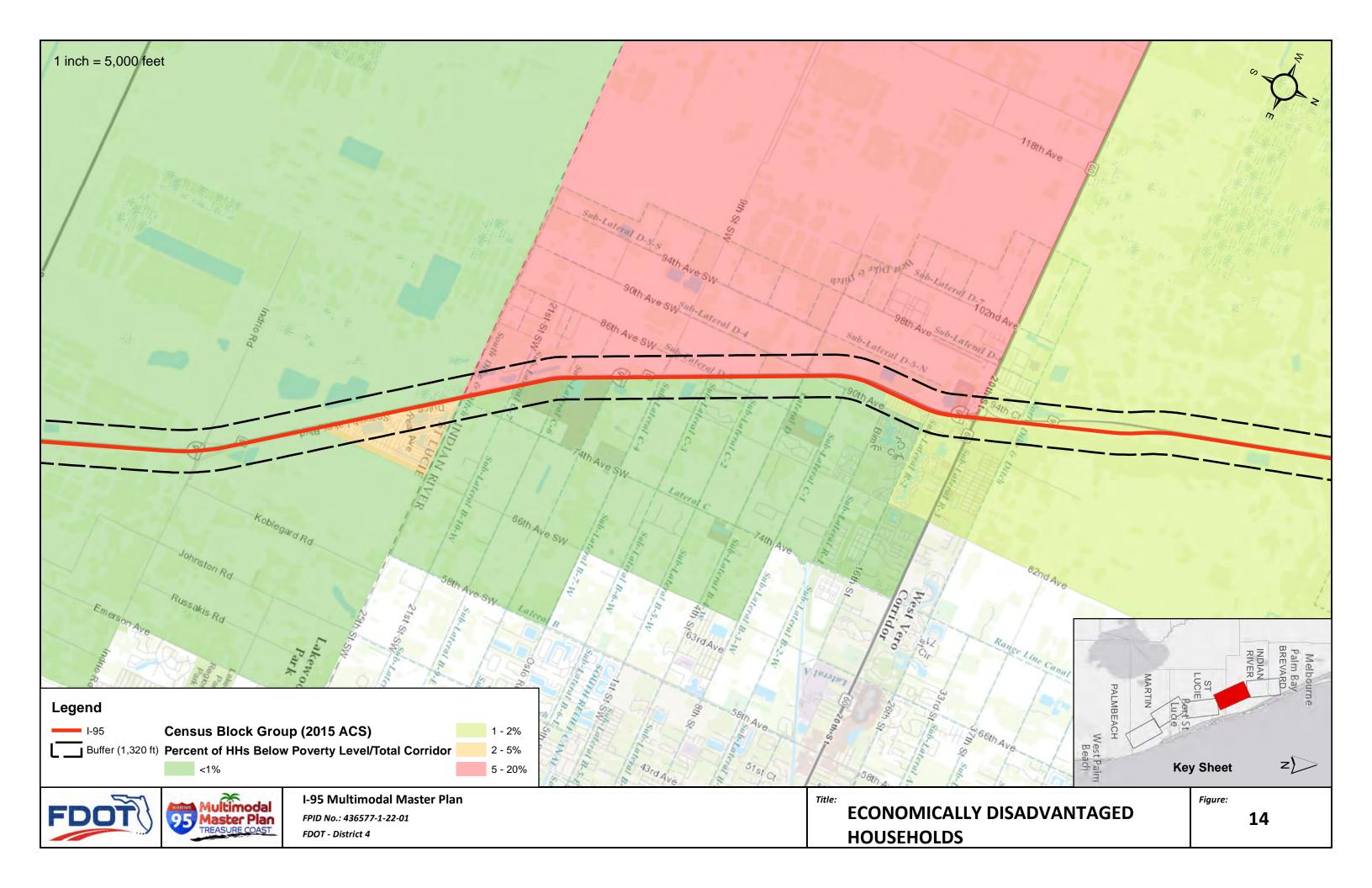


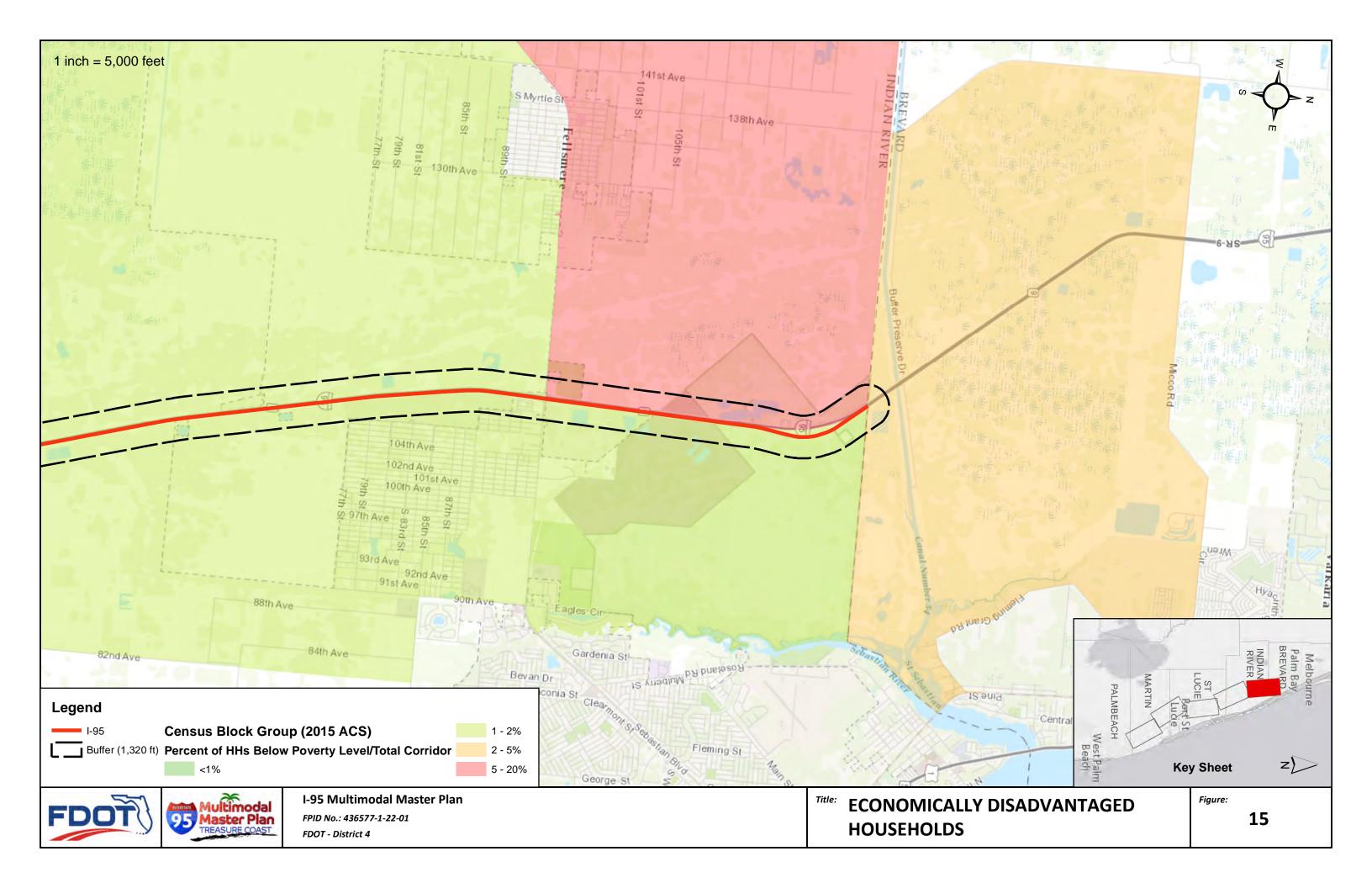


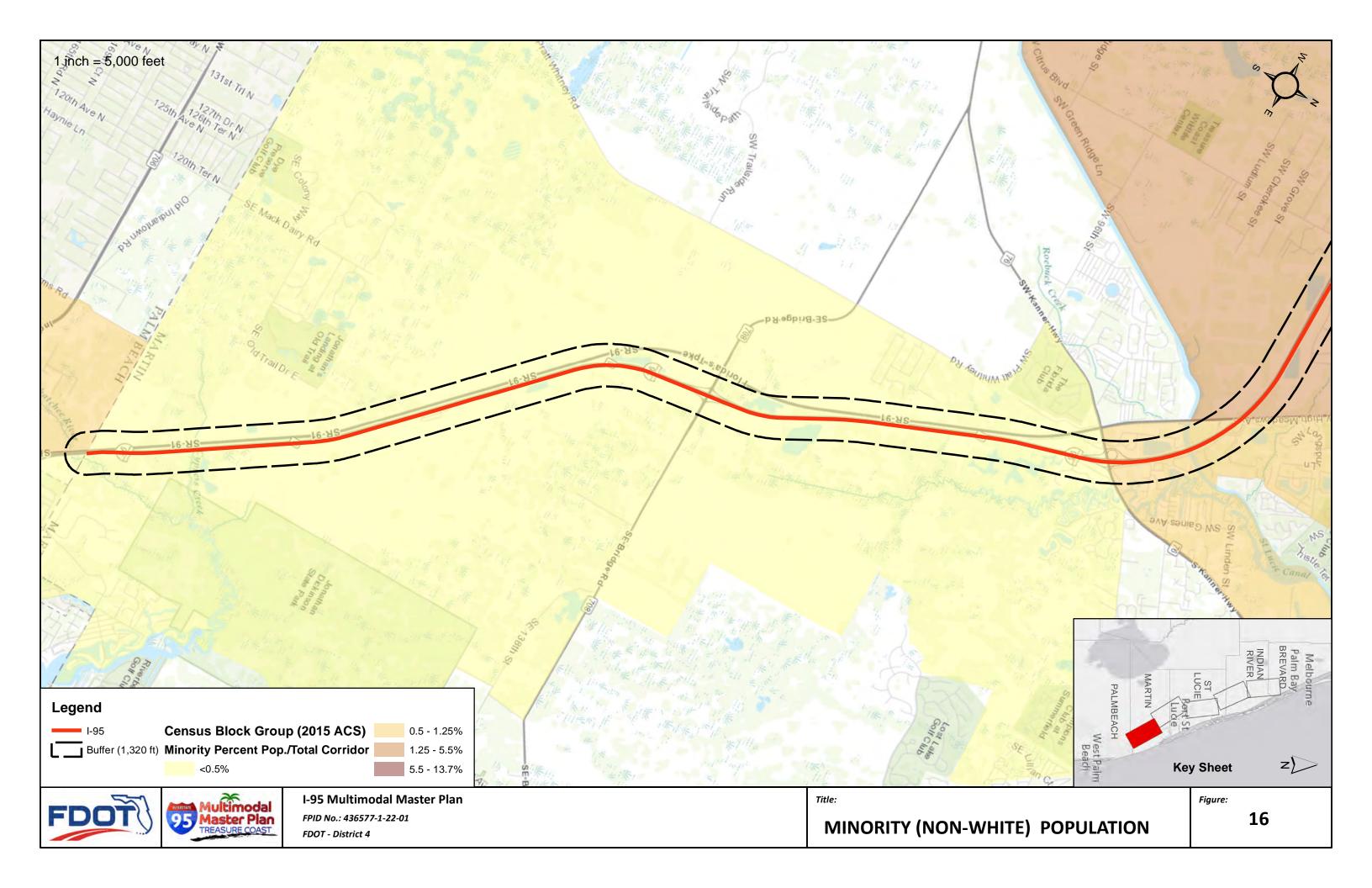


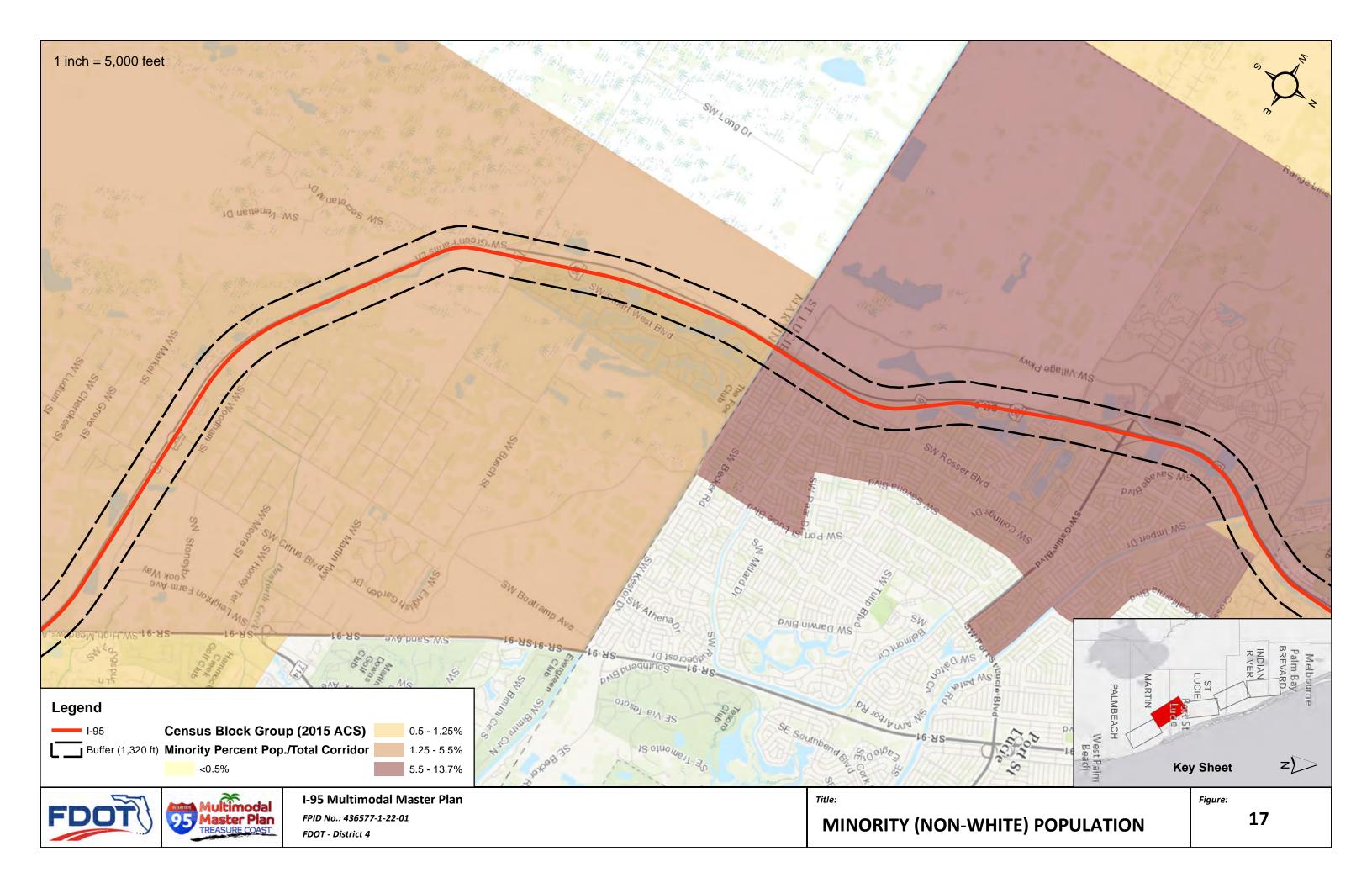


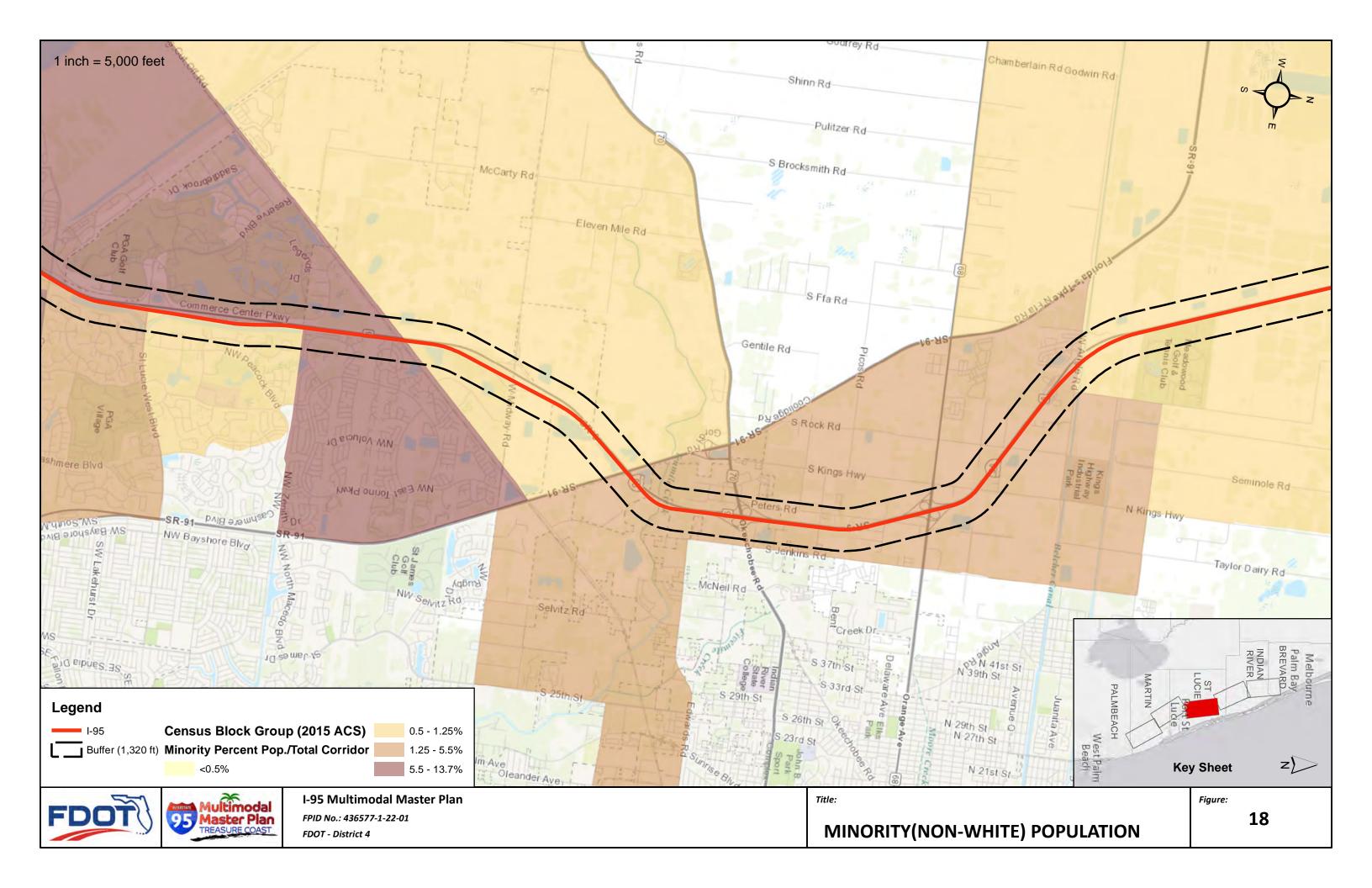


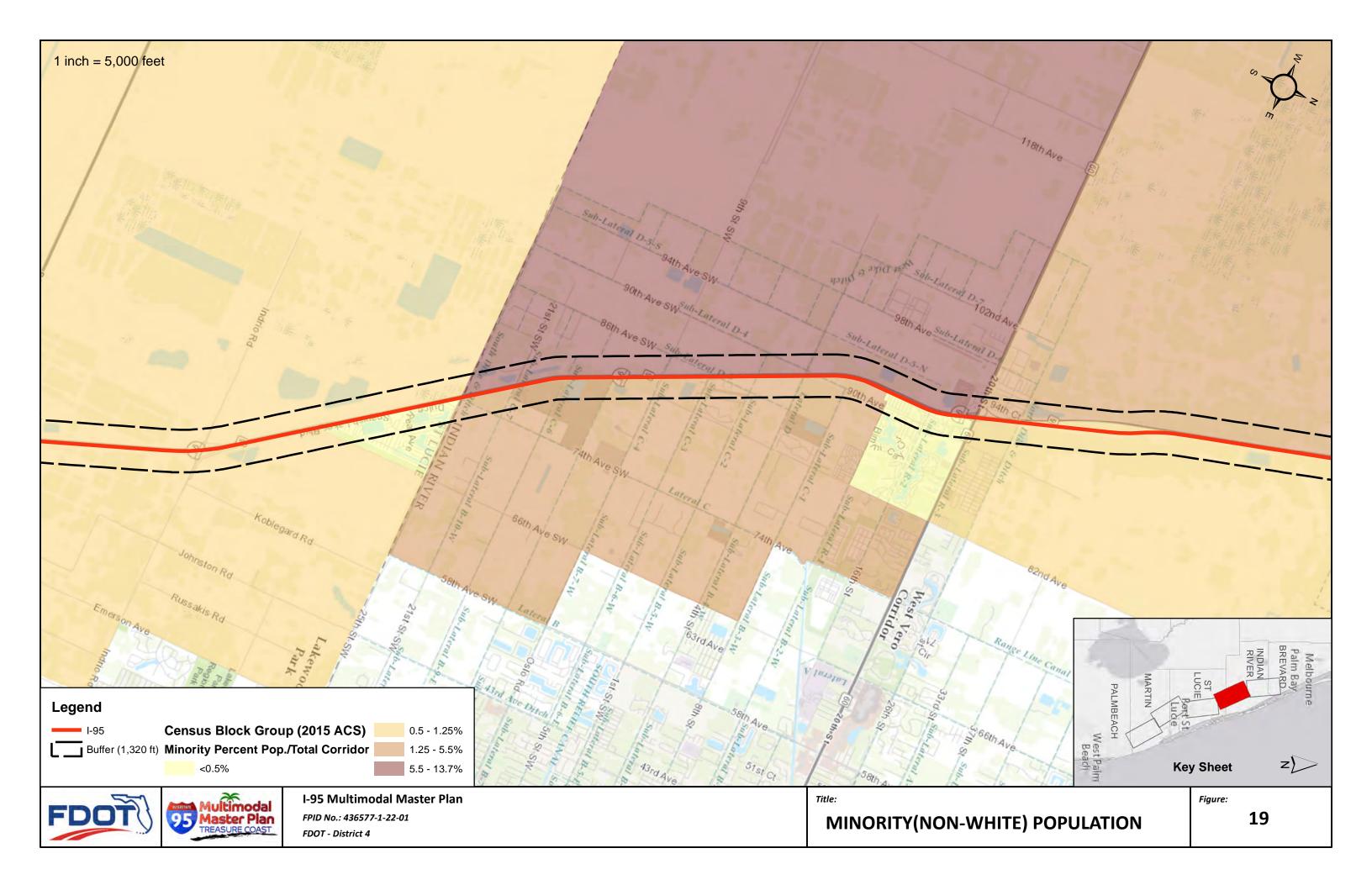


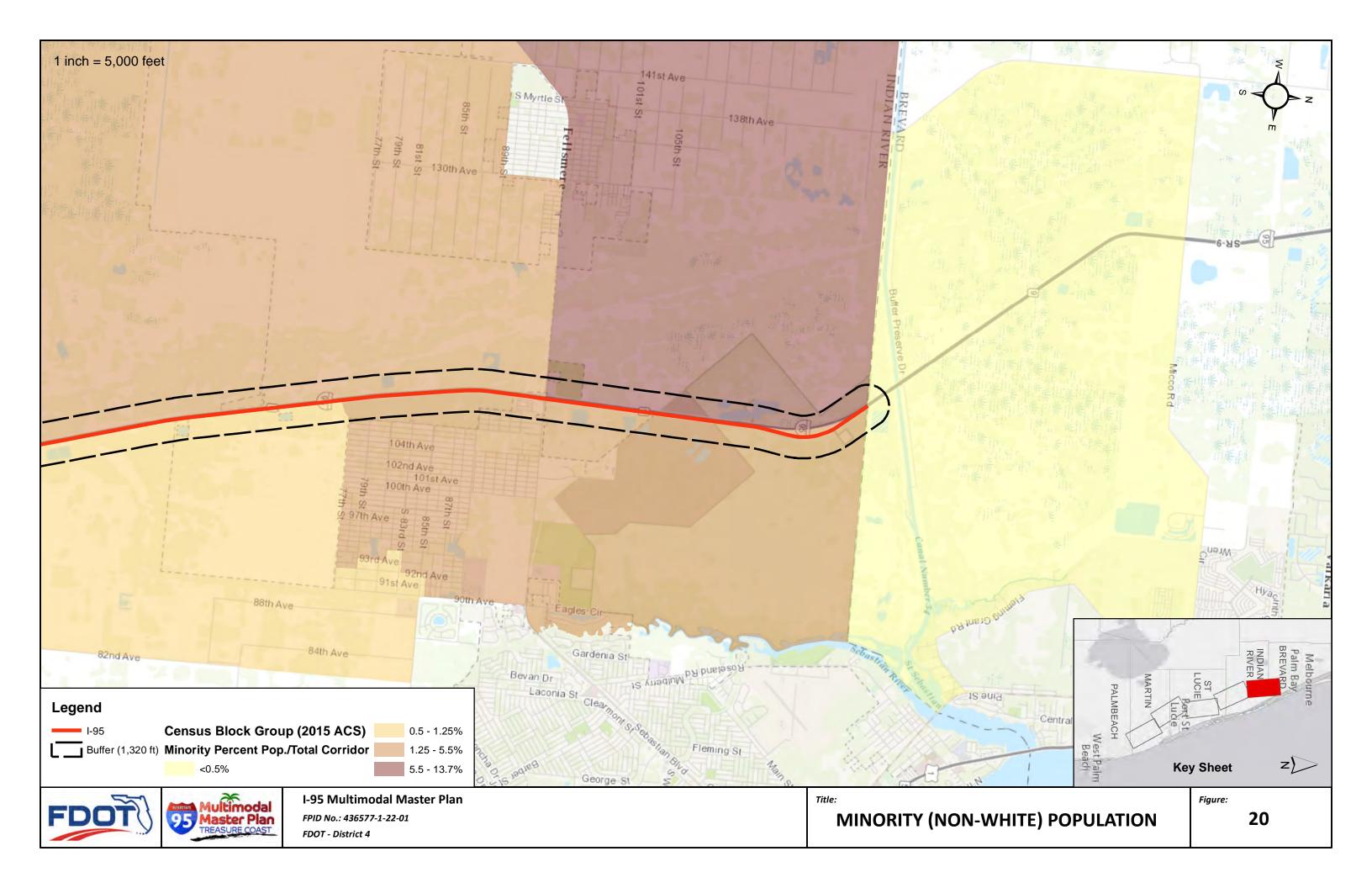


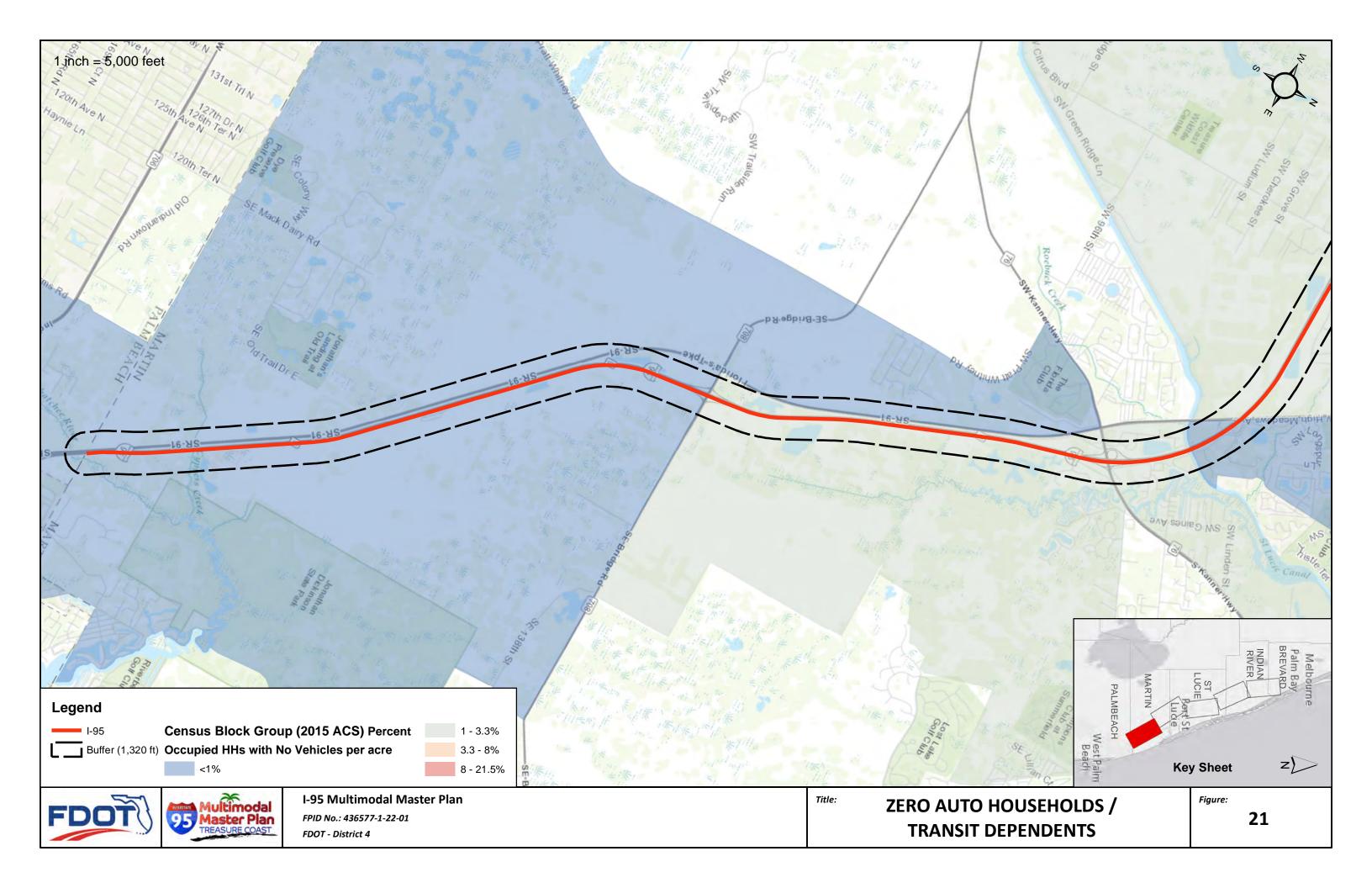


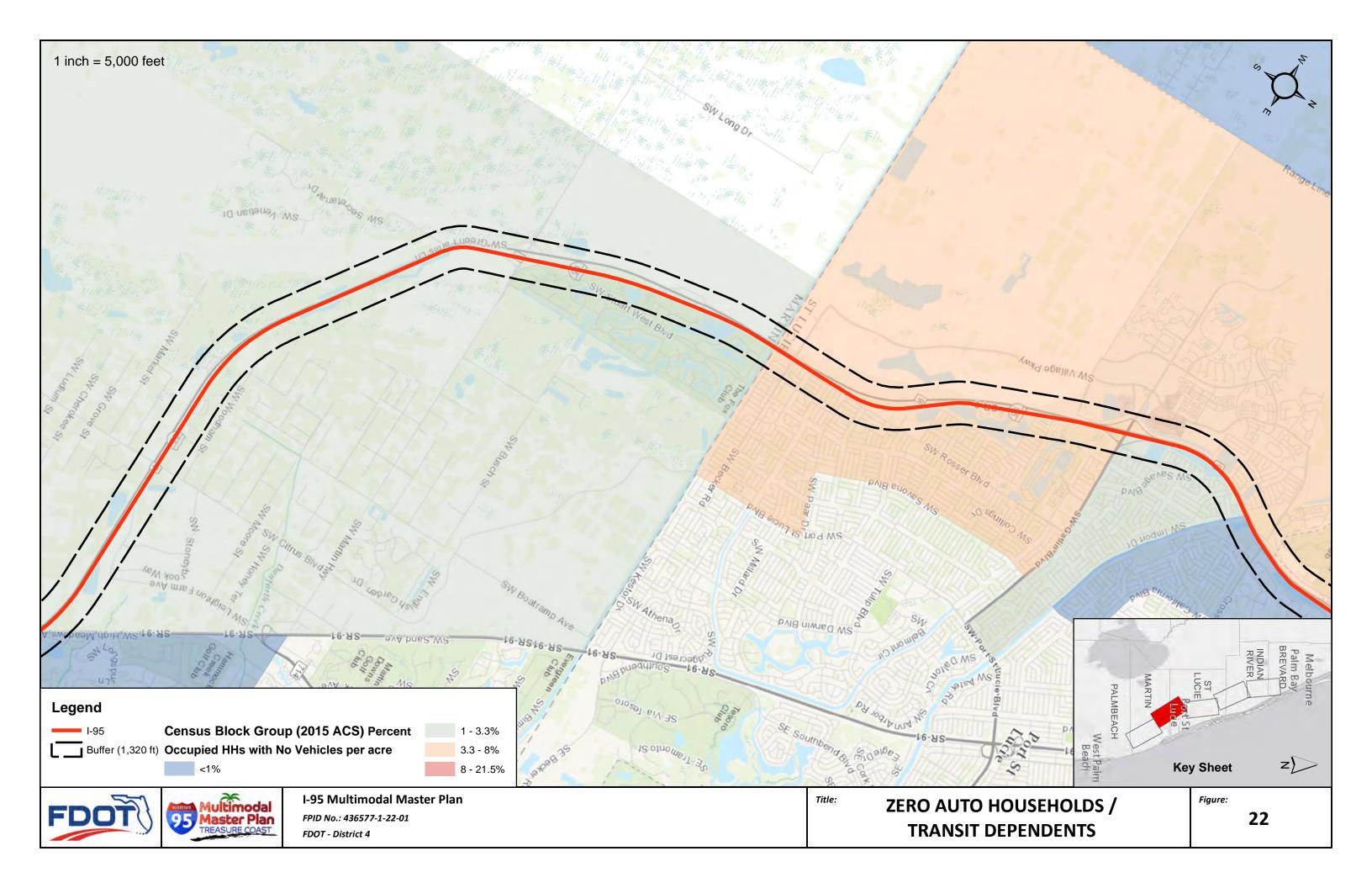


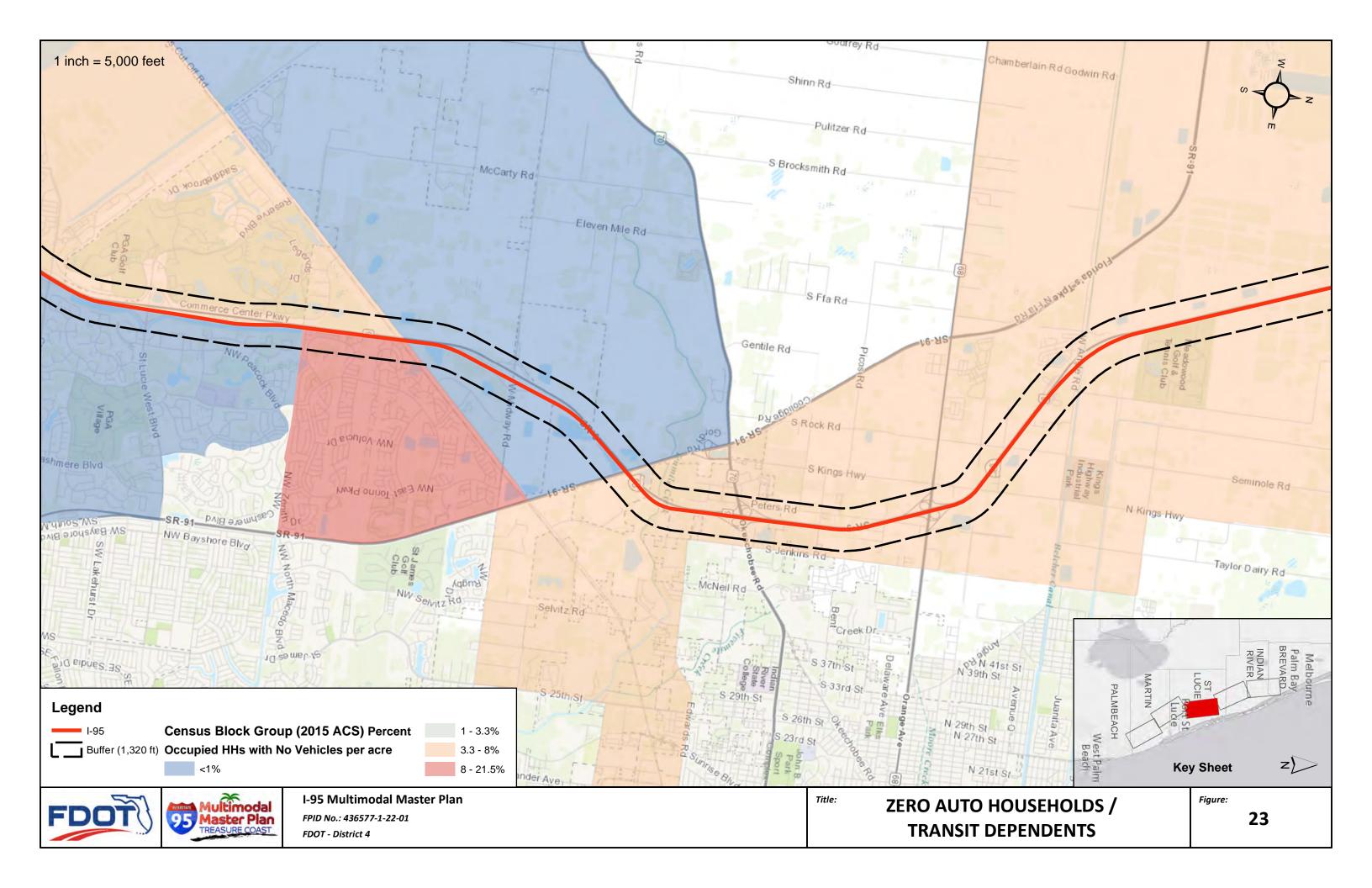


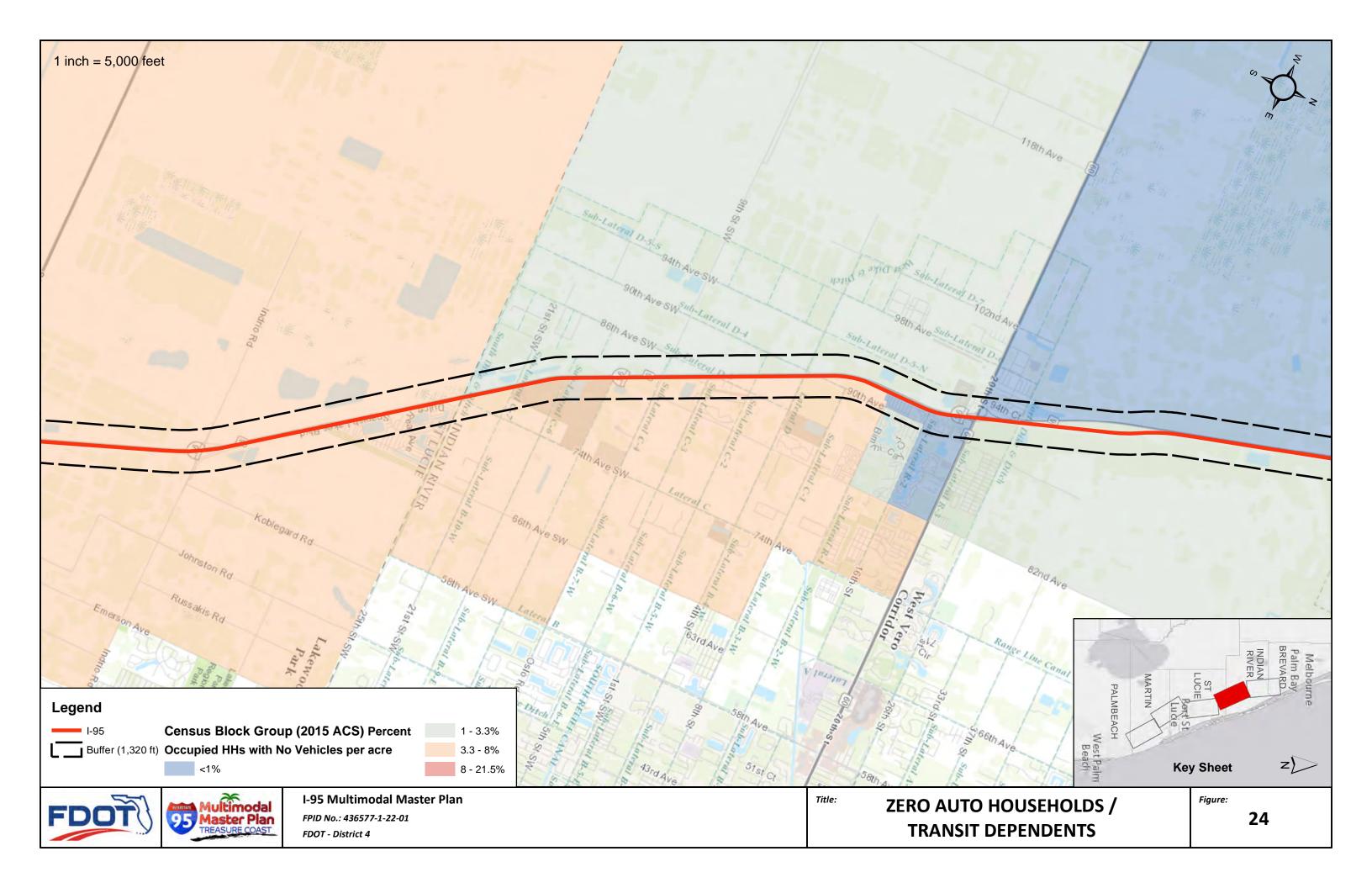


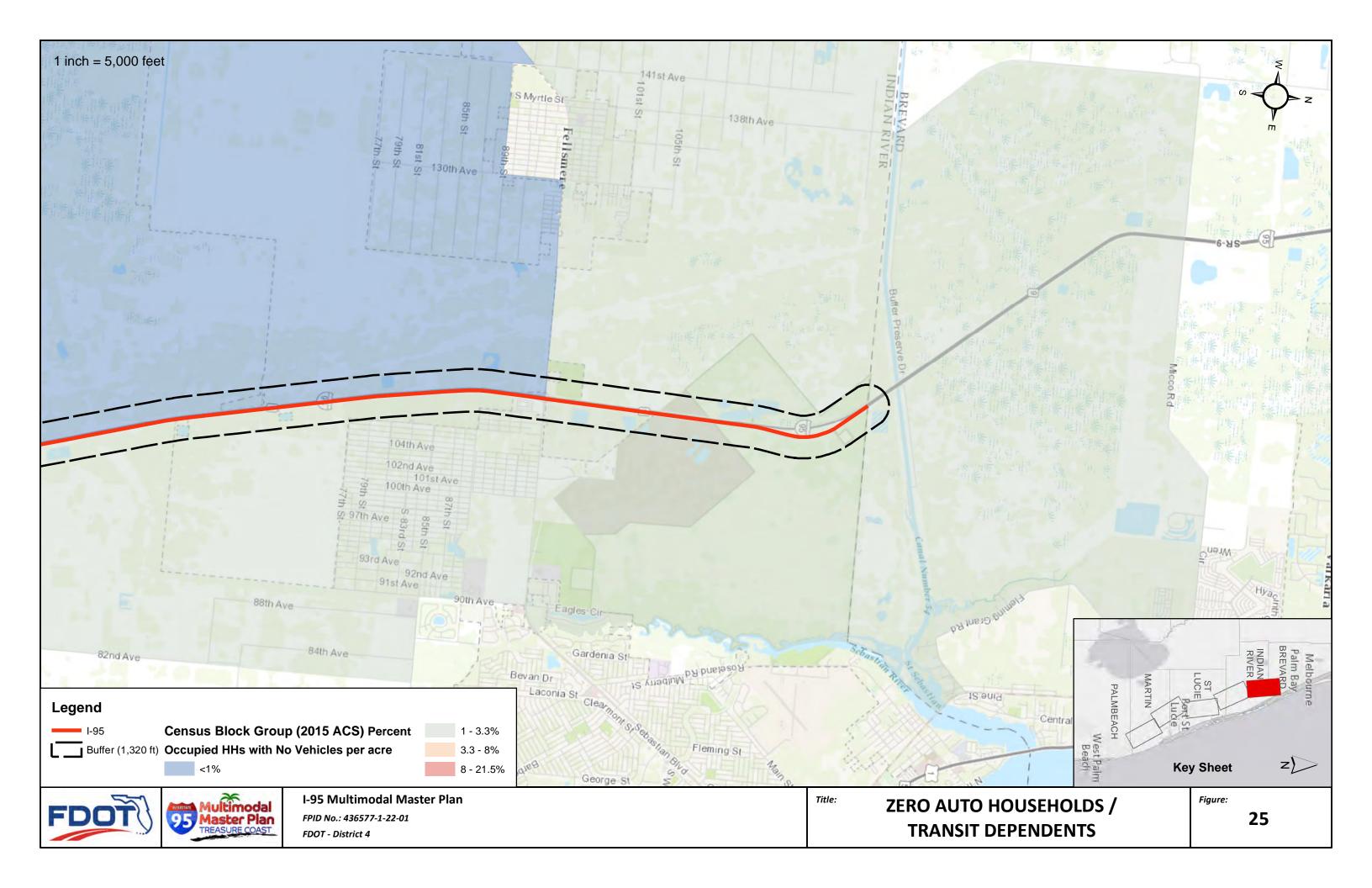












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