

City of Sanibel Speed Limit Reduction Discussion



Sanibel City Council

May 5, 2026

Sec.66-121. - Speed Limits~~Thirty five mile per hour speed limit.~~

- (a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in Section 66-121(i), any amendment to an existing speed limit on a publicly owned roadway shall be established by ordinance and adopted in accordance with applicable provisions of state law, including, but not limited to, section 316.189(1), Florida Statutes, and any required traffic engineering studies.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a vehicle at a speed in excess of the speed limits established herein on publicly owned roadways.

This section clearly states that speed limits shall be established by Ordinance.

This approach aligns with the City Council's direction by ensuring that residents, business owners, and property owners have an opportunity to provide public comment as part of the decision-making process.

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- (b) The maximum lawful speed limit on publicly owned roadways shall not exceed thirty-five (35) miles per hour.

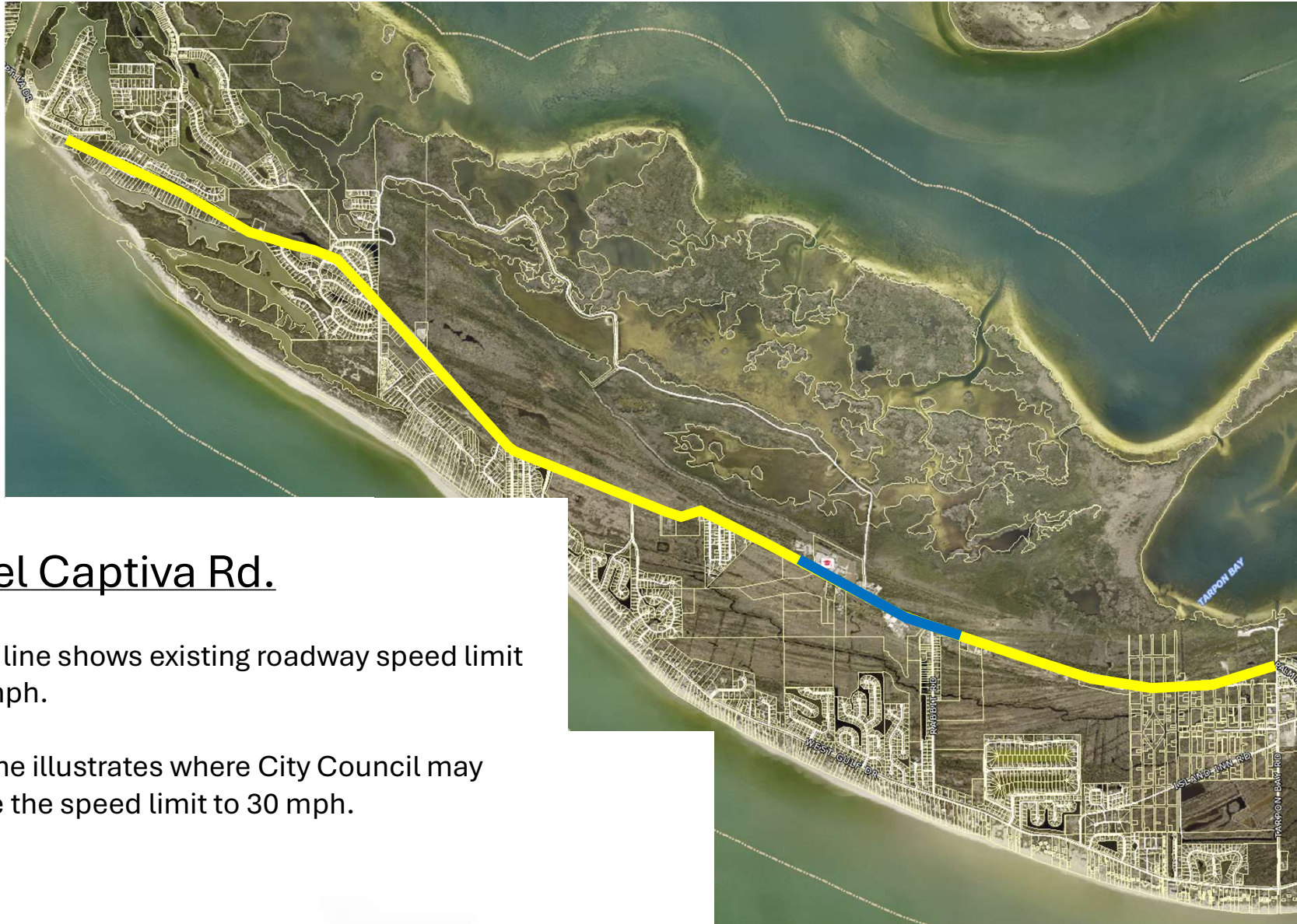
This section clearly states that speed limits shall not exceed 35 mph.

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(c) The maximum lawful speed limit on the following publicly owned roadways shall be thirty-five (35) miles per hour:

- (1) Westerly along Sanibel-Captiva Road, from the intersection with Tarpon Bay Road to a point approximately 900 feet east of the intersection with Rabbit Road; and
- (2) Westerly along Sanibel-Captiva Road, from the western terminus of the Sanibel School speed zone to a point approximately 900 feet east of the intersection with Pine Avenue.

This section reflects the existing speed limit of 35 mph on Sanibel Captiva, with the exception of a portion of Sanibel-Captiva Rd. near the intersection of Rabbit Road and the Sanibel School Speed Zone that the City Council discussed potentially reducing to 30 mph.



Sanibel Captiva Rd.

- Yellow line shows existing roadway speed limit is 35 mph.
- Blue line illustrates where City Council may reduce the speed limit to 30 mph.

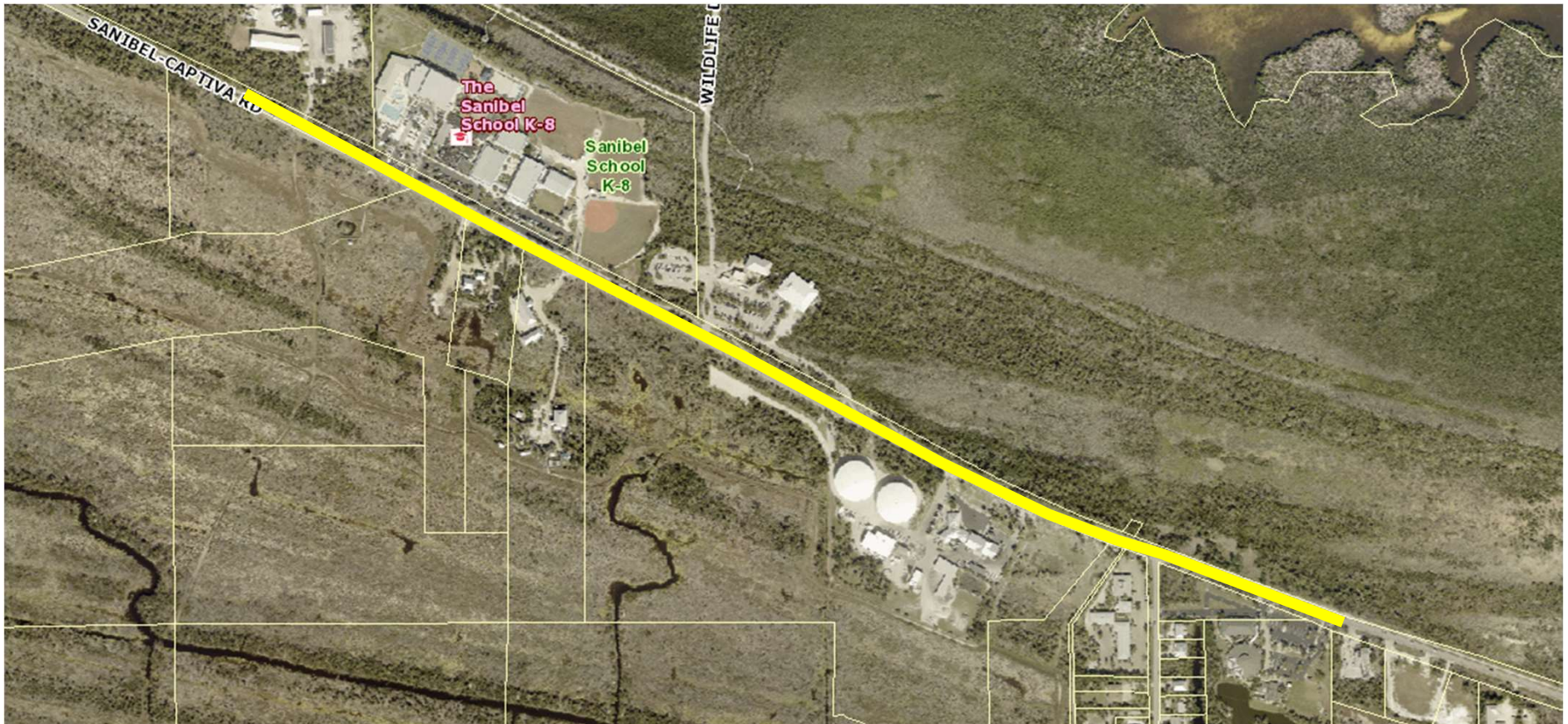
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(d) The maximum lawful speed limit on the following publicly owned roadways shall be thirty (30) miles per hour:

- (1) Westerly along Sanibel-Captiva Road, from a point approximately 900 feet east of the intersection with Rabbit Road to the western terminus of the Sanibel School speed zone;
- (2) Westerly along Periwinkle Way, from Causeway Boulevard, west to Tarpon Bay Road.

This section reflects the City Council's discussion regarding potential reductions in speed limits from 35 mph to 30 mph on a portion of Sanibel-Captiva Rd. near the intersection of Rabbit Road and the Sanibel School Speed Zone, and Periwinkle Way between Causeway Blvd. and Tarpon Bay Rd.

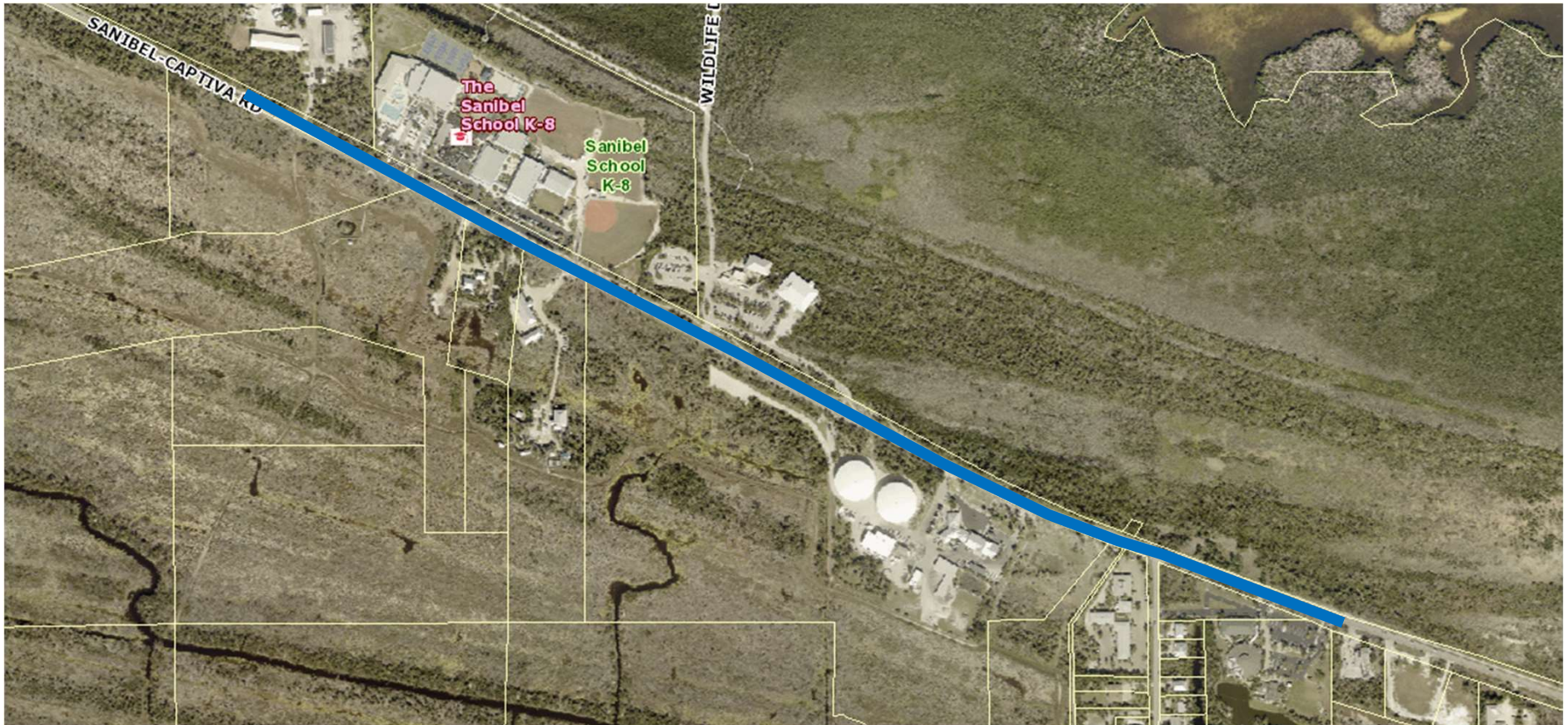
Sanibel-Captiva Rd. – Existing Posted Speed Limits



35 mph

Sanibel-Captiva Rd. – Option 1

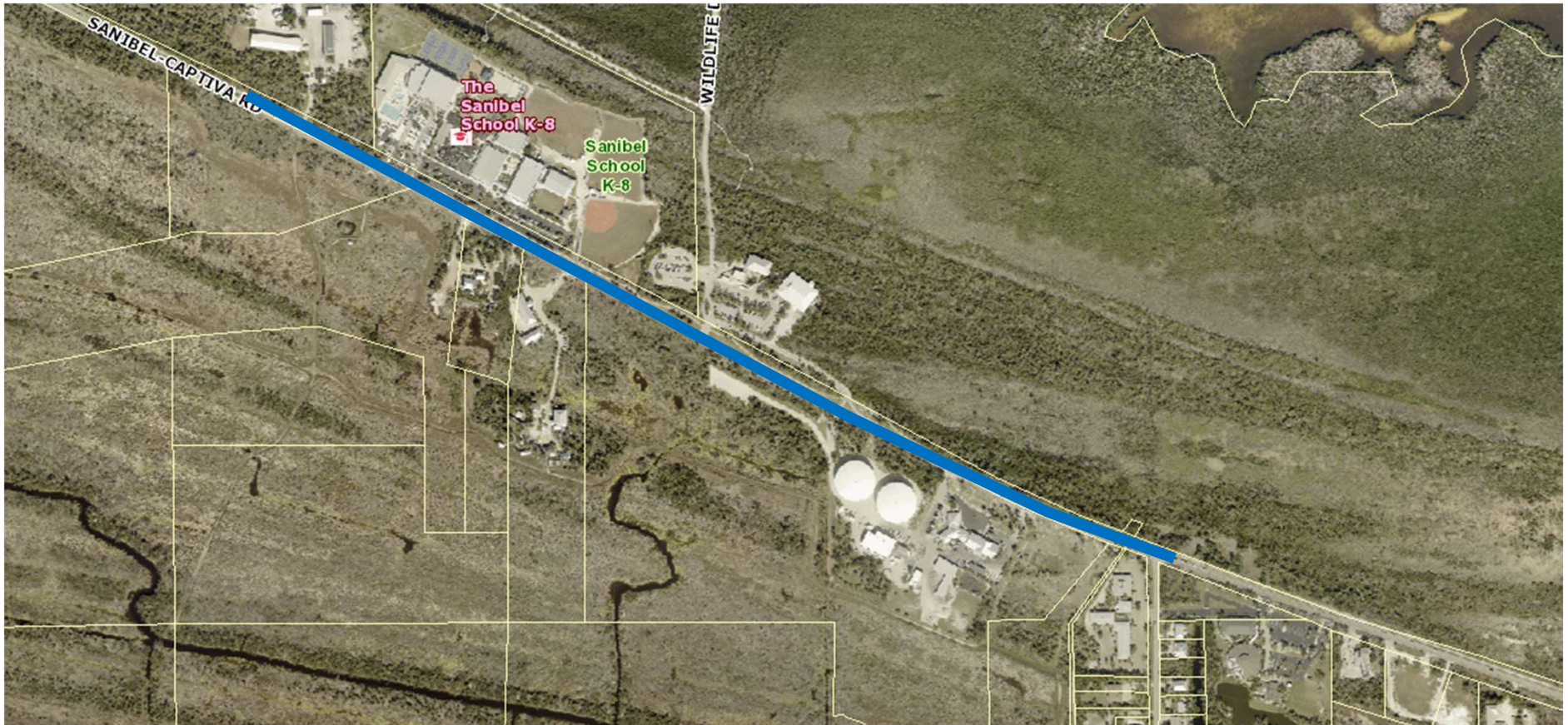
Sanibel- Captiva Rd. between a point near the church to the westerly edge of the Sanibel School speed zone
Speed Limit Change From 35 mph to 30 mph



30 mph

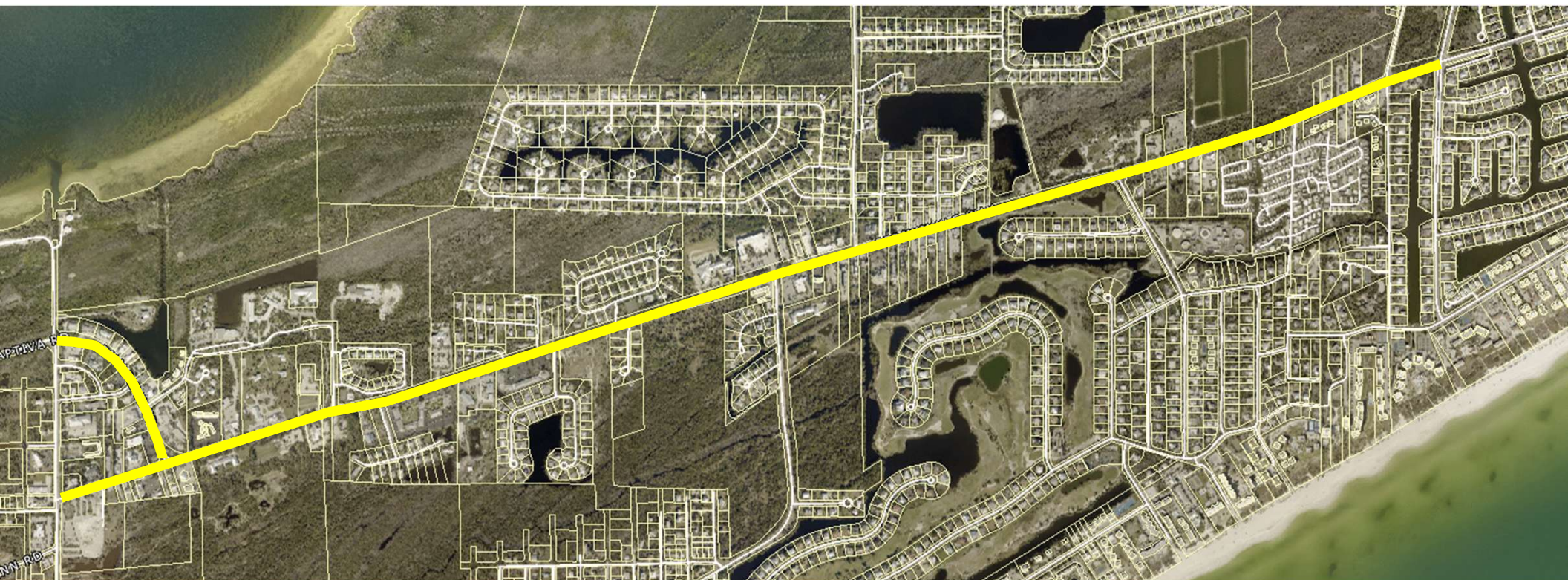
Sanibel-Captiva Rd. – Option 2

Sanibel- Captiva Rd. between Rabbit Road to the westerly edge of the Sanibel School speed zone
Speed Limit Change From 35 mph to 30 mph



30 mph

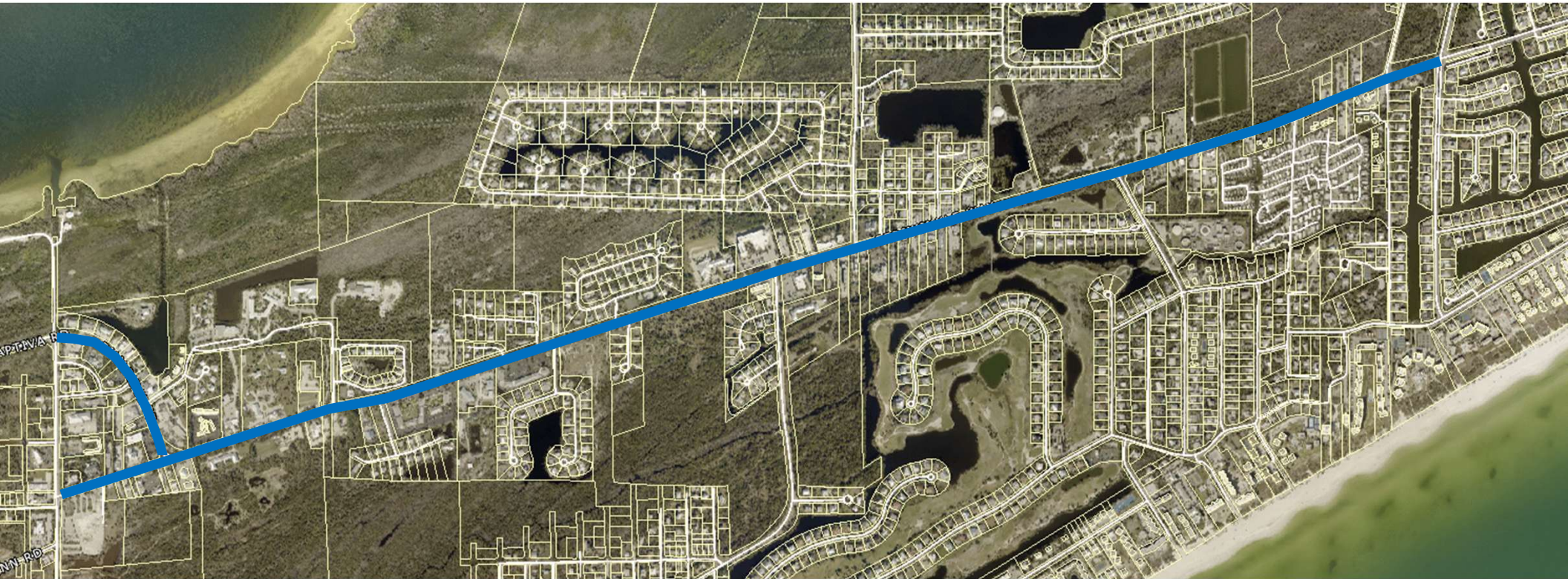
Periwinkle Way and Palm Ridge Rd. - Existing Posted Speed Limits



35 mph

Periwinkle Way – Option 1

Periwinkle Way between Causeway Blvd. and Tarpon Bay Rd. – Speed Limit Change From 35 mph to 30 mph
Palm Ridge Rd. Change?



30 mph

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- (e) The maximum lawful speed limit on the following publicly owned roadways shall be twenty-five (25) miles per hour:
- (1) Easterly along Periwinkle Way, from the intersection with Causeway Boulevard to Lighthouse Beach Park; and
 - (2) Westerly along Sanibel-Captiva Road, from a point approximately 900 feet east of the intersection with Pine Avenue to the western boundary of the City of Sanibel's corporate limits (Santiva area).

This section reflects the City Council's discussion regarding potential reductions in speed limits from 35 mph to 25 mph along E. Periwinkle Way, as well as the existing 25 mph speed limit on Sanibel-Captiva Road within the Santiva area.

East Periwinkle Way - Existing Posted Speed Limits



35 mph

30 mph

20 mph



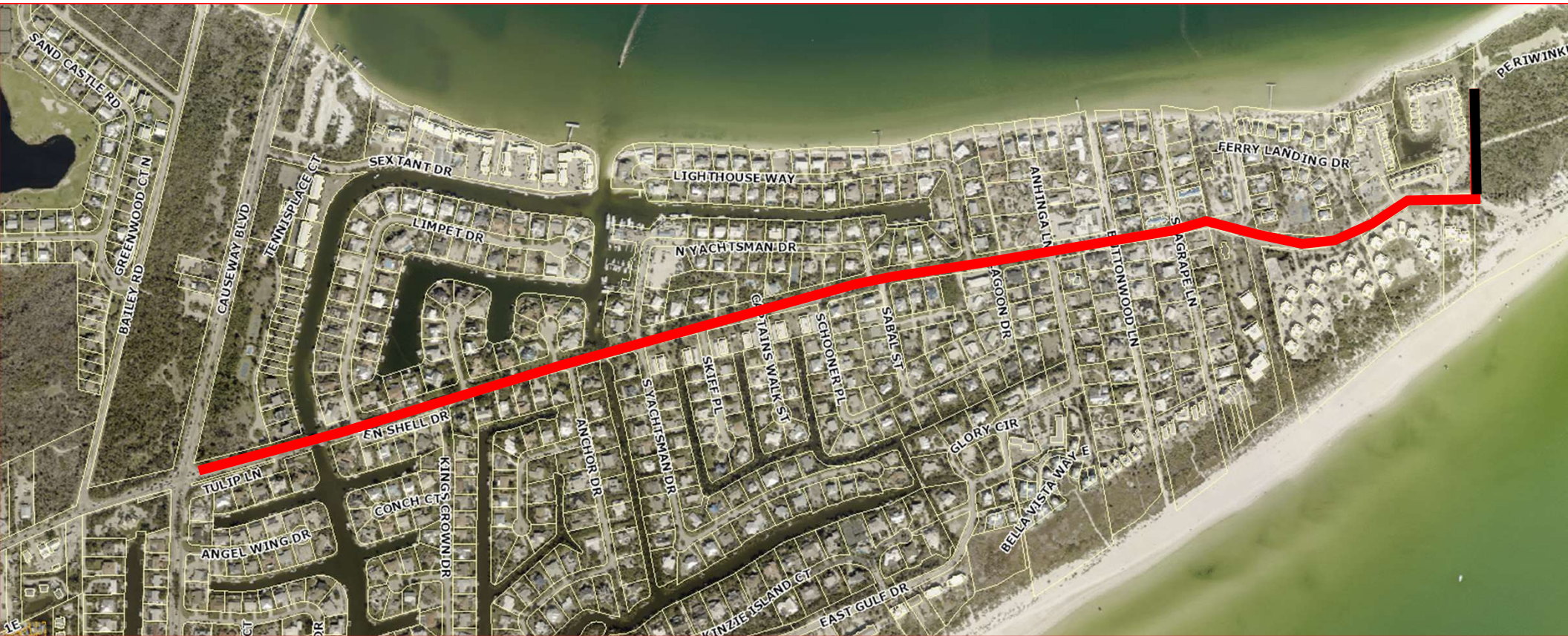
E. Periwinkle Way @ Sanibel Island Beach Club



E. Periwinkle Way @ Lighthouse Beach Park Access Rd.

East Periwinkle Way – Option 1

Periwinkle Way between Causeway Blvd. and Lighthouse Beach Park – Speed Limit Change From 35 mph to 25 mph

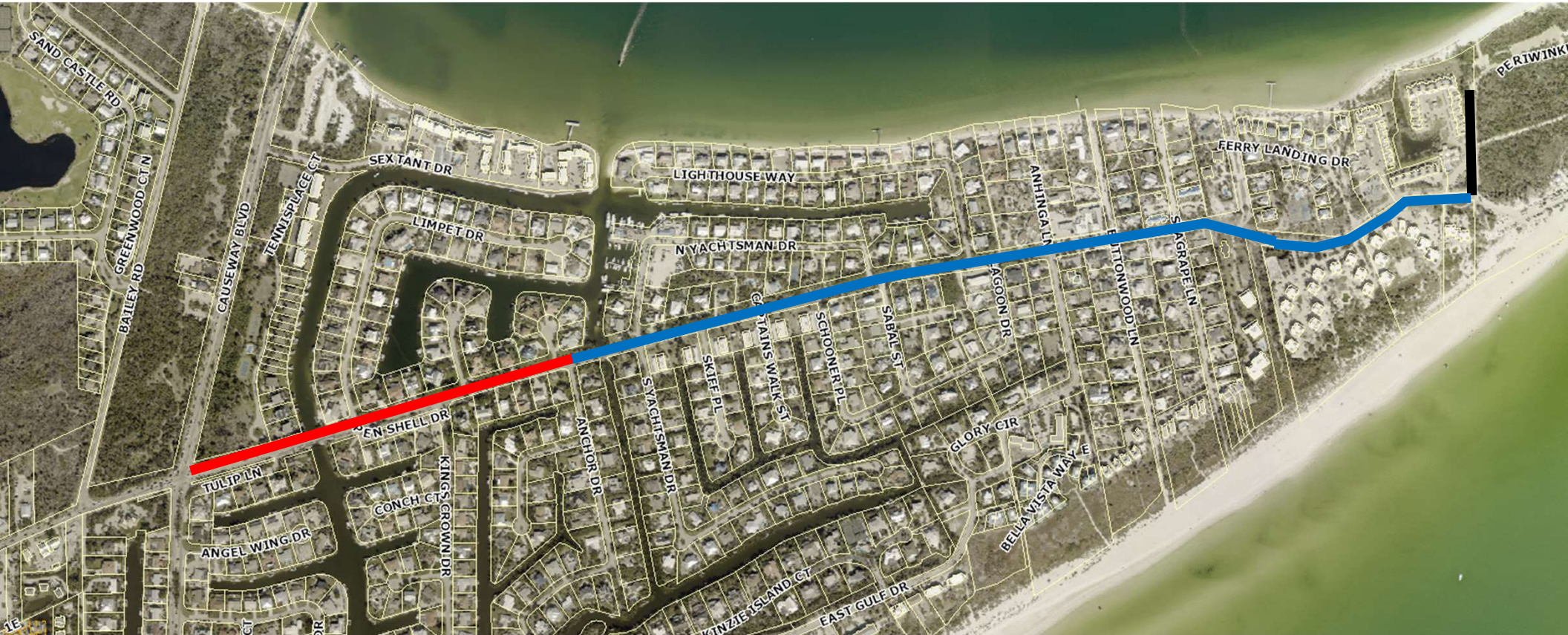


25 mph

20 mph

East Periwinkle Way – Option 2

Periwinkle Way between Causeway Blvd. and Anchor Dr. – Speed Limit Change From 35 mph to 25 mph



25 mph

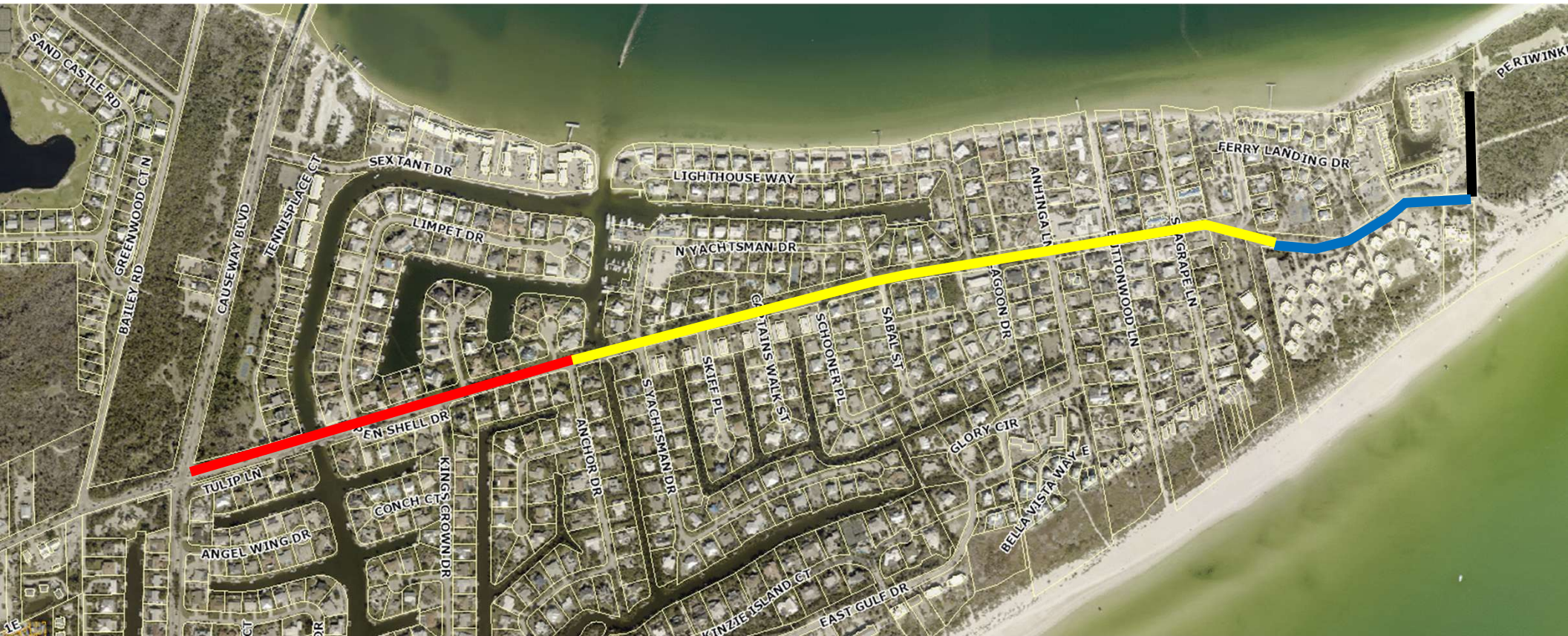
35 mph

30 mph

20 mph

East Periwinkle Way – Option 3

Periwinkle Way between Causeway Blvd. and Anchor Dr. – Speed Limit Change From 35 mph to 25 mph



25 mph

35 mph

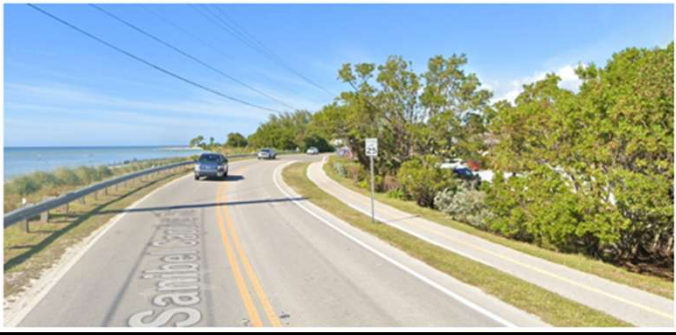
30 mph

20 mph

Sanibel Captiva Rd. - Santiva

- Yellow line shows existing roadway speed limit is 25 mph.
- *Note – Captiva Rd. has posted speed limits of 25 mph and 30 mph.*

25 mph





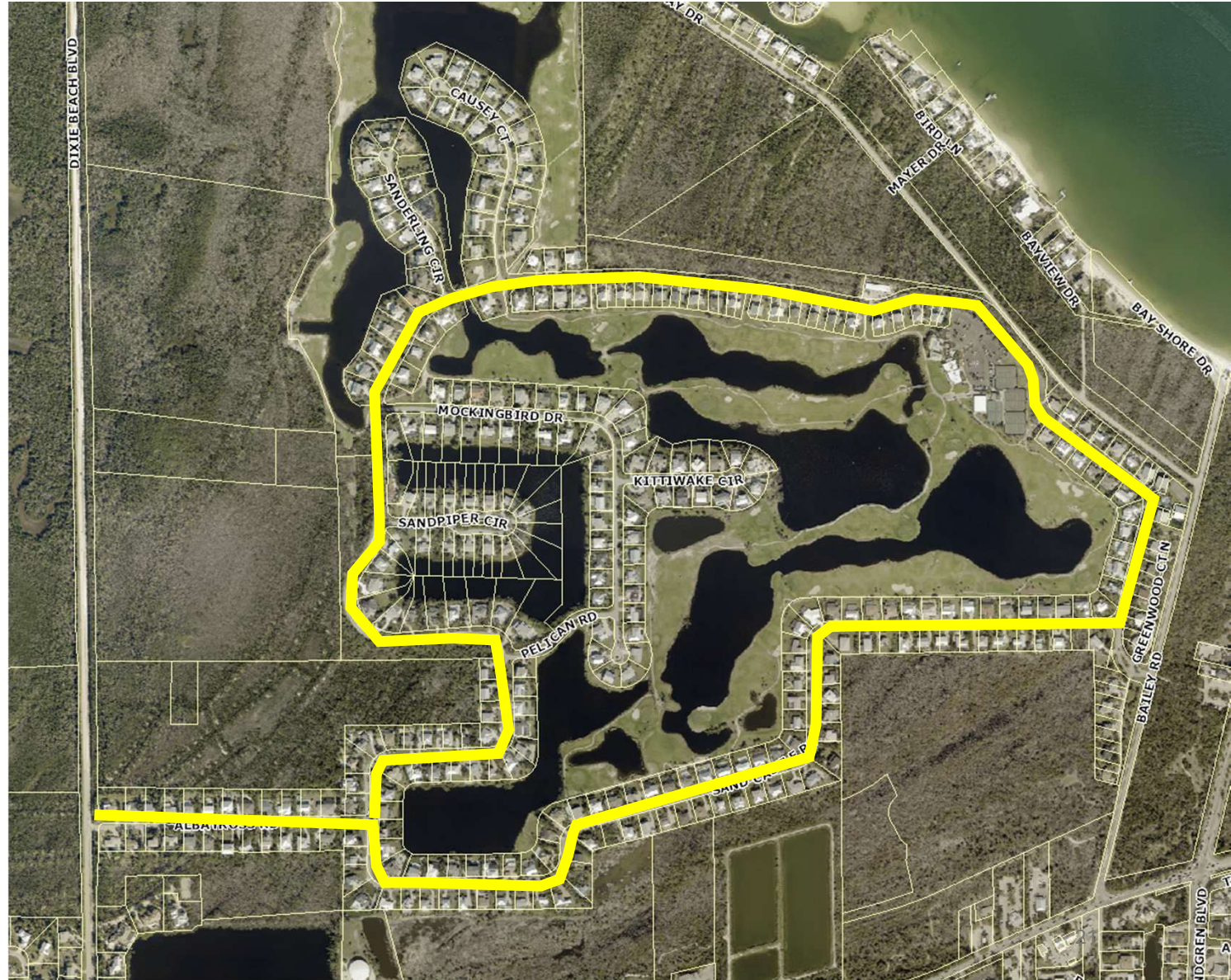
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- (f) The maximum lawful speed limit on the following publicly owned roadways shall be twenty (20) miles per hour:
- (1) Albatross Road;
 - (2) Baltusrol Court;
 - (3) Sand Castle Road;
 - (4) Troon Court: and
 - (5) Wulfert Road.

This section reflects the existing speed limit of 20 mph on Sanibel roads within the Dunes and Sanctuary subdivisions.

The Dunes Subdevelopment

- Yellow line shows existing roadway speed limit of 20 mph.
 - Albatross Rd.
 - Sand Castle Rd.
- Established January 6, 2015, by the City Council.





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- (g) The maximum lawful speed limit on the bridge at Buell Creek on Bay Drive (formerly known as Old Bayshore Road) shall be ten (10) miles per hour.
- (h) Except as otherwise specifically provided in Section 66-121(c) through (g), and (i), the maximum lawful speed on all publicly owned roadways within the City shall be thirty (30) miles per hour.
- (i) The city manager, unless otherwise directed by the city council, is authorized to designate reduced speed limits for specific sections of publicly owned roadways where curves, bridges, culverts, and other conditions warrant such reductions in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. The city manager is further authorized to install and maintain appropriate speed limit signage, whether advisory, temporary, or permanent, reflecting such reduced speed limits.

This section:

- Reflects the existing speed limit of 10 mph on the Bay Dr. bridge.
- Establishes a speed limit of 30 mph on all roadways not otherwise specified in the Ordinance.
- Authorizes the City Manager to designate speed limits for road sections whether temporary or permanent.



Advisory Signs, etc.

- Sample of advisory sign that may be approved by the City Manager.
- Legion's Curve, Sanibel-Captiva Rd.
- East Gulf Dr.