

April 21, 2014

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Re: North Broward Preparatory School Underground Utility Waiver Support Letter

Dear Ms. Solano:

On behalf of the Applicant, the North Broward Preparatory School (NBPS), please accept this letter and attachments as backup for the waiver request for the required relocation of overhead utilities underground, in accordance with Section 13-142 "Underground Utilities Required" of the City of Coconut Creek's Land Development Code. Kimley-Horn has begun discussions with Florida Power & Light (FPL) and other utility owners in regards to relocating their existing overhead facilities underground.

The primary reason that the underground relocation appears to be infeasible is due to the lengths that FPL needs to relocate their facilities and utility easements required on property not owned by NBPS. It is our understanding that the existing FPL facilities are rated less than 27 kV and do not qualify for the Exception as a part of Section 13-142(c). Please refer to the attached FPL drawing 1D7R3. Based on discussions with FPL staff familiar with the project site, in order to relocate the overhead FPL facilities underground across the frontage of NBPS per code, the undergrounding must extend beyond the NBPS property to both the north (7650 Lyons Road - unoccupied building) and south (7500 Lyons Road single family residence) into property that is not owned by NBPS. Due to the electrical configuration of the facilities along the NBPS, the undergrounding would likely need to extend north to the Hillsboro Canal, at which point the existing lines go westward underground beneath Lyons Road and south of the NBPS entrance. At both of these locations, equipment will be needed which will require utility easements, as the equipment will not fit within the existing right-of-way. Based on information currently available, there appear to be no known utility easements in these properties. Neither of these properties is owned by NBPS, which would require other owners to grant the easements to the utilities and accept utility equipment on their property. NBPS cannot force another owner to grant an easement for the utility relocations. Furthermore, the property to the south is not within the City of Coconut Creek boundaries. Additionally, the utility pole south of the NBPS main entrance is currently located within an ADA accessible ramp, which does not meet current ADA code and would need to be relocated.

AT&T has confirmed that it has overhead facilities along the east side of Lyons Road along the NBPS property. Comcast has not yet confirmed the location or existence of its facilities along the NBPS property, but the Comcast facilities are anticipated to be overhead in the subject area. Each of these utilities will likely require additional easements on the north and south properties as their equipment is not anticipated to be able to be located within the public right-of-way.

In our professional opinion, due to the configuration of the utilities and the necessity for utility easements to be granted on property not owned by NBPS, it does not appear to be feasible to relocate the overhead utilities underground as a part of this project.

Please feel free to call us at (561) 404-7250 or email us at jason.webber@kimley-horn.com with any questions that you may have or to discuss further.

Sincerely,

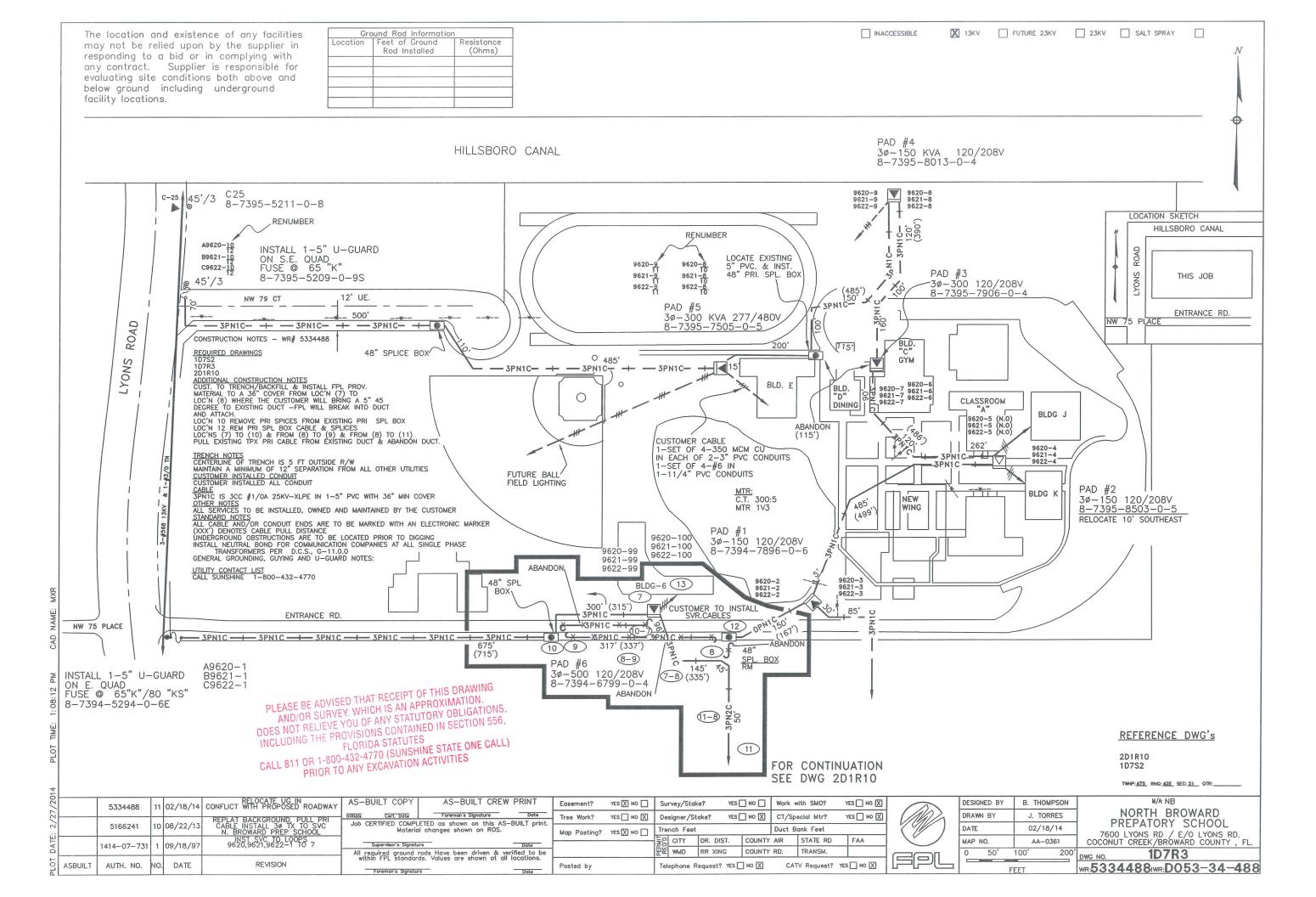
KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

Jason Webber, P.E. Project Engineer

Attachments

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Overhead Utility Photos at North Broward Preparatory School





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