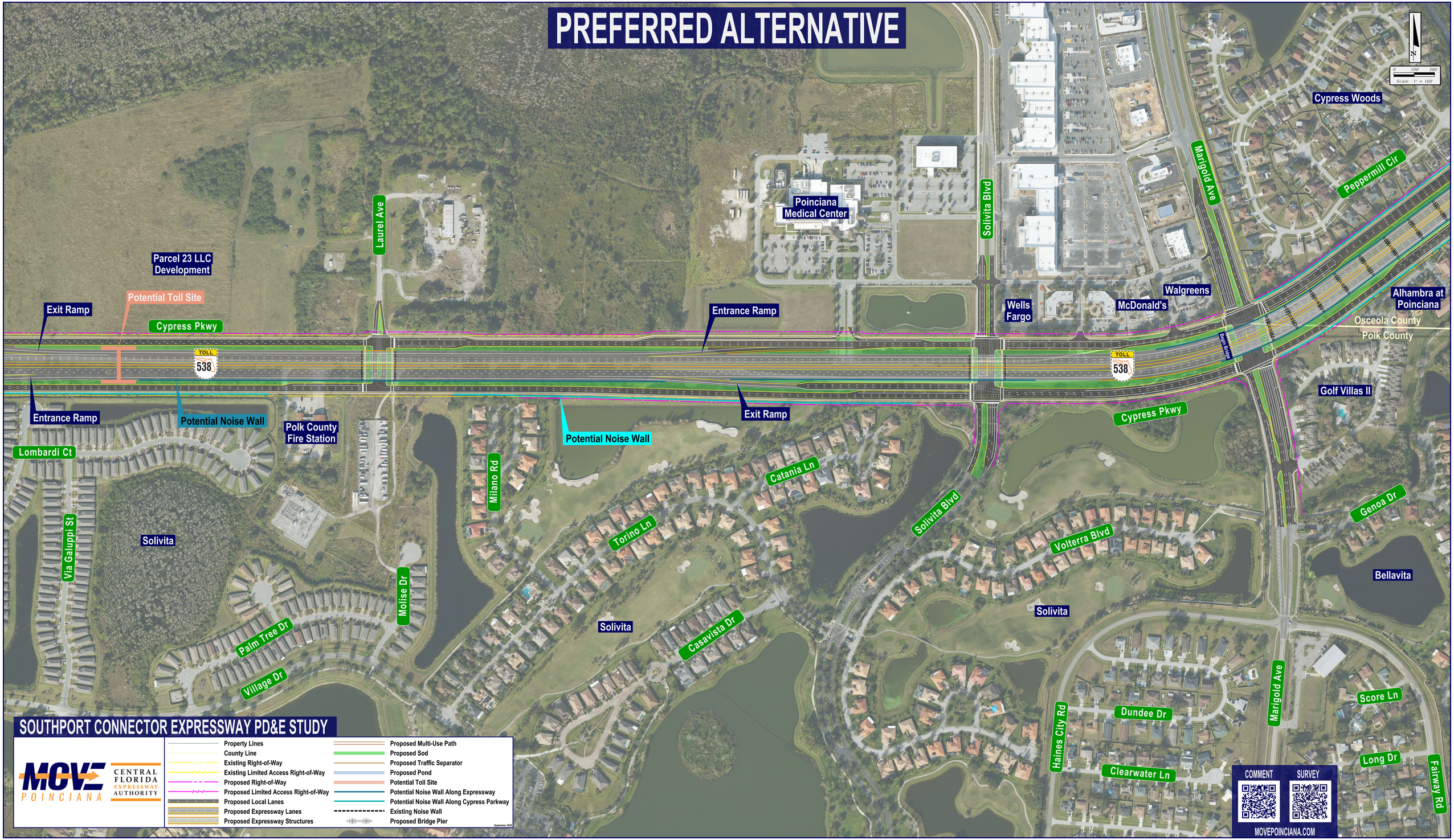PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE