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Office of Environmental Analysis

March 13, 2026

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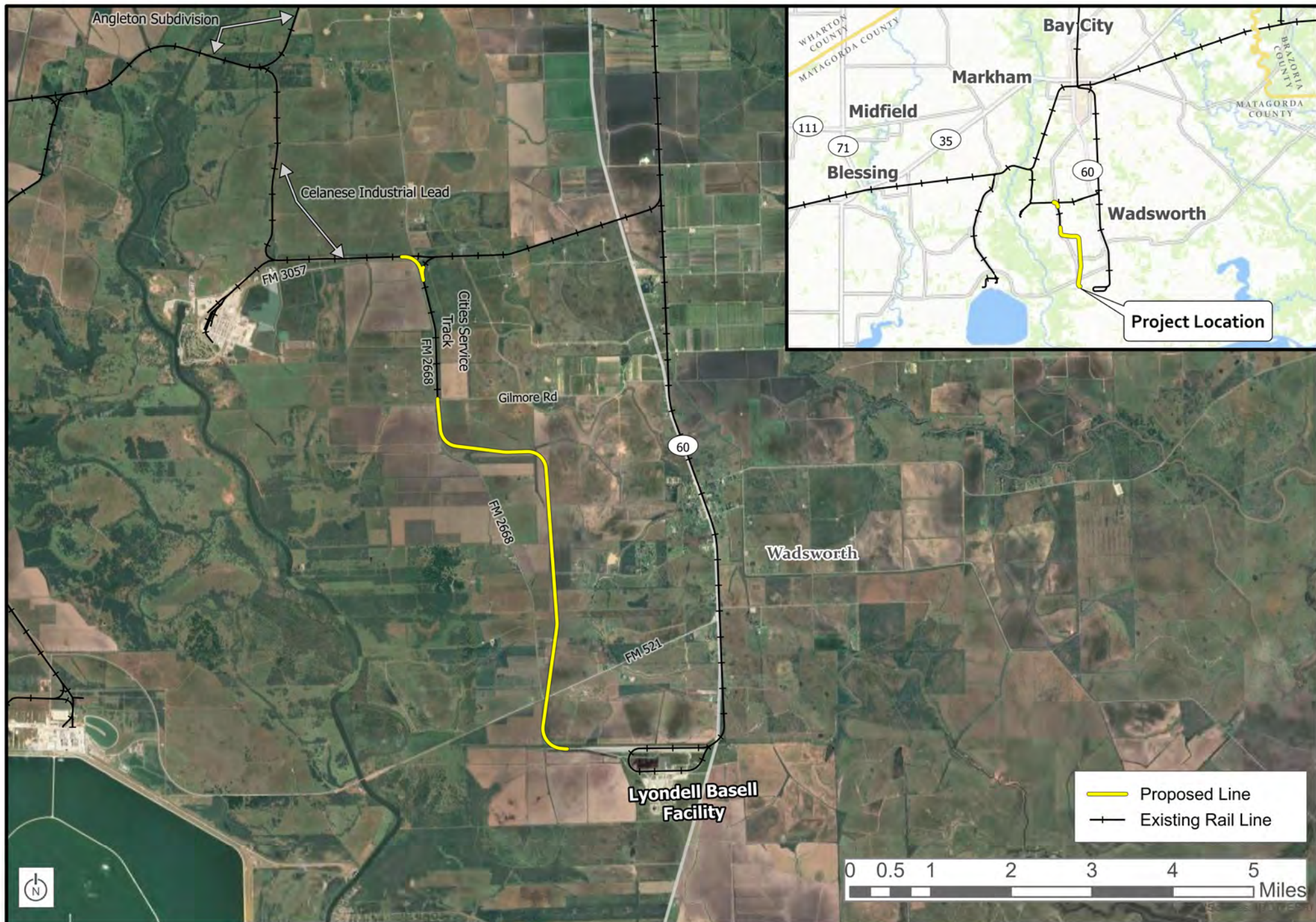
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The below lists all federal, state, and local elected officials; federal, state and local agencies; and tribal nations contacted by the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in connection with the above referenced Docket No. FD 36854.

Federal, State, and Local Elected Officials

- United States Senator John Cornyn
- United States Senator Ted Cruz
- United States Congressman Troy Nehls
- State Governor Greg Abbott
- State Senator Joan Huffman
- State Representative AJ Loudbacker
- Robert Nelson, Bay City Mayor
- Bobby Seiferman, Matagorda County Judge

Federal Agencies

- Katherine Renshaw, Section Chief, NOAA- Environmental Review and Coordination Section
- Stewart Jacks, Acting Regional Director, USFWS – Southwest Regional Office
- Catherine Yeargan, Project Leader, USFWS – Texas Coastal and Central Plains Ecological Services Field Office
- Karl Brown, Project Operations Branch Chief, USACE – Galveston District
- Kristy Oates, State Conservationist, USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bay City Office
- Gerald Stolar, Acting Deputy Regional Administrator, FEMA – Region 6
- Brian Carlstrom, Regional Director, National Park Service- Region 6, 7, and 8
- Andy Strelcheck, Regional Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
- Robert Houston, Deputy Director, EPA – Region 6, Environmental Communities Engagement and Review Division
- Eric Cobb, Field Office Director, HUD – Houston Field Office

- Robert Morgan, Deputy Regional Director of Trust Services, BIA – Southern Plains Region
- Terry Bruner, Deputy Regional Director of Indian Services, BIA – Southern Plains Region

State Agencies

- Doug Booher, Director of Environmental Affairs, Texas Department of Transportation
- Alan Cain, Director of Wildlife, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department – Wildlife Division
- Matthew Burnett, Branch Operations Manager, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Kelly Keel, Executive Director, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Christopher Hotchkiss, Chief of Staff, Railroad Commission of Texas
- Alan McWilliams, Deputy Director of Leasing Operations, Texas General Land Office (GLO)
- Mark Lambert, Deputy Director of Archives and Records Division, Texas General Land Office (GLO)
- Joseph Bell, Executive Director and SHPO, Texas Historical Commission
- Tracy Lovingood, Archeology Division, Texas Historical Commission

Local Agencies

- Alexandria Longoria, Commissioner's Court Secretary, Matagorda County Commissioner's Court
- Scotty Jones, City Manager, City of Bay City
- Mary Savage, Development Services Technician and Certified Floodplain Manager, City of Bay City Planning and Development Services
- Mike Ferdinand, Executive Director, Matagorda County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC)
- Miguel Segura, Director of Public Affairs, Houston-Galveston Area Council
- Clara Tuma, Public Information Officer, Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA)
- Raymond Jones, Chairman, Matagorda County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)

Tribal Nations

- Durell Cooper, Chairman, Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
- Forest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman, Comanche Nation, Oklahoma
- Martina Minthorn, THPO, Comanche Nation, Oklahoma
- David Sickey, Chairperson, Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
- Kristian Poncho, THPO, Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
- Russell Martin, President, Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
- Lauren Norman-Brown, THPO, Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
- Amber Silverhorn-Wolfe, President, Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco & Tawakonie), Oklahoma
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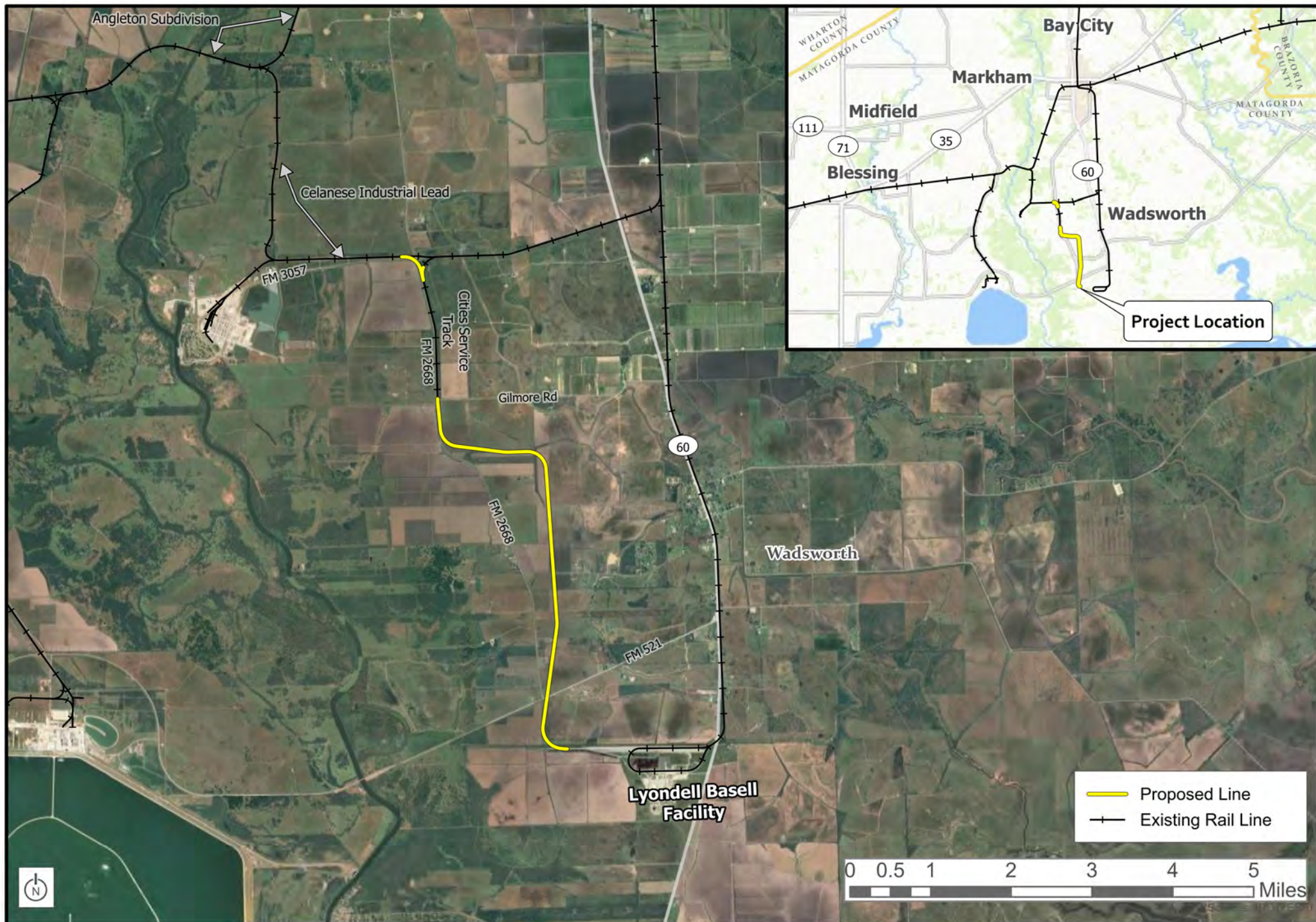
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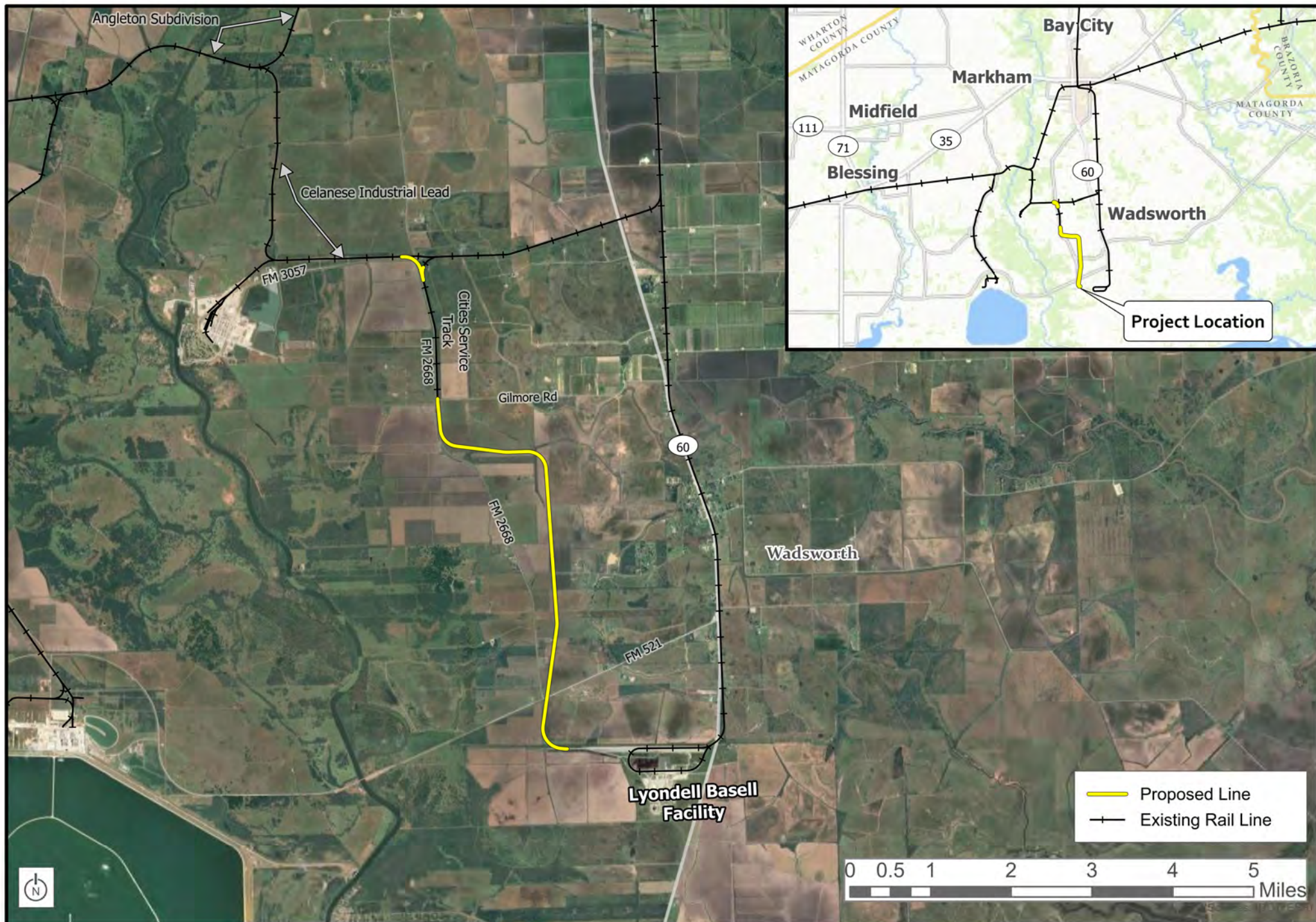
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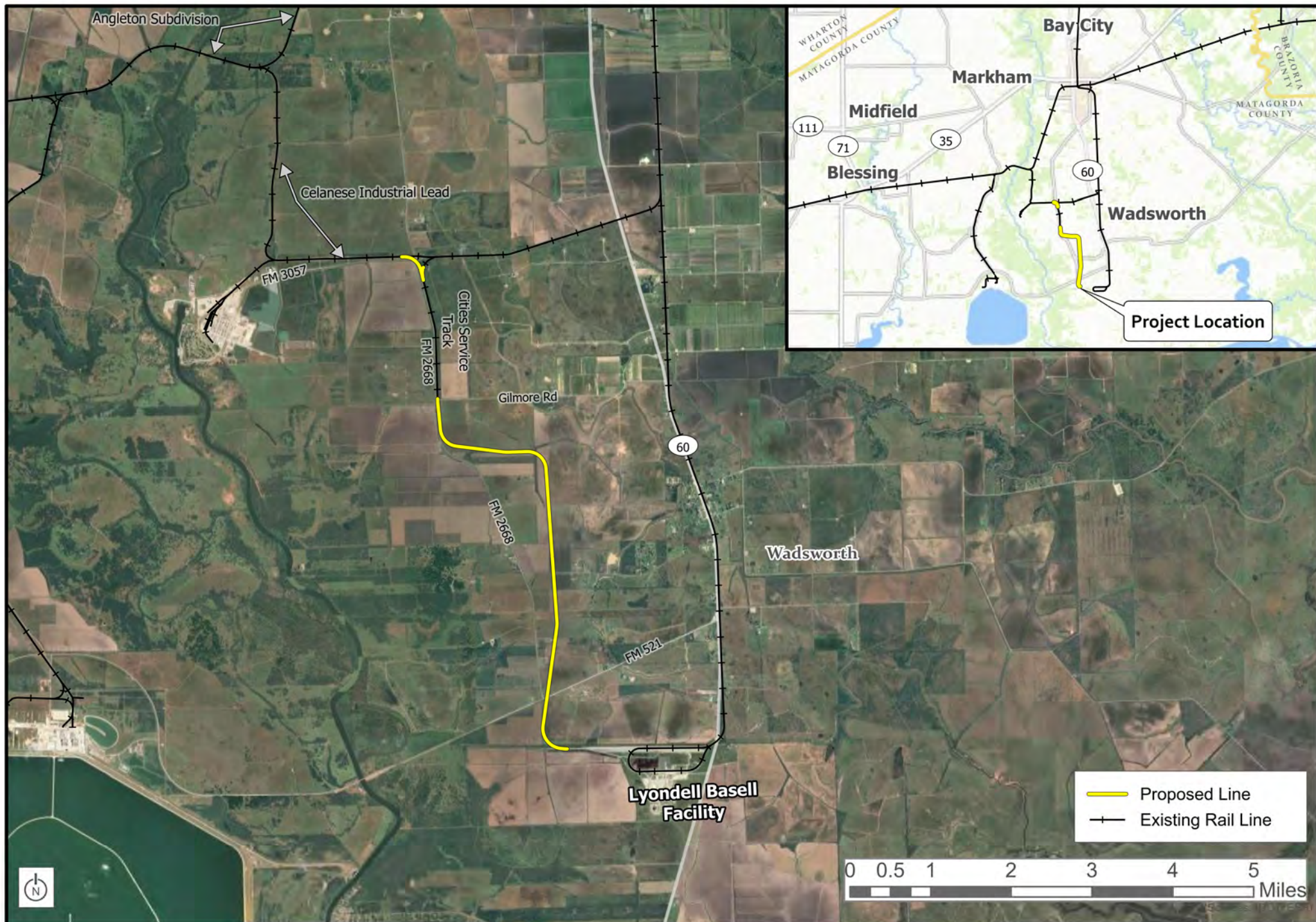
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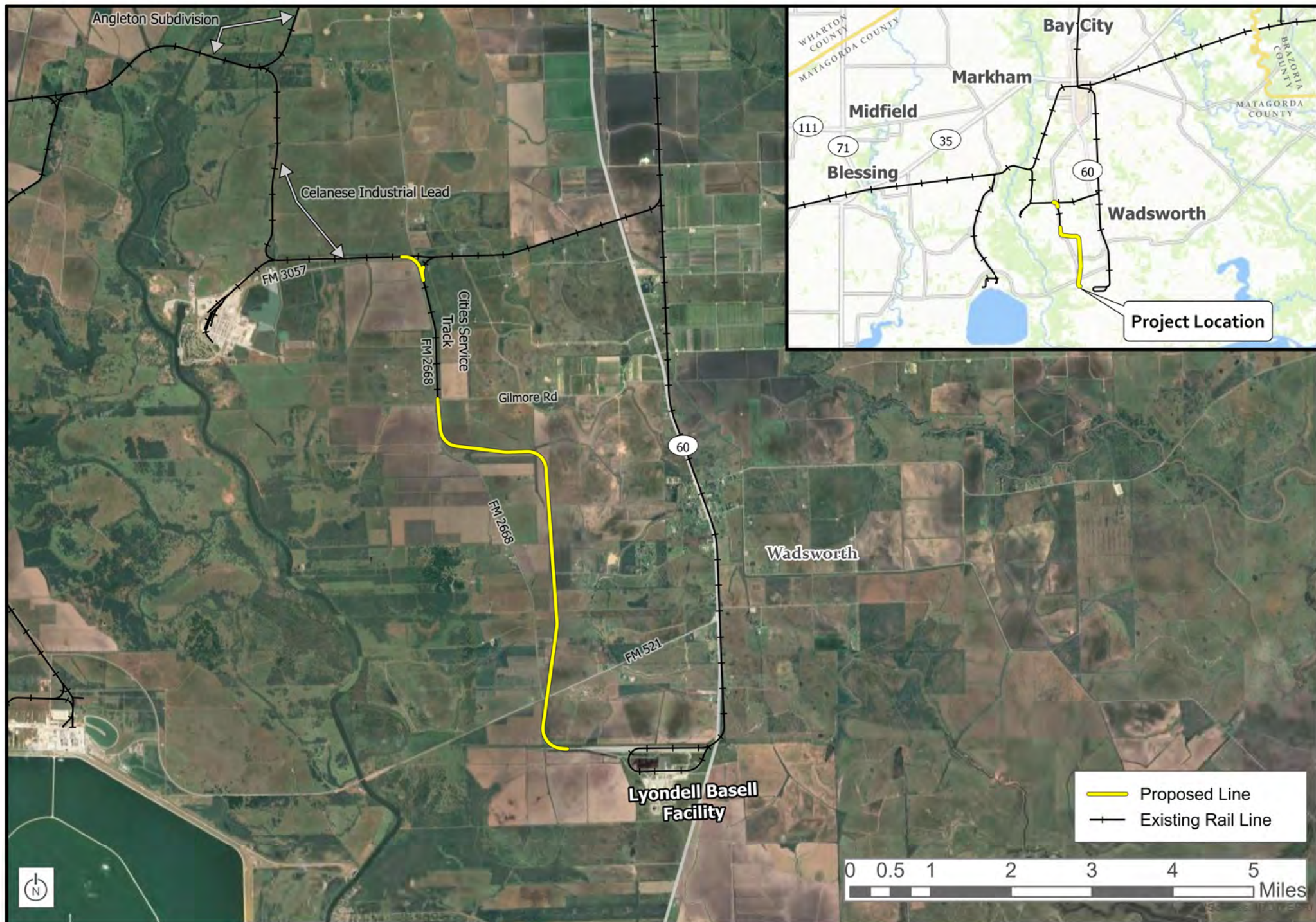
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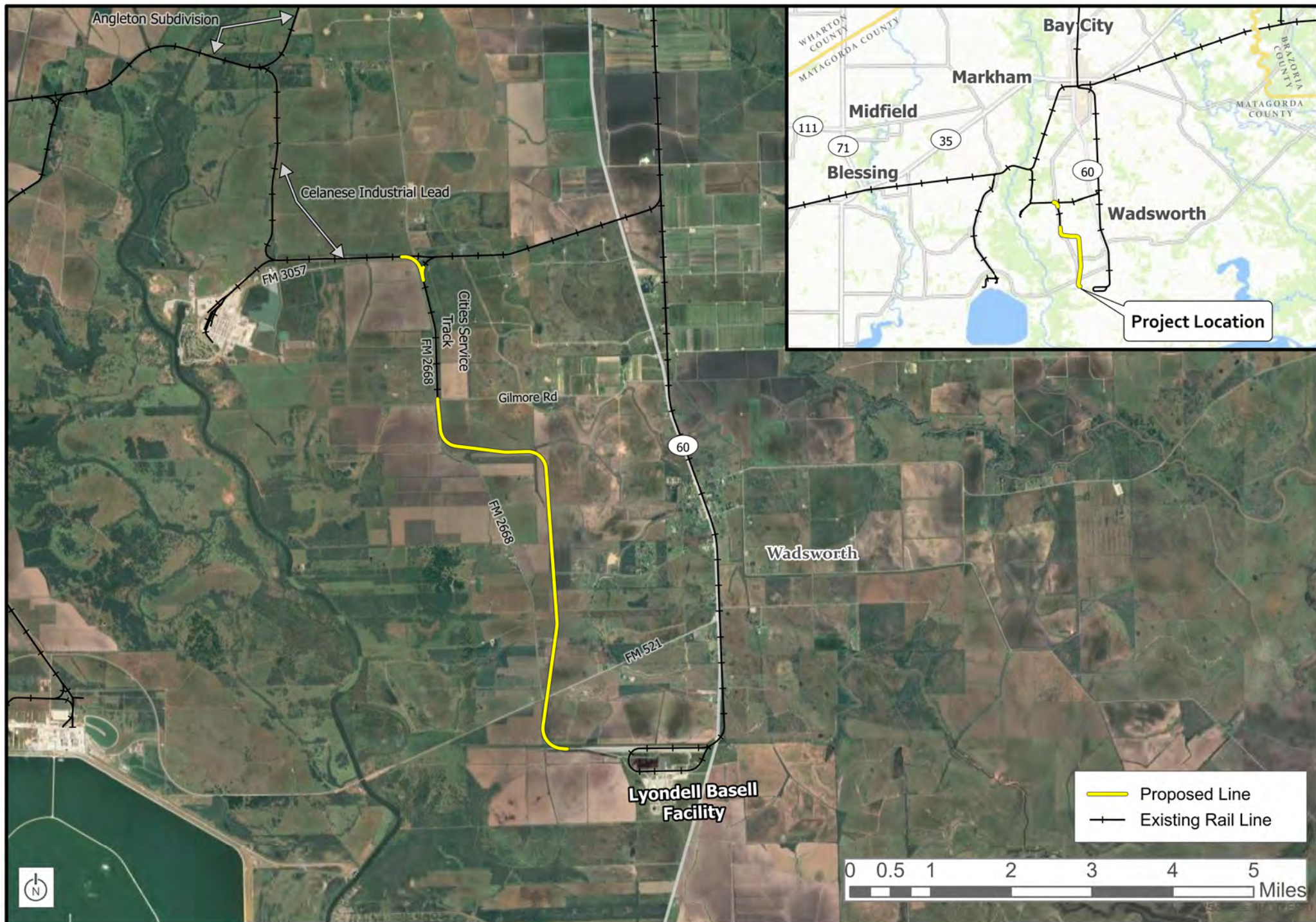
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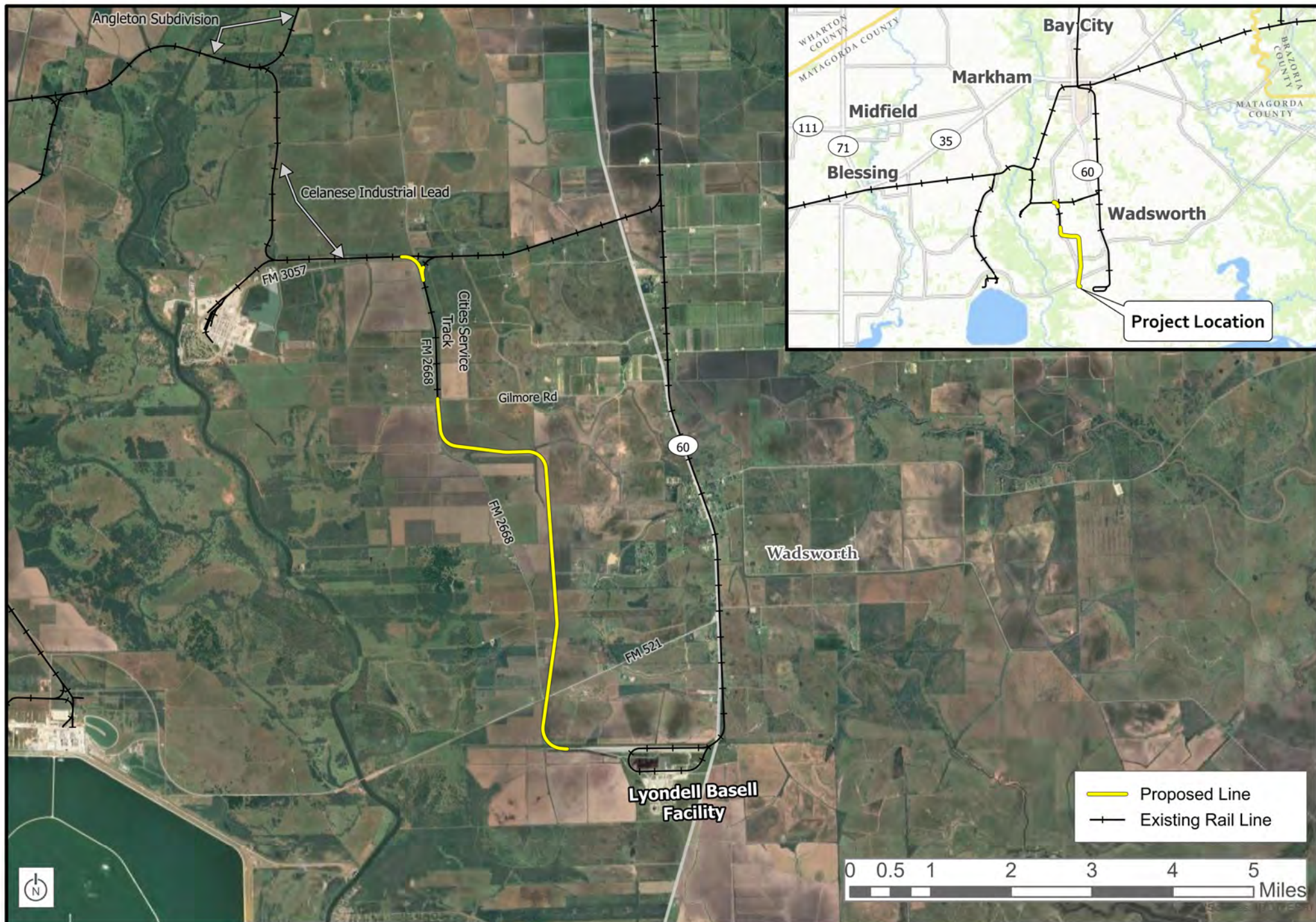
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February 13, 2026

The Honorable Greg Abbott
Office of the Governor
1100 San Jacinto
Austin, Texas 78701

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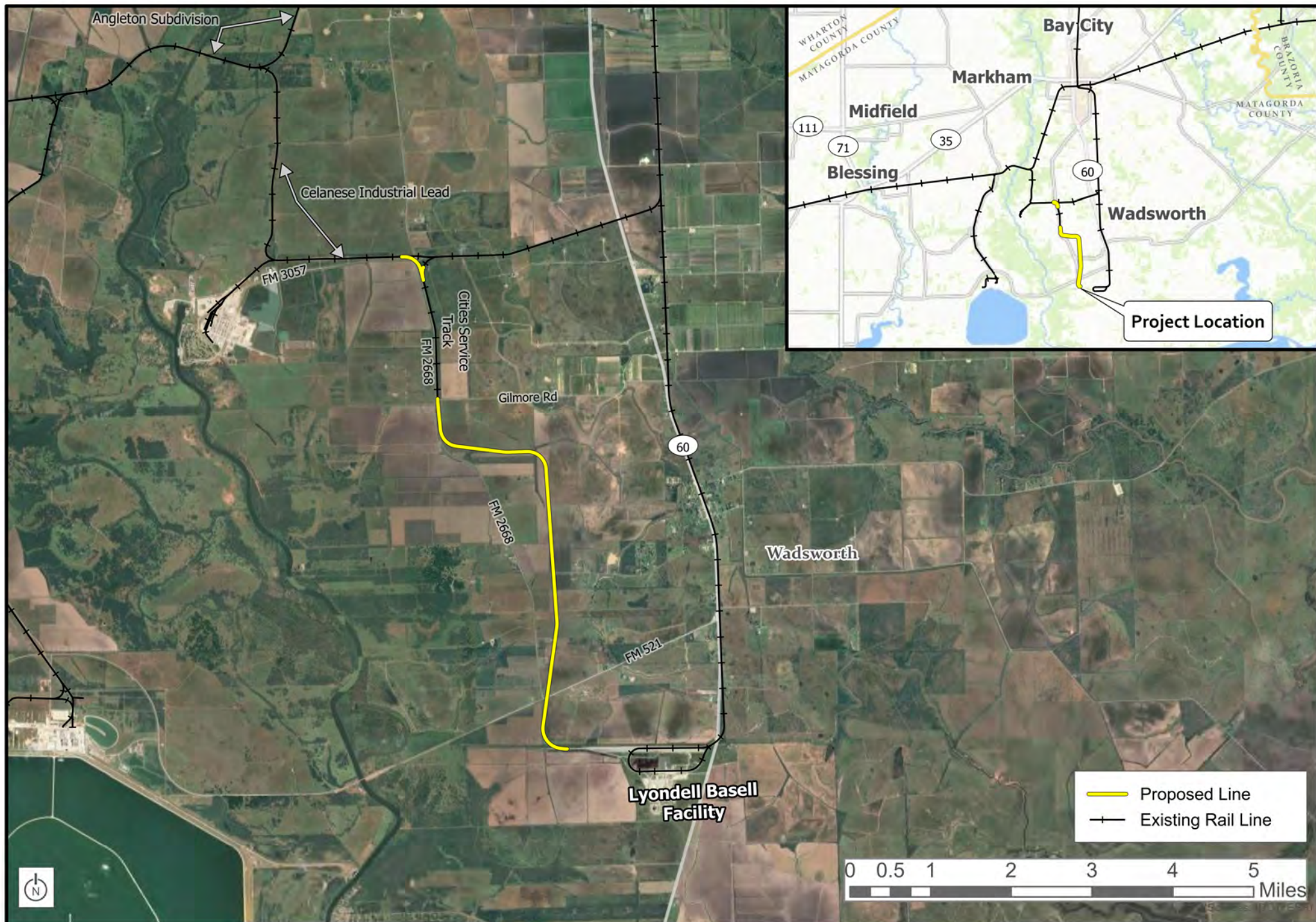
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February 13, 2026

The Honorable Joan Huffman
Texas State Senate (District 17)
16010 Barkers Point Ln Suite 265
Houston, Texas 77079

By email at: Joan.Huffman@senate.texas.gov

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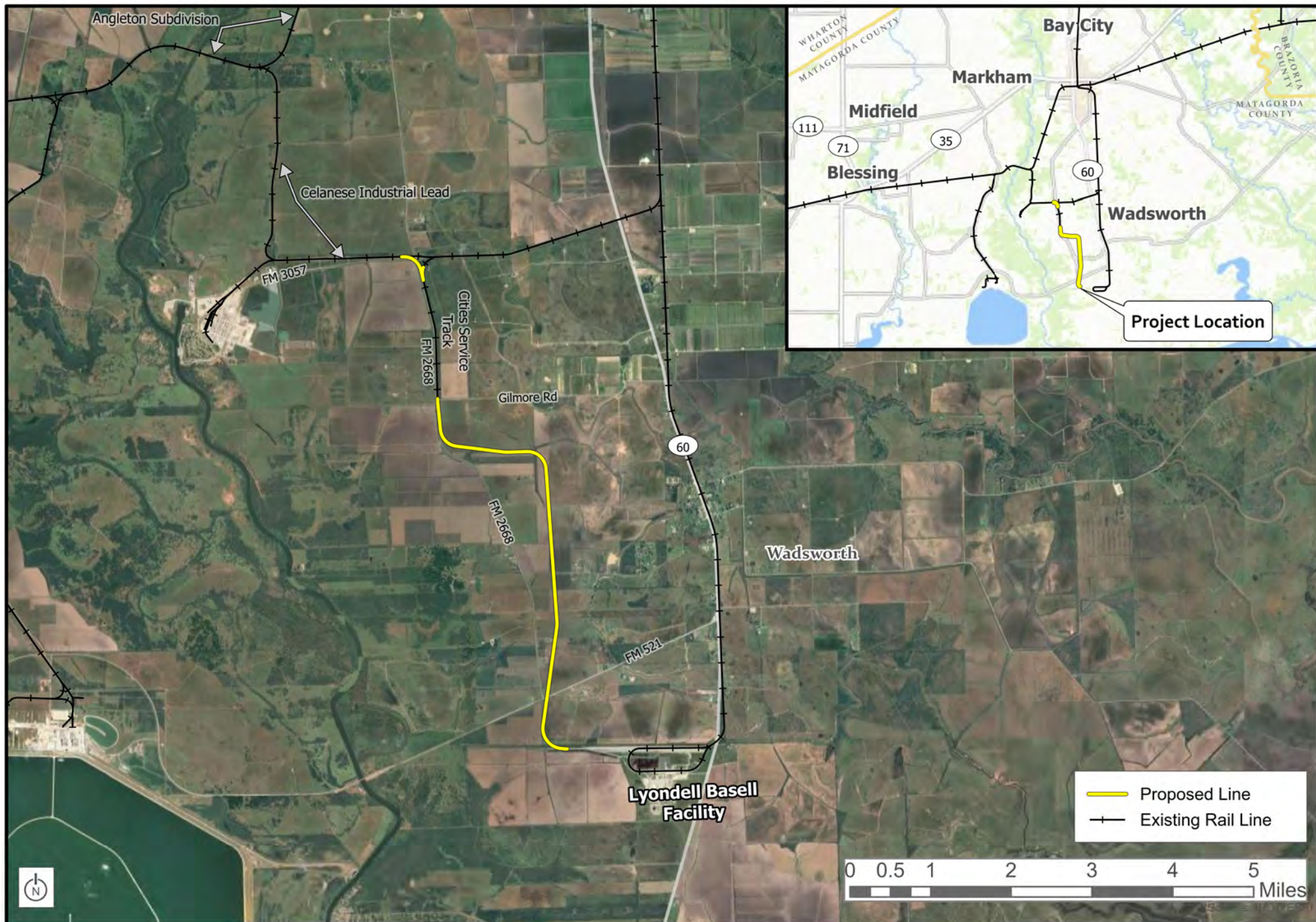
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The Honorable AJ Loudbacker
Texas House of Representatives (District 30)
5606 N. Navarro Suite 200-A
Victoria, Texas 77904

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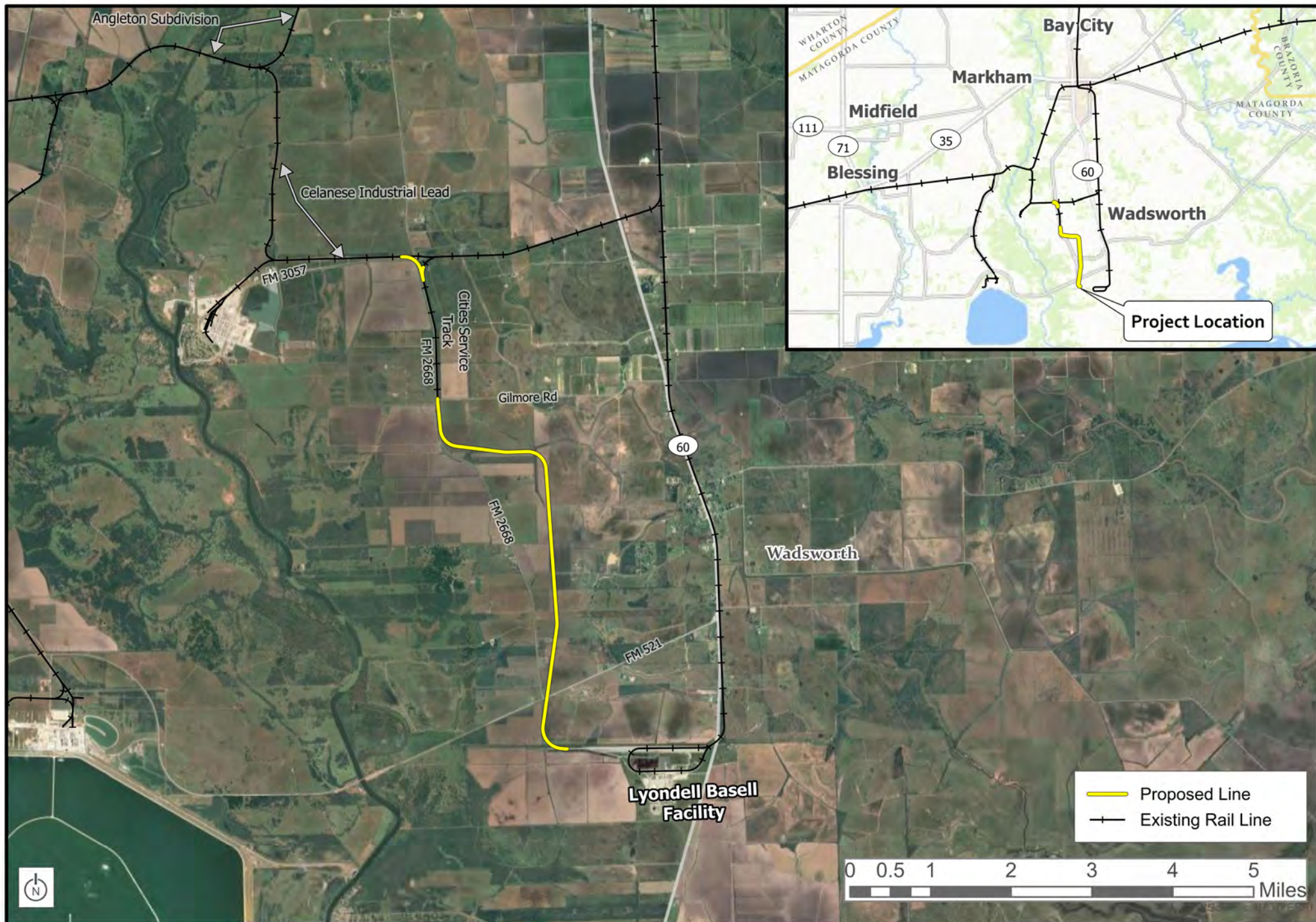
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The Honorable Bobby Seiferman
Matagorda County
1700 7th Street Room 301
Bay City, Texas 77414

By email at: bseiferman@co.matagorda.tx.us

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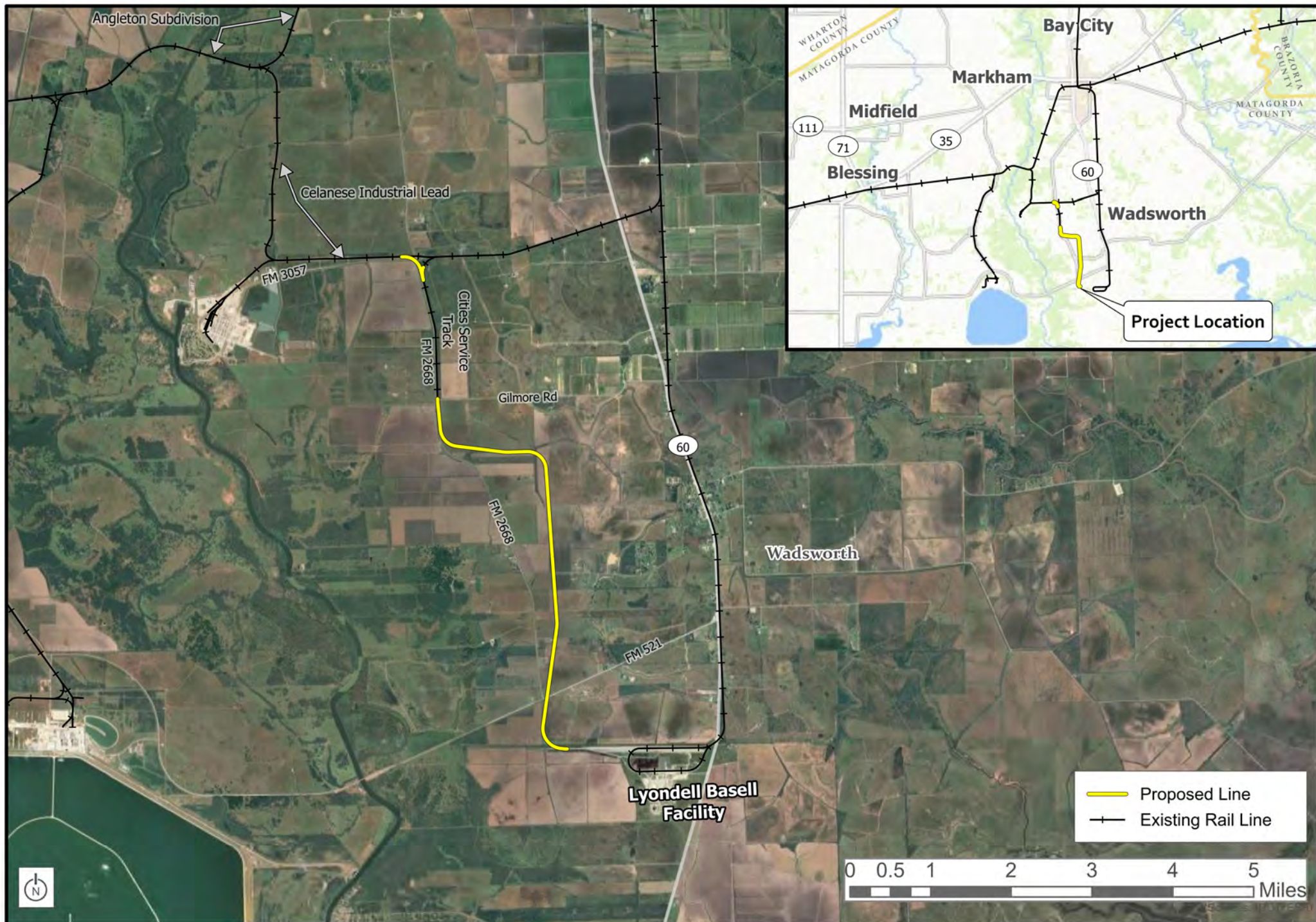
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The Honorable Robert Nelson
City of Bay City
1901 Fifth Street
Bay City, Texas 77414

By email at: mayor@cityofbaycity.org

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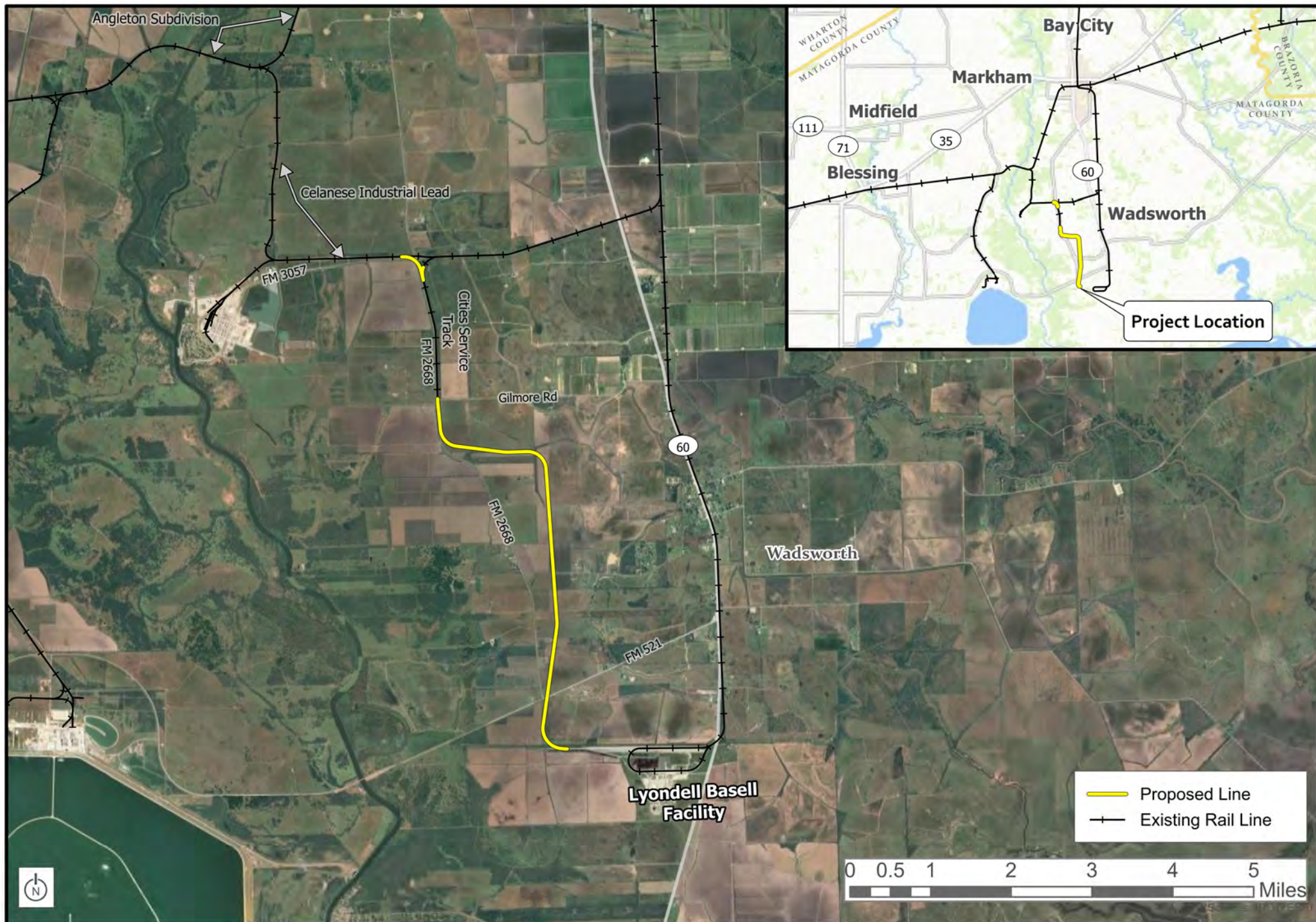
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Mike Ferdinand
Executive Director
Matagorda County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC)
4000 Ave F
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By email at: mferdinand@mcedc.net

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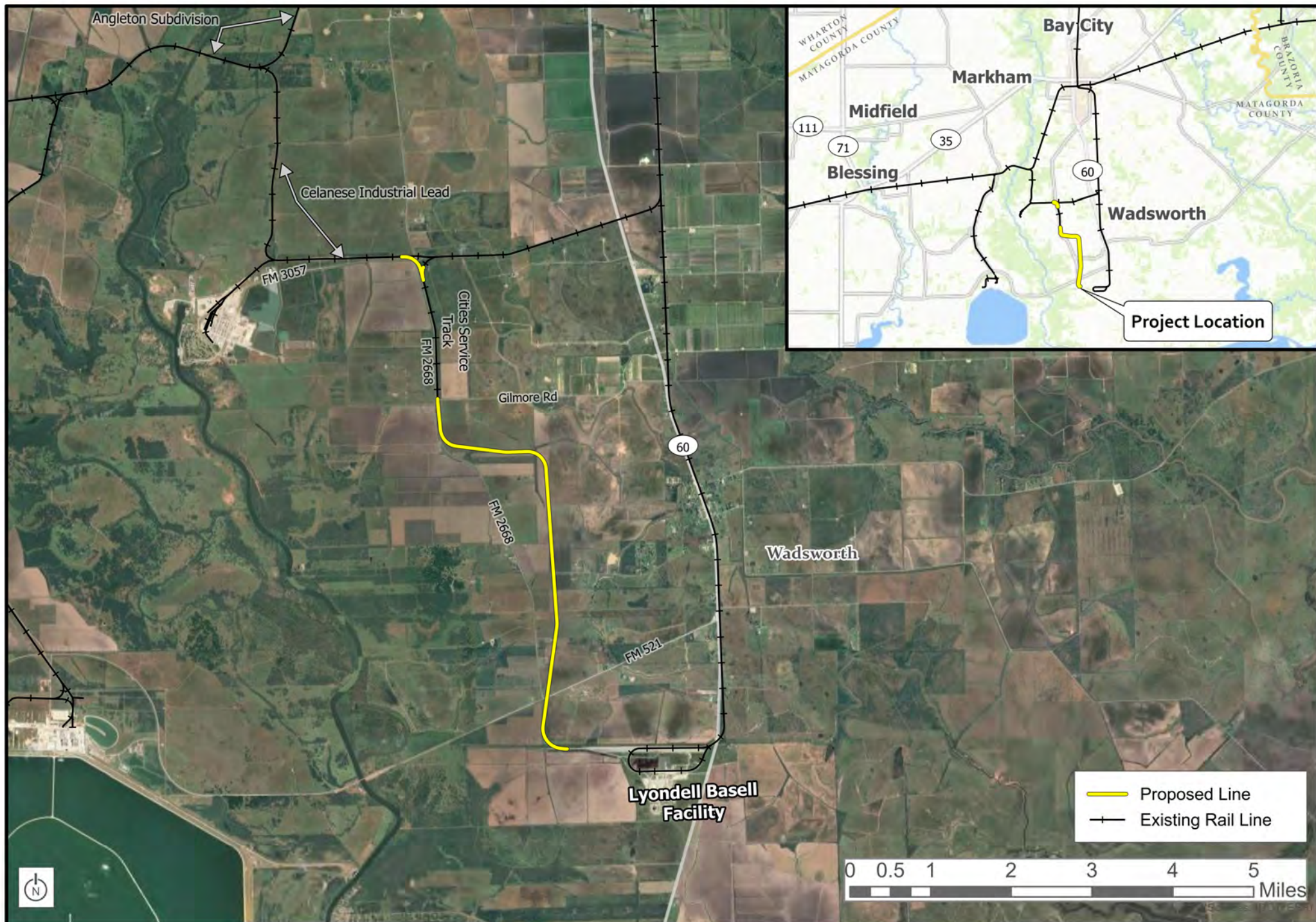
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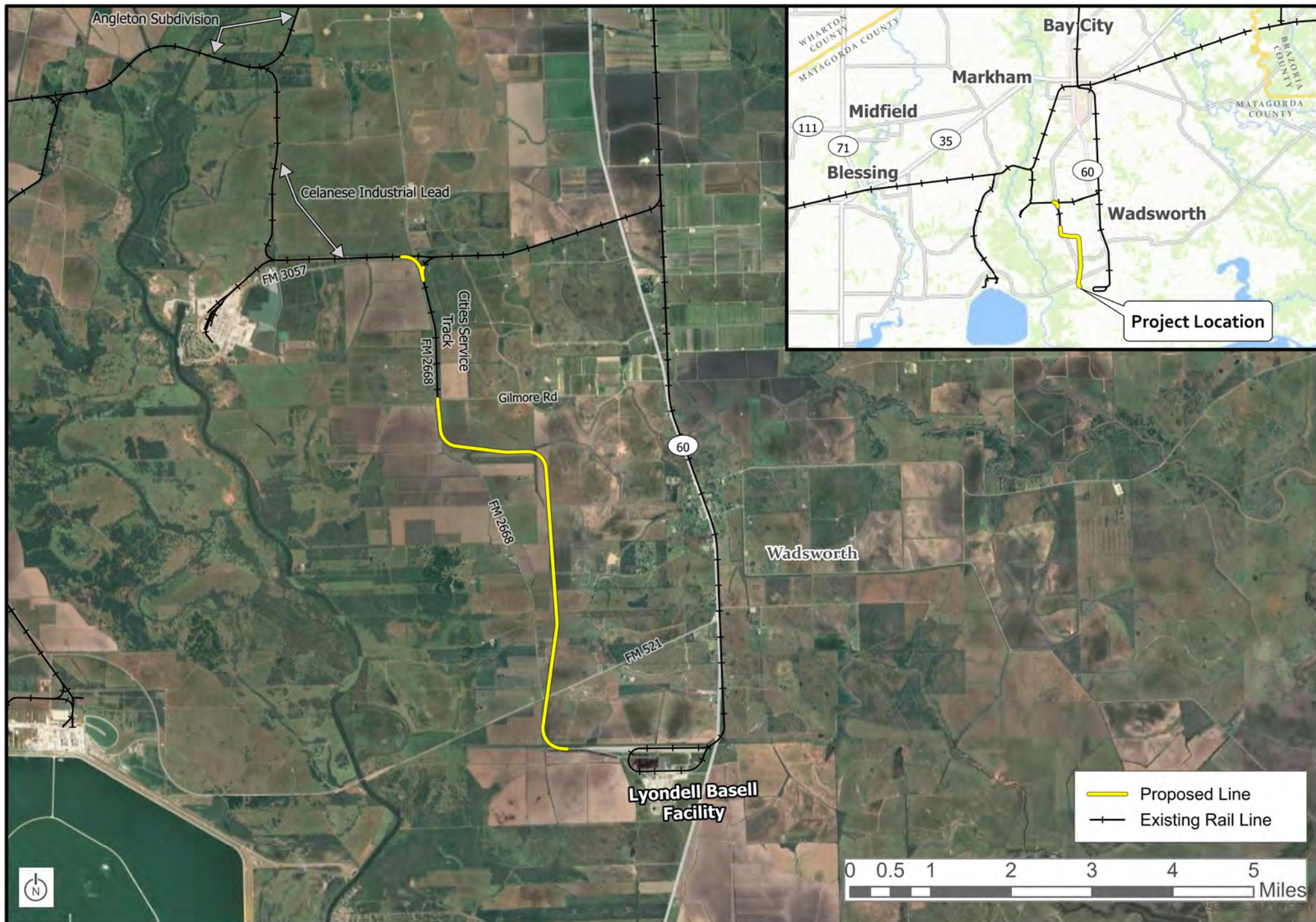
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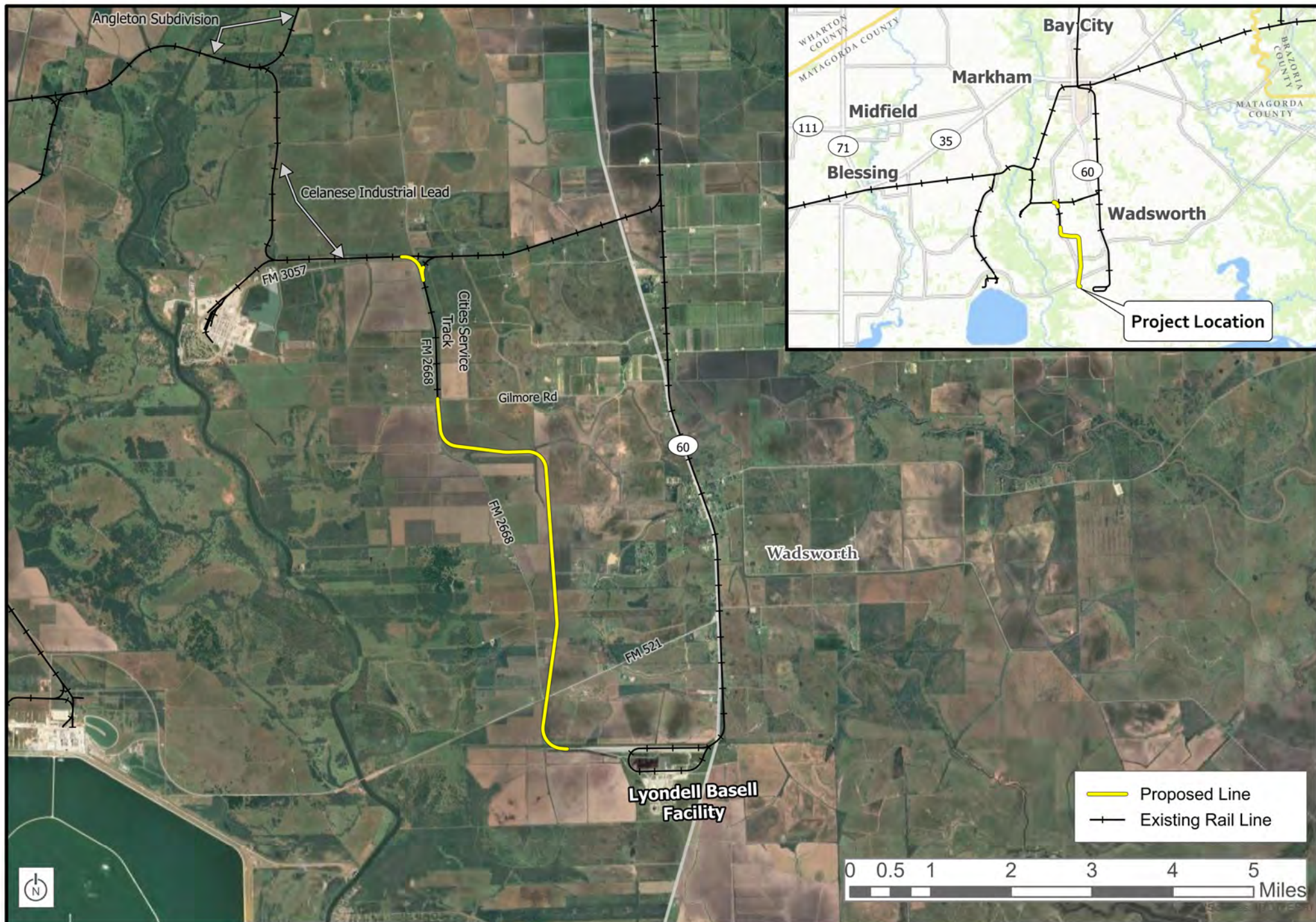
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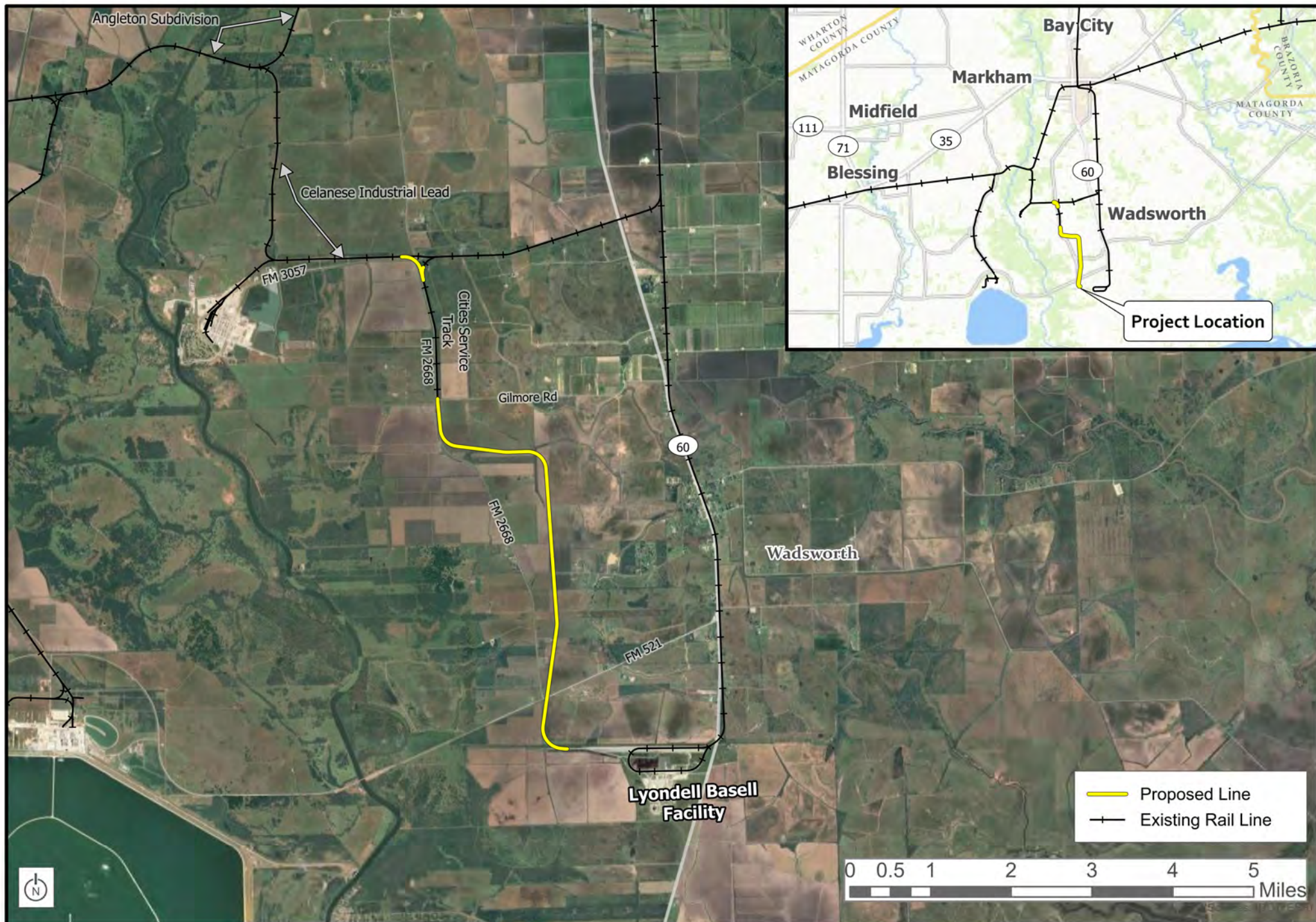
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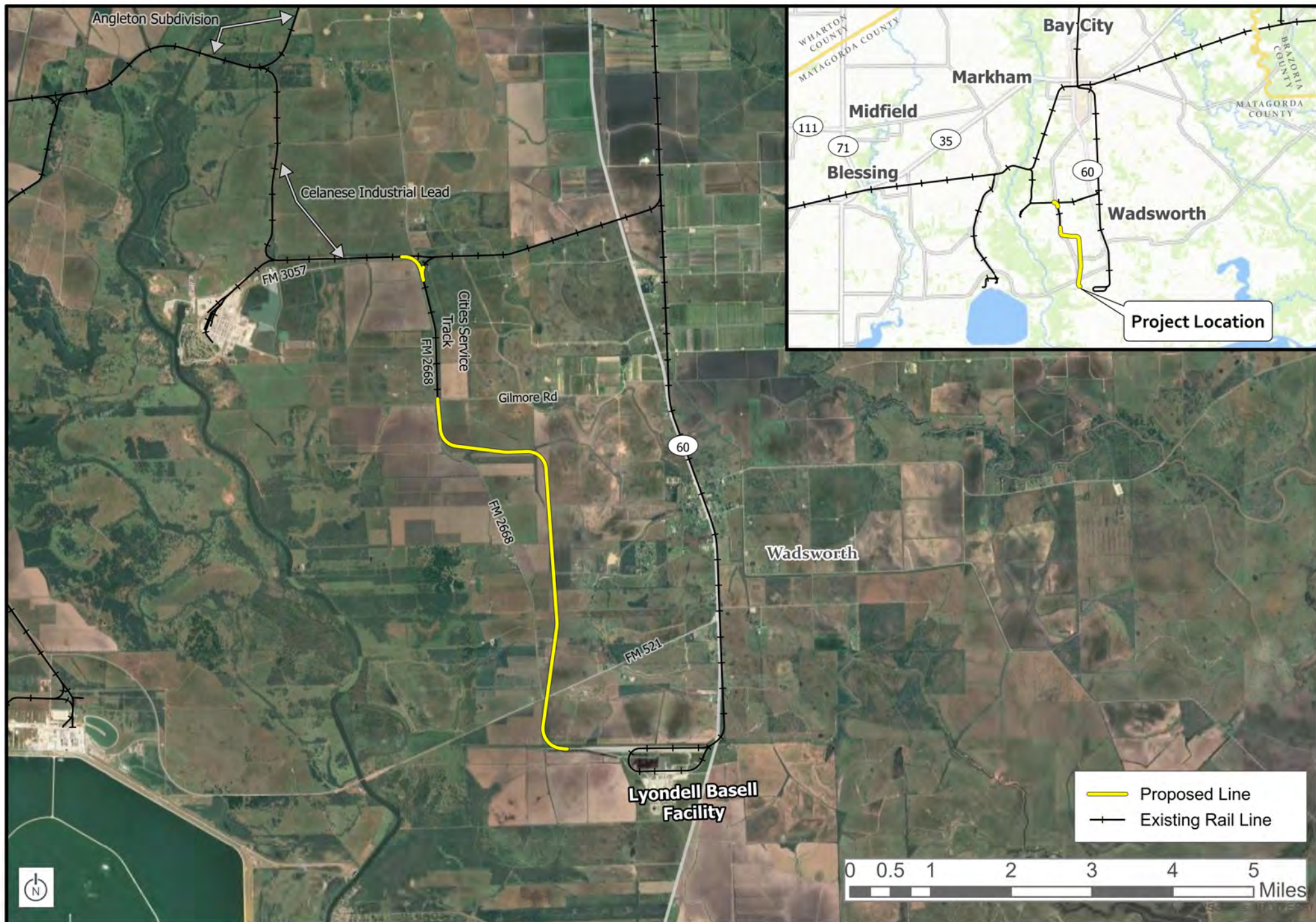
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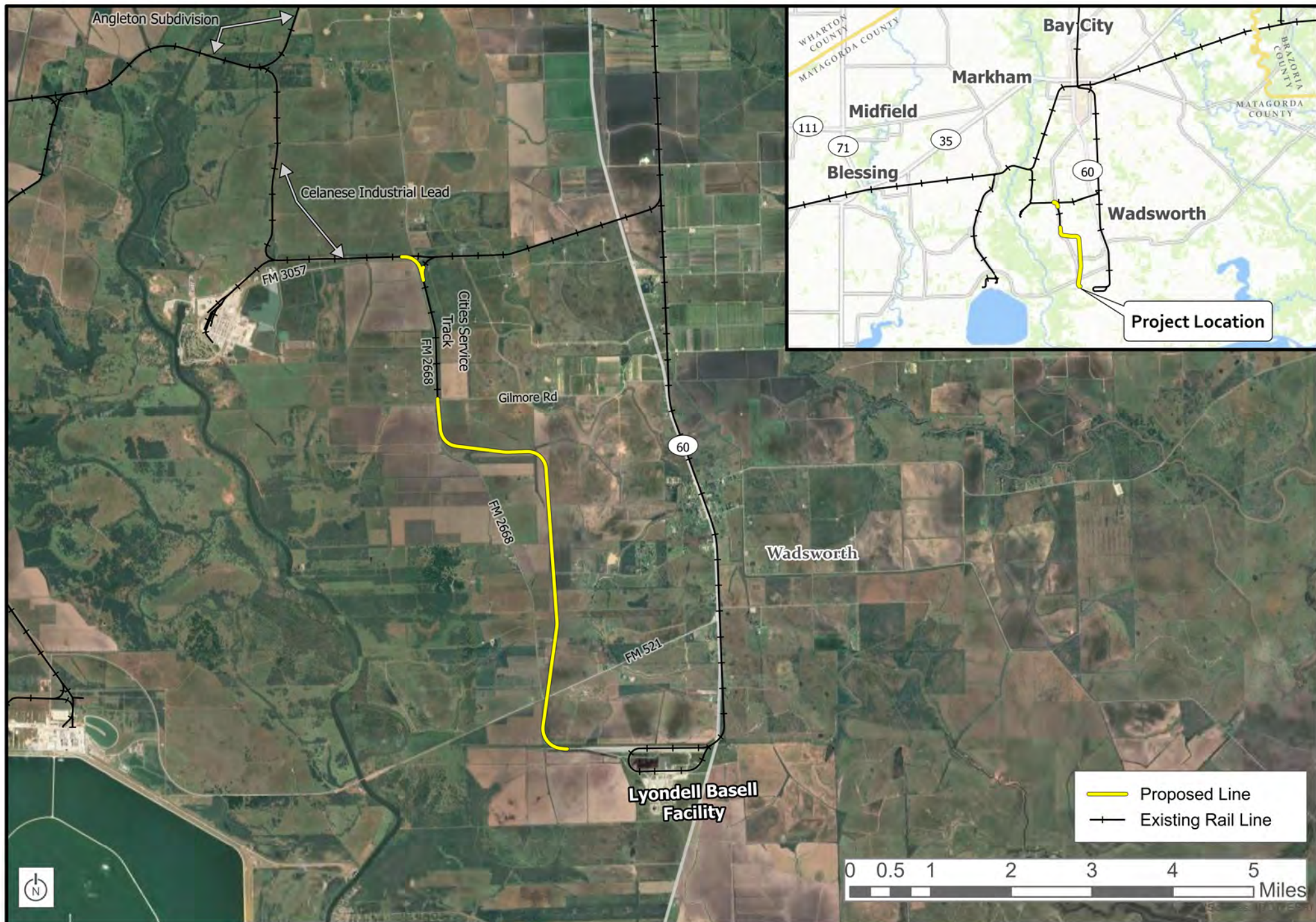
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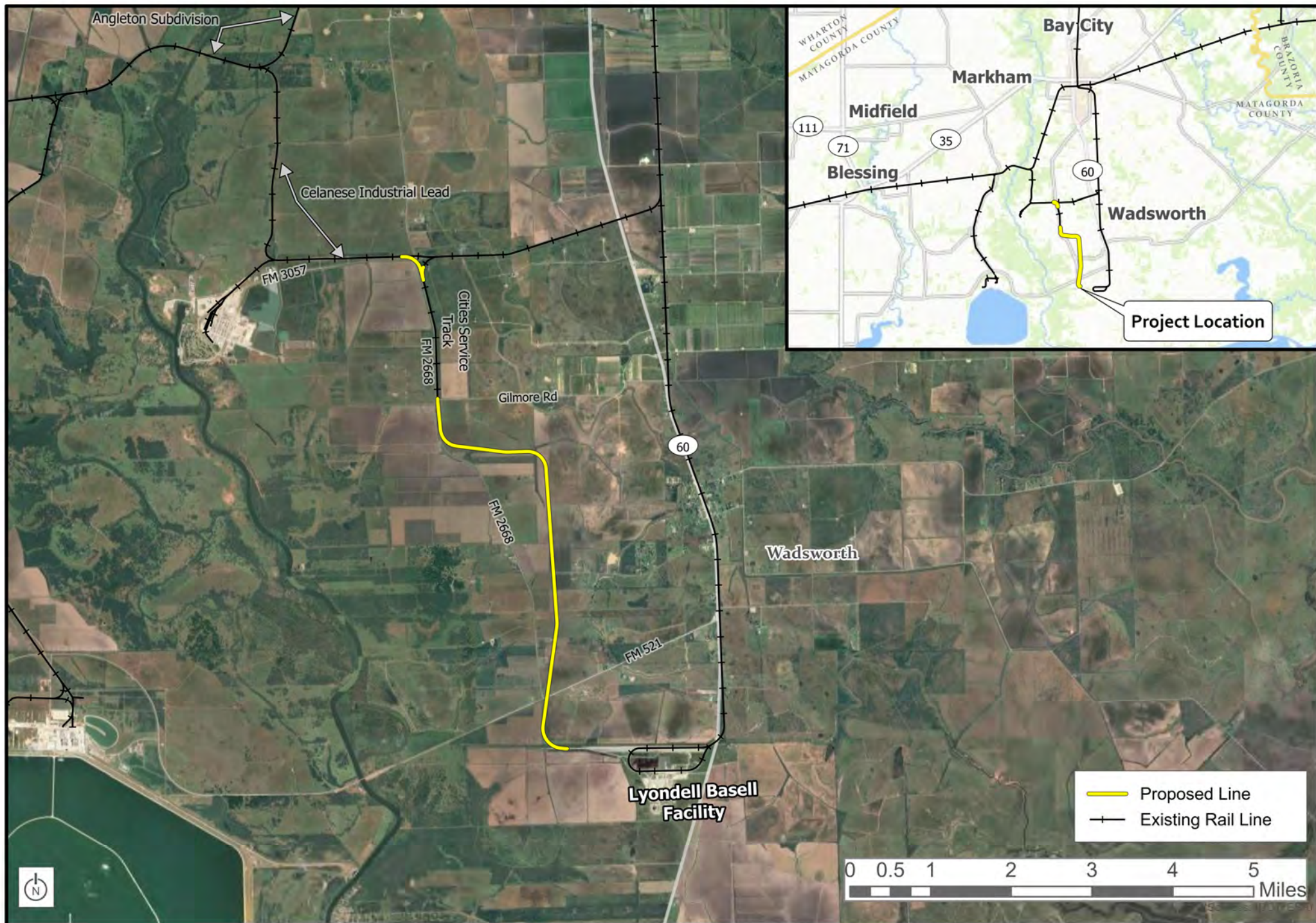
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Request for Interest in Government-to-Government Consultation

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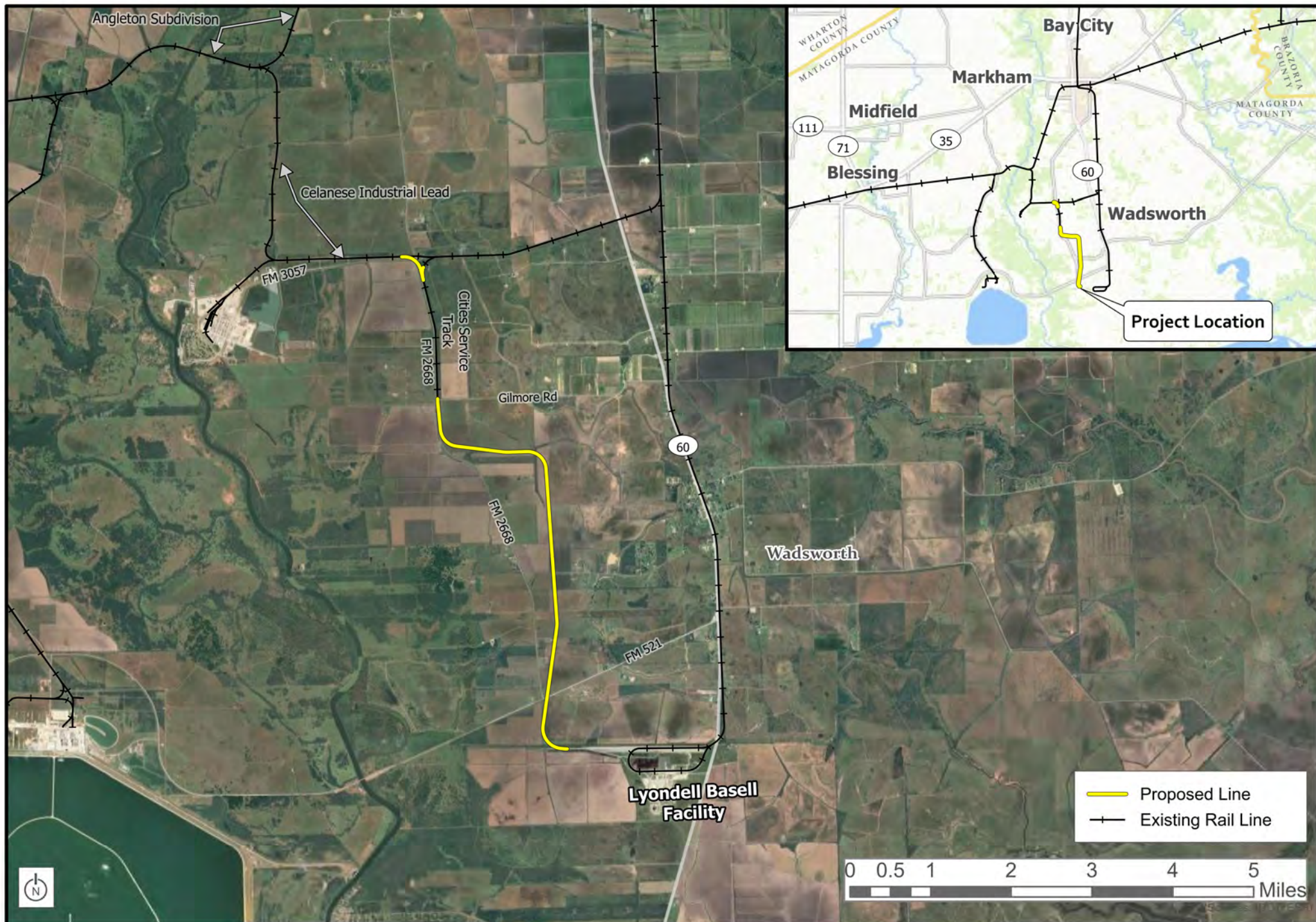
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Apache Tribe of Oklahoma

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Name of the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma designated contact for the proposed project:

Please Print Name

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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February 13, 2026

Chairman Forest Tahdooahnippah
Comanche Nation, Oklahoma
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Lawton, Oklahoma 73507

By email at: forrest.tahdooahnippah@comanchenation.com

RE: Docket No. FD 36854, Union Pacific Railroad Company – Construction and Operation Exemption – in Matagorda County, Texas; Request for Government-to-Government Consultation

Dear Chairman Tahdooahnippah:

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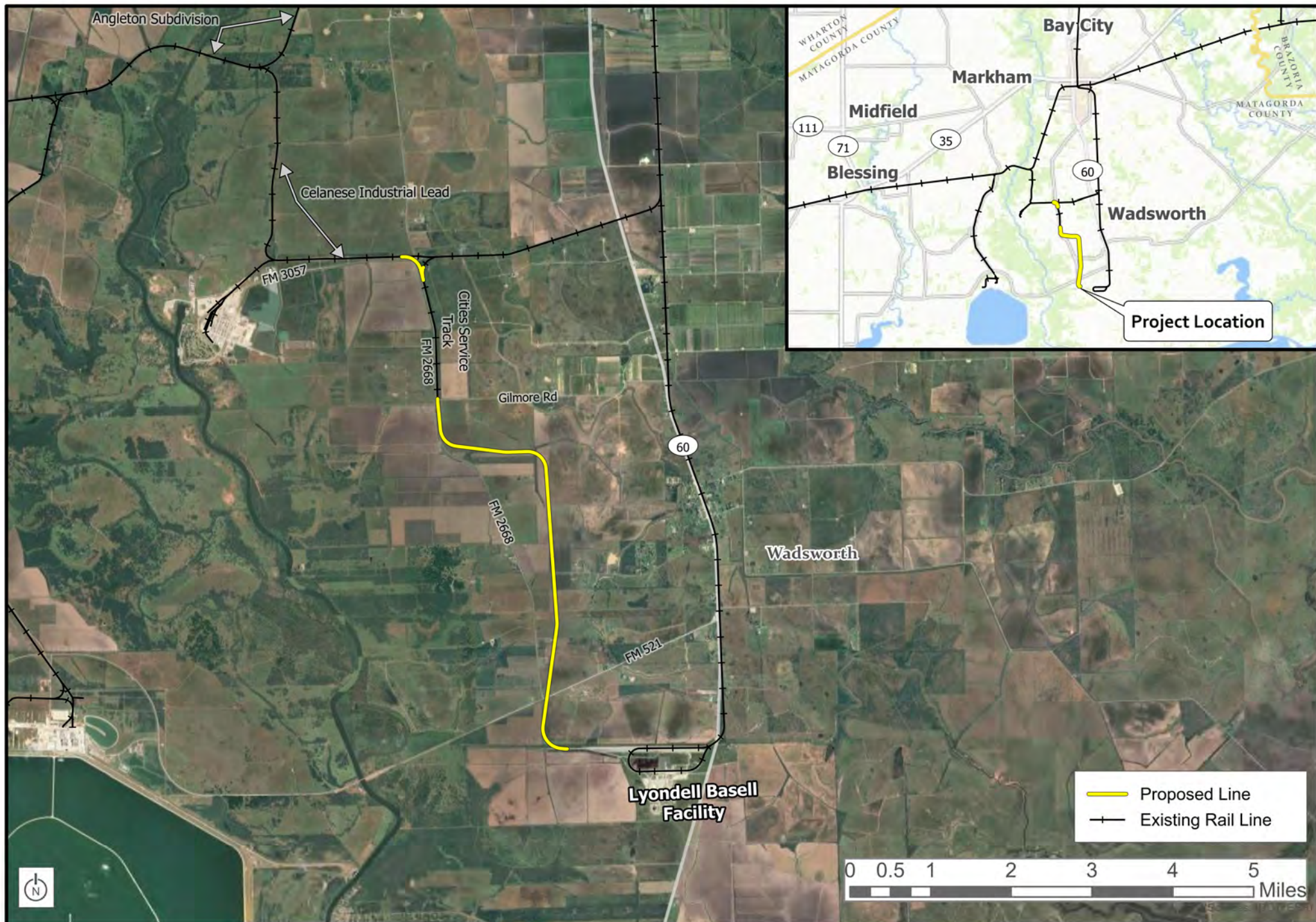
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Director
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cc: Martina Minthorn, THPO (martina.minthorn@comanchenation.com)



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Comanche Nation, Oklahoma

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Please Print Name

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

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Chairperson David Sickey
Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
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Elton, LA 70532

RE: Docket No. FD 36854, Union Pacific Railroad Company – Construction and Operation Exemption – in Matagorda County, Texas; Request for Government-to-Government Consultation

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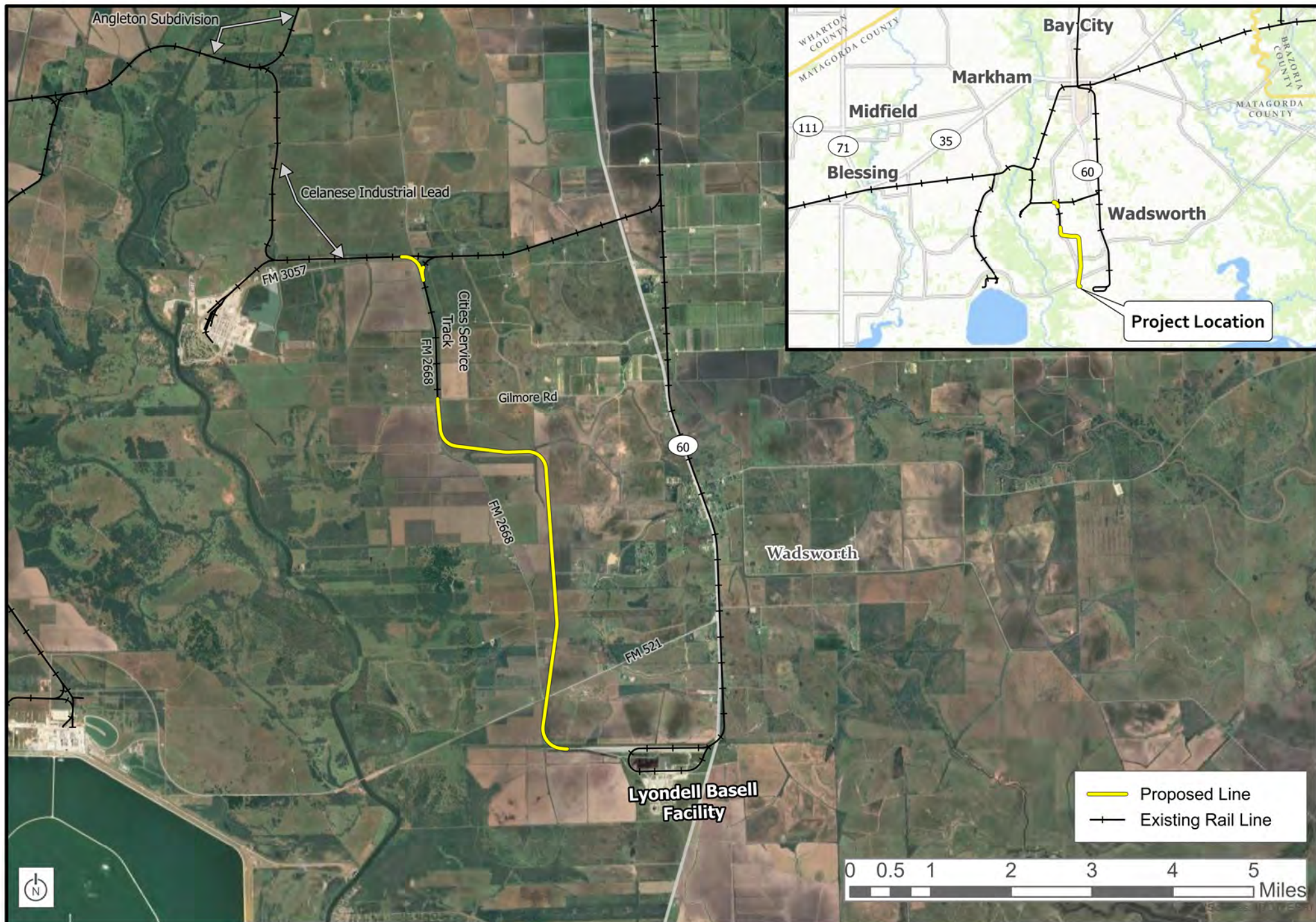
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cc: Kristian Poncho, THPO (kponcho@coushatta.org)



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Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana

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Phone: _____

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Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
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By email at: rmartin@tonkawatribe.com

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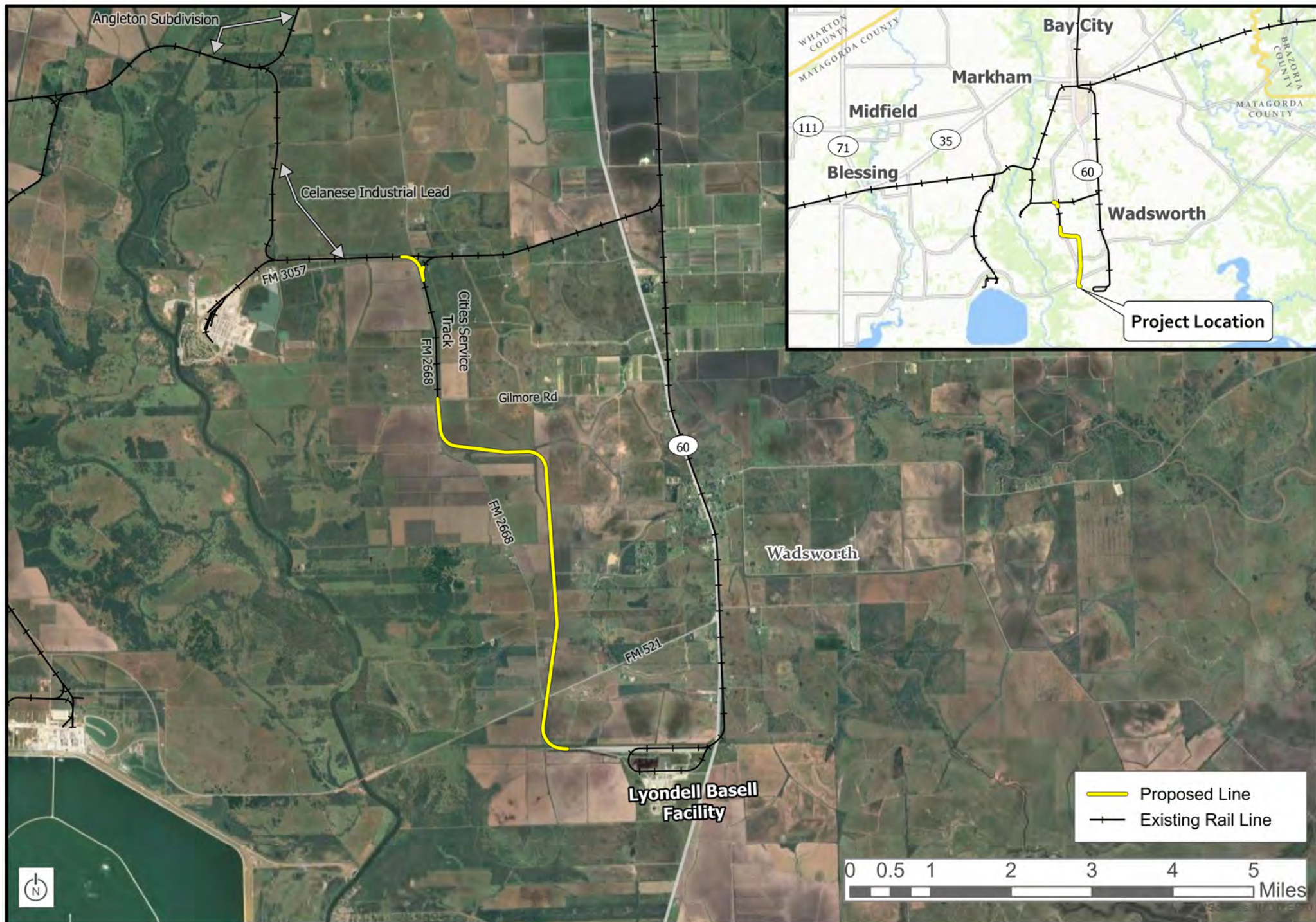
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Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

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President Amber Silverhorn-Wolfe
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Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005

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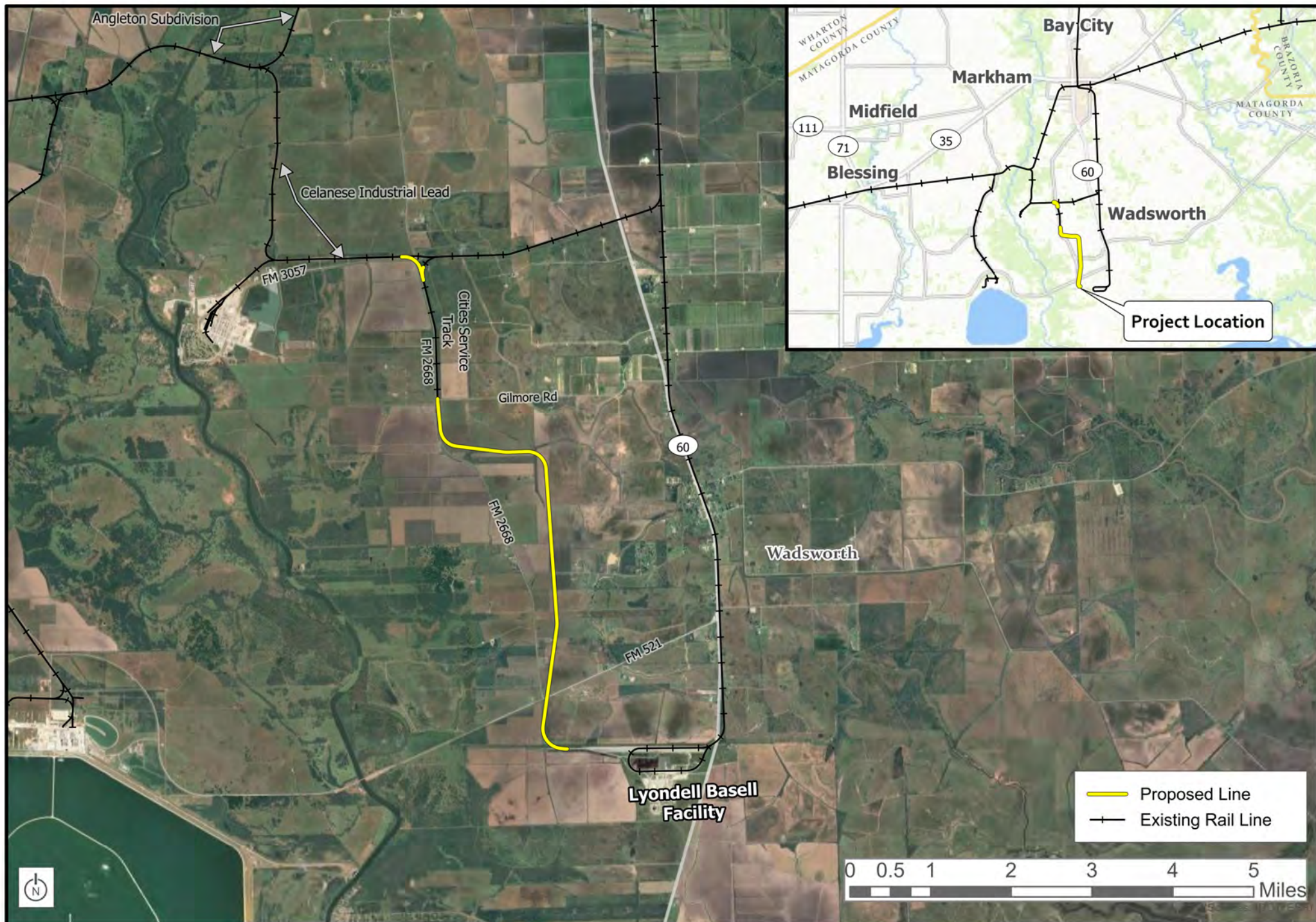
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Please Print Name

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