

Gasparilla Island Parking Utilization

Dashcam Survey — Tuesday, May 5, 2026 | 10:41 AM - 11:05 AM

Origin: Placida | Equipment: AZDOME M550 dashcam with side-view camera

Weather: low 80s with partly cloudy with a light breeze; weather was partly cloudy with a light breeze throughout the survey

Overview

This report documents parking conditions observed during a dashcam survey of Gasparilla Island (Boca Grande) on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 between approximately 10:41 AM - 11:05 AM. The survey originated in Placida. Full video and complete records are available upon request.

The survey documents two conditions observed simultaneously: the permit-only street corridor from 1st through 19th St W was heavily underutilized, while the designated state park lots were at or near capacity despite partly cloudy with a light breeze. No pedestrian traffic was observed on any of the side streets from 1st through 19th St W, including on blocks where vehicles were parked -- in contrast to the state park lots, where people were visibly on foot with beach gear moving between vehicles and the beach area.

The 5th St public lot was observed to be largely unoccupied on this survey; the beach access ramp at the lot remained closed, with barriers blocking pedestrian access to the beach -- continuing a condition documented on prior surveys. State park lots were at moderate occupancy throughout, with Sea Grape having noticeably available space. Permit-only side streets were predominantly empty or carrying only one to two vehicles across the full observed corridor from 19th St W to 1st St W. A large commercial flatbed truck was observed inside the Lighthouse lot at the south end of the state park complex. Front-camera observations include GPS coordinates burned into footage; side-camera observations of the permit-only corridor were located using Dashcam Viewer Pro map position cross-referenced against the GeoJSON coordinate file for each named street polygon.

Complete Chronological Observation Log

All observation points in sequence from oldest to newest.

Time	Location	Coordinates	Status	Notes
10:41:00 AM	19th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.76329-26.76378, -82.26587 to -82.26425	Very Low	One white vehicle visible at distance near beach end; otherwise no parked vehicles. Side cam; map-located against 19th St W polygon
10:41:11 AM	17th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.76167-26.76208, -82.26570 to -82.26409	Very Low	One distant vehicle visible; otherwise no parked vehicles. Side cam; map-located against 17th St W polygon
10:41:30 AM	14th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75915-26.75969, -82.26535 to -82.26374	Very Low	One vehicle visible at far end; street otherwise clear of parked vehicles. Side cam; map-located against 14th St W polygon

Time	Location	Coordinates	Status	Notes
10:41:36 AM	13th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75843-26.75885, -82.26517 to -82.26366	Very Low	Two vehicles visible on south side at mid-block; otherwise no parked vehicles. Side cam; map-located against 13th St W polygon
10:41:42 AM	12 St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75760-26.75804, -82.26508 to -82.26356	Empty	No parked vehicles observed; traffic cone visible at street edge. Side cam; map-located against 12 St W polygon
10:41:49 AM	11th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75687-26.75720, -82.26499 to -82.26347	Very Low	Large white commercial truck with trailer parked at left side; one additional vehicle visible. Side cam; map-located against 11th St W polygon
10:41:55 AM	10th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75606-26.75637, -82.26486 to -82.26328	Low	Multiple vehicles parked along north side adjacent to Johann Fust Community Library; this segment had the heaviest utilization in the permit corridor. Side cam; map-located against 10th St W polygon
10:42:03 AM	9th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75523-26.75541, -82.26465 to -82.26301	Very Low	One vehicle visible at distance; street otherwise clear. Side cam; map-located against 9th St W polygon
10:42:17 AM	7th St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75359-26.75377, -82.26461 to -82.26251	Empty	No parked vehicles observed. Side cam; map-located against 7th St W polygon
10:43:13 - 10:43:21 AM	5th St public lot	GPS verified: 26.7 5187-26.75198, -82.26413 to -82.26429	Very Low	Lot was largely unoccupied at the time of observation, with very few vehicles present. ADA-designated handicap spaces were observed; space occupancy on the handicap row could not be fully confirmed from the drive-through angle but the overall lot was nearly empty. The beach access ramp at the lot was closed, with barriers blocking pedestrian access to the beach -- a condition that has persisted across multiple prior surveys. The closure means that any available parking spaces in this lot had no practical utility for beach visitors at the time of the survey.
10:44:15 AM	3rd St	Polygon bounds: 2 6.74900-26.74920, -82.26445 to -82.26320	Low	White SUV and RV/large truck visible; Low utilization. Side cam; map-located against 3rd St polygon. 3rd St W (west of Gilchrist Ave) is a designated public beach access street
10:44:28 AM	Banyan St	Polygon bounds: 2 6.74760-26.74780, -82.26440 to -82.26317	Very Low	White commercial van (M.B. Woods) and white SUV visible; otherwise clear. Side cam; map-located against Banyan St polygon
10:44:50 AM	1st St W	Polygon bounds: 2 6.74622-26.74639, -82.26442 to -82.26310	Very Low	White truck and one additional vehicle visible at west end near beach; otherwise clear. Side cam; map-located against 1st St W polygon

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10:45:26 - 10:45:46 AM	Range Light (entry/exit)	GPS verified: 26.7 4342-26.74295, -82.26336 to -82.26343	Moderate	Lot was at moderate occupancy; multiple vehicles present including in front of the lighthouse tower, with orange traffic cones visible. Available spaces observed. GPS verified from front-cam overlay
10:49:48 AM	Sea Wall (entry)	GPS verified: 26.72116, -82.26292	Moderate	Lot at moderate occupancy; dark SUV, white SUV, and red Jeep visible; vehicles present but lot not packed. GPS verified from front-cam overlay
10:50:06 AM	Sea Wall (interior)	GPS verified: 26.72126, -82.26325	Moderate	Interior of lot at moderate occupancy; white sedan, portable toilet unit on site, orange cone present. GPS verified from front-cam overlay
10:50:14 AM	Sea Wall (continued)	GPS verified: 26.72115, -82.26328	Moderate	Gray SUV and silver sedan visible; lot at moderate utilization throughout. GPS verified from front-cam overlay
10:51:21 AM	Sandspur (interior)	GPS verified: 26.71916, -82.26151	Moderate	Long row of vehicles visible; lot at moderate occupancy with multiple vehicles parked and people with beach gear present. GPS verified from front-cam overlay
10:52:47 AM	Lighthouse (interior)	GPS verified: 26.71810, -82.26076	Moderate	Lot at moderate occupancy; dark SUVs and pickup trucks with beach gear visible. Orange traffic cone present. GPS verified from front-cam overlay
10:53:00 AM	Lighthouse (deeper interior)	GPS verified: 26.71785, -82.26060	Moderate	Large white commercial flatbed truck observed inside the lot at this location, occupying space within the Lighthouse lot interior. GPS verified from front-cam overlay
10:53:05 AM	Lighthouse (south edge)	GPS verified: 26.71790, -82.26047	Moderate	Active beach use observed: pedestrians with beach chairs and cart visible at south edge loading up for beach access. Vehicles including yellow and red cars parked in adjacent spaces. Lot at moderate utilization throughout the complex. GPS verified from front-cam overlay
10:58:29 AM	3rd St W (eastern segment, northbound return)	GPS verified: 26.74913, -82.26302	Very Low	Northbound; Two vehicles visible ahead at distance; white church with steeple (First United Methodist) visible on left. GPS verified: 26.74913, -82.26302 -- on the eastern segment of 3rd St W (between Gilchrist Ave and Park Ave). This segment historically functioned as overflow parking for beach visitors and church parking; both uses are no longer permitted under Ordinance 25-16's permit-only restriction.
10:58:59 AM	Park Ave (3rd St W intersection)	GPS verified: 26.74916, -82.26229	Low	Northbound; White pickup truck at stop sign at 3rd St W/Park Ave intersection; several vehicles in vicinity. GPS verified: 26.74916, -82.26229
10:59:10 AM	Park Ave (village commercial)	GPS verified: 26.74918, -82.26198	Moderate	Northbound; Multiple vehicles parked on both sides of street including dark SUVs and sedans; commercial corridor active. GPS verified: 26.74918, -82.26198
10:59:53 AM	Park Ave at 5th St E (Don's Food & Dairy)	GPS verified: 26.75111, -82.26193	Moderate	Northbound; Commercial intersection at Don's Food & Dairy; golf carts, SUVs, and pedestrian visible; moderate commercial activity. GPS verified: 26.75111, -82.26193

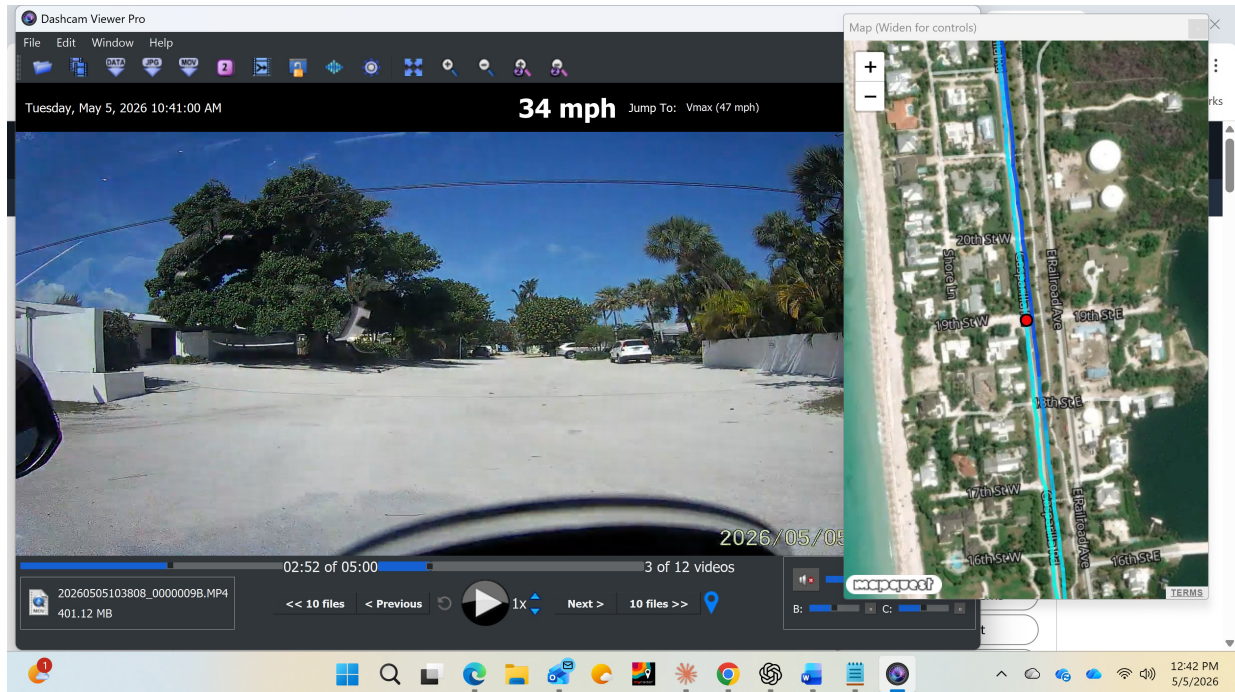
Time	Location	Coordinates	Status	Notes
11:00:20 AM	E Railroad Ave (northbound)	GPS verified: 26.75188, -82.26169	Low	Northbound; Red car and dark SUV parked on right side near 5th St W intersection; vehicles parked along east side (business parking). GPS verified: 26.75188, -82.26169
11:00:31 AM	E Railroad Ave (continued)	GPS verified: 26.75140, -82.26156	Low	Northbound; Multiple vehicles parked along right side; red car prominent; business parking continuing northbound. GPS verified: 26.75140, -82.26156
11:04:52 AM	11th St E	Polygon bounds: 2 6.75704-26.75720, -82.26332 to -82.26220	Very Low	Northbound; One red convertible parked on south side; street otherwise clear at time of observation. Side cam; map-located against 11 St E polygon

Photographic Evidence

The following images document representative conditions observed during the Tuesday, May 5, 2026 survey. Each image is a frame from the dashcam recording with timestamp visible. Images are presented in route order (chronological).

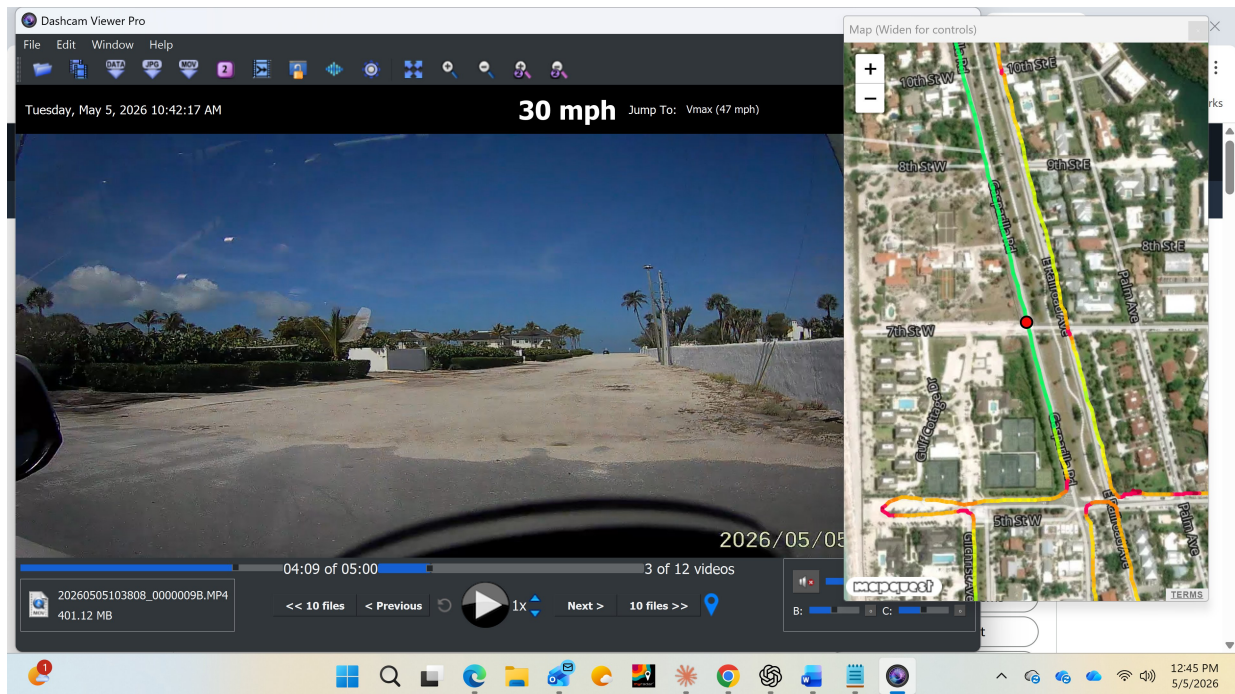
19th St W -- Permit-Only Corridor, Very Low

10:41:00 AM. Side cam looking west toward beach. Map-located against 19th St W polygon. One vehicle visible at distance near beach end; otherwise no parked vehicles. Representative of the predominantly empty permit-only corridor observed throughout this survey.



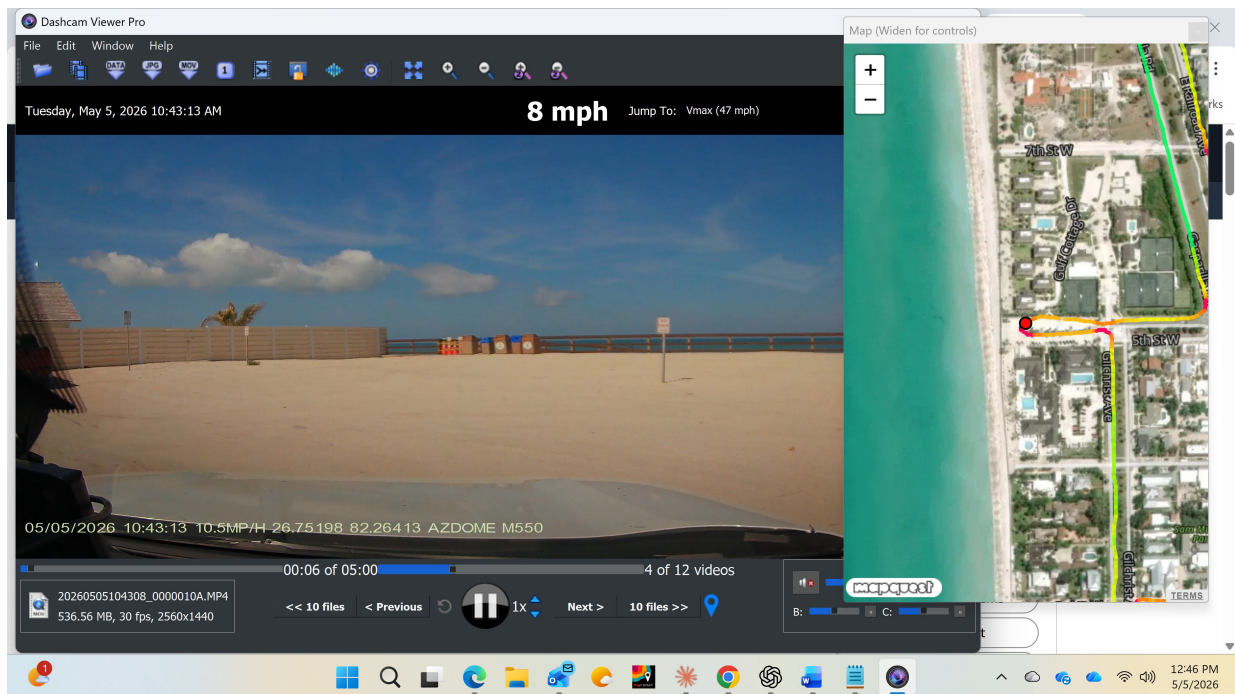
7th St W -- Designated Beach Access Street, Empty

10:42:17 AM. Side cam looking west toward beach. Map-located against 7th St W polygon. No parked vehicles observed. 7th St W is one of the platted public beach access streets on the island, restricted to permit holders only under Ordinance 25-16.



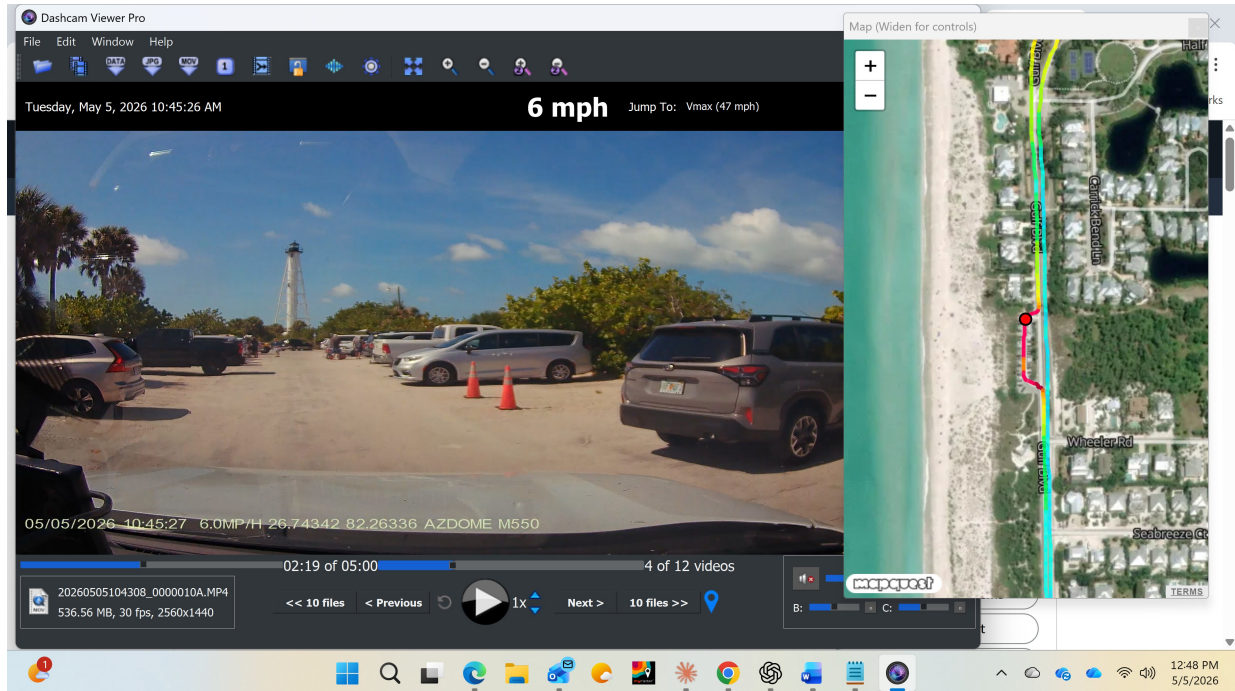
5th St Public Lot -- Beach Access Ramp Closed

10:43:13 AM. Front cam, GPS verified at 26.75198, -82.26413. The lot was largely unoccupied at the time of observation. The beach access ramp was blocked by barriers, limiting the practical utility of the lot for beach visitors. This closure has been documented across multiple surveys.



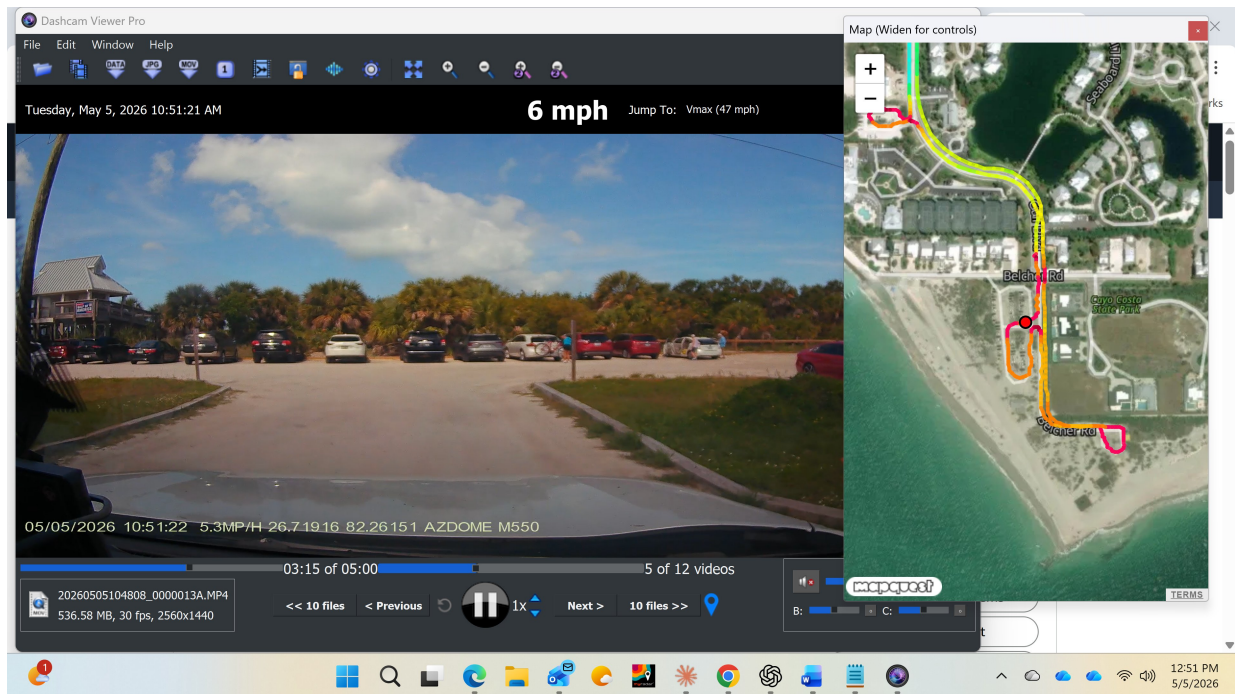
Range Light Lot -- Moderate Occupancy

10:45:26 AM. Front cam, GPS verified at 26.74342, -82.26336. Lot at moderate occupancy with multiple vehicles present in front of the lighthouse tower and orange traffic cones visible. Available spaces observed.



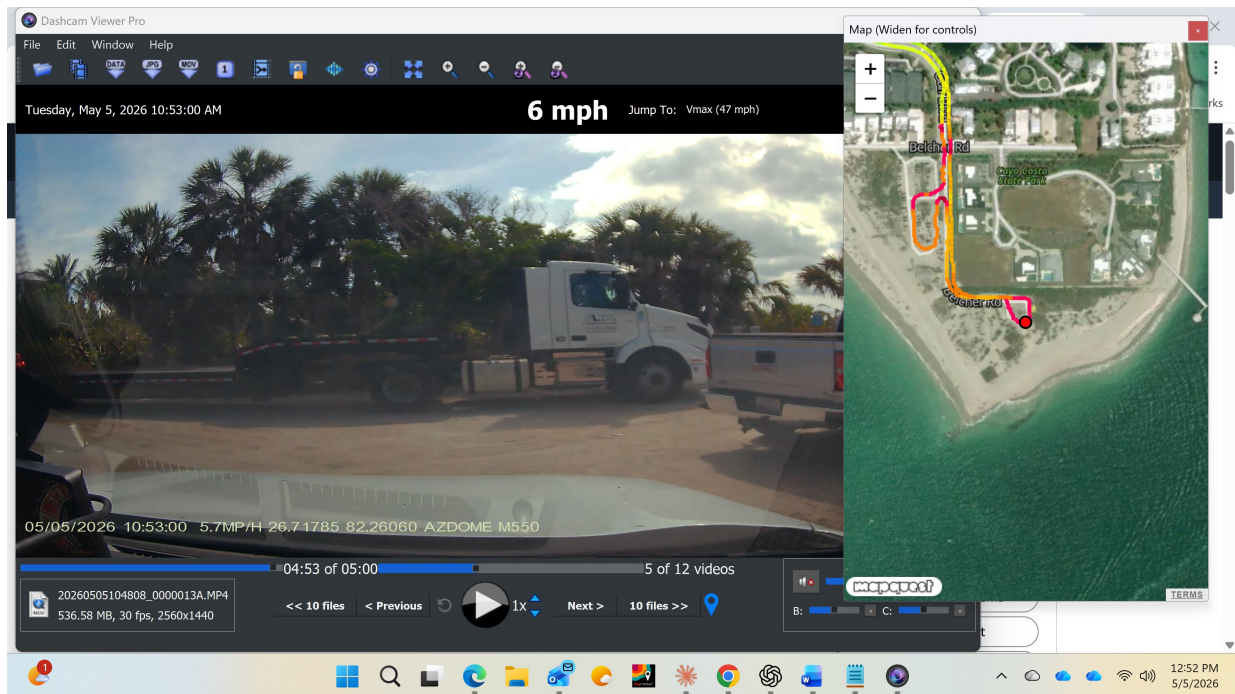
Sandspur Lot -- Moderate Occupancy

10:51:21 AM. Front cam, GPS verified at 26.71916, -82.26151. Long row of vehicles at moderate occupancy; people with beach gear visible. State park lots throughout the complex were at moderate utilization on this survey.



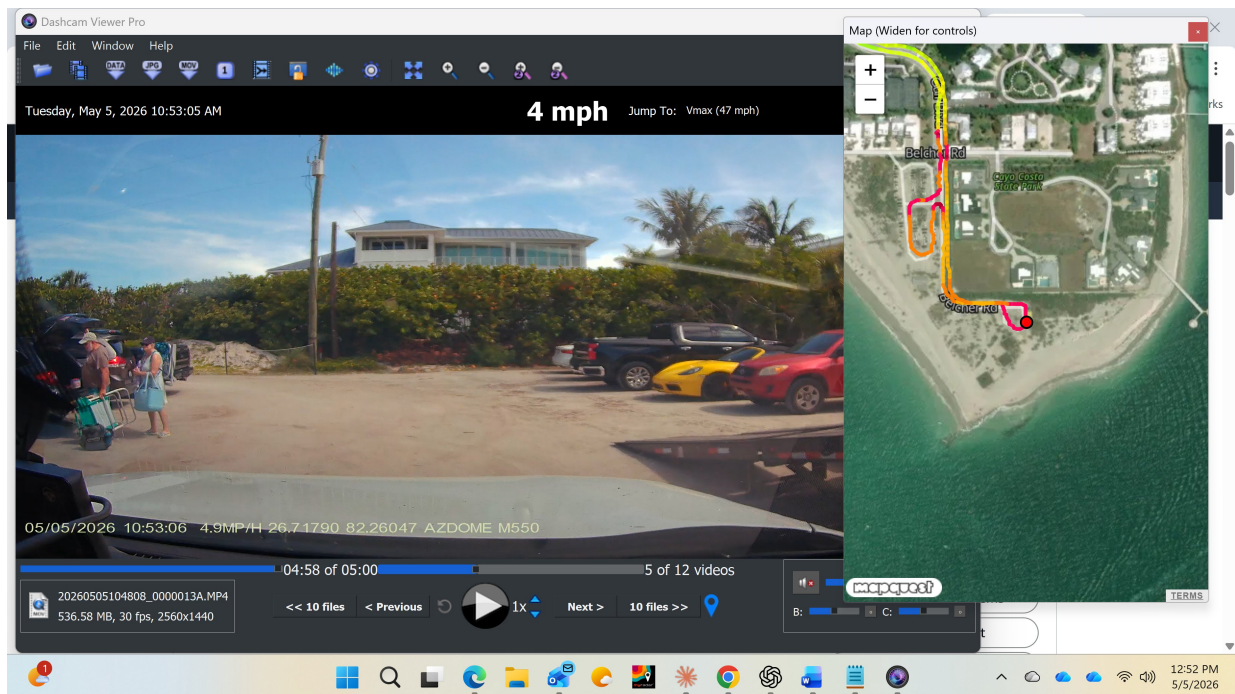
Lighthouse Lot -- Commercial Flatbed Truck Inside Lot

10:53:00 AM. Front cam, GPS verified at 26.71785, -82.26060. A large white commercial flatbed truck was observed inside the Lighthouse lot. The lot was at moderate occupancy.



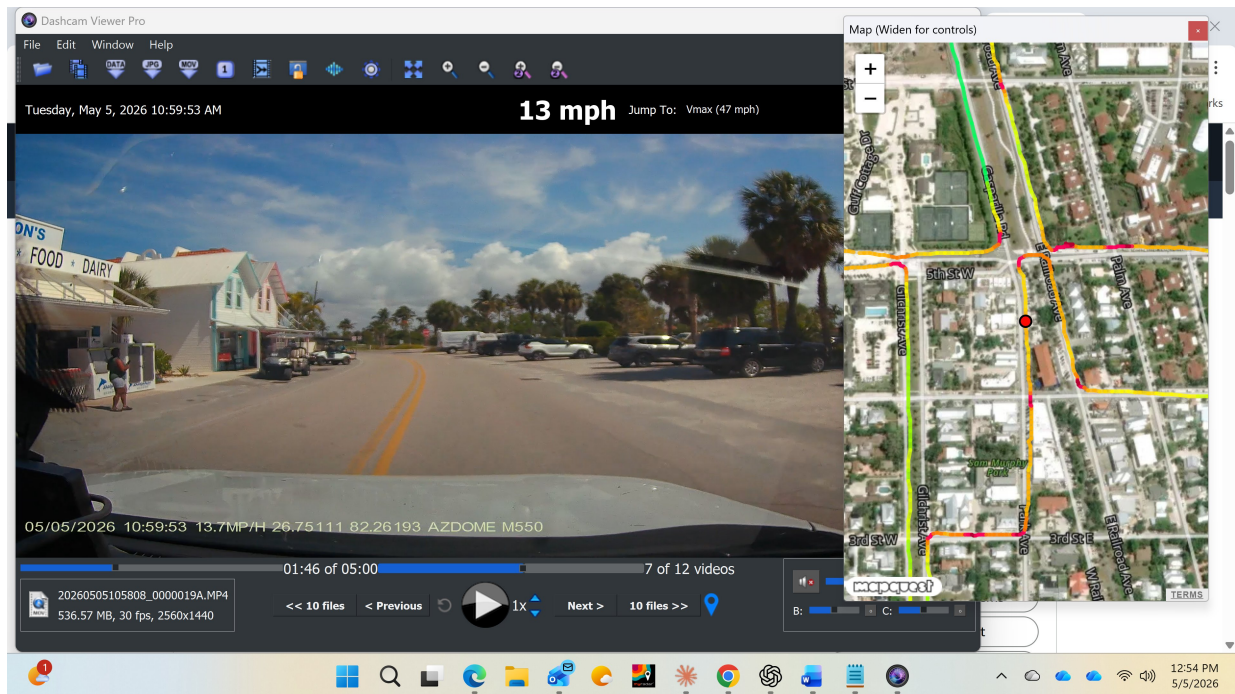
Lighthouse Lot -- Active Beach Access Demand

10:53:05 AM. Front cam, GPS verified at 26.71790, -82.26047. Pedestrians with beach chairs and cart loading up at the south edge of the Lighthouse lot. Active demand for beach access documented at the state park complex while the 5th St beach ramp and the permit-only corridor remain unavailable to the general public.



Park Ave Commercial Corridor -- Moderate Activity

10:59:10 AM. Front cam, GPS verified at 26.74918, -82.26198. Multiple vehicles parked on both sides of the commercial corridor on Park Ave. Commercial activity was moderate on this Tuesday morning survey.



Footage captured using an AZDOME M550 dashcam with side-view camera via Dashcam Viewer Pro. The AZDOME M550 records continuous video with embedded date, time, speed, and GPS coordinates, and includes a side-view camera that captures cross streets looking west toward the beach. Survey originated in Placida. GPS coordinates confirmed against provided GeoJSON coordinate file. Status assessments are visual estimates from continuous dashcam footage. Full video and complete records are available upon request. All times are local (EST).