

# **SR 54** Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study

From CR 577 (Curley Road)  
to CR 579/CR 54 (Morris Bridge Road)

## **Final Noise Study Report**

WPI Segment No: 416561-1  
Pasco County

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) conducted a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to evaluate the improvements to SR 54 from Curley Road to east of Morris Bridge Road in Pasco County, Florida. The length of the study area along SR 54 is approximately 4.5 miles.

The objectives of this Noise Study Report (NSR) are to identify noise-sensitive sites adjacent to the project corridor, to evaluate the significance of existing and future traffic noise levels at the sites with the improvements, and to evaluate the need for and effectiveness of noise abatement measures. Additional objectives include the evaluation of construction noise impacts and the identification of noise level “contours” adjacent to the corridor.

The analysis was performed following FDOT procedures that comply with Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 772 (*Procedures for Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise and Construction Noise*). The prediction of future traffic noise levels with the proposed roadway improvements was performed using the Federal Highway Administration’s (FHWA’s) Traffic Noise Model (TNM Version 2.5). The TNM propagates sound energy, in one-third octave bands, between highways and nearby receivers, taking into account the intervening ground’s acoustical characteristics and topography, and rows of buildings.

The results of the analysis indicate that existing (2006) and no-build (2030) exterior traffic noise levels are predicted to range from 52.0 to 65.4 dBA at the 116 noise-sensitive sites evaluated, with traffic noise levels predicted to be below the FHWA’s Noise Abatement Criteria (NAC) at all of the sites. In the future (2030), with the proposed improvements to SR 54, exterior traffic noise levels are predicted to range from 54.5 to 69.3 dBA, with levels predicted to approach, meet, or exceed the NAC at 30 of the 116 sites. The 30 noise-sensitive sites are all single-family residences.

When compared to the existing/no-build condition, exterior traffic noise levels are predicted to increase 0.1 to 6.4 dBA with the improvements to SR 54. As such, none of the sites are predicted to experience a substantial increase (15 dBA or more) in traffic noise as a result of the project.

Noise abatement measures were evaluated for the noise sensitive areas predicted to be affected by the proposed improvements to SR 54. The measures were traffic management, alignment modifications, property acquisition, land use controls, and noise barriers. Although feasible, traffic management, alignment modifications, property acquisitions, and land use controls were determined to be unreasonable methods to reduce the predicted traffic noise impacts for the affected sites.

Based on the results of the analysis, the construction of three noise barriers along SR 54 appears to be a feasible and cost-reasonable method of reducing predicted traffic noise impacts for some of the affected noise-sensitive sites. Those locations are: the residences along White Bay Circle, River Haven Mobile Homes, and Ralph's Trailer Park.

It should be noted that the noise barriers identified as feasible and cost-reasonable are still subject to an engineering feasibility review. The purpose of the review is to ensure that the noise barrier could be built as planned. It will take into consideration items such as drainage, utilities (both existing and planned), safety, constructability, maintainability, right-of-way needs, and any other construction or engineering issues that may preclude providing the noise barriers that have been identified.

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- Appendix D – TNM Barrier Analysis (*published separately as a technical appendix*)

## SECTION 1.0 – INTRODUCTION

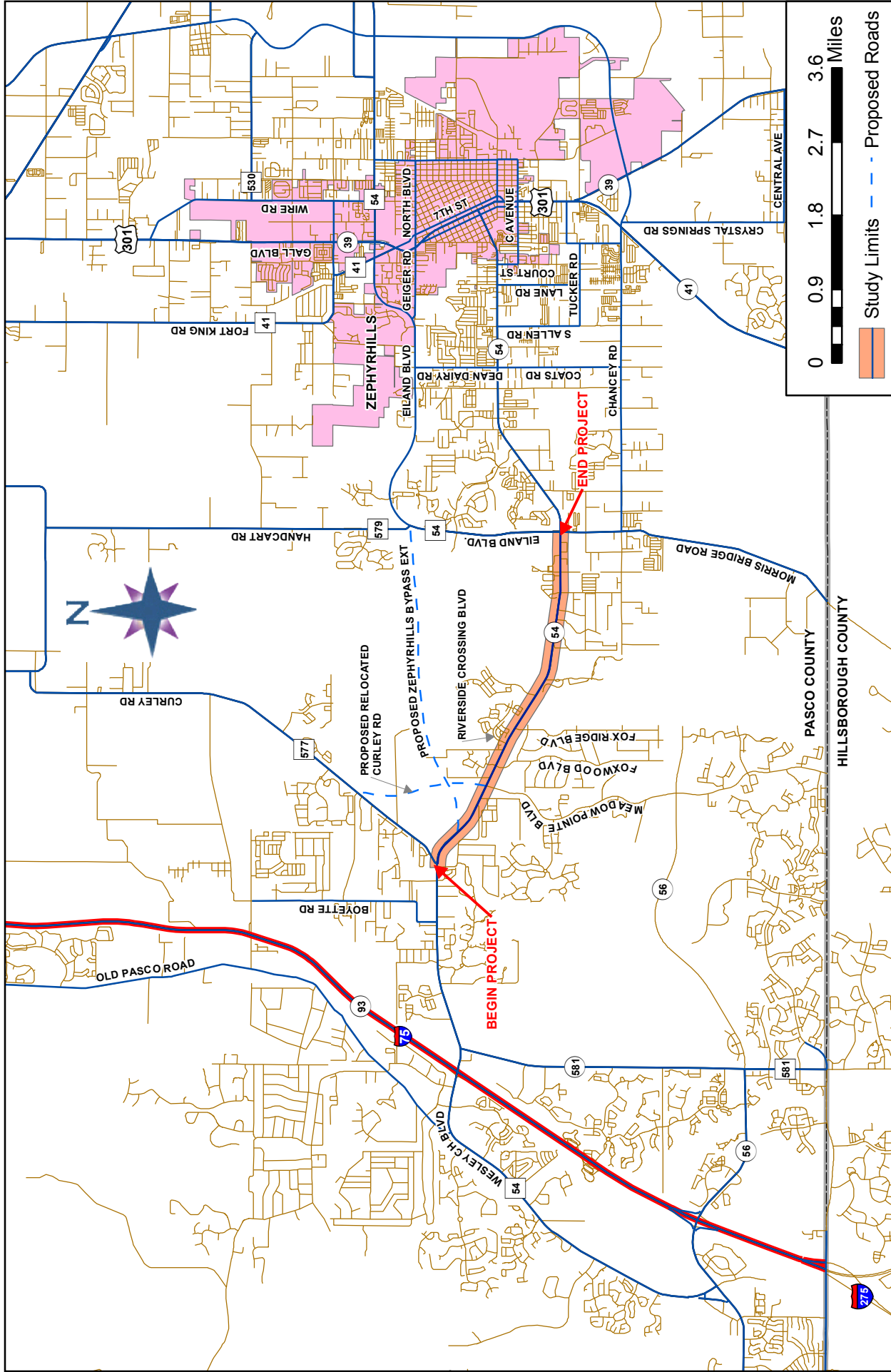
### 1.1 PROJECT LOCATION AND LIMITS

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) conducted a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to evaluate alternative improvements along State Road (SR) 54, from CR 577 (Curley Road) to CR 579/CR 54 (Morris Bridge Road), in southeast Pasco County (**Figure 1-1**). A Study Area map is shown in **Figure 1-2**.

The west end of the study area is located in Wesley Chapel, an unincorporated census-designated place. The project is located within Sections 9, 10, 13, 14, & 15, Township 26 S, and Range 20 E and Section 18, Township 26 S, Range 21 E. The total length of the proposed project limits is approximately 4.5 miles. The segment of SR 54 to the west, from I-75 to east of Curley Road (CR 577), is currently programmed by Pasco County for widening to six lanes. That project also includes a connection to the planned Zephyrhills West Bypass Extension.

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide a higher capacity and safer facility to better meet future transportation demand in this rapidly developing area of Pasco County. SR 54 is one of the primary east-west facilities within Pasco County, effectively connecting the eastern and western sides of the county. This corridor is also designated as an emergency evacuation route. The PD&E Study also included the consideration of a No-Build Alternative.

A *Programming Screen Summary Report* was published on August 17, 2006 as part of the Department's Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) process. The project is designated as #6651 in ETDM. The Federal Highway Administration has determined that the project qualifies as a Type 2 Categorical Exclusion.



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## SR 54 PD&E STUDY AREA MAP

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FIGURE 1-1



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## SR 54 PD&E STUDY AREA MAP

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## 1.2 REPORT PURPOSE

The objectives of the Noise Study Report (NSR) are:

- To identify noise-sensitive sites adjacent to the project corridor;
- To evaluate the significance of existing and future traffic noise levels at the sites with the improvements to SR 54; and
- To evaluate the need for and effectiveness of noise abatement measures.

Additional objectives include the evaluation of construction noise impacts and the identification of noise “contours” adjacent to the corridor. An Aerial Photograph of the Study Area is shown in **Figure 1-3**.

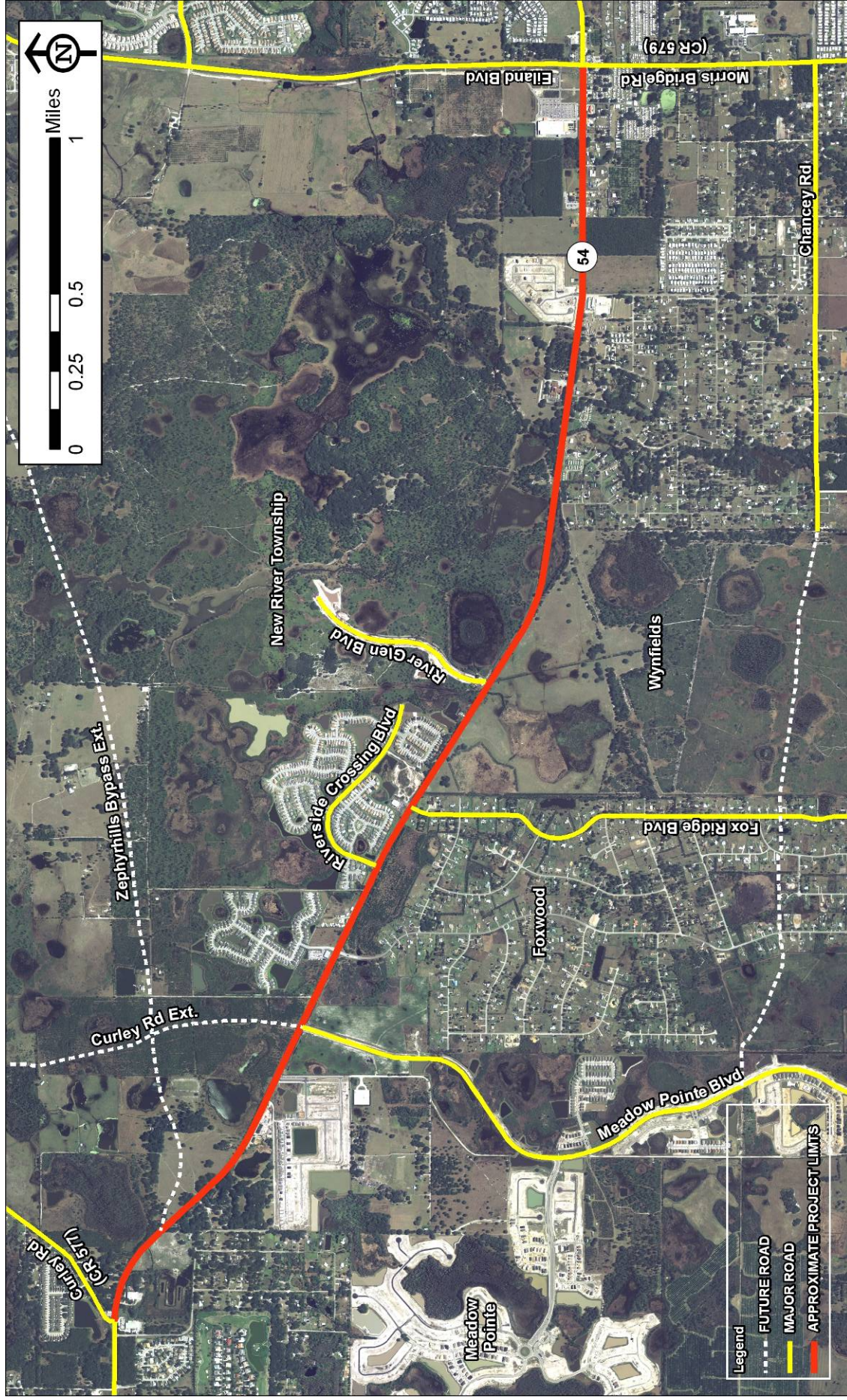
## 1.3 EXISTING FACILITY AND PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The existing SR 54 facility is functionally classified by FDOT as:

- “Urban Principal Arterial Other” from west of the project limits to Smith Rd
- “Rural Principal Arterial Other” from Smith Rd to west of New River
- “Urban Principal Arterial Other” from west of New River to east of the project limits

The existing roadway is a two-lane rural facility with 12-ft travel lanes and 5-ft paved shoulders (**Figure 1-4**). Several areas have been widened to provide left-turn and right-turn lanes. From west to east, the posted speed limit varies from 55 miles per hour (mph) to 45 mph. Traffic signals currently exist (or will be in operation) at Curley Road, Meadow Pointe Boulevard, River Glen Boulevard/Wyndfields Boulevard, and Morris Bridge Road. The existing right-of-way typically varies between 80 ft and 100 ft. In addition, the County has obtained (or will obtain) “reserved” right-of-way which is being donated by developers as a stipulation of development orders and rezoning conditions. The existing highway is classified by FDOT as Access Management Class 3.





February 2007 Aerial Photos

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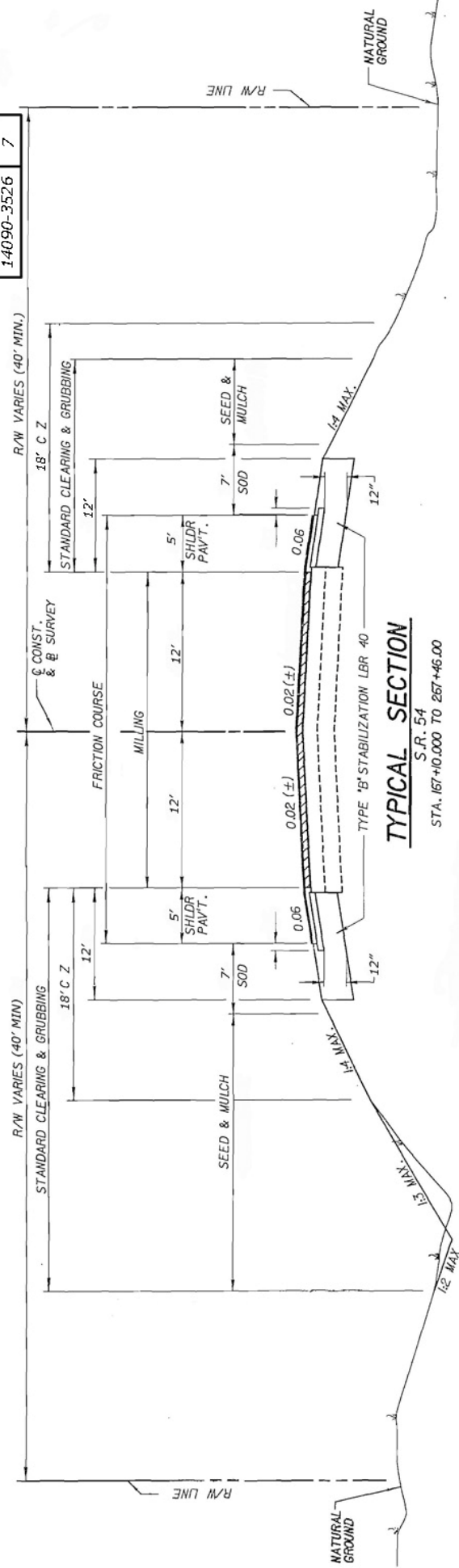
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## SR 54 PD&E STUDY AREA AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH





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Class 3 standards require a minimum traffic signal spacing of 0.5 miles, which the existing facility meets, and minimum spacing for median openings as follows:

- 0.5 mile for full median openings
- 0.25 mile for directional median openings

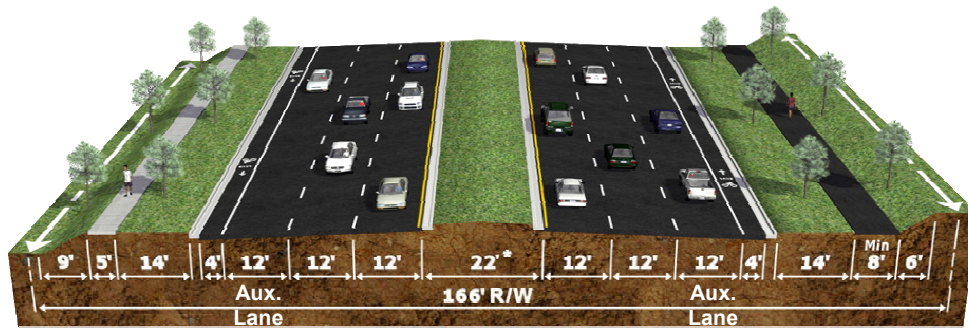
The existing facility is mostly two-lane undivided and two-lane divided without raised medians, so the median opening spacing standards don't apply yet.

The Preferred Alternative includes the widening or reconstruction of the existing highway to a four-lane divided arterial with auxiliary lanes west of Meadow Point Boulevard (including the intersection) and a four-lane divided arterial east of Meadow Point Boulevard. Two different types of typical sections are proposed: an urban typical section and a suburban typical section (**Figure 1-4**). The proposed typical sections include 12-ft travel lanes, sidewalks and "trails", and either 5-ft paved shoulders or 4-ft bicycle lanes, with a closed drainage system, extension or replacement of cross drains, and associated storm water management facilities for water quality treatment and discharge attenuation.

The proposed project is included in the Pasco County Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Year 2025 Cost Affordable Long-Range Transportation Plan for the period from 2016 to 2025, as a four-lane divided facility.



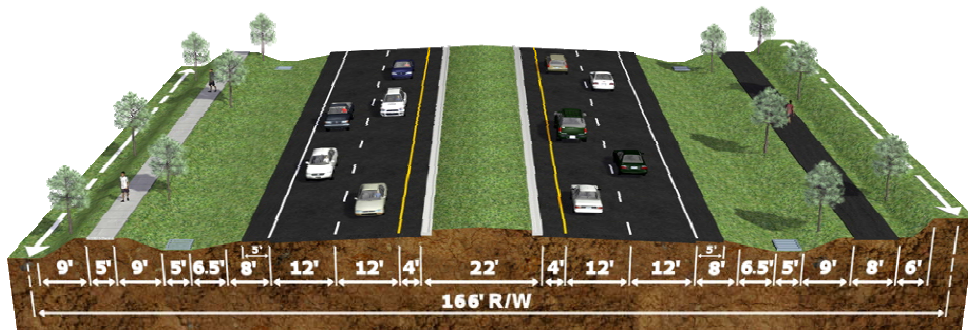
(Looking east for all sections)



### Four-Lane Divided with Auxiliary Lanes Urban Typical Section

From Curley Road to Foxwood Blvd

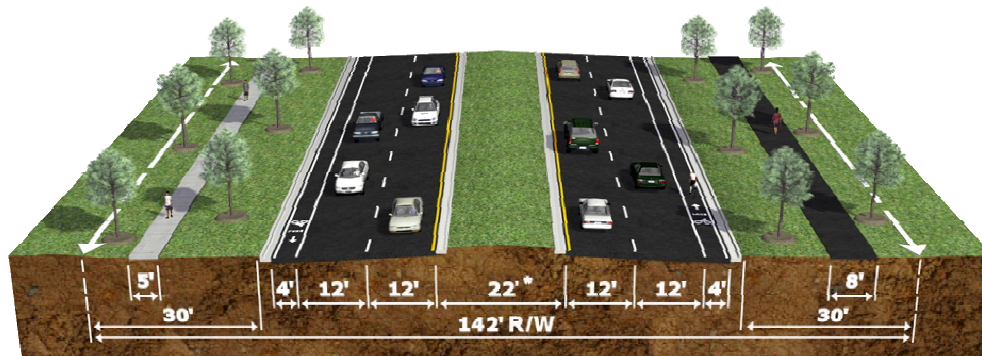
Design Speed = 45 mph



### Four-Lane Divided Suburban Typical Section

From Foxwood Blvd to Linda Drive

Design Speed = 55 mph



### Four-Lane Divided Urban Typical Section

From Linda Drive to Morris Bridge Road

Design Speed = 45 mph

\*For the few areas where a 30' median would be required for dual left turn lanes at signalized intersections, the outside border areas would be reduced by 4' on each side to provide the extra median width required.

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## SR 54 Proposed Typical Sections (Looking East)



## SECTION 2.0 – METHODOLOGY

### 2.1 NOISE METHODOLOGY

The SR 54 noise analysis was performed following FDOT procedures (*Project Development and Environment Manual: Part II, Chapter 17: April 14, 2007*). The FDOT procedures comply with Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 772 (*Procedures for Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise and Construction Noise*).

The prediction of future traffic noise levels with the roadway improvements was performed using the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) computer model for highway traffic noise prediction and analysis – the Traffic Noise Model (TNM – Version 2.5). The TNM propagates sound energy, in one-third octave bands, between highways and nearby receivers taking into account the intervening ground's acoustical characteristics and topography, and rows of buildings.

The noise levels presented in this report are expressed in decibels (dB) on the A-weighted scale (dBA). This scale most closely approximates the response characteristics of the human ear to low level sound. All noise levels are reported as equivalent level ( $LA_{eq1h}$ ), values which theoretically contain the same amount of acoustic energy as an actual time-varying A-weighted sound level over a period of 1 hour.

The existing/no-build (2006) and forecast future year (2030) traffic data used in the TNM for the SR 54 project are presented in **Appendix A**. All traffic data came from the project's *Traffic Technical Memorandum, May 2008*, prepared by American Consulting Engineers of Florida.

## **2.2 MODEL ASSUMPTIONS**

The following are details and assumptions used to develop the noise model for the SR 54 PD&E Study:

- Speed limits in the model were assumed at the posted speed limit along SR 54.
- The library, churches and child care facilities were modeled as Activity Category “E” with the abatement criterion set at 51 dBA. A conservative approach of a 20 dBA reduction (based on a light frame building type with closed windows) of the exterior noise levels was used in the analysis.
- All receptor heights were set at 5 feet.

## SECTION 3.0 – LAND USE

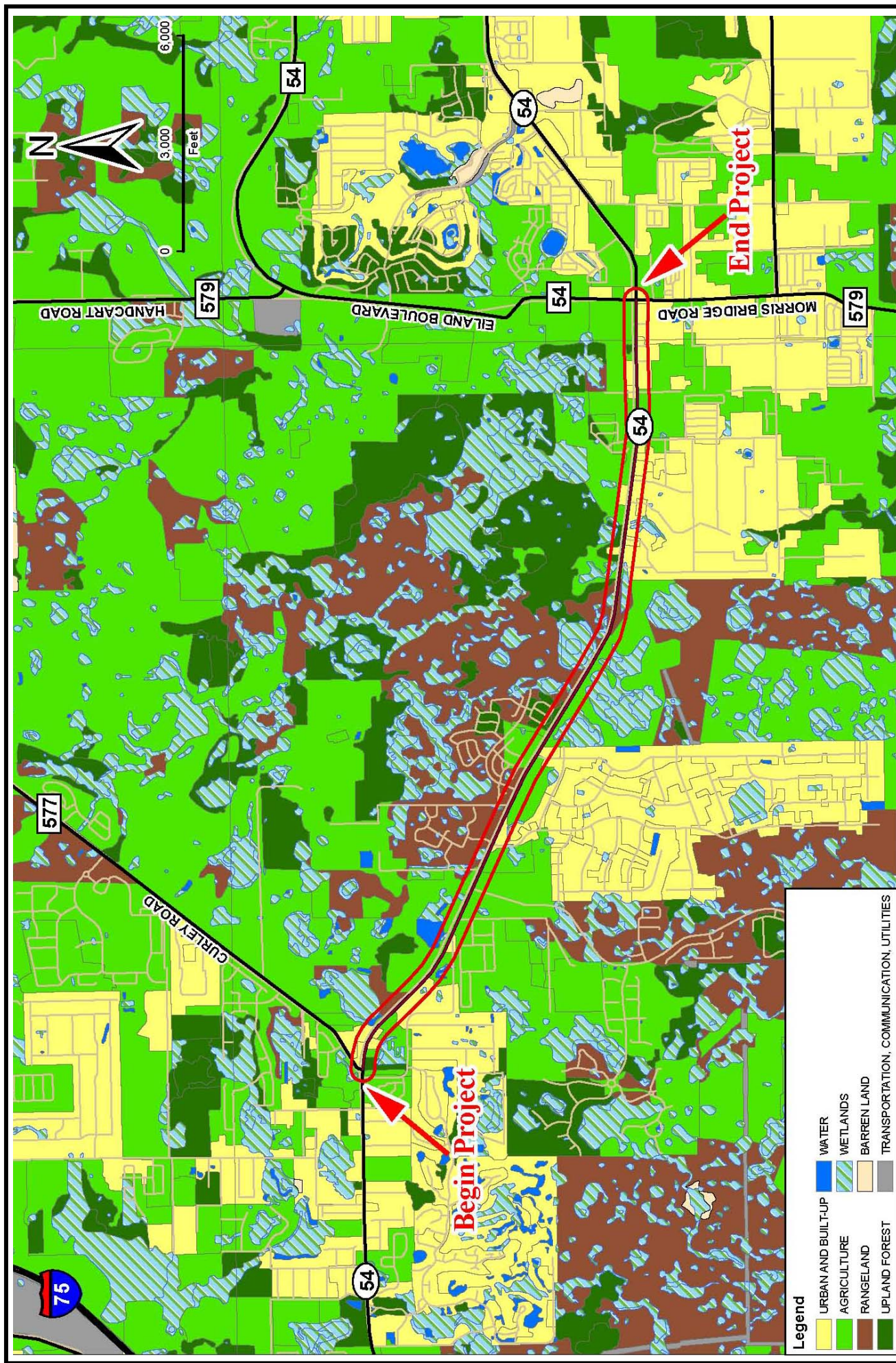
### 3.1 EXISTING LAND USE

The study corridor, located in portions of Wesley Chapel and Zephyrhills, is mostly rural in nature but is being developed at a rapid pace. The Florida Land Use, Cover and Forms Classification System (FLUCFCS) from the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), together with aerial photographs and wetland data from the National Wetland Inventory, were utilized to determine current land use and habitat types within the corridor. These land uses and habitat types were subsequently groundtruthed for verification during field visits. **Figure 3-1** shows the existing land use within the corridor. The majority of the landscape has been converted from native habitat to other land uses such as pastureland (210), planted pine (246), shrub and brushland (320) and residential areas (120, 130) with the exception of a few parcels that have been unaltered or are comprised almost entirely of jurisdictional wetlands. From Curley Road to New River Road, the land use predominantly consists of residential and agricultural lands. There are several residential subdivisions as well as the Wesley Chapel Nursery and Landscape Supply located along this segment. From New River Road to Morris Bridge Road, the land use predominately consists of commercial and office/retail. The Home Depot anchors the commercial development in this area with other locally owned establishments dotting the segment.

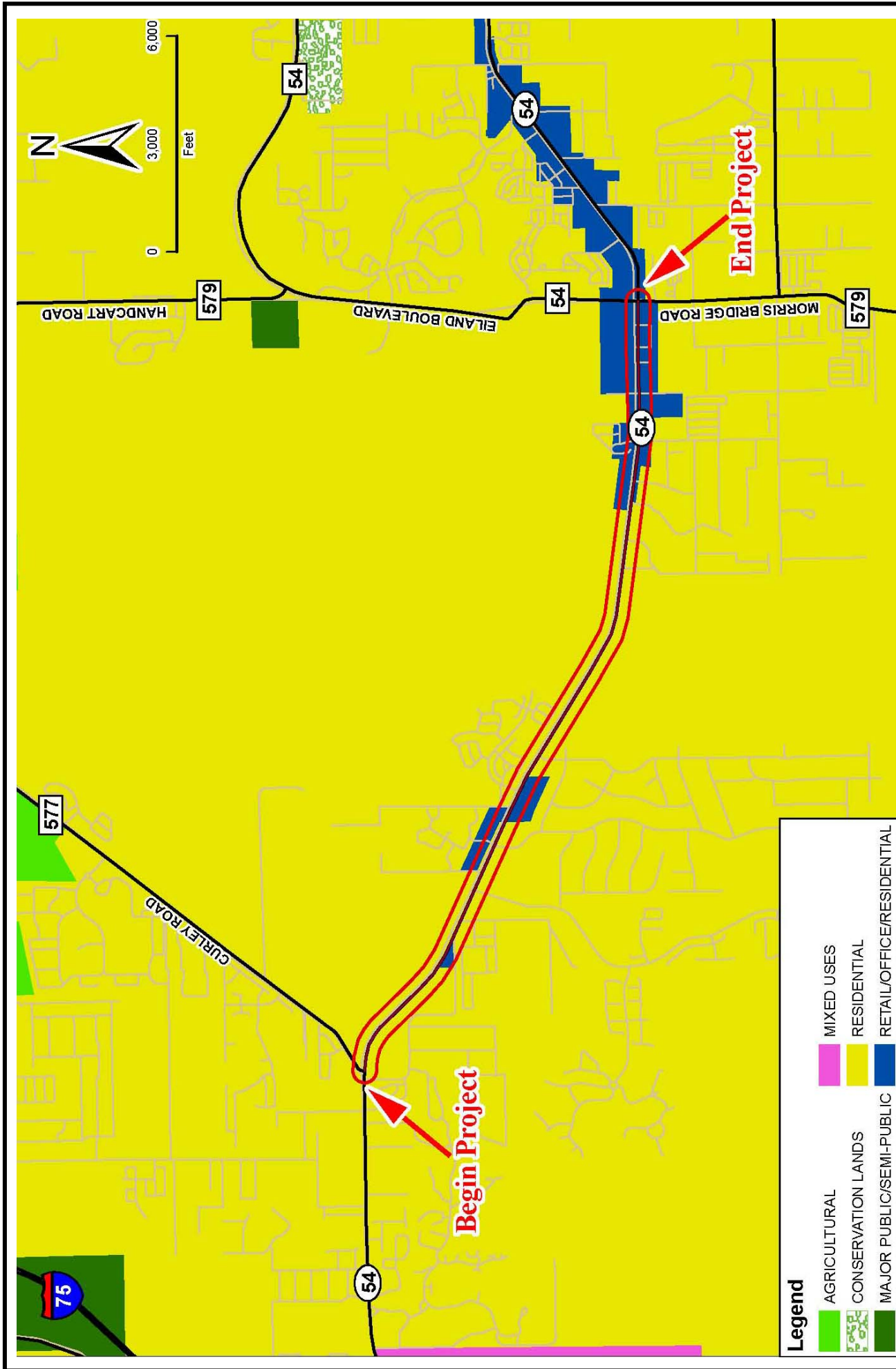
### 3.2 FUTURE LAND USE

According to the Pasco County Future Land Use Map (2015), the entire project corridor is transitioning from a rural area to a residential area with small, scattered office/retail developments located immediately adjacent to SR 54 (**Figure 3-2**). These transformations are currently taking place as many of the existing agricultural areas along this stretch of SR 54 are being converted to residential subdivisions and retail/office development.









**Figure 3-2**

## Future Land Use

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## SECTION 4.0 – NOISE ANALYSIS

### 4.1 NOISE-SENSITIVE SITES

Noise-sensitive sites are defined as properties where frequent human use occurs and where a lowered noise level would be of benefit. To evaluate traffic noise, the FHWA established Noise Abatement Criteria (NAC). As shown in **Table 4-1**, the criteria vary according to a property's activity category.

**Table 4-1 – FHWA Noise Abatement Criteria**

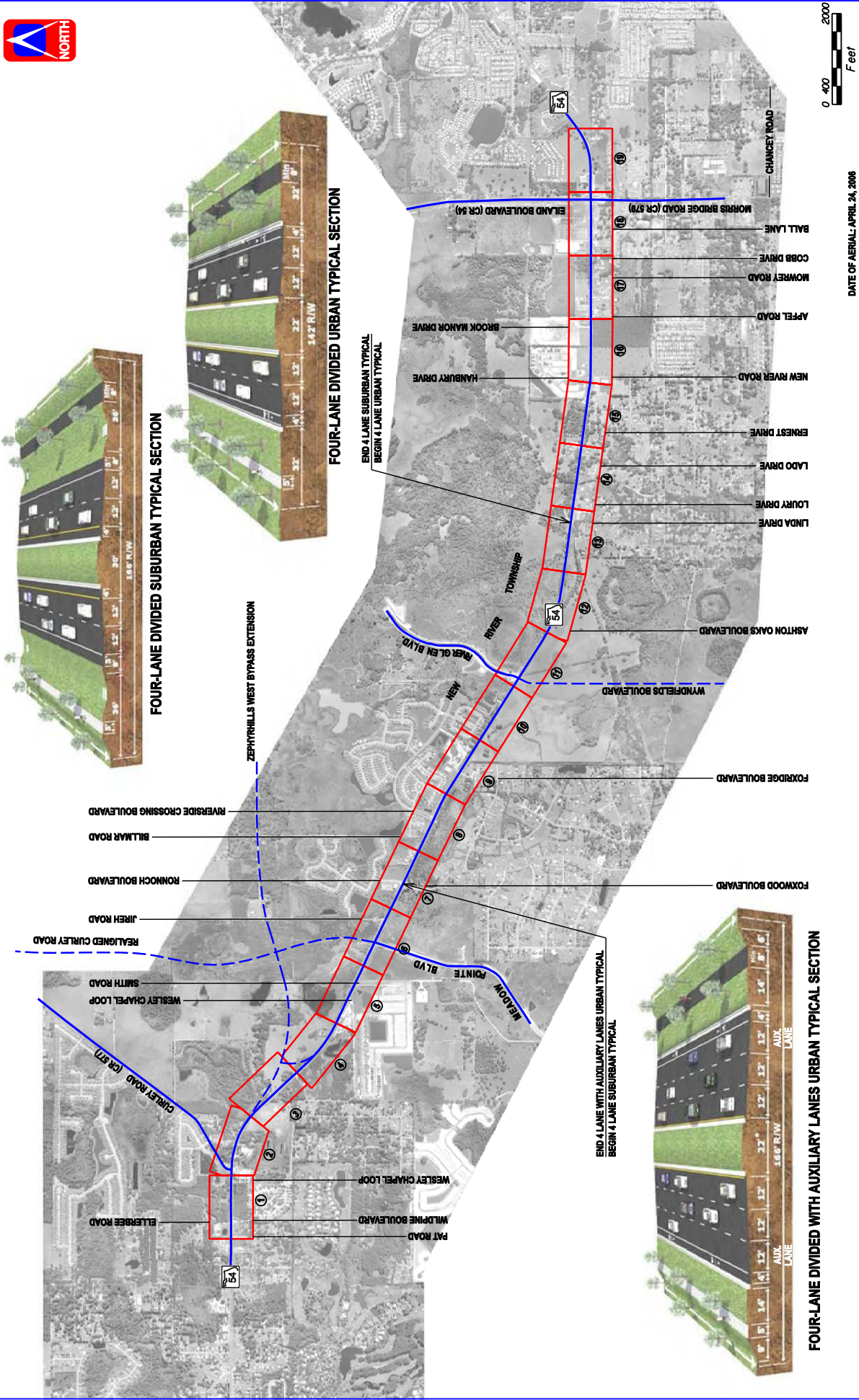
<b>Activity Category</b>	<b>Abatement Level (in <math>L_{Aeq}</math>)</b>	<b>Description of activity category</b>
A	57 (Exterior)	Lands on which serenity and quiet are of extraordinary significance and serve an important public need and where the preservation of those qualities is essential if the area is to continue to serve its intended purpose.
B	67 (Exterior)	Picnic areas, recreation areas, playgrounds, active sports areas, parks, residences, motels, hotels, schools, churches, libraries, RV parks, day care centers, hospitals.
C	72 (Exterior)	Developed lands, properties, or activities not included in Categories A and B above.
D		Undeveloped lands.
E	52 (Interior)	Residences, motels, hotels, public meeting rooms, schools, churches, libraries, hospitals, auditoriums.

When predicted noise levels “approach” or exceed the NAC or, when predicted noise levels increase substantially, the FHWA requires that noise abatement measures be considered. The FDOT defines the word “approach” to mean within 1 dBA of the NAC and considers that a substantial increase will occur if traffic noise levels are predicted to increase by 15 or more dBA as a direct result of a transportation improvement project. Increases of 15 dBA or more are not likely adjacent to the project corridor as increases of this magnitude typically occur at sites where no roadway existed previously.

One hundred and sixteen (116) noise-sensitive sites were identified along the project corridor. One hundred and seven (107) sites are single-family (SF) residences and are represented by 63 receptors within TNM. Areas of frequent human use, usually the edge of the dwelling unit closest to SR 54, were used in the TNM. Interior noise levels were predicted for 9 noise sensitive sites and are represented by 9 receptors within TNM. These sites include 6 churches, 2 child care facilities, and 1 library. The location of each of the noise-sensitive sites is shown on **Figure 4-1**. The 107 residential sites were considered Activity Category “B” as shown in **Table 4-1**. As such, exterior noise levels will be evaluated for these sites, and noise abatement measures will be considered if the predicted exterior traffic noise level is 66.0 dBA or more, or if levels are predicted to increase by 15 dBA or more as a result of the proposed improvements. The other 9 sites were considered Activity Category “E” as shown in **Table 4-1**. As such, interior noise levels will be evaluated for these sites, and noise abatement measures will be considered if the predicted interior traffic noise level is 51.0 dBA or more, or if levels are predicted to increase by 15 dBA or more as a result of the proposed improvements.

Various factors affect the “transmittal” of sound from a source to a receiver. These factors include vegetation, intervening structures, elevation of the source and/or the receiver, surrounding topography and the type of ground surface between the source and the receiver. The attenuation (reduction) of sound levels due to intervening structures occurs when a receiver’s view (line-of-sight) is obstructed or partially obstructed by dense objects (e.g. rows of buildings, or other barriers). The attenuation provided by a row of buildings (houses) depends on the actual density and length of the row occupied by the buildings.





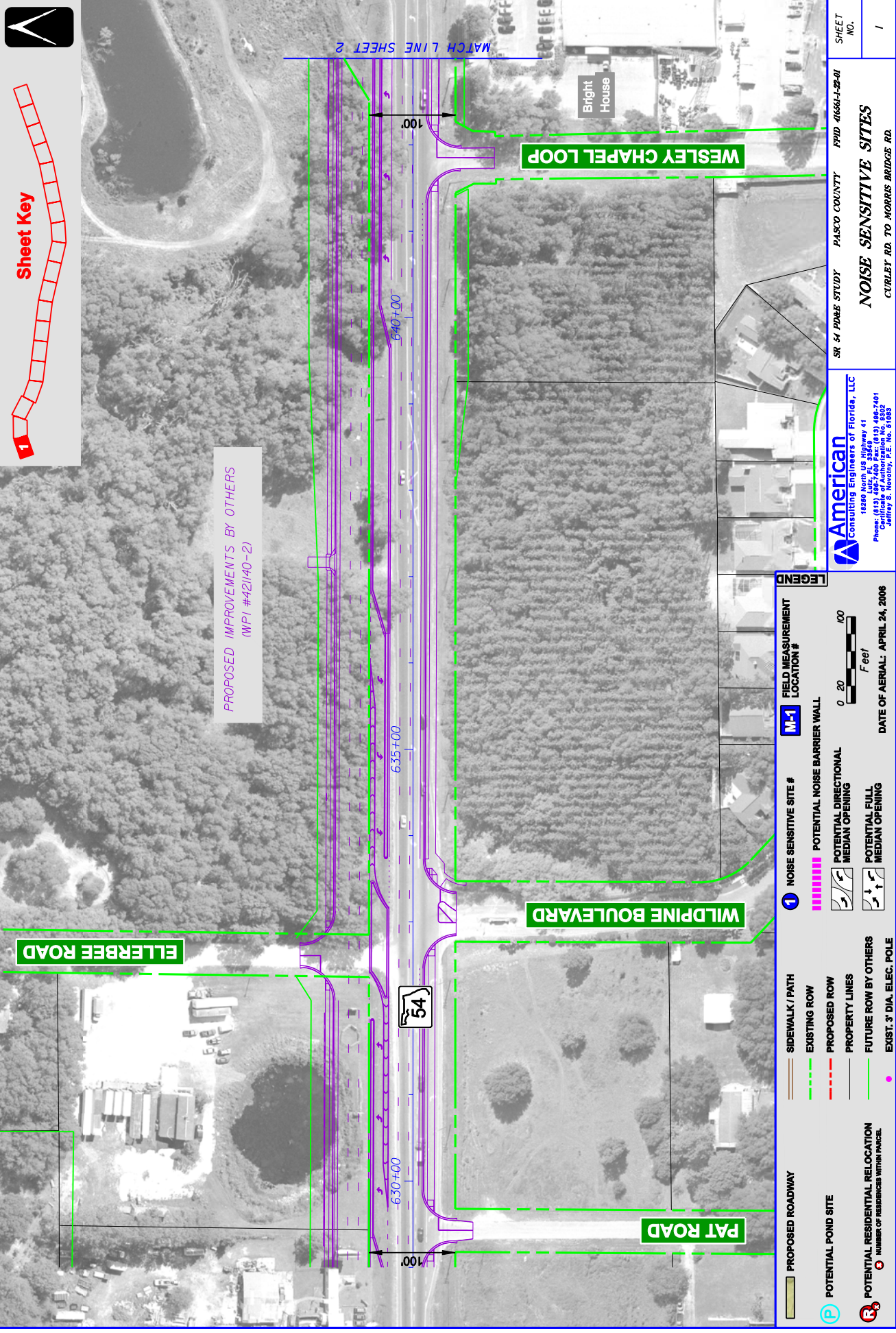
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Figure 4-1 Noise Sensitive Sites and Proposed Noise Barriers





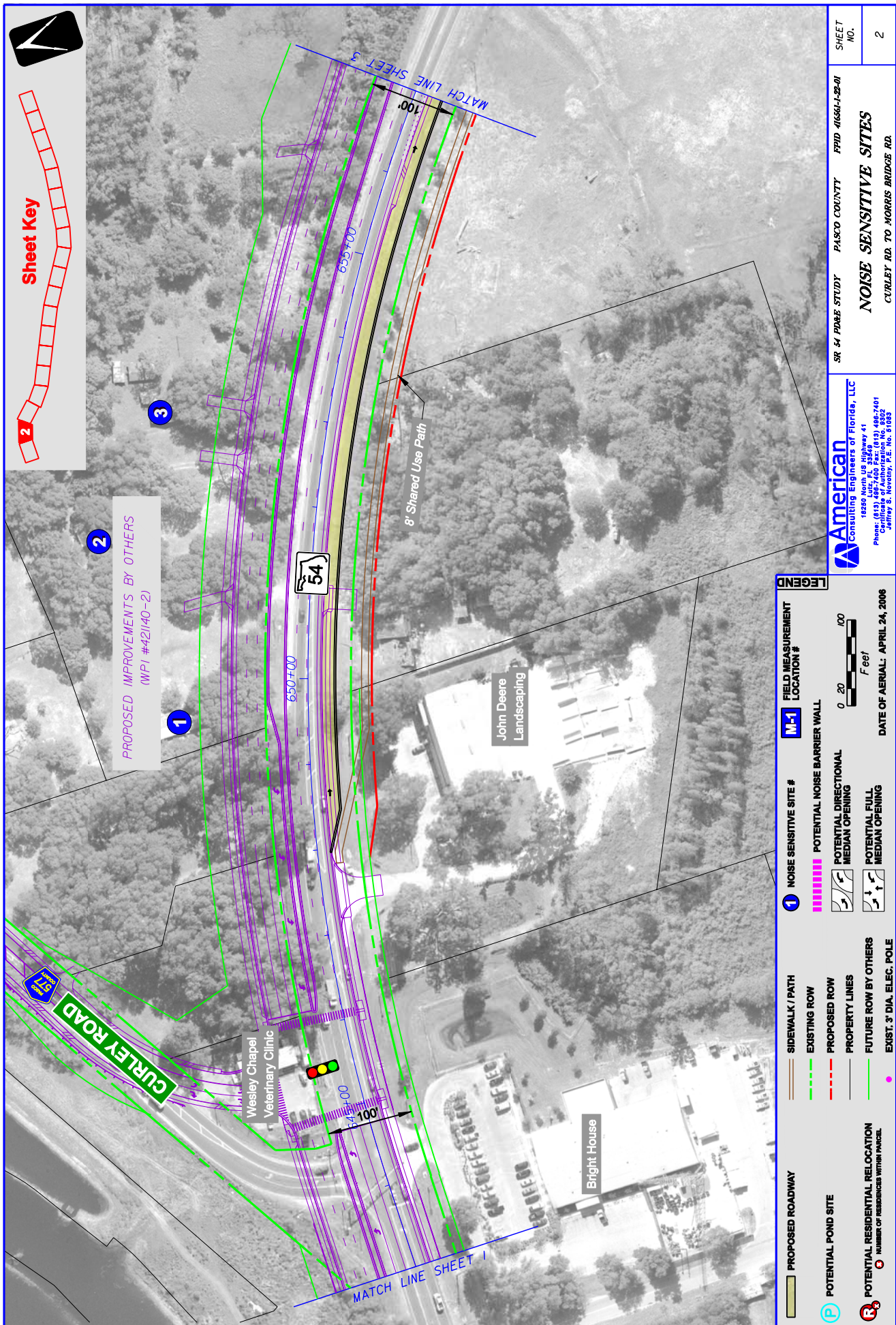
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**NOISE SENSITIVE SITES**  
CURLEY RD. TO MORRIS BRIDGE RD.

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PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS BY OTHERS  
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PROPOSED ROADWAY

POTENTIAL POND SITE

POTENTIAL RESIDENTIAL RELOCATION  
NUMBER OF RESIDENCES WITHIN PARCEL

SIDEWALK / PATH

EXISTING ROW

PROPOSED ROW

PROPERTY LINES

FUTURE ROW BY OTHERS

EXIST. 3' DIA. ELEC. POLE

NOISE SENSITIVE SITE #

POTENTIAL NOISE BARRIER WALL

POTENTIAL DIRECTIONAL MEDIAN OPENING

POTENTIAL FULL MEDIAN OPENING

FIELD MEASUREMENT LOCATION #

0 20 100 Feet

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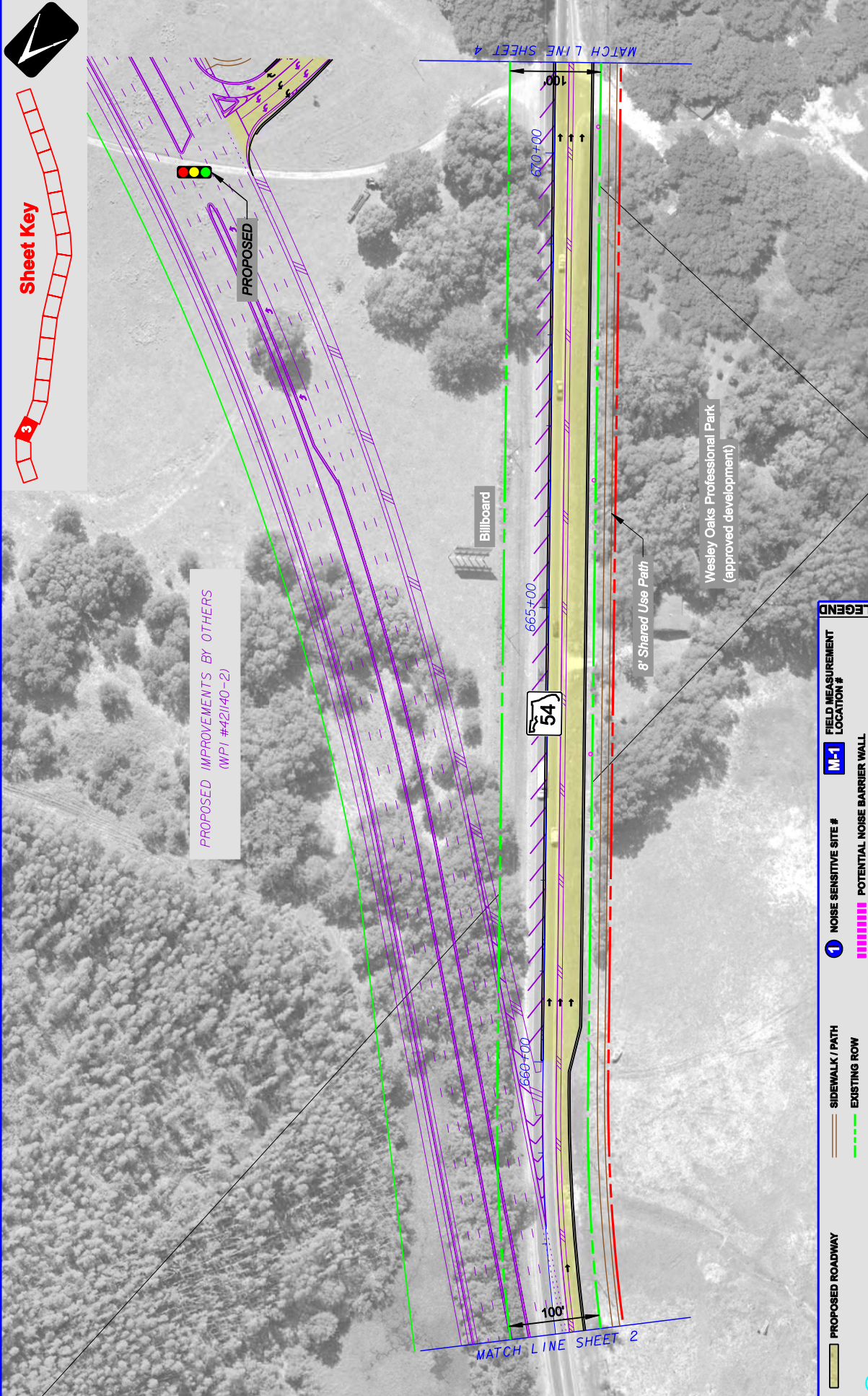
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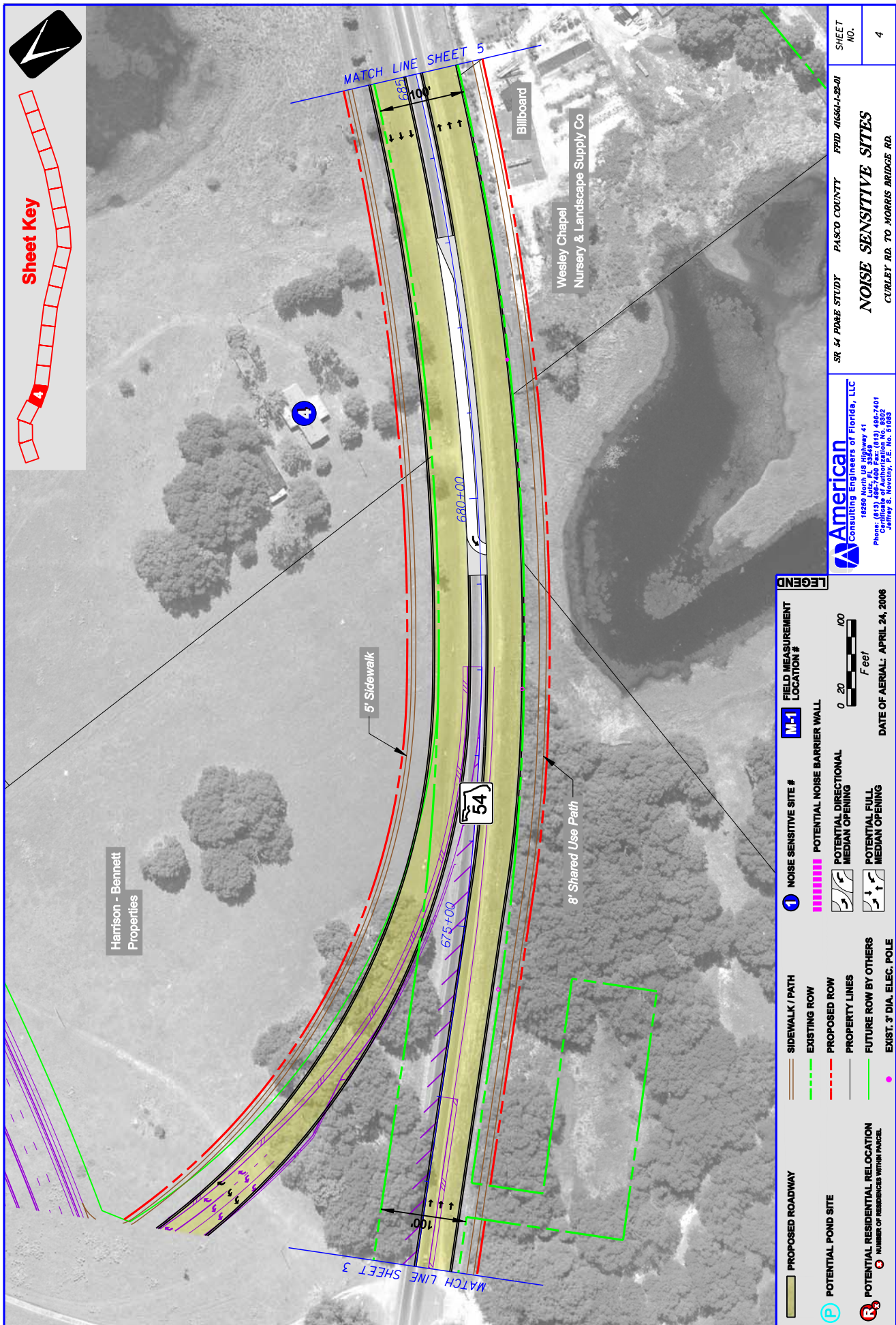


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POTENTIAL POND SITE	EXISTING ROW	POTENTIAL NOISE BARRIER WALL	0 20 40 60 80 100 Feet
POTENTIAL RESIDENTIAL RELOCATION	PROPOSED ROW	POTENTIAL DIRECTIONAL MEDIAN OPENING	DATE OF AERIAL: APRIL 24, 2008
NUMBER OF RESIDENCES WITHIN PARCEL	PROPERTY LINES	POTENTIAL FULL MEDIAN OPENING	
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**PROPOSED ROADWAY**

POTENTIAL POND SITE

POTENTIAL RESIDENTIAL RELOCATION

EXISTING ROW

PROPOSED ROW

PROPERTY LINES

FUTURE ROW BY OTHERS

EXIST. 3" DIA. ELEC. POLE

**NOISE SENSITIVE SITE #**

POTENTIAL NOISE BARRIER WALL

POTENTIAL DIRECTIONAL MEDIAN OPENING

POTENTIAL FULL MEDIAN OPENING

**FIELD MEASUREMENT LOCATION #**

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Properties

MATCH LINE SHEET 6

MATCH LINE SHEET 4

5' Sidewalk

Billboard

54

120'

10'

125'

695+00

690+00

100'

Wesley Chapel  
Nursery & Landscape Supply Co

8' Shared Use Path

Ashley Pines

SMITH ROAD

WESLEY CHAPEL LOOP

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- PROPOSED ROADWAY
- POTENTIAL POND SITE
- POTENTIAL RESIDENTIAL RELOCATION
- NUMBER OF RESIDENCES WITHIN PARCEL
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PROPOSED ROW & LANE CONFIGURATION  
FOR CURLEY RD EXTENSION BY OTHERS

JIREH ROAD

Curley Rd. Office Park  
(approved development)

Harrison - Bennett  
Properties

5' Sidewalk

8' Shared Use Path

Wesley Chapel Lakes / Meadow Pointe

MATCH LINE SHEET 5

MATCH LINE SHEET 7

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PROPOSED ROADWAY	SIDEWALK / PATH	NOISE SENSITIVE SITE #	FIELD MEASUREMENT LOCATION #
POTENTIAL POND SITE	EXISTING ROW	M-1	
POTENTIAL RESIDENTIAL RELOCATION NUMBER OF RESIDENCES WITHIN PARCEL	PROPOSED ROW	POTENTIAL NOISE BARRIER WALL	
	PROPERTY LINES	POTENTIAL DIRECTIONAL MEDIAN OPENING	
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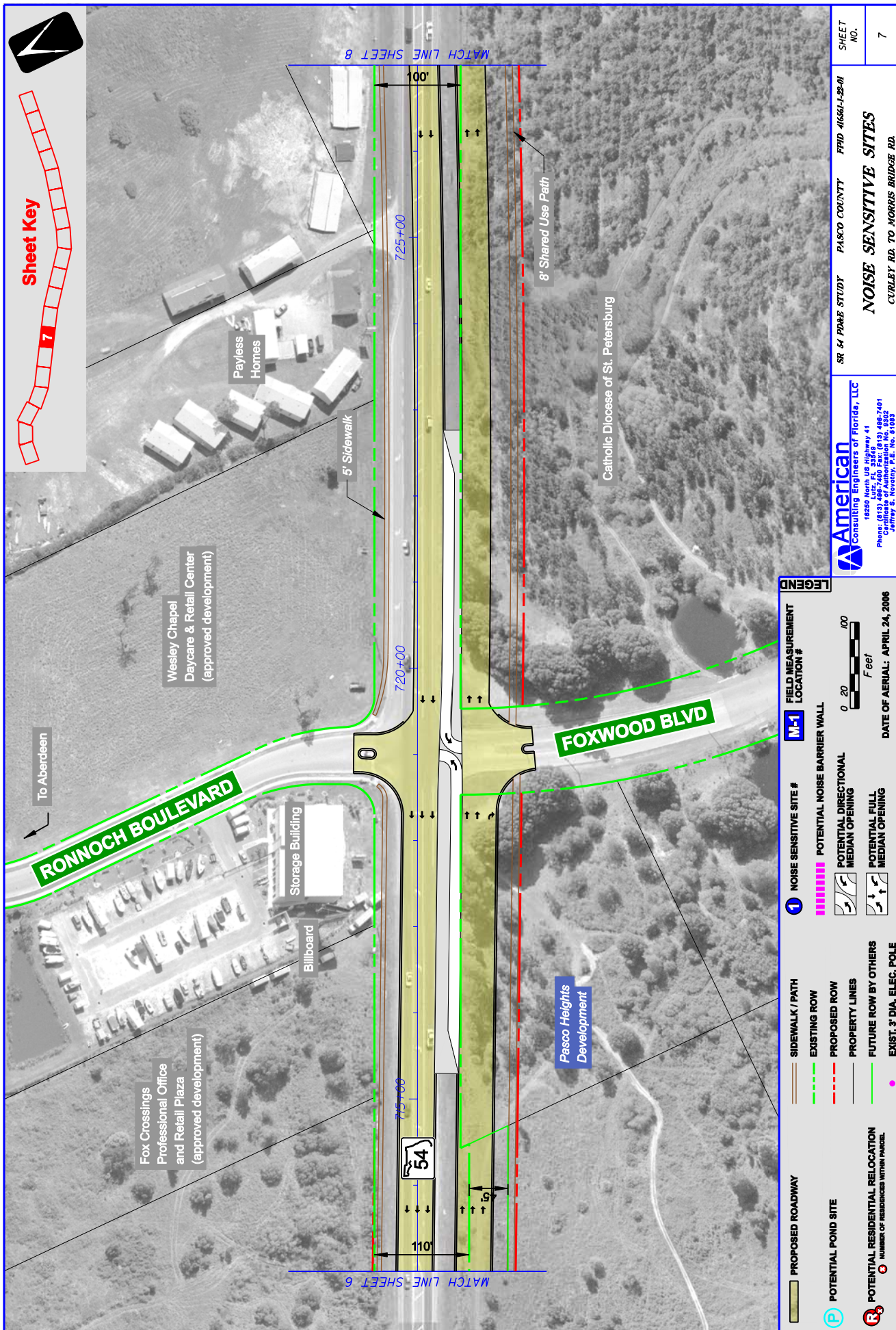
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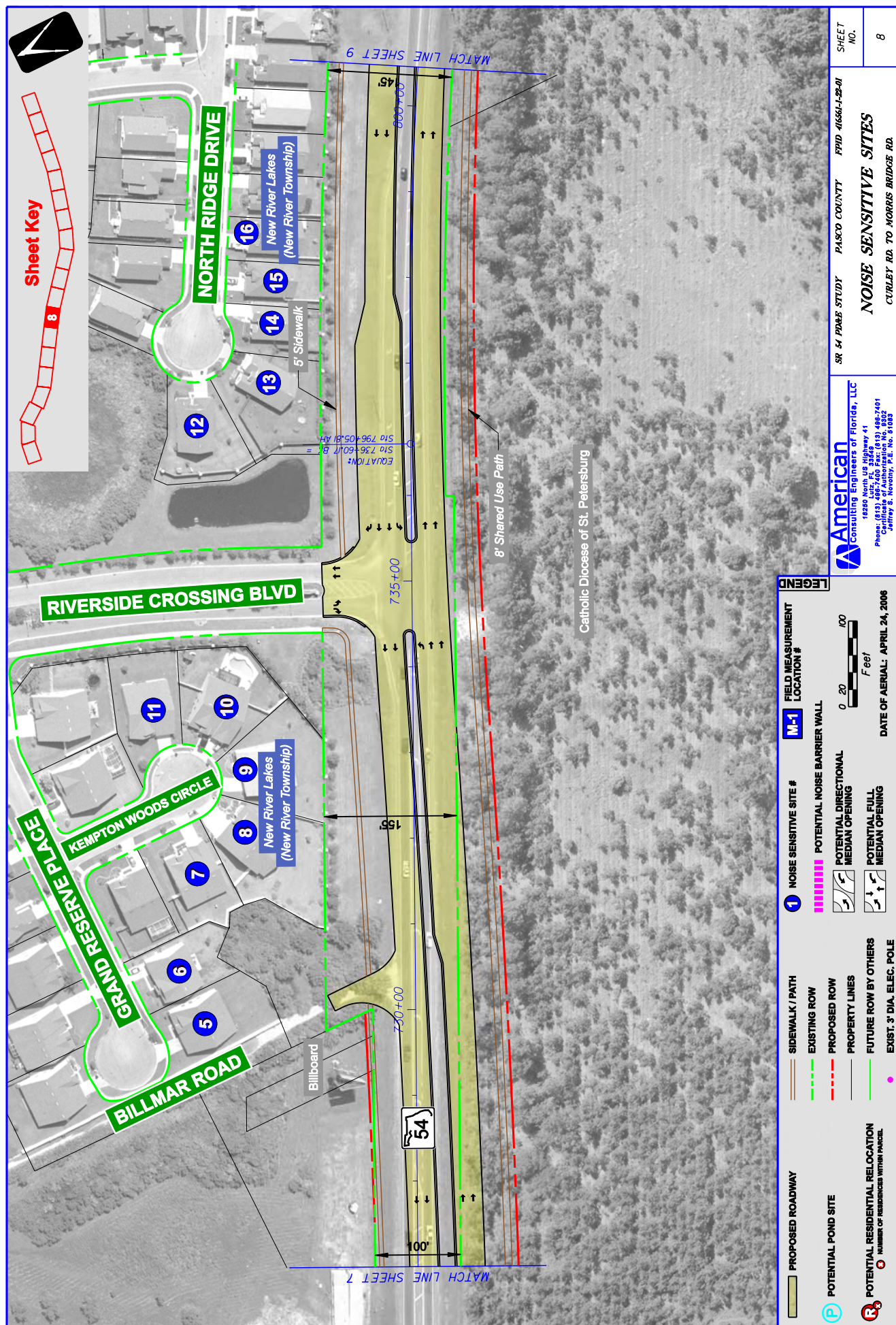
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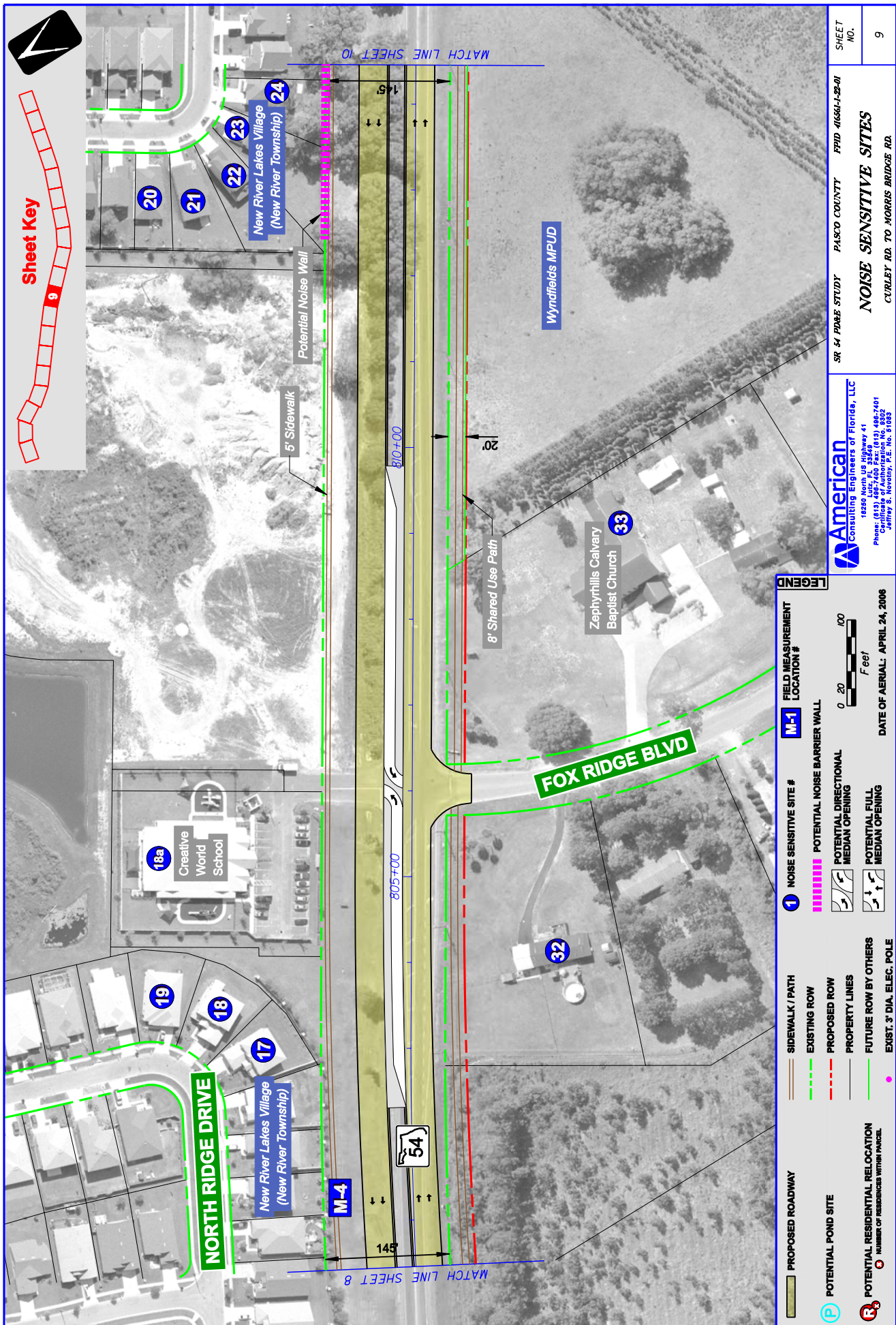
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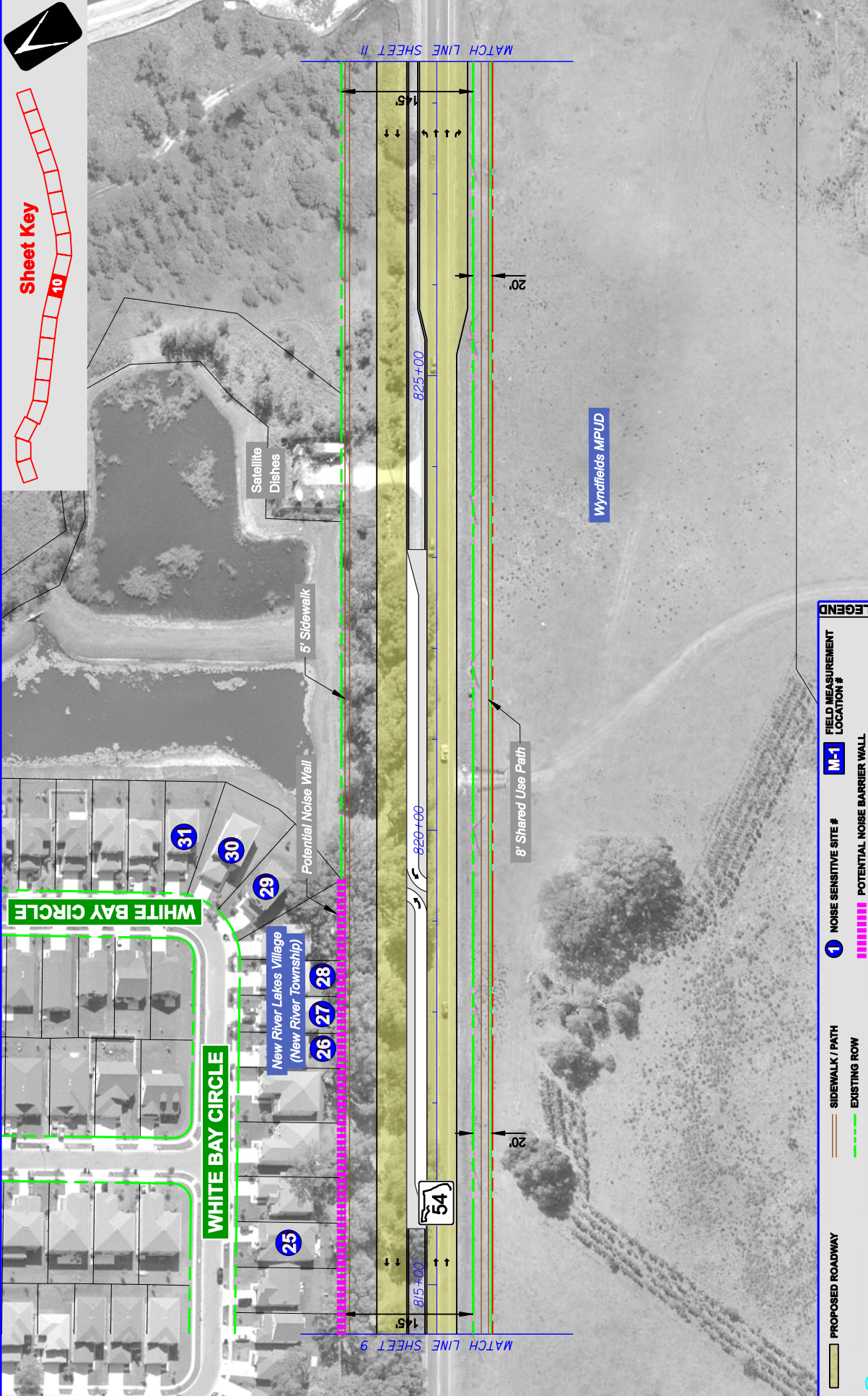
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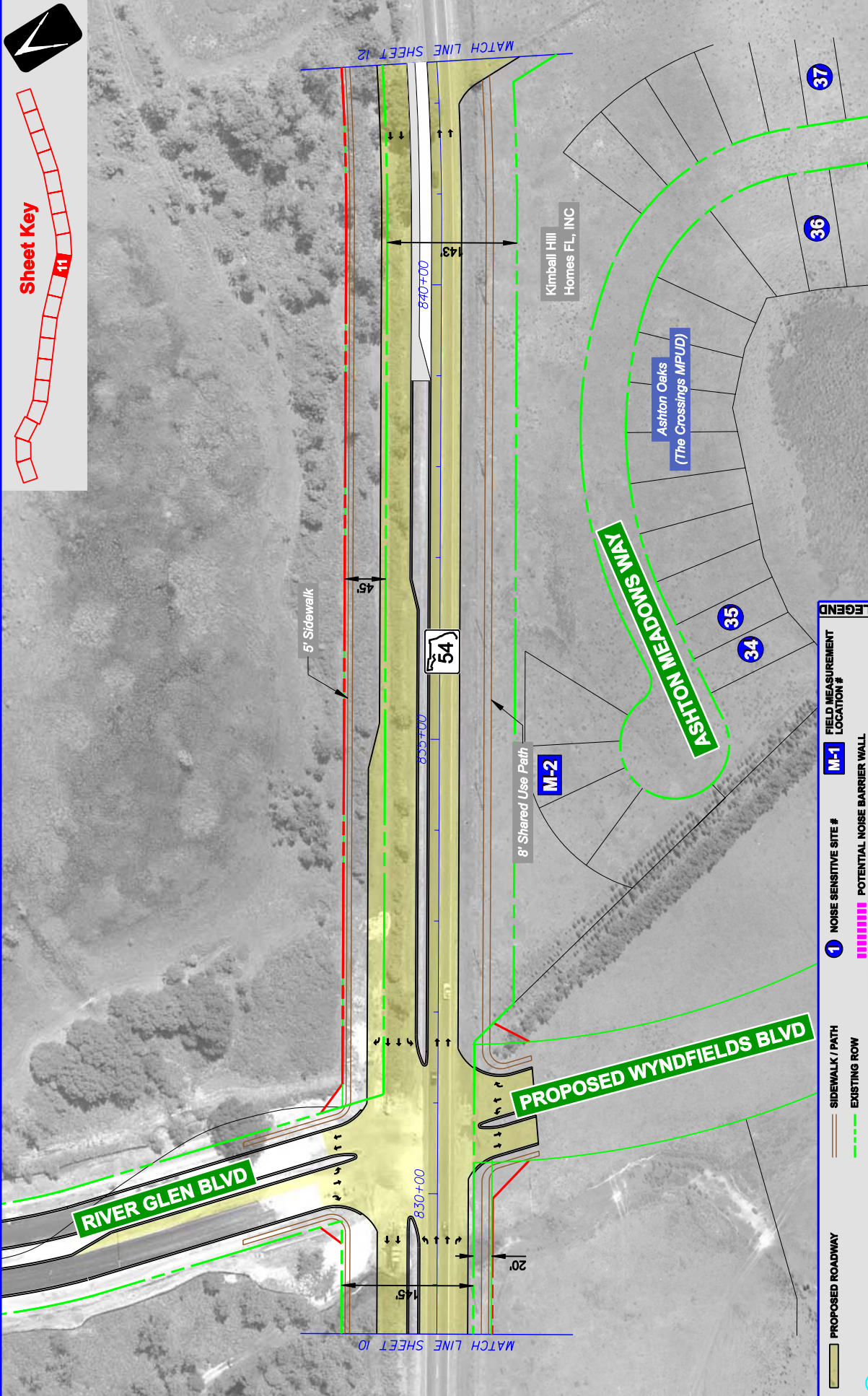
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














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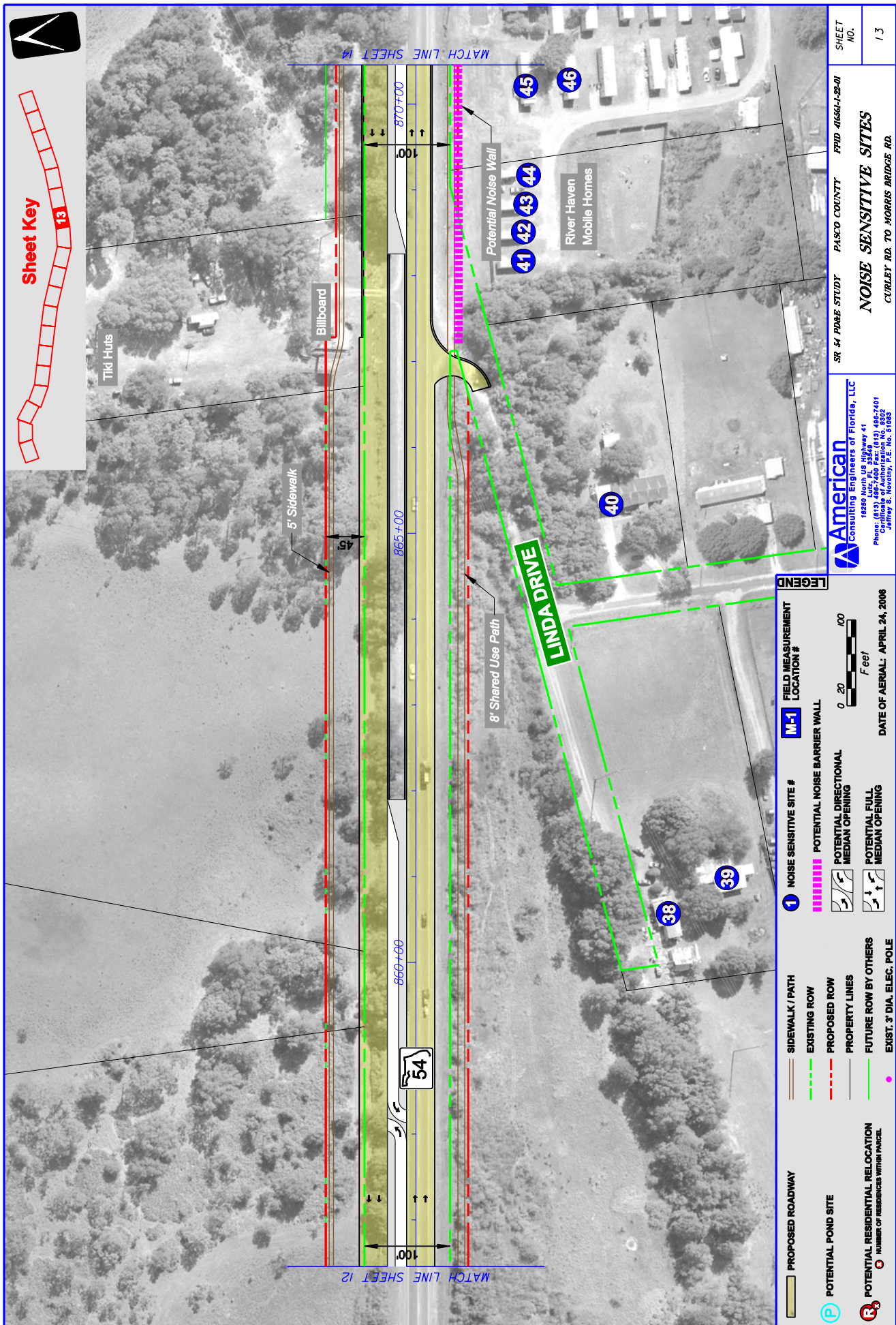
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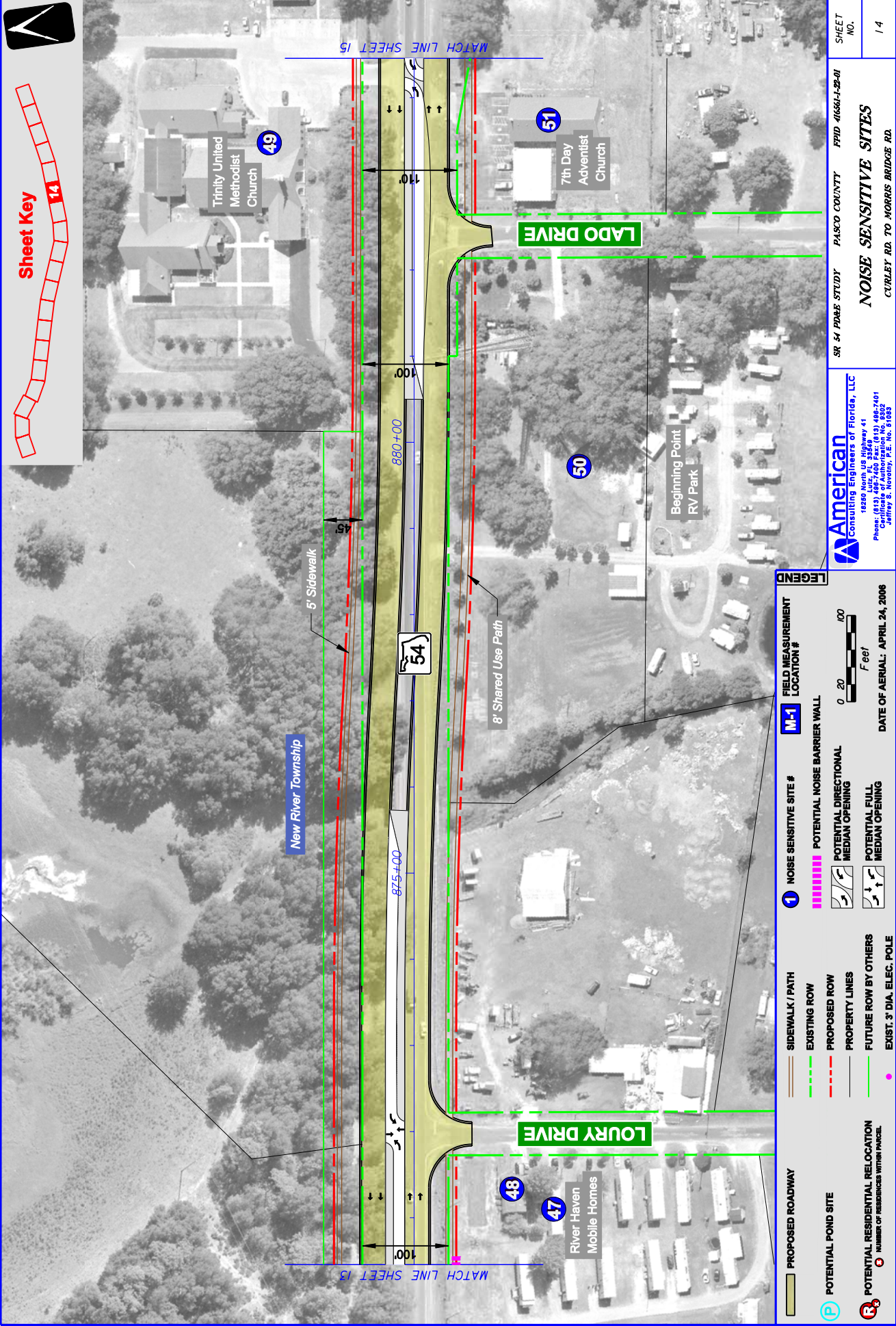
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New River Township

5' Sidewalk

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8' Shared Use Path

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LADO DRIVE

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River Haven  
Mobile Homes

Beginning Point  
RV Park

7th Day  
Adventist  
Church

Trinity United  
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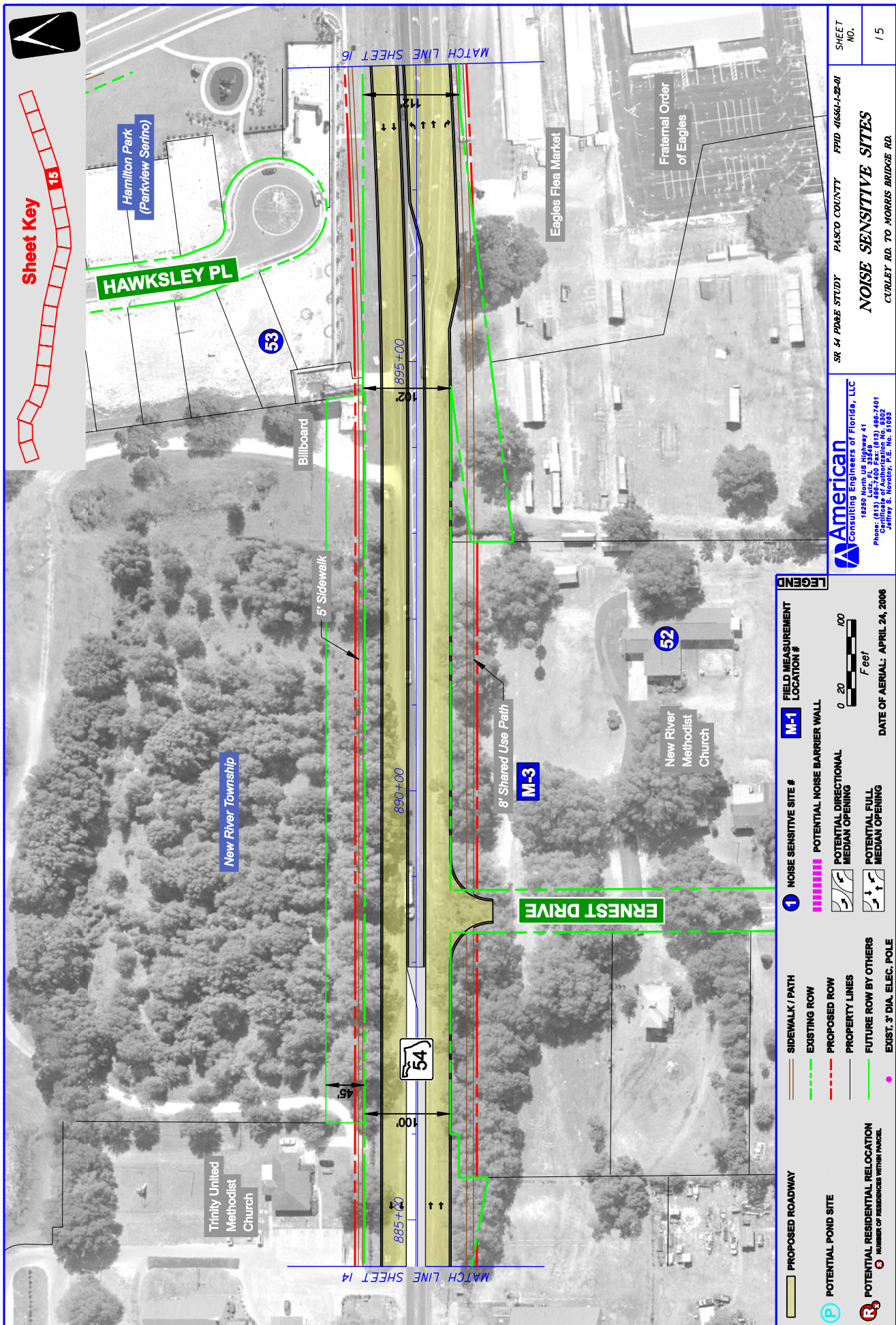
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
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
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
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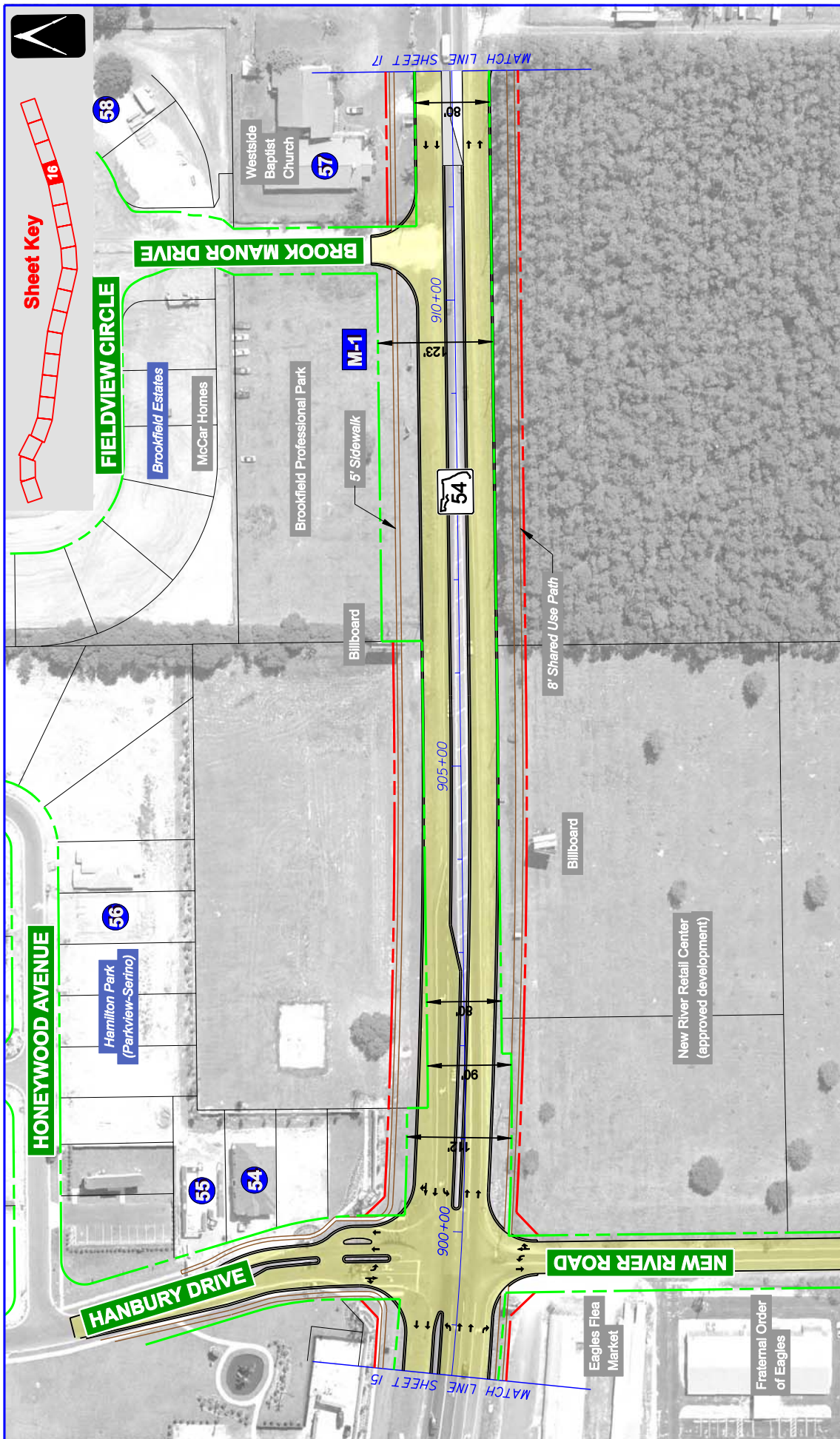


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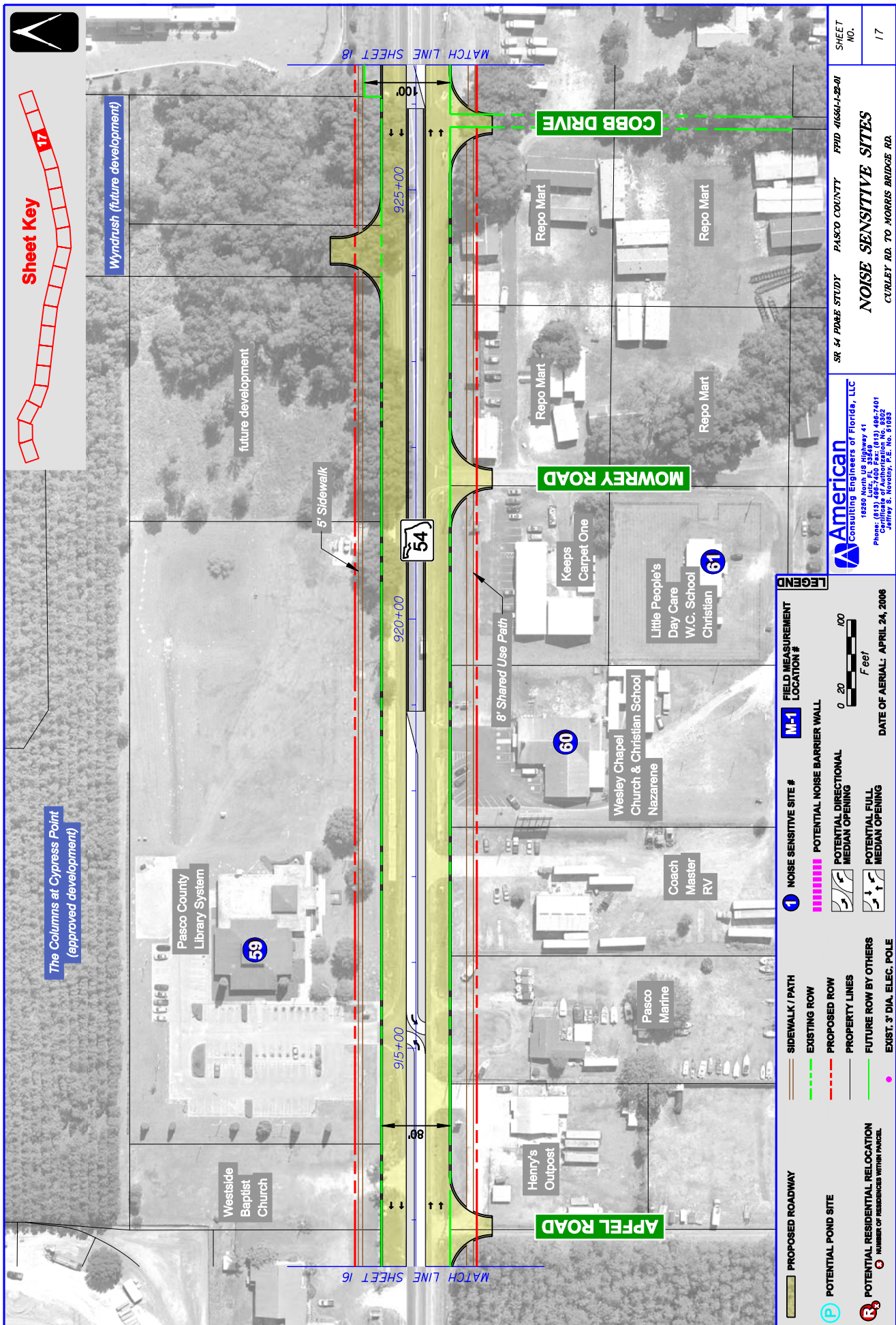
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Wyndrush (future development)

future development

5' Sidewalk



APFEL ROAD

MOWREY ROAD

COBB DRIVE

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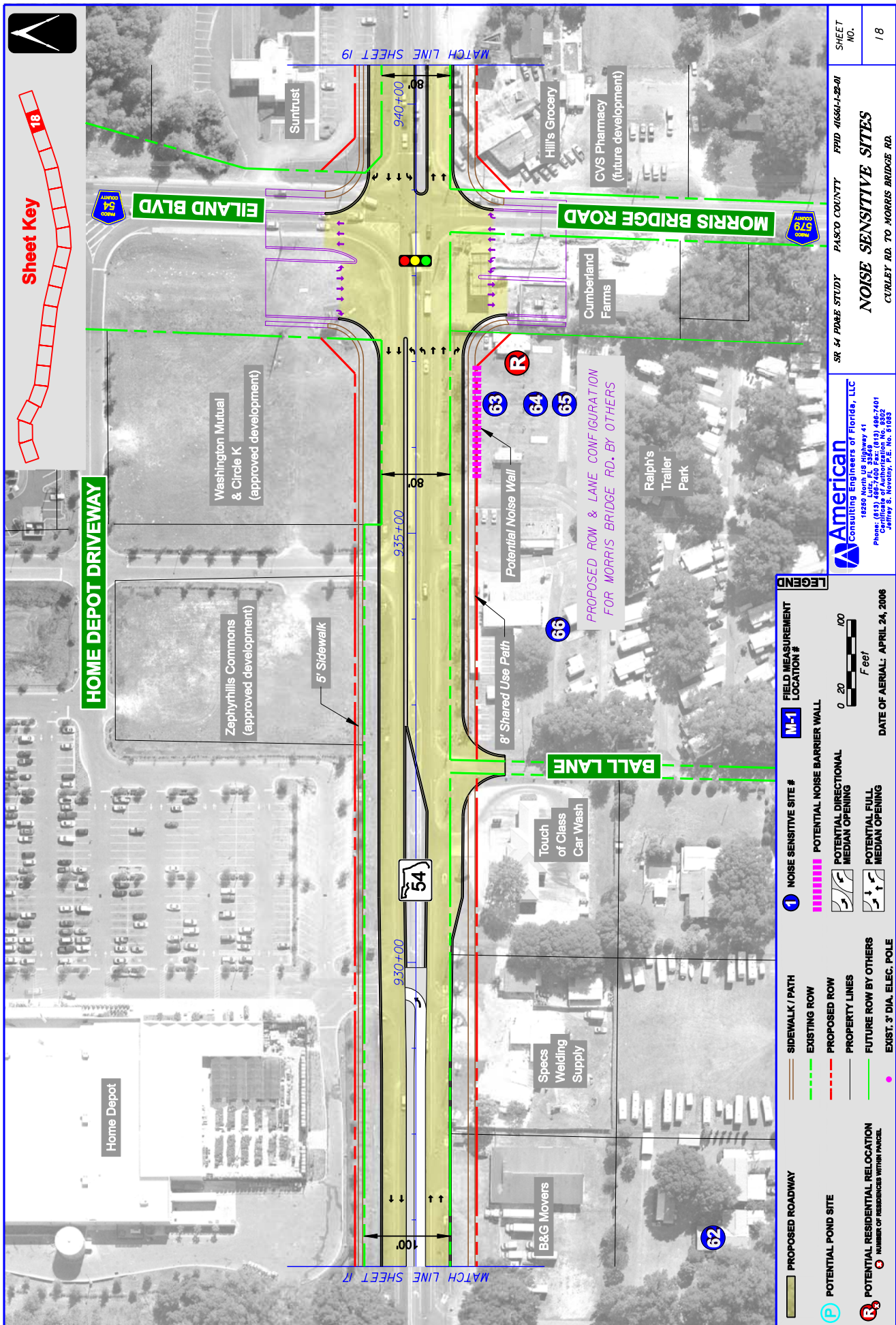
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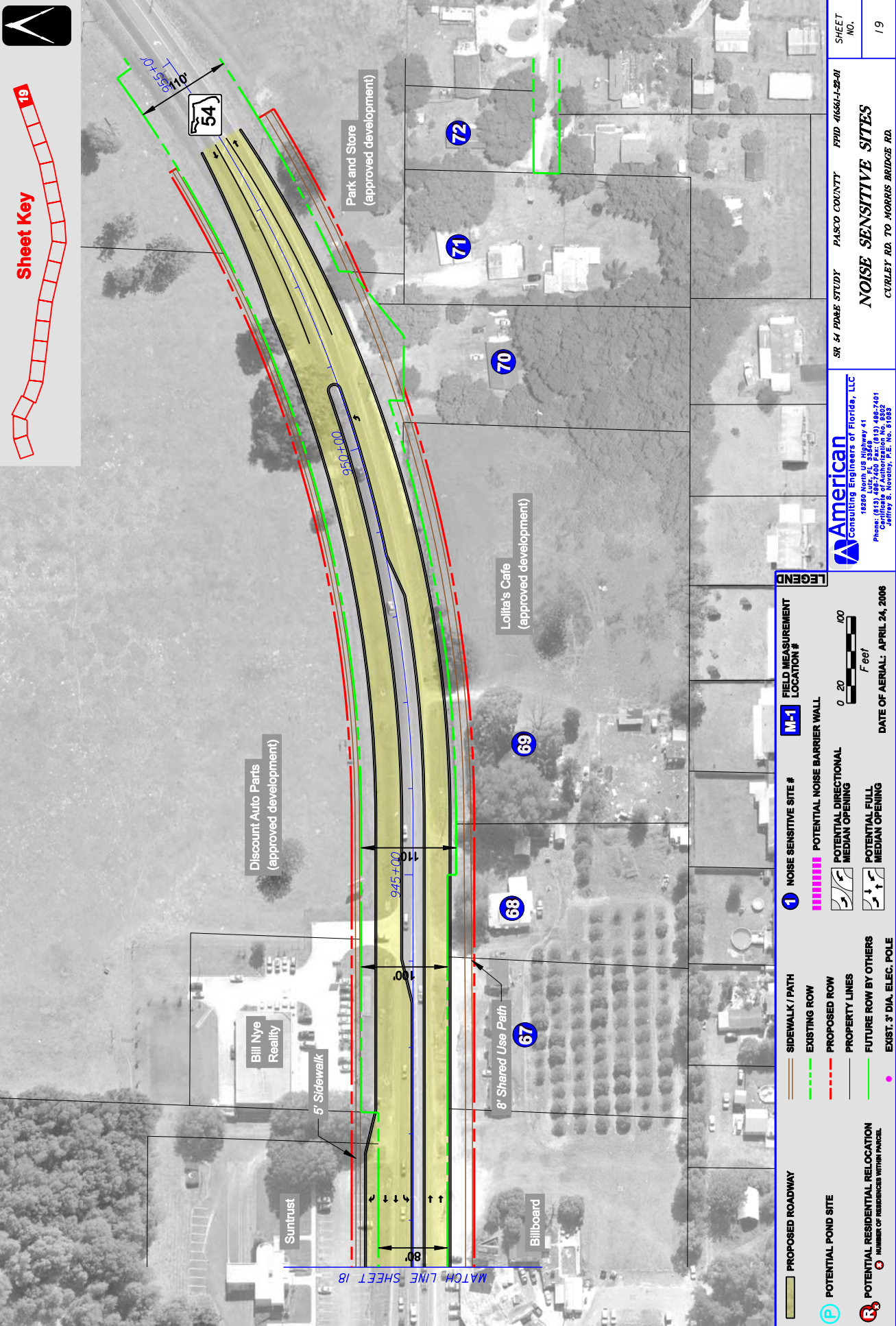
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## 4.2 MEASURED NOISE LEVELS

As previously stated, future noise levels with the proposed improvements were modeled using the TNM. To insure that these predictions are as accurate as possible, the computer model was validated using measured noise levels at locations adjacent to the project corridor. Traffic and meteorological data, including traffic volumes, vehicle speeds, and atmospheric conditions were recorded during each measurement period.

The field measurements for SR 54 were conducted in accordance the FHWA's *Measurement of Highway Related Noise*. Each field measurement was obtained using a Casella CEL-593 Type 1 Sound Level Meter. The meter was calibrated before and after each monitoring period with a Casella CEL-284 Type 1 Sound Level Calibrator.

The measured field data were used as input for the TNM to determine if, given the topography and actual site conditions of the area, the computer model could “re-create” the measured noise levels with the existing roadway. Following FDOT guidelines, a noise prediction model is considered valid for the use of predicting traffic noise levels if the measured and predicted noise levels are within a tolerance standard of 3 dBA. Initial field measurements were taken on April 17, 2008 on SR 54 at four locations. The locations at which the measurements were taken can be seen in **Figure 4-1**. The sound level meter was placed approximately 100 feet from the centerline of the roadway at a height of 5 feet above ground. Sets of 10-minute measurements were taken for both eastbound and westbound traffic. Data collected in the field can be found in **Appendix B**.

**Table 4-2** presents the field measurements and the computer validation results for SR 54. As shown, the ability of the model to accurately predict noise levels for the project was confirmed. Notably, the computer-modeled levels are all higher than the measured values. Documentation in support of the validation is provided in **Appendix B** of this report.

**Table 4-2 – Validation Data**

Location	Measurement Period	Modeled	Measured	Difference
<b>M-1</b> NB side of SR 54 west of Curley Rd	10:45 am - 10:55 am	63.2	65.0	1.8
<b>M-2</b> Ashton Oaks	1:30 pm - 1:40 pm	64.4	66.0	1.6
<b>M-3</b> New River Methodist Church	1:55 pm - 2:05 pm	64.6	65.1	0.5
<b>M-4</b> New River Township	2:40 pm - 2:50 pm	66.5	65.6	0.9
Measurements were obtained on April 17, 2008.				

### 4.3 RESULTS OF THE NOISE ANALYSIS

**Table 4-3** presents the calculated existing (2006) and future year (2030) traffic noise levels for noise-sensitive sites adjacent to SR 54. Documentation in support of the analysis is provided in **Appendix C**, which is published separately as a Technical Appendix.

As shown in **Table 4-3**, the results of the analysis indicate that existing (2006) and no-build (2030) exterior traffic noise levels range from 52.0 to 65.4 dBA at the residential sites, with traffic noise levels predicted to approach, meet, or exceed the NAC at none of the sites. In the future (2030), with the proposed improvements to SR 54, traffic noise levels are predicted to range from 54.5 to 69.3 dBA, with levels predicted to approach, meet, or exceed the NAC at 30 of the sites.

The difference in noise levels at the 116 noise-sensitive sites between the existing/no-build and build alternative ranges from 0.1 and 6.4 dBA. As such, none of the sites are predicted to experience a substantial increase (15 dBA or more) in traffic noise levels as a result of the proposed improvements. Noise abatement measures were evaluated for the 30 noise-sensitive sites predicted to be affected by the proposed improvements to SR 54. The results of the evaluation are presented in **Section 5.0** of this report.



**Table 4-3 – Predicted Traffic Noise Levels**

Site ID#	# of Units	Land Use*	LAeq1h (dBA)					Approaches, Meets, or Exceeds NAC?
			Existing (2006)*	No Build (2030)*	Build (2030)	Difference between Build and Existing	Difference between Build and No-Build	
1	1	SF	62.9	62.9	69.3	6.4	6.4	Yes
2	1	SF	58.1	58.1	61.0	2.9	2.9	No
3	1	SF	61.4	61.4	64.9	3.5	3.5	No
4	1	SF	61.1	61.1	62.9	1.8	1.8	No
5	1	SF	56.9	56.9	59.4	2.5	2.5	No
6	1	SF	54.7	54.7	57.3	2.6	2.6	No
7	1	SF	55.7	55.7	58.2	2.5	2.5	No
8	1	SF	57.6	57.6	60.0	2.4	2.4	No
9	1	SF	57.4	57.4	59.9	2.5	2.5	No
10	1	SF	55.8	55.8	58.2	2.4	2.4	No
11	1	SF	53.0	53.0	55.5	2.5	2.5	No
12	1	SF	55.1	55.1	57.7	2.6	2.6	No
13	1	SF	58.7	58.7	61.7	3.0	3.0	No
14	1	SF	59.2	59.2	62.4	3.2	3.2	No
15	1	SF	58.7	58.7	62.0	3.3	3.3	No
16	8	SF	59.2	59.2	62.6	3.4	3.4	No
17	1	SF	58.2	58.2	61.7	3.5	3.5	No
18	1	SF	56.7	56.7	59.3	2.6	2.6	No
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19	1	SF	56.1	56.1	58.2	2.1	2.1	No
20	1	SF	56.3	56.3	58.1	1.8	1.8	No
21	1	SF	58.9	58.9	60.5	1.6	1.6	No
22	1	SF	61.1	61.1	62.3	1.2	1.2	No
23	1	SF	62.6	62.6	65.0	2.4	2.4	No
24	3	SF	62.6	62.6	66.7	4.1	4.1	Yes
25	4	SF	63.5	63.5	66.9	3.4	3.4	Yes
26	1	SF	63.0	63.0	66.6	3.6	3.6	Yes
27	1	SF	63.5	63.5	67.1	3.6	3.6	Yes
28	2	SF	63.0	63.0	66.7	3.7	3.7	Yes
29	1	SF	62.1	62.1	65.6	3.5	3.5	No
30	1	SF	61.1	61.1	62.7	1.6	1.6	No
31	1	SF	58.2	58.2	59.7	1.5	1.5	No
*SF = Single Family Residential, CC = Child Care Facility, RF = Religious Facility, LIB = Library								
**The Existing and No-Build Conditions do not include future improvements to SR 54.								
Predicted Interior Noise Levels								

Site ID#	# of Units	Land Use*	LAeq1h (dBA)					Approaches, Meets, or Exceeds NAC?
			Existing (2006)*	No Build (2030)*	Build (2030)	Difference between Build and Existing	Difference between Build and No-Build	
32	1	SF	61.8	61.8	64.5	2.7	2.7	No
33	1	RF	39.0	39.0	40.1	1.1	1.1	No
34	1	SF	53.3	53.3	55.2	1.9	1.9	No
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37	1	SF	52.3	52.3	54.5	2.2	2.2	No
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39	1	SF	54.8	54.8	56.3	1.5	1.5	No
40	1	SF	59.8	59.8	59.9	0.1	0.1	No
41	1	SF	64.5	64.5	66.0	1.5	1.5	Yes
42	1	SF	64.6	64.6	66.2	1.6	1.6	Yes
43	1	SF	65.0	65.0	66.5	1.5	1.5	Yes
44	1	SF	65.4	65.4	66.8	1.4	1.4	Yes
45	1	SF	62.8	62.8	64.0	1.2	1.2	No
46	1	SF	60.1	60.1	61.1	1.0	1.0	No
47	1	SF	59.8	59.8	62.0	2.2	2.2	No
48	1	SF	63.7	63.7	65.3	1.6	1.6	No
49	1	RF	36.9	36.9	39.1	2.2	2.2	No
50	1	SF	58.6	58.6	59.6	1.0	1.0	No
51	1	RF	39.6	39.6	41.4	1.8	1.8	No
52	1	RF	33.7	33.7	36.5	2.8	2.8	No
53	1	SF	60.4	60.4	62.2	1.8	1.8	No
54	1	SF	57.4	57.4	60.8	3.4	3.4	No
55	1	SF	55.3	55.3	57.2	1.9	1.9	No
56	2	SF	53.4	53.4	55.7	2.3	2.3	No
57	1	RF	40.4	40.4	42.7	2.3	2.3	No
58	1	SF	52.5	52.5	54.9	2.4	2.4	No
59	1	LIB	37.9	37.9	41.4	3.5	3.5	No
60	1	RF	40.8	40.8	41.1	0.3	0.3	No
61	1	CC	33.8	33.8	35.9	2.1	2.1	No
62	1	SF	52.5	52.5	55.6	3.1	3.1	No
63	9	SF	65.2	65.2	68.1	2.9	2.9	Yes
64	7	SF	62.9	62.9	64.3	1.4	1.4	No
65	6	SF	58.2	58.2	61.2	3.0	3.0	No
*SF = Single Family Residential, CC = Child Care Facility, RF = Religious Facility, LIB = Library								
**The Existing and No-Build Conditions do not include future improvements to SR 54.								
Predicted Interior Noise Levels								



Site ID#	# of Units	Land Use*	LAeq1h (dBA)					Approaches, Meets, or Exceeds NAC?
			Existing (2006)*	No Build (2030)*	Build (2030)	Difference between Build and Existing	Difference between Build and No-Build	
66	8	SF	60.2	60.2	61.0	0.8	0.8	No
67	4	SF	63.9	63.9	68.3	4.4	4.4	Yes
68	1	SF	64.1	64.1	68.1	4.0	4.0	Yes
69	1	SF	61.9	61.9	65.2	3.3	3.3	No
70	1	SF	58.8	58.8	61.4	2.6	2.6	No
71	1	SF	58.4	58.4	60.9	2.5	2.5	No
72	1	SF	53.8	53.8	57.0	3.2	3.2	No
*SF = Single Family Residential, CC = Child Care Facility, RF = Religious Facility, LIB = Library								
**The Existing and No-Build Conditions do not include future improvements to SR 54.								
	Predicted Interior Noise Levels							

## **SECTION 5.0 – EVALUATION OF ABATEMENT ALTERNATIVES**

The FDOT considers abatement alternatives when predicted traffic noise levels approach, meet, or exceed the NAC. The measures considered for SR 54 were traffic management, alternative roadway alignment, property acquisition, and noise barriers. The following discusses the feasibility (engineering considerations) and reasonableness (amount of noise reduction provided, number of noise-sensitive sites benefited, absolute noise levels, cost, etc.) of the measures.

### **5.1 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES**

The improvements to SR 54 are meant to help alleviate future traffic congestion and aid in regional connectivity. Traffic management measures that limit motor vehicle speeds and reduce volumes can be effective noise mitigation measures. However, these measures can also negate a project's ability to accommodate forecast traffic volumes.

For example, if the posted speed limit on SR 54 were reduced, the capacity of the roadway to handle the forecast traffic demand would also be reduced. Therefore, reducing traffic speeds and/or traffic volumes is inconsistent with the goal of improving the ability of the roadway to handle the forecast volumes. As such, although feasible, traffic management measures are not considered a reasonable noise mitigation measure for the project.

### **5.2 ALIGNMENT MODIFICATION**

The proposed alignment seeks to minimize the need for additional right-of-way (ROW) within the project corridor. A shift in the roadway alignment would result in the need for additional ROW. As such, an alternative roadway alignment is not considered a reasonable noise mitigation measure for the project.



### 5.3 PROPERTY ACQUISITION

The acquisition of property to provide noise buffers is not feasible due to the high cost and/or the unavailability of vacant land in proximity to noise-sensitive sites.

### 5.4 LAND USE CONTROLS

Land use controls can be used to minimize traffic noise in future developments or areas where redevelopment occurs. Land uses such as residences, motels, schools, churches, recreation areas and parks are considered incompatible with highway noise levels above 66 dBA. In order to reduce the possibility of additional noise related impacts, noise level contours were developed for the future improved roadway. These noise contours delineate the minimum distance from the improved roadway's edge of pavement where the FHWA Activity Category B land use should occur in 2030. Local planning officials can use the noise contour information to avoid development of noise sensitive land uses.

As shown in **Table 5-1**, the extent of the 66 dBA noise level on SR 54 ranges from 74 to 104 feet from the roadway's edge of pavement.

**Table 5-1 – Noise Contour for SR 54**

Roadway Segment	Distance to 66 dBA Isopleth from Edge-of-Pavement
Curley Rd to Foxwood Blvd	104 feet
Foxwood Blvd to Linda Ave	89 feet
Linda Ave to east of Morris Bridge Rd	74 feet
<sup>a</sup> Distances do not reflect any reduction in noise levels that would result from existing structures (shielding) and should be used for planning purposes only.	

## 5.5 NOISE BARRIER ANALYSIS

Noise barriers reduce noise levels by blocking the sound path between the source and the receiver. In order to effectively reduce traffic noise, a noise barrier must be relatively long, continuous (without intermittent openings), and sufficiently tall to provide a reduction in noise levels. Following FDOT procedures, the minimum requirements for a noise barrier to be considered both feasible and economically reasonable are:

- The barrier must provide at least a 5 dBA reduction at the noise sensitive sites with the greatest reductions with a design goal of 10 dBA or more is desired.
- The barrier should not cost more than \$42,000 per benefited receiver (a benefited receiver is a site that receives at least a 5 dBA reduction in noise from the barrier), unless a higher level of expenditure can be justified by other circumstances. The current estimated cost to construct a noise barrier (materials and labor) is \$30.00 per square foot.

Other factors considered when evaluating noise barriers as a potential noise abatement measure address both the feasibility of the barriers (given site-specific details, can a barrier actually be constructed) and the reasonableness of the barriers.

Feasibility factors that relate to noise barriers include driver/pedestrian sight distance (safety), ingress and egress requirements to and from affected properties, ROW requirements including access rights and easements for construction and/or maintenance, impacts on existing/planned utilities, and drainage.

Reasonableness factors include:

- The relationship of the predicted future noise levels to the NAC (do the predicted levels approach, meet, or far surpass the NAC);



- Land use stability (are the noise-sensitive land uses likely to remain for an indefinite period of time);
- Antiquity (the amount of development that has occurred before and after the initial construction of a roadway);
- The desires of the affected property owners to have a noise barrier adjacent to their property; and
- Aesthetics

As previously stated, in year 2030, with the proposed improvements to SR 54, noise levels are predicted to approach, meet, or exceed the NAC at 30 noise-sensitive sites along the project corridor. The following section discusses the feasibility and reasonableness of providing noise barriers as an abatement measure for the affected sites. Documentation in support of the noise barrier analysis is provided in **Appendix D**, which is published separately as a Technical Appendix.

TNM accounts for the shielding effect of a noise barrier, the diffraction of sound over a noise barrier, and the effects of the ground between a barrier and a receiver (i.e. sound absorption). The net effect of the barrier shielding is referred to as “insertion loss”. In other words, insertion loss is the difference in sound level before and after the installation of the barrier.

#### **RESIDENCE WEST OF CURLEY ROAD**

A residence on the north side of SR 54 west of Curley Road (site 1) was predicted to be affected by traffic noise. This site was predicted to experience a future traffic noise level of 69.3 dBA with the proposed SR 54 improvements. A noise barrier for this single residence would not meet the minimum 5 dBA noise reduction and still be within the Department’s cost criteria. Therefore, a noise barrier in this area is not considered cost feasible and a barrier is not recommended for further consideration.

## RESIDENCES ALONG WHITE BAY CIRCLE

Fourteen (14) residences on the north side of SR54 (represented by sites 24 through 28) are predicted to be affected by traffic noise. These sites are predicted to experience future traffic noise levels ranging from 66.6 to 67.1 dBA with the proposed improvements to SR 54.

The length of the barrier evaluated was 650 feet, beginning at approximately station 812+40 and ending at approximately station 817+40. The height of the barrier was evaluated in 2-foot increments from 8 to 16 feet. The location of the barrier was placed 5 feet within the FDOT right-of-way.

The results of the evaluation are provided in **Table 5-2**. As shown, noise levels could be reduced by 5 dBA or more at 11 of the affected residences with all barrier heights analyzed. At the evaluated length of 650 feet and at heights ranging from 8 to 16 feet, the total estimated cost to construct the barrier is approximately between \$156,000 and \$312,000. A cost-per-benefited receiver is approximately between \$14,182 and \$28,364, a cost that is below the cost reasonable guideline.

**Table 5-2 – Barrier 1 – White Bay Circle Barrier Parameters**

Barrier Height (ft)	Affected Receivers With Insertion Loss of (dBA)						Number of Benefited Receivers			Total Estimated Cost	Cost Per Benefited Receiver	Cost Reasonable Yes/No
	5	6	7	8	9	10	Affected	* Other	Total			
8	5	5	1	0	0	0	11	0	11	\$156,000	\$14,182	Yes
10	0	1	5	5	0	0	11	0	11	\$195,000	\$17,727	Yes
12	0	0	1	5	5	0	11	0	11	\$234,000	\$21,273	Yes
14	0	0	1	0	5	5	11	0	11	\$273,000	\$24,818	Yes
16	0	0	1	0	4	6	11	0	11	\$312,000	\$28,364	Yes
* Other = Receivers to be unaffected by the project (traffic noise levels less than 66 dBA) but benefited by the noise barrier.												



Based on the results of the analysis, Barrier 1 appears to be a feasible noise abatement measure because the barrier is predicted to reduce traffic noise levels at the 11 affected sites at least 5 dBA or more. Additionally, because the cost to construct the barrier at a height between 8 to 16 feet is below the cost reasonable guideline, the barrier is also considered a potentially reasonable abatement measure. As such, the barrier was evaluated further. The results of the evaluation are provided in **Table 5-3**.

**Table 5-3 – Additional Considerations: Barrier 1 – White Bay Circle Barrier**

<b>Abatement Consideration</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Relationship of future levels to the abatement criterion	Traffic noise levels are predicted to approach/exceed the NAC at 11 residences.
Insertion Loss	At heights between 8 to 16 feet, all of the affected residences would receive a benefit from the barrier.
Safety	Engineering Feasibility Review to be performed.
Community Desires	Public Involvement to be performed.
Accessibility	Engineering Feasibility Review to be performed
Land Use Stability	It is anticipated that these residential land uses will remain in the future.
Views of Officials With Jurisdiction in the Area	To be determined during the public involvement phase of the project.
Noise level increase from existing to future Build conditions	Traffic noise levels are predicted to increase 3.4 to 3.7 dBA from the existing to the future build condition at the affected residences.
Noise level increase from No-Build to future Build conditions	Same as above.
Antiquity	No antiquity issues appear to be associated with the barrier.
Constructability	Engineering Feasibility Review to be performed.
Maintainability	Engineering Feasibility Review to be performed.
Aesthetics	To be determined during the public involvement phase of the project.
Right-of-way needs including access rights (air, light, view, ingress/egress), easements for construction, and/or maintenance, and additional land	Engineering Feasibility Review to be performed.
Cost	At a length of 650 feet and height between 8 and 16 feet, the estimated cost to construct the barrier is between \$156,000 and \$312,000. The cost per benefitted receiver ranges between \$14,182 and \$28,364, a cost that is below the FDOT's cost reasonable guideline.
Utilities	Engineering Feasibility Review to be performed.
Drainage	Engineering Feasibility Review to be performed.
Special land use considerations	The noise-sensitive sites are not considered special land uses.
Other environmental impacts	There do not appear to be any other environmental impacts associated with the barrier.
Additional Considerations	None.

As shown in **Table 5-3**, Barrier 1 appears to be a feasible and reasonable noise abatement measure because:

- Traffic noise levels are predicted to approach or exceed the NAC at 11 residences.
- At heights between 8 and 16 feet and a length of 650 feet, the barrier would provide at least the minimum required reduction in traffic noise at a cost below the cost-reasonable guideline.
- The land use is expected to remain noise-sensitive.

### **Riverhaven Mobile Home Park**

Four (4) residences on the south side of SR54 (represented by sites 41 through 44) are predicted to be affected by traffic noise. These sites are predicted to experience future traffic noise levels ranging from 66.0 to 66.8 dBA with the proposed improvements to SR 54.

The length of the barrier evaluated was 300 feet, beginning at approximately station 867+20 and ending at approximately station 870+20. The height of the barrier was evaluated in 2-foot increments from 8 to 16 feet. The location of the barrier was placed 5 feet within the FDOT right-of-way.

The results of the evaluation are provided in **Table 5-4**. As shown, noise levels could be reduced by 5 dBA or more at the 4 affected residences with all barrier heights analyzed. At the evaluated length of 300 feet and at heights ranging from 8 to 16 feet, the total estimated cost to construct the barrier is approximately between \$72,000 and \$144,000. A cost-per-benefited receiver is approximately between \$18,000 and \$36,000, a cost that is below the cost reasonable guideline.



**Table 5-4 – Barrier 2 – Riverhaven Mobile Home Park Barrier Parameters**

Barrier Height (ft)	Affected Receivers With Insertion Loss of (dBA)						Number of Benefited Receivers			Total Estimated Cost	Cost Per Benefited Receiver	Cost Reasonable Yes/No
	5	6	7	8	9	10	Affected	*	Total			
8	3	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	4	\$72,000	\$18,000	Yes
10	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	0	4	\$90,000	\$22,500	Yes
12	0	1	2	1	0	0	4	0	4	\$108,000	\$27,000	Yes
14	0	0	1	0	5	5	4	0	4	\$126,000	\$31,500	Yes
16	0	0	1	0	4	6	4	0	4	\$144,000	\$36,000	Yes
* Other = Receivers to be unaffected by the project (traffic noise levels less than 66 dBA) but benefited by the noise barrier.												

Based on the results of the analysis, Barrier 2 appears to be a feasible noise abatement measure because the barrier is predicted to reduce traffic noise levels at the 4 affected sites at least 5 dBA or more. Additionally, because the cost to construct the barrier at a height between 8 to 16 feet is below the cost reasonable guideline, the barrier is also considered a potentially reasonable abatement measure. As such, the barrier was evaluated further. The results of the evaluation are provided in **Table 5-5**.

**Table 5-5 – Additional Considerations: Barrier 2 – River Haven Mobile Home Park**

<b>Abatement Consideration</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Relationship of future levels to the abatement criterion	Traffic noise levels are predicted to approach/exceed the NAC at 4 residences.
Insertion Loss	At heights between 8 to 16 feet, all of the affected residences would receive a benefit from the barrier.
Safety	Engineering Feasibility Review to be performed.
Community Desires	Public Involvement to be performed.
Accessibility	Engineering Feasibility Review to be performed
Land Use Stability	It is anticipated that these residential land uses will remain in the future.
Views of Officials With Jurisdiction in the Area	To be determined during the public involvement phase of the project.
Noise level increase from existing to future Build conditions	Traffic noise levels are predicted to increase 1.4 to 1.6 dBA from the existing to the future build condition at the affected residences.
Noise level increase from No-Build to future Build conditions	Same as above.
Antiquity	No antiquity issues appear to be associated with the barrier.
Constructability	Engineering Feasibility Review to be performed.
Maintainability	Engineering Feasibility Review to be performed.
Aesthetics	To be determined during the public involvement phase of the project.
Right-of-way needs including access rights (air, light, view, ingress/egress), easements for construction, and/or maintenance, and additional land	Engineering Feasibility Review to be performed.
Cost	At a length of 300 feet and height between 8 and 16 feet, the estimated cost to construct the barrier is between \$72,000 and \$144,000. The cost per benefitted receiver ranges between \$18,000 and \$36,000, a cost that is below the FDOT's cost reasonable guideline.
Utilities	Engineering Feasibility Review to be performed.
Drainage	Engineering Feasibility Review to be performed.
Special land use considerations	The noise-sensitive sites are not considered special land uses.
Other environmental impacts	There do not appear to be any other environmental impacts associated with the barrier.
Additional Considerations	None.



As shown in **Table 5-5**, Barrier 2 appears to be a feasible and reasonable noise abatement measure because:

- Traffic noise levels are predicted to approach or exceed the NAC at 4 residences.
- At heights between 8 and 16 feet and a length of 300 feet, the barrier would provide at least the minimum required reduction in traffic noise at a cost below the cost-reasonable guideline.
- The land use is expected to remain noise-sensitive.

### **Ralph's Trailer Park**

Eight (8) residences on the south side of SR54 (represented by site 63) are predicted to be affected by traffic noise. These sites are predicted to experience future traffic noise level of 68.1 dBA with the proposed improvements to SR 54.

The length of the barrier evaluated was 130 feet, beginning at approximately station 935+70 and ending at approximately station 937+00. The height of the barrier was evaluated in 2-foot increments from 8 to 16 feet. The location of the barrier was placed 5 feet within the FDOT right-of-way.

The results of the evaluation are provided in **Table 5-6**. As shown, noise levels could be reduced by 5 dBA or more at the 6 of the 8 affected residences with all barrier heights analyzed. At the evaluated length of 130 feet and at heights ranging from 8 to 16 feet, the total estimated cost to construct the barrier is approximately between \$31,200 and \$62,400. A cost-per-benefited receiver is approximately between \$5,200 and \$10,400, a cost that is below the cost reasonable guideline.

**Table 5-6 – Barrier 3 – Ralph’s Trailer Park Barrier Parameters**

Barrier Height (ft)	Affected Receivers With Insertion Loss of (dBA)						Number of Benefited Receivers			Total Estimated Cost	Cost Per Benefited Receiver	Cost Reasonable Yes/No
	5	6	7	8	9	10	Affected	*	Total			
8	1	5	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	\$31,200	\$5,200	Yes
10	0	1	5	0	0	0	6	0	6	\$39,000	\$6,500	Yes
12	0	1	0	5	0	0	6	0	6	\$46,800	\$7,800	Yes
14	0	1	0	5	0	0	6	0	6	\$54,600	\$9,100	Yes
16	0	0	1	5	0	0	6	0	6	\$62,400	\$10,400	Yes
* Other = Receivers to be unaffected by the project (traffic noise levels less than 66 dBA) but benefited by the noise barrier.												

Based on the results of the analysis, Barrier 3 appears to be a feasible noise abatement measure because the barrier is predicted to reduce traffic noise levels at the 6 of the 8 affected sites at least 5 dBA or more. Additionally, because the cost to construct the barrier at a height between 8 to 16 feet is below the cost reasonable guideline, the barrier is also considered a potentially reasonable abatement measure. As such, the barrier was evaluated further. The results of the evaluation are provided in **Table 5-7**.



**Table 5-7 – Additional Considerations: Barrier 2 – River Haven Mobile Home Park**

<b>Abatement Consideration</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Relationship of future levels to the abatement criterion	Traffic noise levels are predicted to approach/exceed the NAC at 8 residences.
Insertion Loss	At heights between 8 to 16 feet, 6 of the 8 affected residences would receive a benefit from the barrier.
Safety	Engineering Feasibility Review to be performed.
Community Desires	Public Involvement to be performed.
Accessibility	Engineering Feasibility Review to be performed
Land Use Stability	It is anticipated that these residential land uses will remain in the future.
Views of Officials With Jurisdiction in the Area	To be determined during the public involvement phase of the project.
Noise level increase from existing to future Build conditions	Traffic noise levels are predicted to increase 2.9 dBA from the existing to the future build condition at the affected residences.
Noise level increase from No-Build to future Build conditions	Same as above.
Antiquity	No antiquity issues appear to be associated with the barrier.
Constructability	Engineering Feasibility Review to be performed.
Maintainability	Engineering Feasibility Review to be performed.
Aesthetics	To be determined during the public involvement phase of the project.
Right-of-way needs including access rights (air, light, view, ingress/egress), easements for construction, and/or maintenance, and additional land	Engineering Feasibility Review to be performed.
Cost	At a length of 130 feet and height between 8 and 16 feet, the estimated cost to construct the barrier is between \$31,200 and \$62,400. The cost per benefitted receiver ranges between \$5,200 and \$10,400, a cost that is below the FDOT's cost reasonable guideline.
Utilities	Engineering Feasibility Review to be performed.
Drainage	Engineering Feasibility Review to be performed.
Special land use considerations	The noise-sensitive sites are not considered special land uses.
Other environmental impacts	There do not appear to be any other environmental impacts associated with the barrier.
Additional Considerations	None.

As shown in **Table 5-7**, Barrier 3 appears to be a feasible and reasonable noise abatement measure because:

- Traffic noise levels are predicted to approach or exceed the NAC at 8 residences.
- At heights between 8 and 16 feet and a length of 130 feet, the barrier would provide at least the minimum required reduction in traffic noise at a cost below the cost-reasonable guideline for 6 of the 8 affected residences.
- The land use is expected to remain noise-sensitive.

### **Residences East of Morris Bridge Road**

Four (4) residences on the south side of SR 54 east of Morris Bridge Road (represented by sites 67 and 68) were predicted to be affected by traffic noise. These sites were predicted to experience a future traffic noise level of 68.1 and 68.3 dBA with the proposed SR 54 improvements. Due to the multiple driveways, a noise barrier could not be designed of sufficient length to meet the minimum 5 dBA noise reduction. Therefore, a noise barrier is not recommended for further consideration.

## **5.6 SUMMARY**

Noise abatement measures were evaluated for the noise-sensitive sites predicted to be affected by the proposed improvements to SR 54. The measures were traffic management, alignment modifications, property acquisition, land use controls and noise barriers. Although feasible, traffic management, alignment modification, land use controls, and property acquisition were determined to be unreasonable methods to reduce the predicted traffic noise levels for the affected sites.

Based on the results of the analysis, it appears that the construction of three noise barriers along SR 54 may be a feasible and cost-reasonable method of reducing predicted traffic noise levels for both affected noise-sensitive sites.

At the future public hearing, the noise study results will be presented and the community will be allowed to discuss and respond to the findings. After the public hearing and once the Location and Design Concept Acceptance occurs, copies of this final NSR will be furnished to the local government and planning officials to assist them in establishing compatible land uses for future development.

It should be noted that the noise barriers that have been identified as feasible and cost reasonable are still subject to an engineering feasibility review. The purpose of the review is to ensure that the noise barriers could be built as planned. It will take into consideration items such as drainage, utilities (both existing and planned), safety, constructability, maintainability, ROW needs, and any other construction or engineering issues that may preclude providing the noise barriers that have been identified.



## **SECTION 6.0 – CONSTRUCTION NOISE AND VIBRATION**

During the construction phase of the proposed project, short-term noise may be generated by stationary and mobile construction equipment. Construction of roadway improvements will have a temporary impact on noise-sensitive sites adjacent to the project corridor. Construction noise will be controlled by the adherence to the most recent edition of the FDOT's Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.

Using FDOT's listing of vibration sensitive sites, residences were identified as potentially sensitive to vibration caused during construction. If during final design it is determined that provisions to control vibration are necessary, the project's construction provisions can include the necessary provisions as needed.

## SECTION 7.0 – NOISE CONTOURS

As previously stated, land uses such as residences, motels, schools, churches, recreation areas and parks are considered *incompatible* with highway noise levels above 66dBA. In order to reduce the possibility of additional noise sensitive sites being located within an area with traffic noise of this level, a noise contour was developed for the future improved roadway facility. This noise contour delineates the distance from the improved roadway's edge of pavement where the FHWA's NAC would be approached (within 1 dBA of the NAC). Based on the results of the analysis, a level of 66dBA would extend between 74 and 104 feet from the closest travel lane. Local officials should not approve construction of any new noise sensitive sites (e.g., residences, parks, churches, etc.) within this area unless noise abatement is considered as part of the planned structures.

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## **APPENDIX A**

### ***FDOT Traffic Data Sheets***

# DISTRICT 7

## TRAFFIC DATA FOR NOISE STUDIES

DATE: 5/5/08  
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Work Program Item Segment No(s): 416561-1

Federal Aid Number(s): 7810-028-S

Project Description: SR 54, from Curley Road to Morris Bridge Road

Segment Description: 1. Curley Road to Foxwood Blvd. (proposed 4 LD + aux lanes urban)  
 (Data sheets are to be filled out for every segment having a change in traffic parameters such as volumes, posted speeds, typical section, etc.)

**NOTE:** ADT is the LOS (C) volume referenced in the FDOT LOS tables or Demand, whichever is less.

Existing Facility	No-Build (design year)	Build (design year)
Year : <u>2006</u>	Year : <u>2030</u>	Year : <u>2030</u>
ADT : *LOS(C) <u>15,750 VPD</u>	ADT : *LOS(C) <u>15,750 VPD</u>	ADT : LOS(C) <u>52,100 (6 LD)</u>
Demand <u>24,200</u>	Demand <u>27,700</u>	Demand <u>27,700</u>
Posted Speed: <u>55 mph</u> <u>88 kmh</u>	Posted Speed: <u>55 mph</u> <u>88 kmh</u>	Posted Speed: <u>45 mph</u> <u>72 kmh</u>
K= <u>9.5</u> %	K= <u>9.5</u> %	K= <u>9.5</u> %
D= <u>57</u> %	D= <u>57</u> %	D= <u>57</u> %
T= <u>7.2</u> % for 24 hrs.	T= <u>7.2</u> % for 24 hrs.	T= <u>7.2</u> % for 24 hrs.
T= <u>3.6</u> % Design hr.	T= <u>3.6</u> % Design hr.	T= <u>3.6</u> % Design hr.
0.9 % Heavy Trucks DHV	0.9 % Heavy Trucks DHV	0.9 % Heavy Trucks DHV
2.7 % Medium Trucks DHV	2.7 % Medium Trucks DHV	2.7 % Medium Trucks DHV
<u>0</u> % Buses DHV	<u>0</u> % Buses DHV	<u>0</u> % Buses DHV
<u>0</u> % Motorcycles DHV	<u>0</u> % Motorcycles DHV	<u>0</u> % Motorcycles DHV

Traffic Data Source: (1) Draft Traffic Technical Memorandum for SR 54, May 2008

(2) 2005 vehicle class history data report for count station 14-5116 (SR 54 west of Morris Bridge Road)

(3) LOS Table 4-1 used for LOS C AADTs.

\*based on 2-lane uninterrupted flow: 15,000 VPD + 5% for divided = 15,750

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Federal Aid Number(s): 7810-028-S

Project Description: SR 54, from Curley Road to Morris Bridge Road

Segment Description: 2. Foxwood Blvd. To Linda Drive (proposed 4 LD suburban)

(Data sheets are to be filled out for every segment having a change in traffic parameters such as volumes, posted speeds, typical section, etc.)

**NOTE:** ADT is the LOS (C) volume referenced in the FDOT LOS tables or Demand, whichever is less.

Existing Facility	No-Build (design year)	Build (design year)
Year : <u>2006</u>	Year : <u>2030</u>	Year : <u>2030</u>
ADT : *LOS(C) <u>15,750 VPD</u>	ADT : *LOS(C) <u>15,750 VPD</u>	ADT : LOS(C) <u>34,700 (4 LD)</u>
Demand <u>22,500</u>	Demand <u>35,500</u>	Demand <u>35,500</u>
Posted Speed: <u>55 mph</u> <u>88 kmh</u>	Posted Speed: <u>55 mph</u> <u>88 kmh</u>	Posted Speed: <u>50 mph</u> <u>80 kmh</u>
K= <u>9.5</u> %	K= <u>9.5</u> %	K= <u>9.5</u> %
D= <u>57</u> %	D= <u>57</u> %	D= <u>57</u> %
T= <u>7.2</u> % for 24 hrs.	T= <u>7.2</u> % for 24 hrs.	T= <u>7.2</u> % for 24 hrs.
T= <u>3.6</u> % Design hr.	T= <u>3.6</u> % Design hr.	T= <u>3.6</u> % Design hr.
0.9 % Heavy Trucks DHV	0.9 % Heavy Trucks DHV	0.9 % Heavy Trucks DHV
2.7 % Medium Trucks DHV	2.7 % Medium Trucks DHV	2.7 % Medium Trucks DHV
<u>0</u> % Buses DHV	<u>0</u> % Buses DHV	<u>0</u> % Buses DHV
<u>0</u> % Motorcycles DHV	<u>0</u> % Motorcycles DHV	<u>0</u> % Motorcycles DHV

Traffic Data Source: (1) Draft Traffic Technical Memorandum for SR 54, May 2008

(2) 2005 vehicle class history data report for count station 14-5116 (SR 54 west of Morris Bridge Road)

(3) LOS Table 4-1 used for LOS C AADTs.

\*based on 2-lane uninterrupted flow: 15,000 VPD + 5% for divided = 15,750

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# DISTRICT 7

## TRAFFIC DATA FOR NOISE STUDIES

DATE: 5/5/08  
 PREPARED BY:  
 L. Weatherby, ACE-FLA

Work Program Item Segment No(s): 416561-1

Federal Aid Number(s): 7810-028-S

Project Description: SR 54, from Curley Road to Morris Bridge Road

Segment Description: 3. Linda Drive to East of Morris Bridge Rd (proposed 4 LD urban)  
 (Data sheets are to be filled out for every segment having a change in traffic parameters such as volumes, posted speeds, typical section, etc.)

**NOTE:** ADT is the LOS (C) volume referenced in the FDOT LOS tables or Demand, whichever is less.

Existing Facility	No-Build (design year)	Build (design year)
Year : <u>2006</u>	Year : <u>2030</u>	Year : <u>2030</u>
ADT : *LOS(C) <u>15,750 VPD</u>	ADT : *LOS(C) <u>15,750 VPD</u>	ADT : LOS(C) <u>34,700 (4 LD)</u>
Demand <u>21,900</u>	Demand <u>32,100</u>	Demand <u>32,100</u>
Posted Speed: <u>50</u> mph <u>80</u> kmh	Posted Speed: <u>50</u> mph <u>80</u> kmh	Posted Speed: <u>45</u> mph <u>72</u> kmh
K= <u>9.5</u> %	K= <u>9.5</u> %	K= <u>9.5</u> %
D= <u>57</u> %	D= <u>57</u> %	D= <u>57</u> %
T= <u>7.2</u> % for 24 hrs.	T= <u>7.2</u> % for 24 hrs.	T= <u>7.2</u> % for 24 hrs.
T= <u>3.6</u> % Design hr.	T= <u>3.6</u> % Design hr.	T= <u>3.6</u> % Design hr.
0.9 % Heavy Trucks DHV	0.9 % Heavy Trucks DHV	0.9 % Heavy Trucks DHV
2.7 % Medium Trucks DHV	2.7 % Medium Trucks DHV	2.7 % Medium Trucks DHV
<u>0</u> % Buses DHV	<u>0</u> % Buses DHV	<u>0</u> % Buses DHV
<u>0</u> % Motorcycles DHV	<u>0</u> % Motorcycles DHV	<u>0</u> % Motorcycles DHV

Traffic Data Source: (1) Draft Traffic Technical Memorandum for SR 54, May 2008  
 (2) 2005 vehicle class history data report for count station 14-5116 (SR 54 west of Morris Bridge Road)  
 (3) LOS Table 4-1 used for LOS C AADTs.

\*based on 2-lane uninterrupted flow: 15,000 VPD + 5% for divided = 15,750

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## **APPENDIX B**

### ***Validation Documentation***

**NOISE DATA  
FIELD VALIDATION**

Date 4/17/08

Project SRS4

WPI 416561-1

Location NB side of SRS4 west of Morris Bridge Rd

Distance from Center of Near Travel Lane 106 ft.

Width of Roadway/Lanes 12 ft. 12 ft. # lanes 2

Barrier/Buffer \_\_\_\_\_

Terrain grass Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Height of Meter Microphone 5 ft. Length of Run 10 min. Time 10:45 (am) (pm)

<u>Traffic:</u>	<u>Counted:</u>	<u>Hourly Conversion:</u>	<u>Radar Gun Reading:</u>		
Cars =	<u>97</u> x6	<u>582</u>	<u>47</u>	avg. mph	Posted speed
	<u>109</u> x6	<u>654</u>		avg. mph	<u>45</u> mph
MT =	<u>3</u> x6	<u>18</u>		avg. mph	
	<u>9</u> x6	<u>54</u>		avg. mph	
HT =	<u>5</u> x6	<u>30</u>		avg. mph	
	<u>9</u> x6	<u>54</u>		avg. mph	
MC =	<u>4</u> x6	<u>24</u>		avg. mph	
	<u>0</u> x6			avg. mph	
Buses =	<u>0</u> x6			avg. mph	
	<u>0</u> x6			avg. mph	

Unusual Events:

1-3 mph w/ 10mph gusts from the east.

**Results:**

Lav (Leq) 65 dB  
Lpk (peak) 113.4 dB  
Computer 63.2 dB

**Field Staff:**

Robin Rhinesmith  
Dan DeForge



# RESULTS: SOUND LEVELS

SR 54 w of Morris Bldg 10:45-10:55

FDOT

mmr

21 April 2008

TNM 2.5

Calculated with TNM 2.5

## RESULTS: SOUND LEVELS

PROJECT/CONTRACT:

SR 54 w of Morris Bldg 10:45-10:55

RUN:

416561

BARRIER DESIGN:

INPUT HEIGHTS

Average pavement type shall be used unless  
a State highway agency substantiates the use  
of a different type with approval of FHWA.

ATMOSPHERICS:

68 deg F, 50% RH

Receiver												
Name	No.	#DUs	Existing LAeq1h	No Barrier		Type Impact	With Barrier		Noise Reduction Calculated	Goal	Calculated minus Goal	dB
				LAeq1h Calculated	Crit'n		LAeq1h Calculated	Goal				
Receiver1	1	1	0.0	63.2	66	10	63.2	0.0	8	-8.0		
Dwelling Units												
	# DUs	Noise Reduction										
		Min dB	Avg dB	Max dB								
All Selected	1	0.0	0.0	0.0								
All Impacted	0	0.0	0.0	0.0								
All that meet NR Goal	0	0.0	0.0	0.0								

INPUT: TRAFFIC FOR LAeq1h Volumes

SR 54 w of Morris Brdg 10:45-10:55

FDOT

21 April 2008

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TNM 2.5

INPUT: TRAFFIC FOR LAeq1h Volumes

PROJECT/CONTRACT:

SR 54 w of Morris Brdg 10:45-10:55

RUN:

416561

Roadway		Points		Segment									
Name		No.	Name	Autos		MTrucks		HTricks		Buses		Motorcycles	
				V	S	V	S	V	S	V	S	V	S
				veh/hr	mph	veh/hr	mph	veh/hr	mph	veh/hr	mph	veh/hr	mph
WB		2	point2	654	47	48	47	36	47	0	0	0	0
		1	point1										
EB		3	point3	582	47	18	47	30	47	0	0	0	0
		4	point4										

INPUT: ROADWAYS

SR 54 w of Morris Brdg 10:45-10:55

FDOT  
rnr

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INPUT: ROADWAYS

Average pavement type shall be used unless  
a State highway agency substantiates the use  
of a different type with the approval of FHWA

PROJECT/CONTRACT:

SR 54 w of Morris Brdg 10:45-10:55

RUN: 416561

Roadway		Points									
Name	Width	Name	No.	Coordinates (pavement)			Flow Control			Segment	
				X	Y	Z	Control Device	Speed Constraint	Percent Vehicles Affected	Pvmt Type	On Struct?
	ft			ft	ft	ft		mph	%		
WB	12.0	point2	2	1,000.0		100.0			0.00	Average	
		point1	1	-1,000.0		100.0			0.00		
EB	12.0	point3	3	-1,000.0		88.0			0.00	Average	
		point4	4	1,000.0		88.0			0.00		



**INPUT: RECEIVERS**

SR 54 w of Morris Brdg 10:45-10:55

FDOT

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**INPUT: RECEIVERS**

**PROJECT/CONTRACT:**

SR 54 w of Morris Brdg 10:45-10:55

RUN:

416561

**Receiver**

Name	No.	#DUs	Coordinates (ground)			Height above Ground	Input Sound Levels and Criteria				Active in Calc.
			X	Y	Z		Existing LAeq1h	Impact Criteria LAeq1h	Sub'l	NR Goal	
			ft	ft	ft	ft	dBA	dBA	dB	dB	
Receiver1	1	1	0.0	206.0	0.00	5.00	0.00	66	10.0	8.0	Y

**NOISE DATA  
FIELD VALIDATION**

Date 4/17/08

Project SR54

WPI 416561-1

Location Ashton Oaks - empty lot

Distance from Center of Near Travel Lane 96 ft.

Width of Roadway/Lanes 12 ft. 12 ft. # lanes 2

Barrier/Buffer \_\_\_\_\_

Terrain \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Height of Meter Microphone 5 ft. Length of Run 10 min. Time 1:30 (am) (pm)

<u>Traffic:</u>	<u>Counted:</u>	<u>Hourly Conversion:</u>	<u>Radar Gun Reading:</u>		
Cars =	<u>88</u> x6	<u>528</u>	<u>49</u>	avg. mph	Posted speed
	<u>93</u> x6	<u>558</u>		avg. mph	<u>45</u> mph
MT =	<u>6</u> x6	<u>36</u>		avg. mph	
	<u>6</u> x6	<u>36</u>		avg. mph	
HT =	<u>4</u> x6	<u>24</u>		avg. mph	
	<u>1</u> x6	<u>6</u>		avg. mph	
MC =	<u>1</u> x6	<u>6</u>		avg. mph	
	<u>0</u> x6			avg. mph	
Buses =	<u>2</u> x6	<u>12</u>		avg. mph	
	<u>3</u> x6	<u>18</u>		avg. mph	

Unusual Events: Sandhill cranes calling, fountain.

**Results:**

Lav (Leq) 66 dB

Lpk (peak) 113.7 dB

Computer 64.4 dB

**Field Staff:**

Robin Rhinesmith  
Dan DeForge

## RESULTS: SOUND LEVELS

SR 54 Ashton Oak 1:55 - 2:05

FDOT

mmr

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## RESULTS: SOUND LEVELS

PROJECT/CONTRACT: SR 54 Ashton Oak 1:55 - 2:05

RUN: 416561

BARRIER DESIGN: INPUT HEIGHTS

ATMOSPHERICS:

68 deg F, 50% RH

Average pavement type shall be used unless  
a State highway agency substantiates the use  
of a different type with approval of FHWA.

Receiver											
Name	No.	#DUs	Existing LAeq1h	No Barrier LAeq1h	Increase over existing			Type Impact	With Barrier		Calculated minus Goal dB
					Calculated	Crit'n Sub'l Inc	dB		Calculated LAeq1h	Noise Reduction Calculated Goal dB	
Receiver1	1	1	0.0	64.4	66	64.4	10	---	64.4	0.0	8
Dwelling Units											
	# DUs	Noise Reduction									
		Min dB	Avg dB	Max dB							
All Selected	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
All Impacted	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
All that meet NR Goal	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				



INPUT: TRAFFIC FOR LAeq1h Volumes

SR 54 Ashton Oak 1:55 - 2:05

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INPUT: TRAFFIC FOR LAeq1h Volumes

PROJECT/CONTRACT: SR 54 Ashton Oak 1:55 - 2:05

RUN: 416561

Roadway Name	Points Name	No.	Segment											
			Autos			MTrucks			HTrucks			Buses		
			V	S	veh/hr	V	S	veh/hr	V	S	veh/hr	V	S	veh/hr
WB	point2	2	558	49	49	36	49	49	6	49	18	49	0	0
	point1	1												
EB	point3	3	528	49	49	36	49	49	24	49	12	49	6	49
	point4	4												

INPUT: RECEIVERS

SR 54 Ashton Oak 1:55 - 2:05

FDOT  
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INPUT: RECEIVERS

PROJECT/CONTRACT: SR 54 Ashton Oak 1:55 - 2:05  
RUN: 416561

Receiver												
Name	No.	#DUs	Coordinates (ground)			Height above Ground	Input Sound Levels and Criteria				Active In Calc.	
			X	Y	Z		Existing LAeq1h	Impact Criteria LAeq1h	Sub'l	NR Goal		
			ft	ft	ft	ft	dBA	dBA	dB	dB		
Receiver1	1	1	0.0	196.0	0.00	5.00	0.00	66	10.0	8.0	Y	

INPUT: ROADWAYS

SR 54 Ashton Oak 1:55 - 2:05

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INPUT: ROADWAYS

PROJECT/CONTRACT:

SR 54 Ashton Oak 1:55 - 2:05

RUN:

416561

Average pavement type shall be used unless  
a State highway agency substantiates the use  
of a different type with the approval of FHWA

Roadway		Points									
Name	Width	Name	No.	Coordinates (pavement)			Flow Control			Segment	
				X	Y	Z	Control Device	Speed Constraint	Percent Vehicles Affected	Pvmt Type	On Struct?
	ft			ft	ft	ft		mph	%		
WB	12.0	point2	2	1,000.0		100.0			0.00	Average	
		point1	1	-1,000.0		100.0			0.00		
EB	12.0	point3	3	-1,000.0		88.0			0.00	Average	
		point4	4	1,000.0		88.0			0.00		



**NOISE DATA  
FIELD VALIDATION**

Date 4/17/08

Project SR54

WPI 416561-1

Location New River Methodist Church

Distance from Center of Near Travel Lane 100 ft.

Width of Roadway/Lanes 12 ft. 12 ft. # lanes 2

Barrier/Buffer \_\_\_\_\_

Terrain \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Height of Meter Microphone 5 ft. Length of Run 10 min. Time 1:55 (am)(pm)

<u>Traffic:</u>	<u>Counted:</u>	<u>Hourly Conversion:</u>	<u>Radar Gun Reading:</u>		
Cars =	<u>97</u> x6	<u>582</u>	<u>47</u>	avg. mph	Posted speed
	<u>110</u> x6	<u>660</u>		avg. mph	<u>45</u> mph
MT =	<u>6</u> x6	<u>36</u>		avg. mph	
	<u>7</u> x6	<u>42</u>		avg. mph	
HT =	<u>4</u> x6	<u>24</u>		avg. mph	
	<u>2</u> x6	<u>12</u>		avg. mph	
MC =	<u>2</u> x6	<u>12</u>		avg. mph	
	<u>2</u> x6	<u>12</u>		avg. mph	
Buses =	<u>1</u> x6	<u>6</u>		avg. mph	
	<u>2</u> x6	<u>12</u>	✓	avg. mph	

Unusual Events:

Wind gusts of 2-4 mph

**Results:**

Lav (Leq) 65.1 dB

Lpk (peak) 100.8 dB

Computer 64.6 dB

**Field Staff:**

Robin Rhinesmith  
Dan DeForge

# RESULTS: SOUND LEVELS

SR 54 Ashton Oak 1:55 - 2:05

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## RESULTS: SOUND LEVELS

PROJECT/CONTRACT: SR 54 Ashton Oak 1:55 - 2:05

RUN: 416561

BARRIER DESIGN: INPUT HEIGHTS

ATMOSPHERICS: 68 deg F, 50% RH

Average pavement type shall be used unless  
a State highway agency substantiates the use  
of a different type with approval of FHWA.

Receiver											
Name	No.	#DUs	Existing LAeq1h	No Barrier		With Barrier		Type Impact	Noise Reduction		Calculated minus Goal dB
				LAeq1h	Crit'n	Calculated	Crit'n		Calculated	Goal	
				dBA		dBA	dBA		dBA		
Receiver1	1	1	0.0	64.6	66	64.6	10	---	64.6	0.0	8
Dwelling Units		# DUs	Noise Reduction								
			Min	Avg	Max						
			dB	dB	dB						
All Selected		1	0.0	0.0	0.0						
All Impacted		0	0.0	0.0	0.0						
All that meet NR Goal		0	0.0	0.0	0.0						

INPUT: TRAFFIC FOR LAeq1h Volumes

SR 54 Ashton Oak 1:55 - 2:05

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INPUT: TRAFFIC FOR LAeq1h Volumes

PROJECT/CONTRACT:

SR 54 Ashton Oak 1:55 - 2:05

RUN:

416561

Roadway		Points													
Name		No.	Segment	Autos		MTrucks		HTricks		Buses		Motorcycles			
				V	S	V	S	V	S	V	S	V	S		
				veh/hr	mph	veh/hr	mph	veh/hr	mph	veh/hr	mph	veh/hr	mph	veh/hr	mph
WB		2	660	47		42	47	47	12	47	12	47	12	47	47
	point2														
	point1	1													
EB		3	582	47		36	47	47	24	47	6	47	12	47	47
	point3														
	point4	4													

INPUT: ROADWAYS

SR 54 Ashton Oak 1:55 - 2:05

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INPUT: ROADWAYS

PROJECT/CONTRACT:

SR 54 Ashton Oak 1:55 - 2:05

416561

RUN:

Average pavement type shall be used unless  
a State highway agency substantiates the use  
of a different type with the approval of FHWA

Roadway		Points									
Name	Width	Name	No.	Coordinates (pavement)			Flow Control		Percent Vehicles Affected	Segment	On
				X	Y	Z	Control Device	Speed Constraint		Pvmt Type	Struct?
	ft			ft	ft	ft		mph	%		
WB	12.0	point2	2	1,000.0		100.0			0.00	Average	
		point1	1	-1,000.0		100.0			0.00		
EB	12.0	point3	3	-1,000.0		88.0			0.00	Average	
		point4	4	1,000.0		88.0			0.00		



**INPUT: RECEIVERS**

SR 54 Ashton Oak 1:55 - 2:05

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**INPUT: RECEIVERS**

**PROJECT/CONTRACT:**

**RUN:**

SR 54 Ashton Oak 1:55 - 2:05

416561

**Receiver**

Name	No.	#DUs	Coordinates (ground)			Height above Ground	Input Sound Levels and Criteria				Active	
			X	Y	Z		Existing LAeq1h	Impact Criteria LAeq1h	Sub'i	NR Goal	In	Calc.
			ft	ft	ft	ft	dBA	dBA	dB	dB		
Receiver1	1	1	0.0	196.0	0.00	5.00	0.00	66	10.0	8.0	Y	

**NOISE DATA  
FIELD VALIDATION**

Date 4/17/08

Project SR54

WPI 416561-1

Location New River Township

Distance from Center of Near Travel Lane 80 ft.

Width of Roadway/Lanes 12 ft. 12 ft. # lanes 2

Barrier/Buffer 5'6" wall

Terrain grass Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Height of Meter Microphone 5 ft. Length of Run 10 min. Time 2:40 (am) (pm)

<u>Traffic:</u>	<u>Counted:</u>	<u>Hourly Conversion:</u>	<u>Radar Gun Reading:</u>		
Cars =	<u>124</u> x6	<u>744</u>	<u>47</u>	avg. mph	Posted speed
	<u>104</u> x6	<u>624</u>		avg. mph	<u>45</u> mph
MT =	<u>5</u> x6	<u>30</u>		avg. mph	
	<u>5</u> x6	<u>30</u>		avg. mph	
HT =	<u>3</u> x6	<u>36</u>		avg. mph	
	<u>3</u> x6	<u>36</u>		avg. mph	
MC =	<u>0</u> x6			avg. mph	
	<u>0</u> x6			avg. mph	
Buses =	<u>3</u> x6	<u>18</u>		avg. mph	
	<u>4</u> x6	<u>24</u>		avg. mph	

Unusual Events:

Wind at 3mph

**Results:**

Lav (Leq) 65.6 dB  
Lpk (peak) 113.4 dB  
Computer 66.5 dB

**Field Staff:**

Robin Rhinesmith  
Dan DeForge

RESULTS: SOUND LEVELS

SR 54 New River Twosp 2:40-2:50

FDOT  
rnr

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RESULTS: SOUND LEVELS

PROJECT/CONTRACT:

SR 54 New River Twosp 2:40-2:50

RUN:

416561

BARRIER DESIGN:

INPUT HEIGHTS

Average pavement type shall be used unless  
a State highway agency substantiates the use  
of a different type with approval of FHWA.

ATMOSPHERICS:

68 deg F, 50% RH

Receiver		With Barrier									
Name	No.	#DUs	Existing LAeq1h	No Barrier		Increase over existing		Type Impact	Calculated		Calculated minus Goal dB
				LAeq1h	Crit'n	Calculated	Crit'n Sub'l Inc		LAeq1h	Noise Reduction	
				Calculated	dBA	dBA	dB		Calculated	Goal	
Receiver1	1	1	0.0	66.5	66	66.5	10	Snd Lvl	66.5	0.0	8
Dwelling Units											
	# DUs	Noise Reduction									
		Min	Avg	Max							
		dB	dB	dB							
All Selected	1	0.0	0.0	0.0							
All Impacted	1	0.0	0.0	0.0							
All that meet NR Goal	0	0.0	0.0	0.0							

INPUT: ROADWAYS

SR 54 New River Twosp 2:40-2:50

FDOT

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TNM 2.5

INPUT: ROADWAYS

PROJECT/CONTRACT:

SR 54 New River Twosp 2:40-2:50

416561

Average pavement type shall be used unless a State highway agency substantiates the use of a different type with the approval of FHWA

RUN:

Roadway		Points									
Name	Width	Name	No.	Coordinates (pavement)			Flow Control			Segment	
				X	Y	Z	Control Device	Speed Constraint	Percent Vehicles Affected	Pvmt Type	On Struct?
	ft			ft	ft	ft		mph	%		
WB		12.0	point2	2	1,000.0	100.0	0.00			Average	
			point1	1	-1,000.0	100.0	0.00				
EB		12.0	point3	3	-1,000.0	88.0	0.00			Average	
			point4	4	1,000.0	88.0	0.00				



INPUT: RECEIVERS

SR 54 New River Twmsp 2:40-2:50

FDOT

rmf

21 April 2008

TNM 2.5

INPUT: RECEIVERS

PROJECT/CONTRACT:

RUN: 416561

SR 54 New River Twmsp 2:40-2:50

416561

Receiver

Name	No.	#DUs	Coordinates (ground)			Height above Ground	Input Sound Levels and Criteria				Active In Calc.
			X	Y	Z		Existing LAeq1h	Impact Criteria LAeq1h	Sub'l	NR Goal	
			ft	ft	ft	ft	dBA	dBA	dB	dB	
Receiver1	1	1	0.0	180.0	0.00	5.00	0.00	66	10.0	8.0	Y

## **APPENDIX C**

### ***TNM Input/Output***

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## **APPENDIX D**

### ***TNM Barrier Analysis***

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