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INTRODUCTION

ASC Group, Inc., under contract with RQAW Inc., completed a noise assessment for the planned I-65 Added Travel Lane project from SR 26 to SR 25 in Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana. This noise analysis was done to satisfy requirements of the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Traffic Noise Policy (INDOT 2011), which is INDOT's implementation of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regulations found in Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 772 as modified on July 13, 2010. The analysis conforms to procedures specified in both the INDOT Traffic Noise Policy and in FHWA guidance (FHWA 2011).

This report is organized with a project description section following this introduction that describes the project and evaluates its project type under FHWA regulations. The next section identifies land uses in terms of FHWA activity classifications and noise abatement criteria. Within the identified land-use areas, individual receptors are identified for analysis. Noise impact criteria are also discussed in this section. The subsequent section evaluates existing and future noise levels, including descriptions of the modeling approach and input data, field measurements, and model validation/calibration. Modeling results are presented in this section for Existing, No-Build, and Build scenarios. Noise abatement measures and construction noise issues are discussed in the next section, followed by a final section that summarizes the noise analysis and its conclusions. Tables and figures are located at the end of the text before the appendices. Appendix A contains a description of noise fundamentals and terminology that may be useful to readers not already knowledgeable in traffic noise analysis. Appendix B contains field data sheets and equipment calibration certificates. Input and output files from computer modeling runs are available in electronic format.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND TYPE

The proposed project would improve the I-65 corridor from 0.7 mile north of the State Route (SR) 26 interchange to 0.7 mile north of the SR 25 interchange in Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana. The project entails adding a third travel lane in each direction. The new lanes will be added in the median and existing travel lanes and ramps will not be moved.

Because this project includes new travel lanes, it is considered a Type I project as defined in FHWA (2011). For Type I projects, INDOT (2011) requires that traffic noise be analyzed over

an area extending 500 ft from the edge of pavement where construction will occur. The project location is shown on Figure 1.

LAND USES AND RECEPTORS

Under FHWA regulations, a traffic noise impact occurs when predicted traffic noise levels in the Build scenario approach or exceed noise abatement criteria (NAC) values or when a substantial increase is predicted to occur compared with existing noise levels. Noise abatement is considered wherever such impacts occur. NAC are defined based on land use activity categories as shown in Table 1. The NAC values are used solely to determine when noise impacts occur and when noise abatement is considered; they should not be considered Federal standards or even desirable noise levels.

INDOT (2011) defines the term “approach” to mean within 1 A-weighted decibel (dBA) of a NAC and a “substantial” increase to mean that future noise levels exceed existing levels by 15 dBA or more. Thus, for a Category B land use area with a NAC $L_{eq}(h)$ of 67 dBA, an impact occurs at a receptor and noise abatement is considered for that receptor if predicted noise levels reach 66 dBA. However, if the existing noise level for the area is 45 dBA, then an impact would occur and noise abatement would be considered if the predicted noise level exceeded 60 dBA.

FHWA (2011) defines a receptor as a discrete or representative location of a noise sensitive area for any of the land uses listed in Table 1. In this noise analysis, receptors were located within each noise sensitive land use area and noise levels were determined at the receptors through modeling. Where possible, receptors were located in areas of frequent human use near residences and other buildings; for example, on patios and balconies. Where no area of frequent human use was observed, receptors were placed near doors or windows.

Aerial photos were used to classify land uses within the noise study area according to the categories given in Table 1 and to identify individual receptors within those land use areas. Land uses and receptor locations were verified and refined during a site visit on May 7, 2014. Land use categories present in the noise study area include Category B (residential), Category C (a picnic area and a school), and Category F (retail, manufacturing, agricultural, and other land uses not considered to be sensitive to noise). Land use areas B, C, and F are shown as shaded regions on Figure 2 (Sheets 1–8). Seven Category G (undeveloped) areas were also identified; these are not shaded on Figure 2.

Receptors used in the modeling analysis are shown on Figure 2 (Sheets 1–8). They are labeled with the identification number used in the modeling files and in the results tables presented later in this report.

Most of the residential receptors in this study represent single-family houses. In addition, receptors 63 through 66 represent duplexes and receptors 104 through 117 represent units in the Ironwood Apartments complex. To reduce modeling computation times, most of these multi-residence receptors represent more than one dwelling unit. Receptors were placed at a height of 5 ft above the ground for ground-level units. Receptors were placed at a height of 15 ft for second floor apartments (receptors 104a through 112a).

EXISTING AND FUTURE NOISE LEVELS

This section describes the modeling approach used to compute existing and future noise levels, input data used in the modeling, and field measurements used in model validation.

SCENARIOS

Three scenarios were evaluated: Existing (current conditions), No-Build (future conditions if the project is not constructed), and Build (future conditions if the project is constructed). FHWA regulations use results of the Existing and Build scenarios to determine if impacts will occur. The No-Build scenario was analyzed to provide additional information for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents. Existing and No-Build scenarios include the existing street configuration and traffic data for the years 2015 and 2035, respectively. The Build scenario includes the proposed highway configuration with added lanes and traffic data for 2035. Receptors were the same for all scenarios.

MODELING

Each scenario was modeled using the current version of the FHWA's Traffic Noise Model (TNM) version 2.5 (Anderson et al. 1998; Lau et al. 2004). Input data requirements for TNM include detailed information about roadway alignments, elevations, and traffic volumes. In addition, other elements that may affect noise transmission between the roadways and the receptors can be specified as necessary. These other elements include topography, existing barriers, buildings, trees, and ground surfaces. TNM input data elements are described below.

Roadways

The primary source of highway noise in the study area is I-65. SR 25 (Schuyler Road) and one ramp (Ramp C: I-65 SB to SR 25) were included in the modeling in addition to I-65

because of their proximity to some receptors. Other roads in the area, including ramps, were considered to have negligible effect on noise levels at the receptors modeled. For I-65, one TNM roadway was defined for each travel lane, and traffic volumes were assigned to each lane as appropriate for the scenario being modeled. Details are given in the traffic section below.

TNM roadways were also defined for Eisenhower Road and County Road (CR) E 200 N to establish terrain elevations and overpass locations in the model. Traffic volumes were not available for these roads and they are not considered significant noise sources.

Roadway elevations used in modeling were obtained from the design drawings provided by RQAW.

Traffic Data

Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) volumes, design hourly volumes (DHVs), and associated commercial truck fractions (TDs) were provided by INDOT for the years 2015 and 2035 (INDOT 2014a,b). Traffic volumes and fractions are shown in Table 2.

For each road segment, the TNM model uses as input data the average speed and the number of vehicles per hour for up to five vehicle classes. For this project, traffic speeds were determined from speed limits—65 mph for cars and 60 mph for trucks. However, obtaining values of vehicles per hour in the required vehicle type categories from DHVs and TDs requires certain assumptions and numerical manipulations. Traffic volumes for three of the TNM vehicle classes were estimated from the values given in Table 2: cars (vehicles with two axles and four tires such as cars, light vans, pickup trucks) and medium trucks (vehicles with two axles and six tires), and heavy trucks (vehicles with three or more axles). The other two TNM vehicle classes (buses and motorcycles) were not used because they cannot be distinguished from cars and trucks in the traffic volumes provided. The relative volumes of medium and heavy trucks were computed using the average heavy truck fraction obtained from traffic counts taken when noise measurements were made on May 7, 2014. Traffic volumes used in the TNM modeling are given in Table 3. Calculations and factors are explained in the footnotes to the table.

Topography

Terrain lines were used in the TNM model to represent significant terrain features. Locations and elevations for the terrain lines were from elevation contours shown on design drawings provided by RQAW and supplemented where necessary using data from the Google earth program. Elevations for roads and proposed noise barriers at shoulders and ROW lines

were also taken from the design drawings. Elevations for receptors and other TNM elements were obtained from the Google earth program.

Other TNM Data Elements

Other data elements that may be defined in TNM include building rows, tree zones, ground zones, and existing barriers. For this project, existing barriers were used to represent large buildings and building rows were used to represent rows of houses that could affect noise levels at some receptors. Ground zones and tree zones were not needed.

MEASUREMENTS AND MODEL CALIBRATION/VALIDATION

This section describes the ambient noise measurements obtained for this project and how those measurements were used to (1) characterize the ambient noise environment and (2) to validate the TNM model for this application. Sounds in the noise study area may arise from a variety of sources, of which traffic on nearby roads is only one. Other noise sources may include air conditioners, lawn mowers and other home maintenance equipment, power transformers, aircraft, animals, children, etc. TNM is only capable of modeling traffic noise, so it is important in trying to predict future noise levels to determine if traffic noise dominates the area or if other noises in the area are significant. This is done by comparing measured noise levels with modeling results at the measurement locations as discussed below.

Measurements

Noise measurements were taken at two locations on May 7, 2014. Measurements were attempted at other locations in residential areas along Tanglewood Drive and Courtland Avenue, but I-65 traffic was not visible to allow for traffic counts during the measurements. Noise levels in these areas were dominated by traffic noise from I-65 just as in the two measurement locations, so the measurements should be reasonably representative of these areas as well. Table 4 lists the measurement sites and gives additional information about each one. Field measurement locations are marked with yellow/black symbols on Figure 2 (Sheets 2 and 4) and labeled with the prefix “M.”

Noise measurements were made using a Quest SoundPro Sound Level Meter (SLM) that met the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) SI.4-1993, TYPE II standards for accuracy (ANSI 1993) and that was capable of automatically computing L_{eq} values. SLM calibration was checked using a 114-dB calibrator before and after each measurement, and meter

readings were adjusted for instrument bias and drift following FHWA procedures (Lee and Fleming 1996). Calibration certification statements for the SLM and the calibrator are shown in Appendix B. Noise measurements and calibration data are presented in Table 5.

Measurement durations were at least 15 minutes in order to adequately capture noise variations over time and obtain an accurate L_{eq} value. Distances from nearby roads, buildings, and structures were measured at each site. Sketches were made on field data sheets of each site showing the measurement location relative to roads, buildings and structures, noting terrain features and surface types. Wind speeds, temperatures, and barometric pressures during each measurement as reported on the weather underground internet site were recorded. During measurements, wind speeds were 8 to 11 mph from the southwest. The temperature was about 75°F and relative humidity was about 50 percent.

Traffic was recorded on a video camera during each measurement period. The videos were watched in the office to obtain vehicle counts that were entered on the field data sheets. Copies of the field data sheets are in Appendix B.

Model Validation

In order to validate the modeling setup used in this project, TNM was run at each measurement location using traffic data collected during the measurement. Roads and other TNM elements (except receptors) were the same as in the Existing scenario. As shown in Table 6, modeled values were within 3 dBA of measured values at all locations. Therefore, the model is considered valid for this project.

MODELING RESULTS AND IMPACT IDENTIFICATION

Predicted noise levels are shown in Table 7 for all three scenarios. Noise impacts are predicted due to NACs being approached or exceeded at one non-residential receptor and at receptors representing 80 residences as discussed below. The non-residential impact is predicted at a picnic area located at the Wildcat Winery property (receptor 7). Receptor 17, at the only school in the study area, is not impacted.

Residential impacts occurred at both single-family houses and at the Ironwood Apartment complex. North of the Eisenhower Road, impacts were predicted at receptors representing relatively isolated houses (2–6, 8, 10–13, and 16). The remaining impacted houses are located in three areas: along Tanglewood Drive, along Courtland Avenue, and east of Sapphire Court. Although most of the impacts are at front-row receptors (those nearest I-65), a few occur at

distances up to about 400 ft from I-65 (68–71). At the Ironwood Apartment complex, impacts are predicted at six first-floor receptors (106, 108–110, 116, and 117) and five second-floor receptors (104a, 106a, 108a–110a), representing a total of 21 residences.

NOISE ABATEMENT ALTERNATIVES

Several noise abatement measures were considered for the impacted receptors in this project. These include traffic management measures, noise insulation, alteration of alignment, acquisition of real property, and noise barrier construction. Due to limitations on INDOT's ability to acquire property for mitigation or to mitigate sites off of state rights-of-way (ROW), the most common form of abatement is the construction of noise barriers.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES

Different traffic controls on I-65 would not be practical. Lowering speed limits may reduce noise levels, but would also reduce functionality of the road system. Therefore, additional traffic management measures are considered not feasible.

NOISE INSULATION

In Indiana, impacted non-profit and public buildings may be eligible for noise insulation. There is one school within the noise study area, but it is not impacted. Therefore, noise insulation is not applicable.

ALTERATION OF ALIGNMENT

Alignment modifications generally involve orienting and/or locating the roadway sufficient distances from noise-sensitive areas to minimize noise impacts. Proposed new lanes are located immediately adjacent to existing lanes in the median. Any other location would be cost prohibitive. Thus, neither vertical nor horizontal modifications to the proposed alignment are considered feasible or reasonable noise abatement measures for this project.

ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR BUFFER ZONES

Buffer zones are undeveloped open spaces that border a highway. Buffer zones are created when a highway agency purchases land or development rights in addition to the normal ROW so that future dwellings cannot be constructed near the highway in areas with the potential for excessive traffic noise. However, as mentioned above, INDOT's ability to acquire property for mitigation or to mitigate sites off of state ROW is limited, and this is not considered a suitable option.

NOISE BARRIER CONSTRUCTION

To be considered for construction, a noise barrier must be considered both feasible and reasonable as defined in INDOT (2011).

The term feasibility includes two aspects: acoustic feasibility and engineering feasibility. For a barrier to be acoustically feasible, it must achieve a 5 dBA noise reduction at a majority of impacted receptors. To meet the engineering feasibility criterion, INDOT requires that the barrier be designed based on sound engineering practices and standards and that the barrier is optimally located. If the roadway is at a higher elevation than nearby receptors, the barrier is evaluated near the shoulder. If the receptors are at a higher elevation than the roadway, the barrier is evaluated at the ROW. Engineering feasibility also takes into account topography, drainage, safety, barrier height, utilities, and access/maintenance needs.

For a barrier to be reasonable, it must meet the noise reduction design goal, it must be cost-effective, and it must be desired by the landowners and residents who would benefit from the barrier. INDOT's design goal for noise abatement is to provide at least a 7.0 dBA reduction in noise levels for at least 50 percent of impacted, first row receptors (INDOT 2011). A first row receptor is one that is located on the first land parcel directly adjacent to the highway. Effective cost is computed by dividing the total construction cost of the barrier by the number of benefited receptors. A benefited receptor is one at which noise levels are reduced by at least 5 dBA, whether or not the receptor was impacted. In an area where the majority of receptors were not built prior to the roadway, an effective cost of \$25,000 or less is considered reasonable. For a feasible barrier that meets the design goal and effective cost criteria, benefited residents and land-owners will be surveyed to determine desirability of the barrier as described in the public involvement section of this report.

For this project, noise barriers were considered for all impacted receptors. However, barrier designs were not developed for impacted receptors north of Eisenhower Road as barriers are unlikely to be cost effective for these relatively isolated residences. Similarly, a noise barrier is unlikely to be cost effective for the picnic area at receptor 7.

Detailed barrier designs were developed for three areas: Tanglewood, Courtland, and Sapphire. For each barrier, two locations were considered—at the roadway shoulder and at the ROW line. At all locations, barriers were defined in 100-ft segments in TNM using elevations taken from the road design drawings. TNM was then used to adjust the height of each segment in

1-ft intervals and observe the effect on modeled noise levels at impacted receptors. Barrier segments were set at the lowest heights consistent with meeting INDOT's design goal and feasibility criteria. The three barriers are summarized in Table 9 and discussed further below.

Tanglewood

For impacted residences along Tanglewood Drive (28-42), several barrier designs were modeled at both the roadway shoulder and at the ROW. Designs were found at both placement options that meet INDOT's acoustic feasibility requirement of providing at least 5 dBA reduction at a majority of impacted receptors. There are no access roads, driveways, or other obstacles to placing the barrier at this location. Therefore, a barrier would be feasible at either the ROW or at the shoulder.

As shown in Table 8 the cost for a barrier at the ROW is \$23,200 per benefited receptor at INDOT's current price of \$30/ft². This is lower than INDOT's reasonable cost limit of \$25,000, so the barrier is considered cost-effective. A barrier design could not be found at the shoulder that would be cost-effective. Therefore, the ROW design option is recommended.

The recommended barrier follows the ROW for 1,600 ft with heights ranging from 10 to 20 ft. As shown in Table 9, this design provides at least 7 dBA noise reduction at 50 percent of impacted front row receptors, thereby meeting INDOT's noise reduction design goal.

Because the Tanglewood barrier meets the feasibility and reasonableness criteria discussed above, the opinions of residents and property owners at benefited receptors will be sought.

Courtland

Barrier designs were evaluated to protect impacted residences near Courtland Avenue, including the Ironwood Apartment complex. Both shoulder and ROW placements were considered, and both placements were found to meet INDOT's acoustic feasibility requirement of providing at least 5 dBA reduction at a majority of impacted receptors. In addition, there are no access roads, driveways, or other obstacles to placing the barrier at this location. Therefore, a barrier would be feasible at either the ROW or at the shoulder.

As shown in Table 8 the cost for a barrier at the ROW is \$19,200 per benefited receptor at INDOT's current price of \$30/ft², and the cost for a barrier at the shoulder is \$24,400 per benefited receptor. Both of these costs are lower than INDOT's reasonable cost limit of \$25,000, so both barrier placements are considered cost-effective. Although the shoulder location has a

higher total price, it benefits more receptors. Therefore, the shoulder design option is recommended.

The recommended barrier follows the shoulder for 2,600 ft with heights ranging from 12 to 20 ft. As shown in Table 9, this design provides at least 7 dBA noise reduction at 77 percent of impacted front row receptors, thereby meeting INDOT's noise reduction design goal.

Because the Courtland barrier meets the feasibility and reasonableness criteria discussed above, the opinions of residents and property owners at benefited receptors will be sought.

Sapphire

For impacted residences located east of Sapphire Court (123–127, 136–138, 140 and 141), several barrier designs were modeled at both the roadway shoulder and at the ROW. A design was found at the shoulder that meets INDOT's acoustic feasibility requirement of providing at least 5 dBA reduction at a majority of impacted receptors. There are no access roads, driveways, or other obstacles to placing the barrier at this location. At the ROW, barrier walls would have to exceed 20 ft in height to meet the acoustic feasibility requirement, a height which is generally cost prohibitive due to additional structural requirements. As shown in Table 8, the costs of barriers at both the ROW and at the shoulder exceed INDOT's reasonable cost limit of \$25,000. Because a cost-reasonable design was not possible at either the ROW or the shoulder, a barrier is not recommended for this location.

UNDEVELOPED AREAS

Seven undeveloped areas are present within the noise study area. To evaluate noise levels in these areas, noise levels were modeled at 50-ft intervals out from the proposed edge of I-65 to a distance of 500 ft or until the noise levels dropped below 66 dBA (the impact threshold for residential land use). Results are shown in Table 10. Noise levels are predicted to exceed 66 dBA to distances of about 350 to 400 ft in most of the undeveloped areas, and as far as 450 ft in Area 4. Local officials are encouraged to consider these results for any future development in these areas.

CONSTRUCTION NOISE

All developed land uses and activities adjacent to the proposed project will be affected by the noise generated during construction activities, primarily by heavy machinery. Heavy machinery (such as front-end loaders, bulldozers, graders, dump trucks, pavers, etc.) will

produce noise at levels ranging from 70 to nearly 100 dBA at a distance of 50 ft. However, it is difficult to accurately predict levels of construction noise at a particular receptor or group of receptors as the machinery is constantly moving in unpredictable patterns.

Daily construction normally occurs during daylight hours when occasional loud noises are more tolerable. No one location is expected to be exposed to construction noise of long duration; therefore, extended disruption of normal activities is not anticipated. However, provisions will be included in the plans and specifications requiring the contractor to make every reasonable effort to minimize construction noise through abatement measures such as work-hour controls and maintenance of muffler systems. Equipment will be operated in compliance with all applicable local ordinances and regulations pertaining to construction noise.

Due to the temporary nature of construction noise, no construction noise barriers are proposed for this project.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

As described in the INDOT Public Involvement Manual (INDOT 2012), a public hearing may be held for this project. Factors determining whether or not a public hearing is held include the type of project, the type of NEPA document required, the amount of permanent ROW required, the amount of adverse impact the project would have on nearby property or the environment, and several other issues. A public hearing is a meeting held at a convenient time and place at which the public can learn about the proposed project and make comments which will be included in a transcript of the meeting.

Whether or not a public hearing is held, residents that would benefit from a proposed noise barrier will be surveyed by mail to inform them about the project and to solicit their opinions on whether or not a barrier should be built. If the property owner is different than the current resident, both the resident and the property owner are surveyed. This survey will include a pre-stamped, self-addressed return postcard, a brief description of the project, and descriptions of the barrier locations under consideration. It will also include a pamphlet on the basics of traffic noise.

If a public hearing is planned, the survey will include information on the upcoming hearing and a description of the decision-making process. Survey responses may be returned via

mail or in person at the hearing. Responses must be expressed in writing by letter, email, or the response postcard.

If no hearing is planned, the survey will set a deadline for return of the survey. If a majority (greater than 50 percent) of benefited residents and property owners do not respond, a second survey will be sent to non-respondents.

INDOT will balance the concerns and opinions of the property owner and the unit occupants with other considerations in determining whether a barrier is appropriate for a given location. If a barrier is proposed adjacent to a business, line of sight issues will be solicited from the business and considered in determining the final barrier location.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Noise modeling results for the proposed I-65 Additional Travel Lane project are summarized in Table 7 and compared with the measured noise levels for the Existing and No-Build scenarios. This analysis identified 80 impacted residences and one picnic area and has determined that noise abatement is likely, but not guaranteed, at two locations. Noise abatement at these locations is based upon preliminary design costs and design criteria. Noise abatement at this time has been estimated to cost \$1,293,000 for the recommended Courtland barrier and \$558,000 for the recommended Tanglewood barrier. These barriers will reduce the noise level by a minimum of 5 dBA at a majority of the identified impacted receptors and will meet the INDOT design goal of providing 7 dBA reduction at a majority of front-row impacted receptors. A reevaluation of the noise analysis will occur during final design. If during final design it has been determined that conditions have changed such that noise abatement is not feasible and reasonable, the abatement measures might not be provided.

The viewpoints of the benefited residents and property owners will be sought and considered in determining the reasonableness of the proposed Tanglewood and Courtland barriers. The final decision on the installation of any abatement measures will be made upon completion of the project's final design and the public involvement processes. INDOT will incorporate highway traffic noise consideration in on-going activities for public involvement in the highway program.

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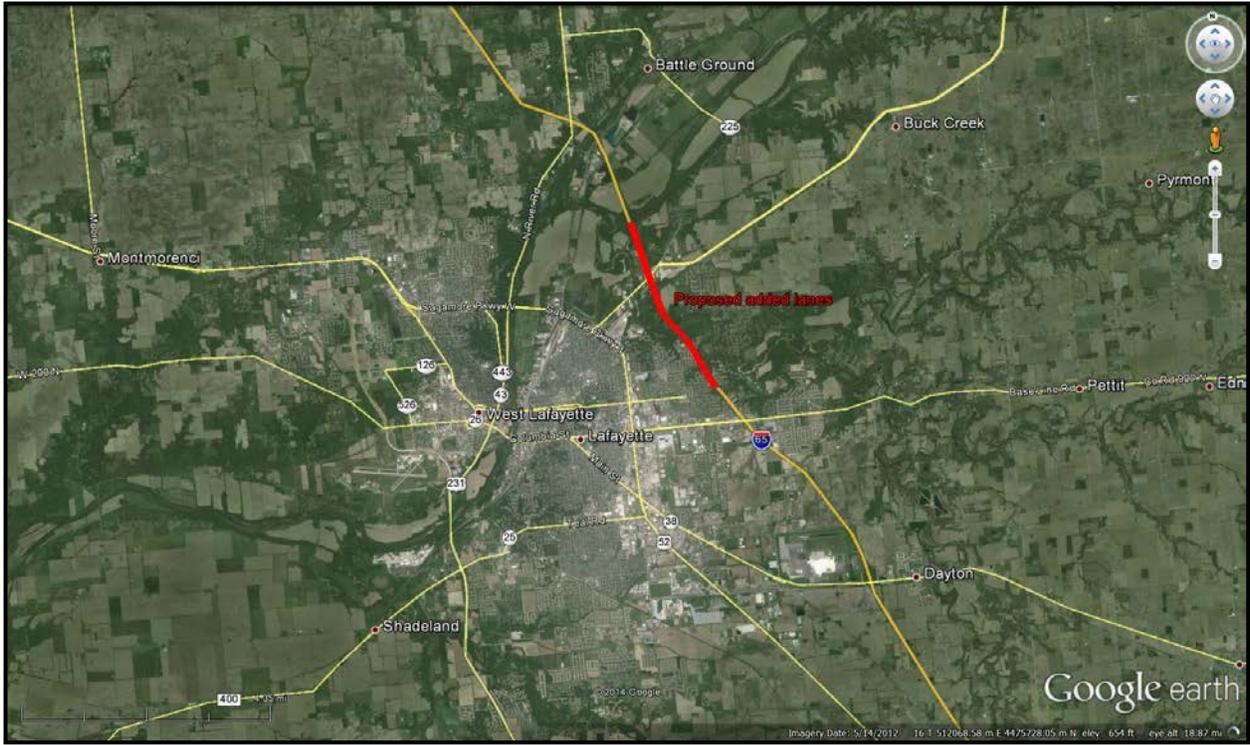


Figure 1. I-65 Project Location.

Figure 2. Noise Analysis Map for I-65 SR 26 to SR 25-Sheets 1-8.

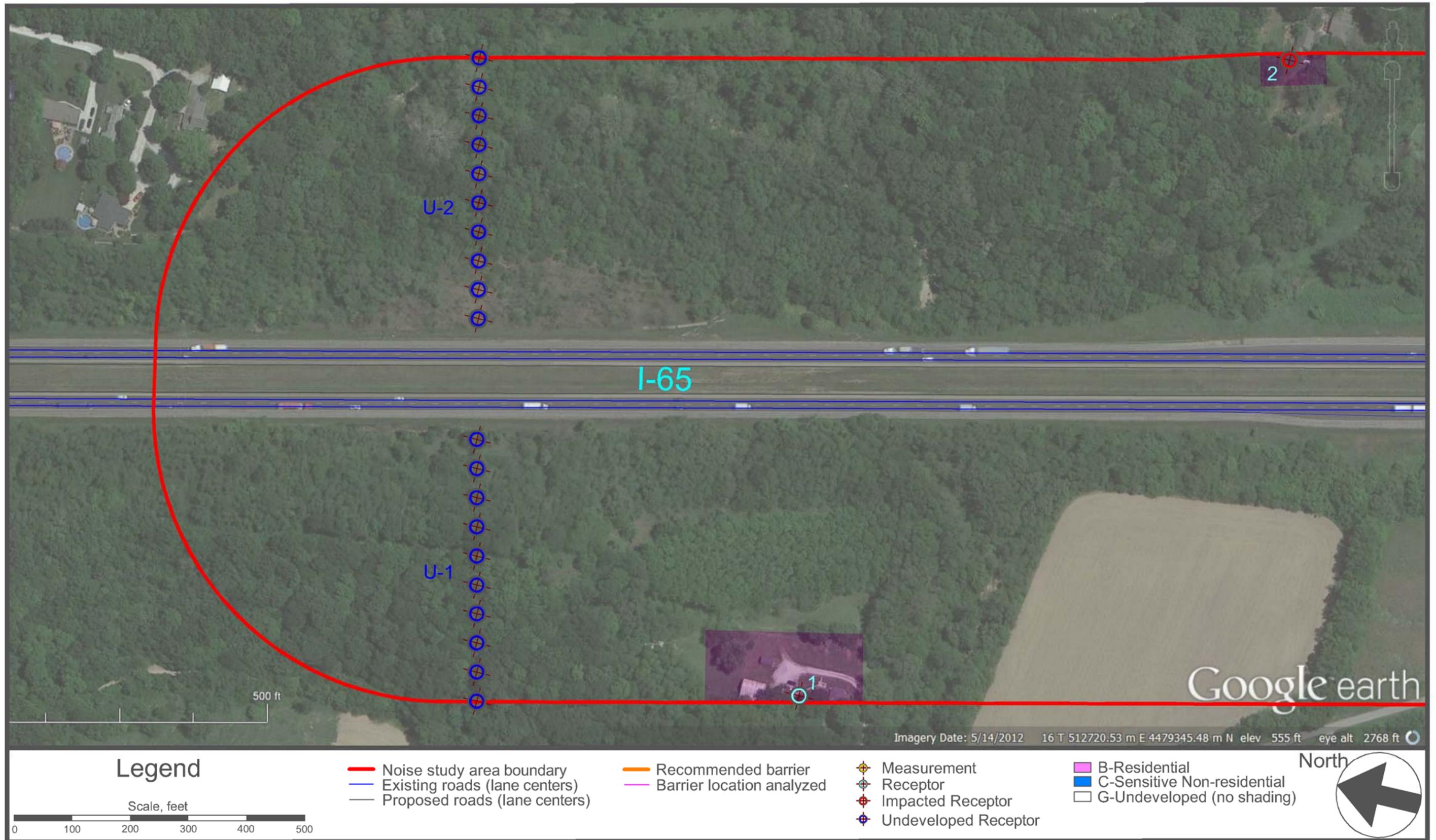


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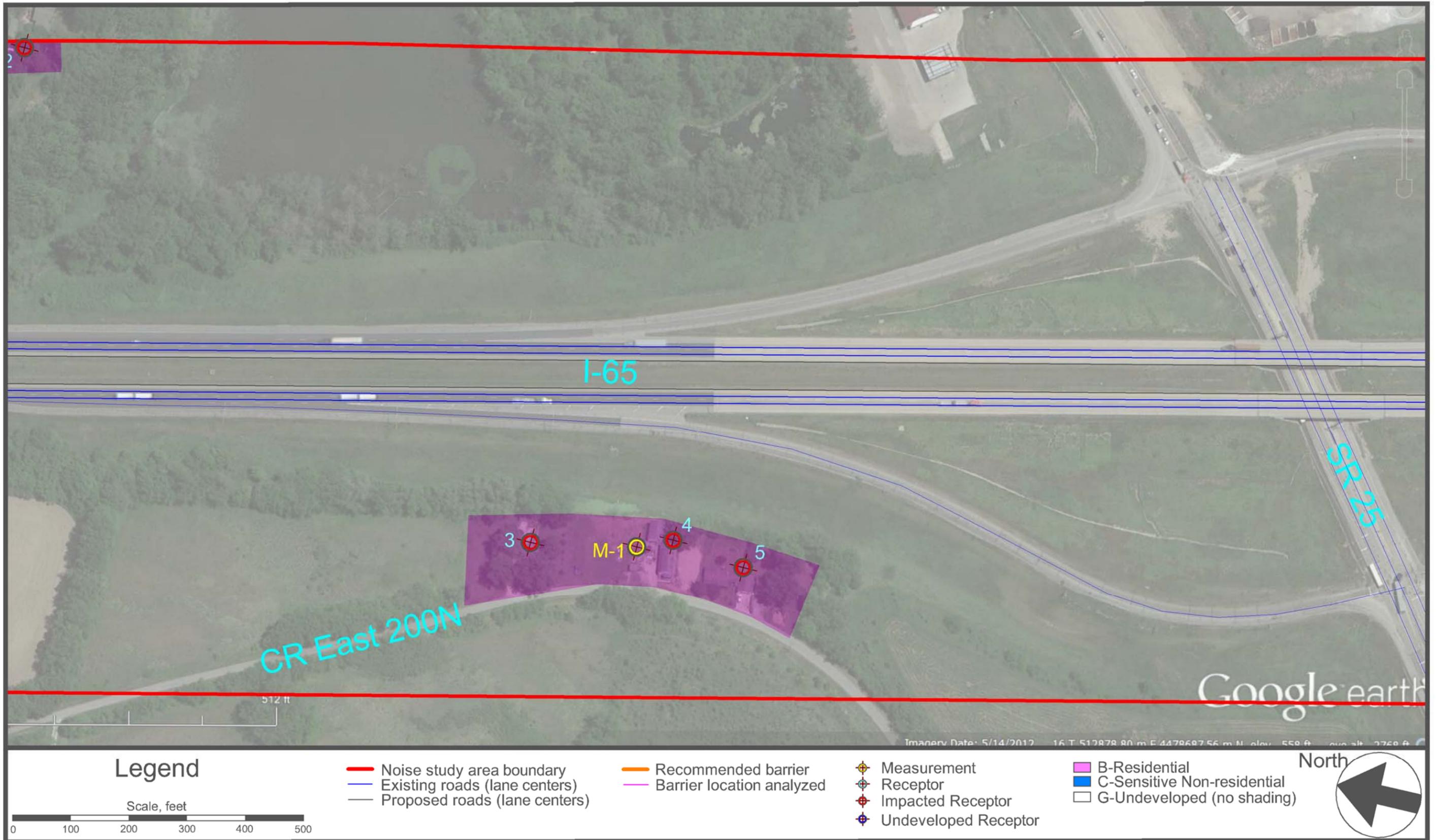
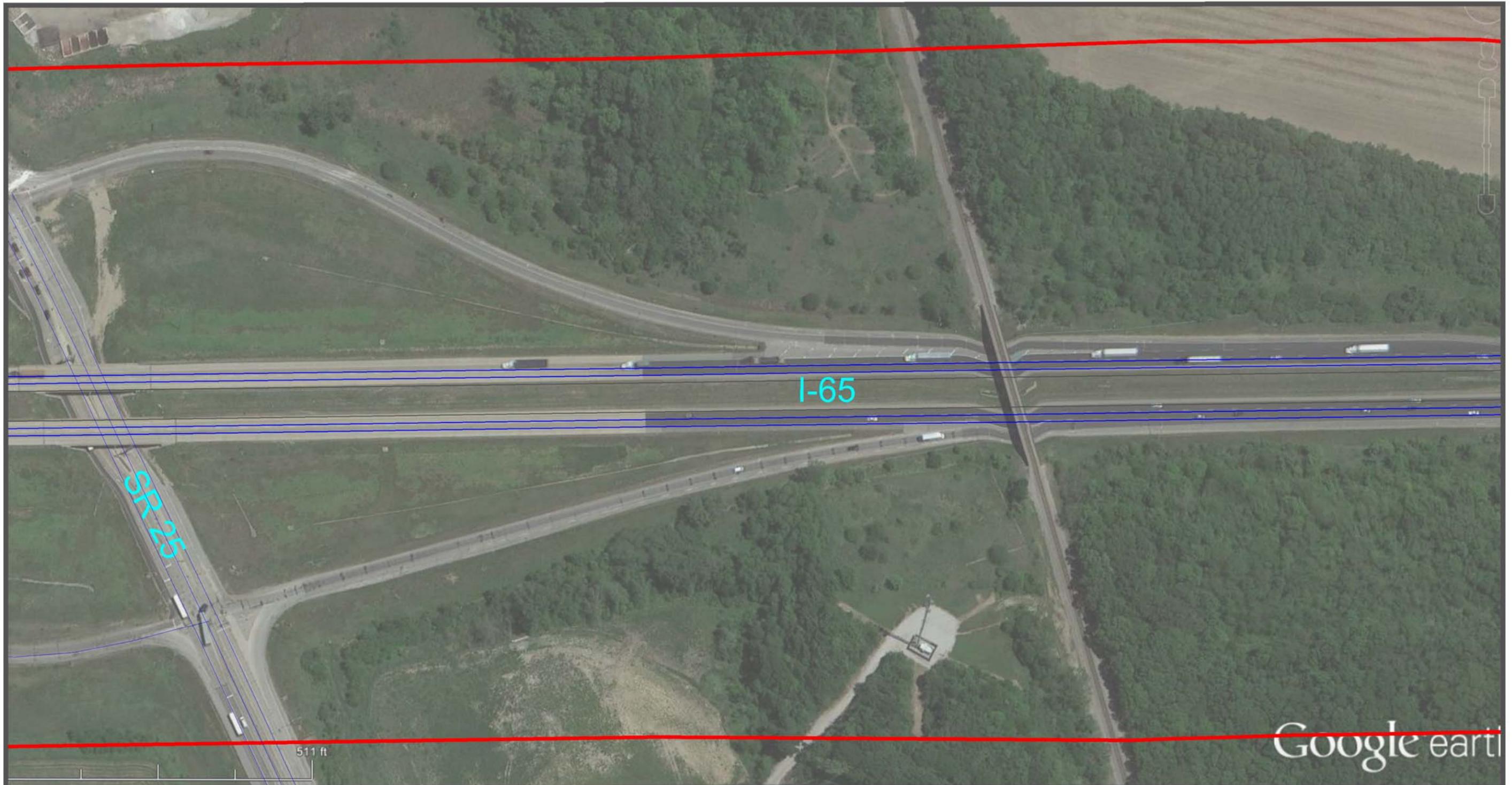


Figure 2. Noise Analysis Map for I-65 SR 26 to SR 25-Sheet 2 of 8.

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Legend Scale, feet 0 100 200 300 400 500	Noise study area boundary	Recommended barrier	Measurement Receptor	B-Residential
	Existing roads (lane centers)	Barrier location analyzed	Impacted Receptor	C-Sensitive Non-residential
	Proposed roads (lane centers)		Undeveloped Receptor	G-Undeveloped (no shading)

Figure 2. Noise Analysis Map for I-65 SR 26 to SR 25-Sheet 3 of 8.

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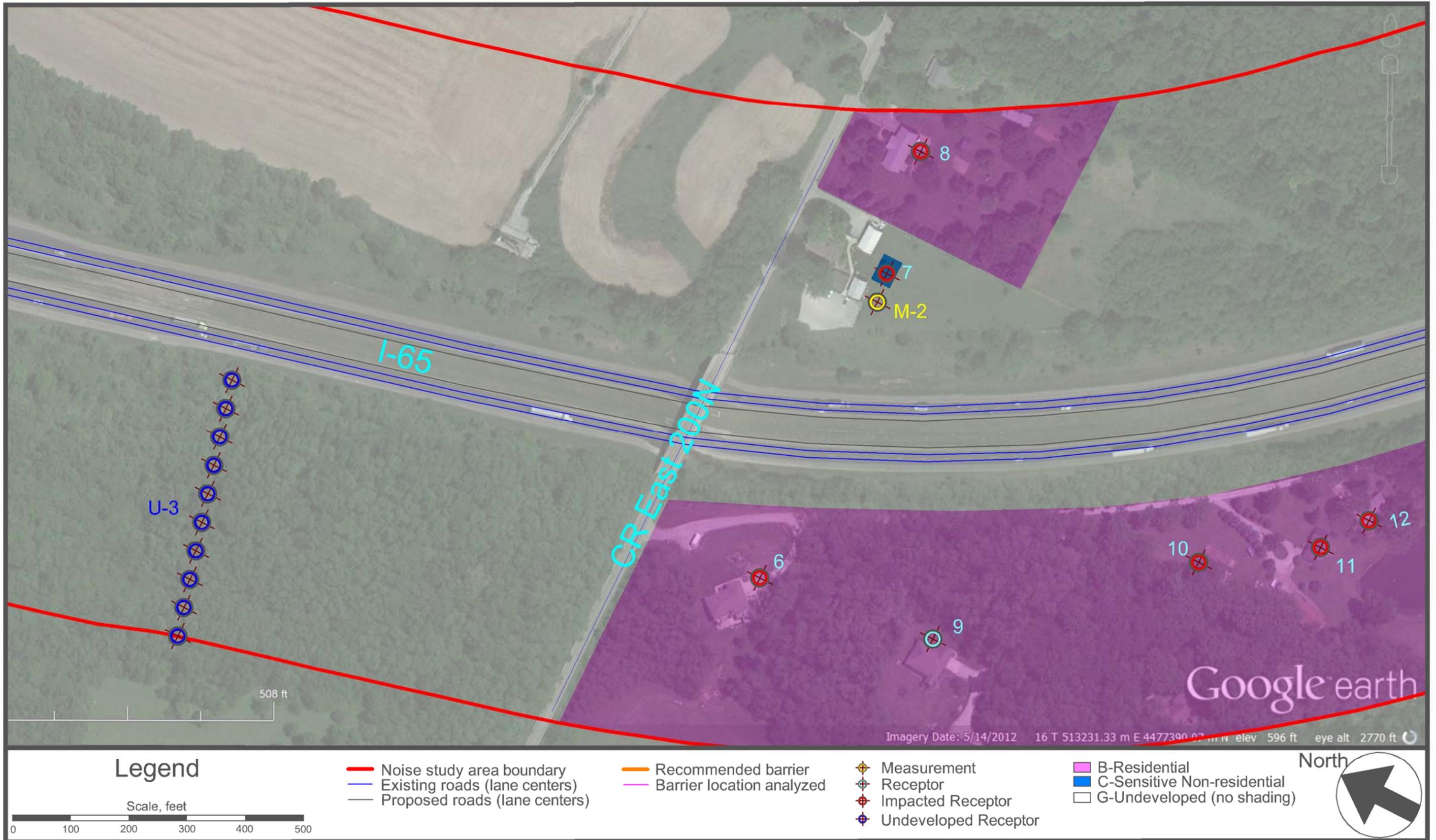


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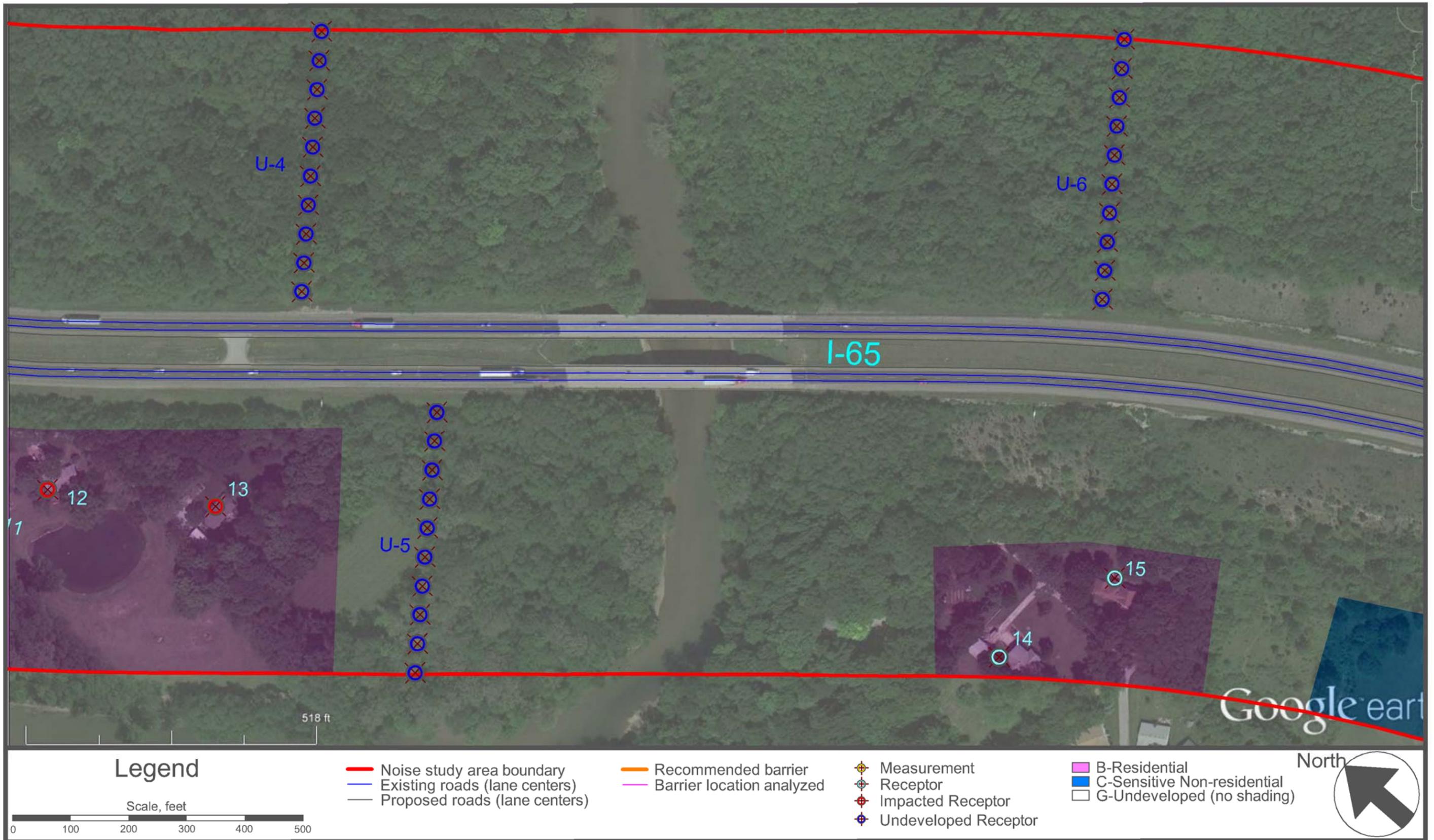


Figure 2. Noise Analysis Map for I-65 SR 26 to SR 25-Sheet 5 of 8.

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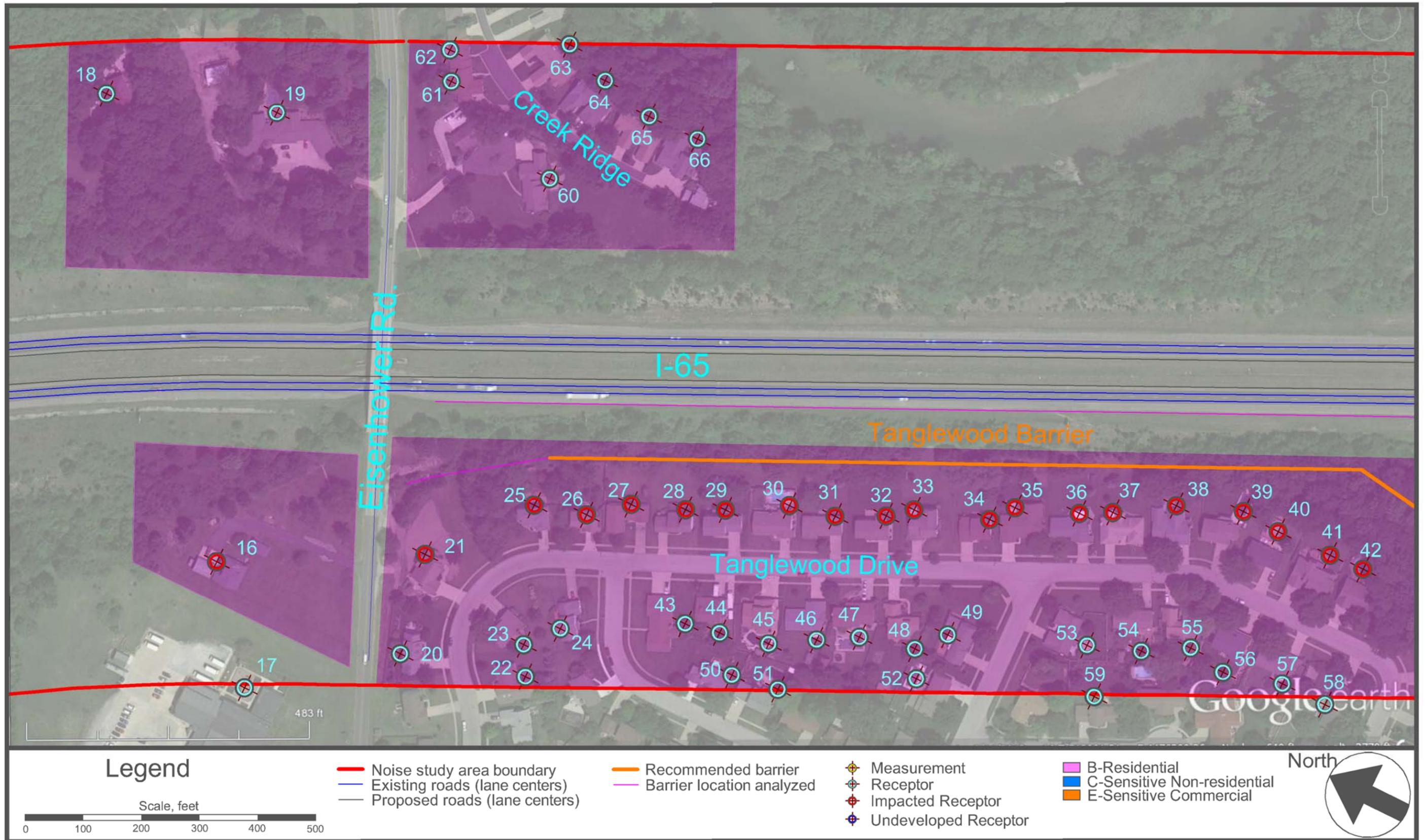


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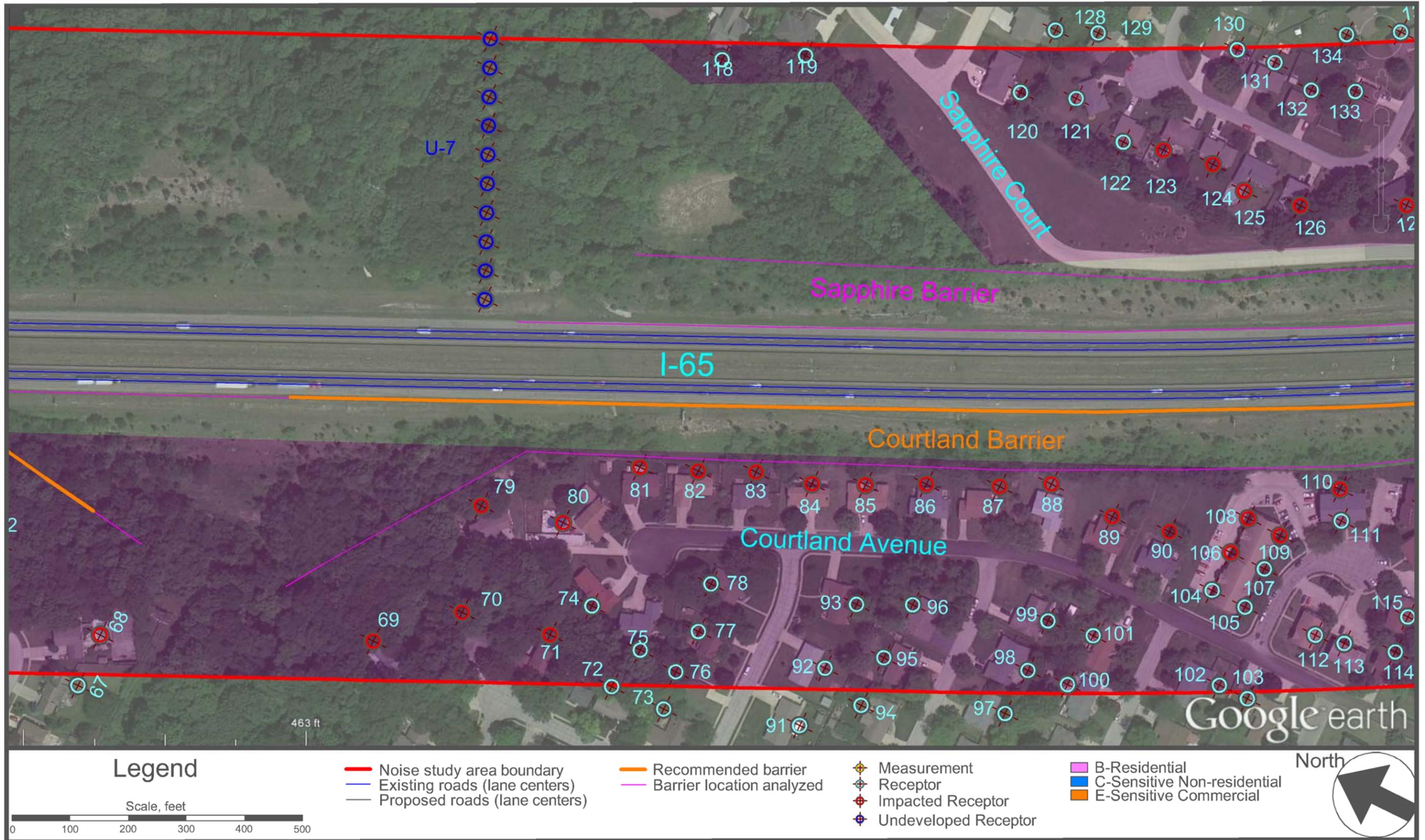


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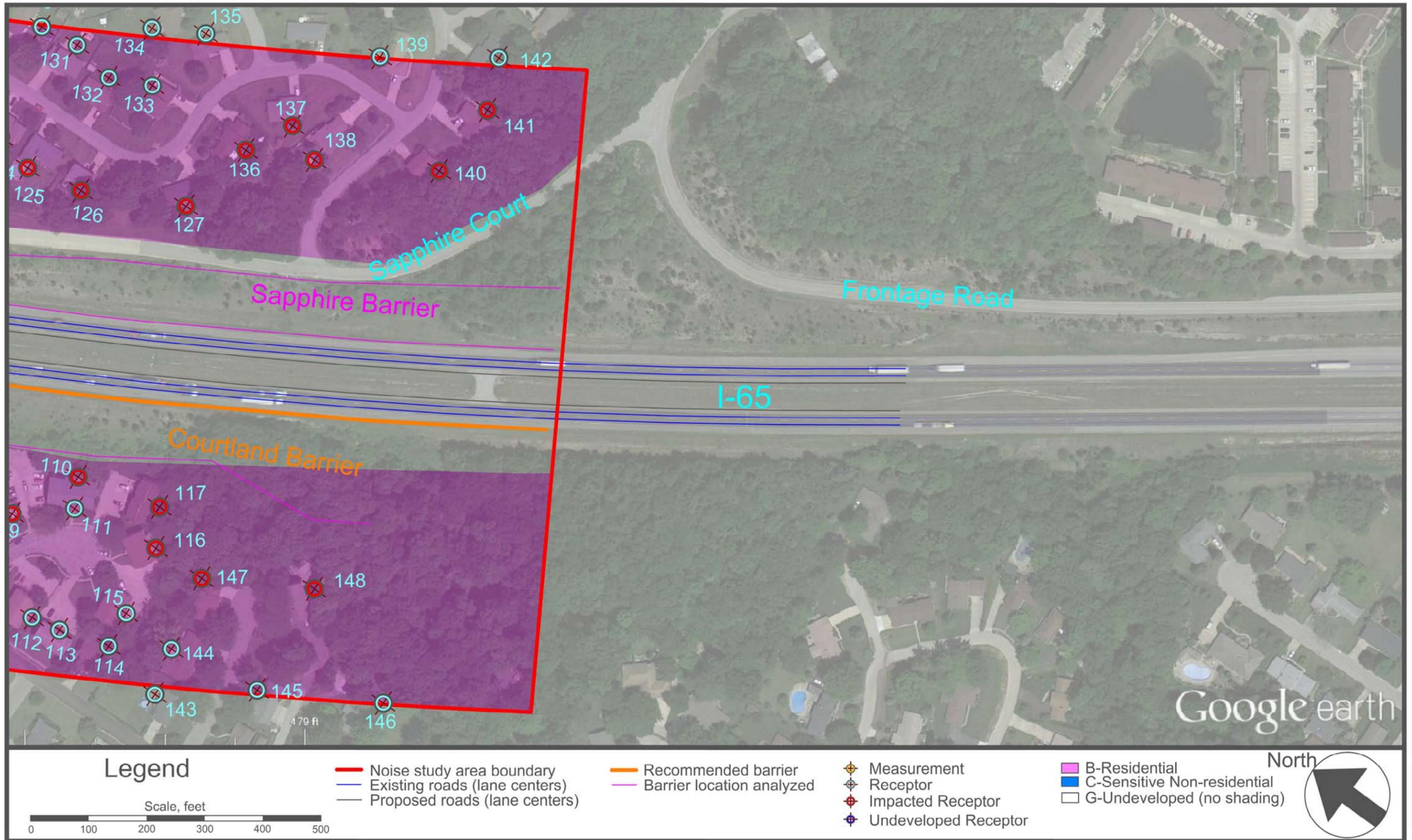


Figure 2. Noise Analysis Map for I-65 SR 26 to SR 25-Sheet 8 of 8.

TABLES

Table 1. Noise Abatement Criteria.

Activity Category	L _{eq} (h) dBA	Description of Activity Category
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)	Residential
C	67 (Exterior)	Active sport areas, amphitheaters, auditoriums, campgrounds, cemeteries, day care centers, hospitals, libraries, medical facilities, parks, picnic areas, places of worship, playgrounds, public meeting rooms, public or nonprofit institutional structures, radio studios, recording studios, recreation areas, Section 4(f) sites, schools, television studios, trails, and trail crossings
D	52 (Interior)	Auditoriums, day care centers, hospitals, libraries, medical facilities, places of worship, public meeting rooms, public or nonprofit institutional structures, radio studios, recording studios, schools, and television studios
E	72 (Exterior)	Hotels, motels, offices, restaurants/bars, and other developed lands, properties or activities not included in A–D or F.
F	--	Agriculture, airports, bus yards, emergency services, industrial, logging, maintenance facilities, manufacturing, mining, rail yards, retail facilities, shipyards, utilities (water resources, water treatment, electrical), and warehousing
G	--	Undeveloped lands that are not permitted

Table 2. Traffic Volume Estimates.

Road	TD ^a	DHV ^b		
		Existing 2015	No-Build 2035 ^c	Build 2035 ^c
I-65 N. of SR 25: NB	0.2800	1,997	2,736	2,736
I-65 N. of SR 25: SB	0.2800	1,904	2,608	2,608
I-65 Between SR 25 ramps: NB	0.2800	1,598	2,247	2,247
I-65 Between SR 25 ramps: SB	0.2800	1,768	2,472	2,472
I-65 N. of SR 26: NB	0.2717	2,009	2,659	2,659
I-65 N. of SR 26: SB	0.2717	2,120	2,805	2,805
SR 25/Schuyler Rd.: EB	0.0985	826	826	826
SR 25/Schuyler Rd.: WB	0.0985	590	590	590
Ramp C I65 SB to SR 25	0.1818	136	136	136

NA = Not Applicable.
a TD = Fraction of vehicles in the design hour that are commercial trucks (INDOT 2014)
b DHV = number of vehicles in the design hour. DHV values were computed from annual average daily traffic (AADT) volumes using DHV percentages from INDOT (2014).
c Build and No-Build AADTs were provided by United Consulting based on traffic counts from 2013.

Table 3. Traffic Volumes for TNM Modeling.

Road	Existing 2015			No-Build 2035			Build 2035		
	Cars	Med. Trucks	Heavy Trucks	Cars	Med. Trucks	Heavy Trucks	Cars	Med. Trucks	Heavy Trucks
I-65 N. of SR 25: NB	1438	48	511	1970	66	700	1970	66	700
I-65 N. of SR 25: SB	1371	46	487	1878	63	667	1878	63	667
I-65 Between SR 25 ramps: NB	1150	39	409	1618	54	575	1618	54	575
I-65 Between SR 25 ramps: SB	1273	43	452	1780	60	633	1780	60	633
I-65 N. of SR 26: NB	1463	47	499	1936	62	660	1936	62	660
I-65 N. of SR 26: SB	1544	50	526	2043	66	696	2043	66	696
SR 25/Schuyler Rd.: EB	745	7	74	745	7	74	745	7	74
SR 25/Schuyler Rd.: WB	532	5	53	532	5	53	532	5	53
Ramp C I65 SB to SR 25	111	2	23	111	2	23	111	2	23

NOTE: Traffic volumes for the different vehicle types were calculated from the values in Table 2 as follows:
 Cars = DHV x (1 - TD).
 Heavy Trucks = DHV x TD x HeavyTruckFraction
 Medium Trucks = DHV x TD (1 - HeavyTruckFraction)
 HeavyTruckFraction = 0.87 based on traffic counts taken during site visit on February 27,2014.

Table 4. Existing Noise Measurement Sites.

Site ID	Location	Description
M-1	2957 Barton Branch Rd.	residence
M-2	Wildcat Creek Winery	near picnic area at winery

Table 5. Measurements of Existing Noise Levels.

Site ID	Date and Time	Noise Readings L_{eq} (dBA)	Calibrator Readings (dBA)		Drift Correction ^a	Corrected L_{eq} (dBA)
			Initial	Final		
M-1	5/7/14 12:15 PM	61.6	114.0	113.9	0.05	61.7
M-2	5/7/14 11:10 AM	69.6	114.0	113.8	0.1	69.7

a Drift Correction = Reference Level (114.0) - 1/2 (Final + Initial), per Section 3.1.4 of FWH Manual, Measurement of Highway-Related Noise, Lee et al 1996.

Table 6. Model Validation Results.

Site ID	Measured Noise Levels ($L_{eq(1hr)}$, dBA)	Modeled Noise Levels Using TNM ($L_{eq(1hr)}$, dBA)	Difference (Meas. - TNM) (dBA)
M-1	61.7	64.6	-2.9
M-2	69.7	72	-2.3

Table 7. Noise Modeling Results.

Receptor	Description	Activity Category	Impact Criterion	Modeled Sound Levels (dBA)		
				Existing	No-Build	Build
1	residence	B	66.0	62.0	63.4	64.5
2	residence	B	66.0	65.9	67.3	67.7
3	residence	B	66.0	66.8	68.2	68.0
4	residence	B	66.0	66.0	67.4	67.2
5	residence	B	66.0	65.1	66.5	66.3
6	residence	B	66.0	66.5	67.7	67.7
7	picnic area at Wildcat Creek Winery	C	66.0	70.3	71.5	72.0
8	residence	B	66.0	64.4	65.7	66.1
9	residence	B	66.0	59.9	61.2	61.2
10	residence	B	66.0	68.2	69.4	69.8
11	residence	B	66.0	68.0	69.2	69.7
12	residence	B	66.0	69.2	70.4	71.0
13	residence	B	66.0	68.4	69.6	69.9
14	residence	B	66.0	60.8	62.0	62.6
15	residence	B	66.0	63.0	64.3	64.6
16	residence	B	66.0	67.3	68.5	69.0
17	school playground	C	66.0	60.3	61.5	61.7
18	residence	B	66.0	58.4	59.6	59.9
19	residence	B	66.0	63.1	64.3	64.7
20	residence	B	66.0	61.2	62.4	63.4
21	residence	B	66.0	66.0	67.3	68.3
22	residence	B	66.0	59.3	60.5	60.6
23	residence	B	66.0	59.2	60.4	60.7
24	residence	B	66.0	59.9	61.1	61.3
25	residence	B	66.0	68.9	70.1	70.6
26	residence	B	66.0	68.3	69.6	70.0
27	residence	B	66.0	69.5	70.7	71.4
28	residence	B	66.0	69.9	71.1	71.7
29	residence	B	66.0	70.3	71.5	71.9
30	residence	B	66.0	69.7	70.9	71.3
31	residence	B	66.0	68.4	69.7	69.8
32	residence	B	66.0	68.0	69.2	69.3
33	residence	B	66.0	68.8	70.0	70.1
34	residence	B	66.0	68.0	69.2	69.2
35	residence	B	66.0	69.3	70.6	70.8
36	residence	B	66.0	68.4	69.6	69.7
37	residence	B	66.0	69.3	70.6	70.8
38	residence	B	66.0	69.9	71.1	71.1
39	residence	B	66.0	70.2	71.4	71.7
40	residence	B	66.0	69.2	70.4	70.7
41	residence	B	66.0	68.7	69.9	70.1
42	residence	B	66.0	68.4	69.6	69.8
43	residence	B	66.0	58.9	60.1	60.0
44	residence	B	66.0	59.2	60.4	60.1
45	residence	B	66.0	58.9	60.1	59.8

Table 7. Noise Modeling Results.

Receptor	Description	Activity Category	Impact Criterion	Modeled Sound Levels (dBA)		
				Existing	No-Build	Build
46	residence	B	66.0	58.8	60.0	59.8
47	residence	B	66.0	58.8	60.0	59.8
48	residence	B	66.0	58.3	59.6	59.2
49	residence	B	66.0	58.7	59.9	59.7
50	residence	B	66.0	57.9	59.1	58.7
51	residence	B	66.0	57.9	59.1	58.7
52	residence	B	66.0	58.0	59.2	58.8
53	residence	B	66.0	59.2	60.4	60.0
54	residence	B	66.0	59.0	60.2	59.9
55	residence	B	66.0	59.5	60.7	60.4
56	residence	B	66.0	34.2	35.4	35.2
57	residence	B	66.0	34.4	35.6	35.6
58	residence	B	66.0	34.9	36.1	36.1
59	residence	B	66.0	33.7	35.0	34.5
60	residence	B	66.0	42.1	43.3	43.8
61	residence	B	66.0	38.3	39.5	39.8
62	residence	B	66.0	37.3	38.5	38.8
63	residence-duplex	B	66.0	58.7	60.0	60.2
64	residence-duplex	B	66.0	56.5	57.8	58.1
65	residence-duplex	B	66.0	57.6	58.8	59.1
66	residence-duplex	B	66.0	63.5	64.8	65.0
67	residence	B	66.0	64.3	65.5	65.9
68	residence	B	66.0	66.4	67.6	67.8
69	residence	B	66.0	66.6	67.9	68.5
70	residence	B	66.0	66.6	67.8	68.5
71	residence	B	66.0	65.0	66.2	66.8
72	residence	B	66.0	62.8	64.1	64.7
73	residence	B	66.0	61.8	63.0	63.7
74	residence	B	66.0	63.8	65.0	65.6
75	residence	B	66.0	63.1	64.3	64.9
76	residence	B	66.0	62.6	63.8	64.3
77	residence	B	66.0	63.1	64.4	64.9
78	residence	B	66.0	64.2	65.4	65.8
79	residence	B	66.0	70.4	71.6	72.3
80	residence	B	66.0	69.2	70.4	71.2
81	residence	B	66.0	73.3	74.5	75.5
82	residence	B	66.0	72.8	74.0	75.1
83	residence	B	66.0	72.8	74.0	75.1
84	residence	B	66.0	72.1	73.3	74.4
85	residence	B	66.0	71.7	72.9	74.0
86	residence	B	66.0	72.2	73.5	74.2
87	residence	B	66.0	72.7	73.9	74.6
88	residence	B	66.0	72.7	74.0	74.8
89	residence	B	66.0	69.2	70.4	71.6
90	residence	B	66.0	68.6	69.9	70.8

Table 7. Noise Modeling Results.

Receptor	Description	Activity Category	Impact Criterion	Modeled Sound Levels (dBA)		
				Existing	No-Build	Build
91	residence	B	66.0	60.5	61.7	62.1
92	residence	B	66.0	61.4	62.6	63.0
93	residence	B	66.0	62.6	63.8	64.2
94	residence	B	66.0	60.3	61.5	61.9
95	residence	B	66.0	60.9	62.2	62.5
96	residence	B	66.0	62.0	63.2	63.5
97	residence	B	66.0	58.9	60.1	60.5
98	residence	B	66.0	59.6	60.8	61.1
99	residence	B	66.0	61.2	62.4	62.7
100	residence	B	66.0	59.4	60.6	60.9
101	residence	B	66.0	60.6	61.8	62.1
102	residence	B	66.0	59.8	61.0	61.4
103	residence	B	66.0	59.4	60.6	61.1
104	residence-Ironwood Apartments	B	66.0	62.9	64.1	64.5
105	residence-Ironwood Apartments	B	66.0	58.5	59.7	60.3
106	residence-Ironwood Apartments	B	66.0	65.4	66.6	67.3
107	residence-Ironwood Apartments	B	66.0	59.9	61.1	61.5
108	residence-Ironwood Apartments	B	66.0	68.9	70.1	70.9
109	residence-Ironwood Apartments	B	66.0	65.5	66.8	67.3
110	residence-Ironwood Apartments	B	66.0	71.4	72.6	73.7
111	residence-Ironwood Apartments	B	66.0	58.3	59.5	60.5
112	residence-Ironwood Apartments	B	66.0	60.7	62.0	62.6
113	residence-Ironwood Apartments	B	66.0	61.2	62.4	63.2
114	residence-Ironwood Apartments	B	66.0	62.2	63.4	64.0
115	residence-Ironwood Apartments	B	66.0	63.5	64.7	65.4
116	residence-Ironwood Apartments	B	66.0	66.8	68.0	68.8
117	residence-Ironwood Apartments	B	66.0	68.9	70.1	70.9
118	residence	B	66.0	61.8	63.0	62.7
119	residence	B	66.0	61.2	62.5	62.1
120	residence	B	66.0	62.7	64.0	63.7
121	residence	B	66.0	63.0	64.2	64.0
122	residence	B	66.0	64.8	66.0	65.9
123	residence	B	66.0	65.4	66.6	66.8
124	residence	B	66.0	66.2	67.4	67.7
125	residence	B	66.0	67.6	68.8	69.1
126	residence	B	66.0	68.6	69.8	70.3
127	residence	B	66.0	69.1	70.3	70.6
128	residence	B	66.0	61.2	62.4	62.1
129	residence	B	66.0	61.1	62.4	62.2
130	residence	B	66.0	62.9	64.1	64.2
131	residence	B	66.0	63.5	64.7	64.8
132	residence	B	66.0	64.3	65.6	65.8
133	residence	B	66.0	64.8	66.0	66.3
134	residence	B	66.0	63.0	64.2	64.5
135	residence	B	66.0	63.3	64.5	64.9

Table 7. Noise Modeling Results.

Receptor	Description	Activity Category	Impact Criterion	Modeled Sound Levels (dBA)		
				Existing	No-Build	Build
136	residence	B	66.0	67.4	68.7	69.1
137	residence	B	66.0	66.8	68.0	68.4
138	residence	B	66.0	68.3	69.5	69.9
139	residence	B	66.0	64.1	65.3	65.7
140	residence	B	66.0	68.6	69.9	70.1
141	residence	B	66.0	65.5	66.7	67.1
142	residence	B	66.0	63.8	65.0	65.3
143	residence	B	66.0	61.3	62.5	63.0
144	residence	B	66.0	62.9	64.1	64.9
145	residence	B	66.0	62.4	63.7	64.4
146	residence	B	66.0	62.5	63.8	64.5
147	residence	B	66.0	66.5	67.7	68.4
148	residence	B	66.0	66.7	67.9	68.6
104a	residence-Ironwood Apartments-2nd	B	66.0	67.0	68.3	69.2
105a	residence-Ironwood Apartments-2nd	B	66.0	61.9	63.1	63.6
106a	residence-Ironwood Apartments-2nd	B	66.0	69.2	70.4	71.2
107a	residence-Ironwood Apartments-2nd	B	66.0	63.4	64.6	65.7
108a	residence-Ironwood Apartments-2nd	B	66.0	72.2	73.5	74.1
109a	residence-Ironwood Apartments-2nd	B	66.0	69.5	70.7	71.5
110a	residence-Ironwood Apartments-2nd	B	66.0	74.0	75.2	75.7
111a	residence-Ironwood Apartments-2nd	B	66.0	62.9	64.1	64.7
112a	residence-Ironwood Apartments-2nd	B	66.0	64.1	65.3	65.8

Color Definitions:

Pink	FHWA impact: Build noise level exceeds criterion or substantially exceeds Existing level.
Yellow	Predicted noise level approaches or exceeds NAC.

Table 8. Summary of Noise Barriers.

Barrier Name	Acoustically Feasible? ^a	Average Height (ft)	Length (ft)	Area (sq. ft)	Total Barrier Cost	No. of Benefited Receptors ^b	Cost per Benefited Receptor ^c
Tanglewood (shoulder)	Yes	17.1	2,100	35,800	\$1,074,000	29	\$37,000
Tanglewood (ROW)	Yes	11.6	1,600	18,600	\$557,999	24	\$23,200
Courtland (shoulder)	Yes	16.6	2,600	43,100	\$1,293,000	53	\$24,400
Courtland (ROW)	Yes	11.3	1,930	21,800	\$654,000	34	\$19,200
Sapphire (shoulder)	Yes	19.2	1,900	36,500	\$1,095,001	23	\$47,600
Sapphire (ROW)	Yes	20.0	1,998	39,951	\$1,198,533	8	\$149,800

a A barrier is considered acoustically feasible if it can achieve at least 5 dBA noise reduction at a majority of impacted receivers.

b The number of benefited units includes all units receiving at least 5 dBA noise reduction whether impacted or not.

c A blue background indicates that the barrier cost is considered reasonable. A cost reasonable barrier does not exceed \$25,000 per benefited receptor.

Table 9. Noise Reduction for Feasible and Reasonable Barrier Designs.

Modeled Receptor ID	No. of Receptors Represented	Modeled Noise Levels (dBA)		Noise Reduction (dBA)	No. of Benefited Receptors
		No Barrier	With Barrier		
Courtland Barrier—Shoulder					
69	1	68.5	66.0	2.5	0
70	1	68.5	65.6	2.9	0
71	1	66.8	64.2	2.6	0
72	1	64.7	62.5	2.2	0
73	1	63.7	61.7	2.0	0
74	1	65.6	63.1	2.5	0
75	1	64.9	62.7	2.2	0
76	1	64.3	62.0	2.3	0
77	1	64.9	62.4	2.5	0
78	1	65.8	62.8	3.0	0
79	1	72.3	67.0	5.3	1
80	1	71.2	66.1	5.1	1
81	1	75.5	67.0	8.5	1
82	1	75.1	66.4	8.7	1
83	1	75.1	66.9	8.2	1
84	1	74.4	66.6	7.8	1
85	1	74.0	65.6	8.4	1
86	1	74.2	65.1	9.1	1
87	1	74.6	65.9	8.7	1
88	1	74.8	66.7	8.1	1
89	1	71.6	64.1	7.5	1
90	1	70.8	64.4	6.4	1
91	1	62.1	60.2	1.9	0
92	1	63.0	60.7	2.3	0
93	1	64.2	61.1	3.1	0
94	1	61.9	59.8	2.1	0
95	1	62.5	60.1	2.4	0
96	1	63.5	60.4	3.1	0
97	1	60.5	58.6	1.9	0
98	1	61.1	58.6	2.5	0
99	1	62.7	59.3	3.4	0
100	1	60.9	58.6	2.3	0
101	1	62.1	58.7	3.4	0
102	1	61.4	58.3	3.1	0

Table 9. Noise Reduction for Feasible and Reasonable Barrier Designs.

Modeled Receptor ID	No. of Receptors Represented	Modeled Noise Levels (dBA)		Noise Reduction (dBA)	No. of Benefited Receptors
		No Barrier	With Barrier		
103	1	61.1	58.0	3.1	0
104	1	64.5	59.5	5.0	1
105	1	60.3	57.6	2.7	0
106	2	67.3	61.2	6.1	2
107	2	61.5	56.5	5.0	2
108	1	70.9	64.4	6.5	1
109	1	67.3	60.0	7.3	1
110	2	73.7	65.4	8.3	2
111	2	60.5	57.6	2.9	0
112	2	62.6	58.9	3.7	0
113	4	63.2	59.0	4.2	0
114	4	64.0	59.1	4.9	4
115	4	65.4	60.1	5.3	4
116	4	68.8	62.9	5.9	4
117	4	70.9	63.7	7.2	4
143	1	63.0	58.4	4.6	1
144	1	64.9	59.5	5.4	1
145	1	64.4	59.4	5.0	1
146	1	64.5	60.6	3.9	0
147	1	68.4	62.0	6.4	1
148	1	68.6	61.6	7.0	1
104a	1	69.2	63.0	6.2	1
105a	1	63.6	59.7	3.9	0
106a	2	71.2	64.9	6.3	2
107a	2	65.7	59.4	6.3	2
108a	1	74.1	68.0	6.1	1
109a	1	71.5	64.0	7.5	1
110a	2	75.7	69.1	6.6	2
112a	2	65.8	61.3	4.5	2
111a	2	64.7	60.4	4.3	0
Courtland Barrier—ROW					
69	1	68.5	68.3	0.2	0
70	1	68.5	67.8	0.7	0
71	1	66.8	65.7	1.1	0
72	1	64.7	63.6	1.1	0

Table 9. Noise Reduction for Feasible and Reasonable Barrier Designs.

Modeled Receptor ID	No. of Receptors Represented	Modeled Noise Levels (dBA)		Noise Reduction (dBA)	No. of Benefited Receptors
		No Barrier	With Barrier		
73	1	63.7	62.5	1.2	0
74	1	65.6	64.1	1.5	0
75	1	64.9	63.5	1.4	0
76	1	64.3	62.6	1.7	0
77	1	64.9	63	1.9	0
78	1	65.8	63	2.8	0
79	1	72.3	67.4	4.9	1
80	1	71.2	66.7	4.5	1
81	1	75.5	67.3	8.2	1
82	1	75.1	67.8	7.3	1
83	1	75.1	67.6	7.5	1
84	1	74.4	67.6	6.8	1
85	1	74.0	66.4	7.6	1
86	1	74.2	66.4	7.8	1
87	1	74.6	67.5	7.1	1
88	1	74.8	66.7	8.1	1
89	1	71.6	63.7	7.9	1
90	1	70.8	63.4	7.4	1
91	1	62.1	60.5	1.6	0
92	1	63.0	60.8	2.2	0
93	1	64.2	61	3.2	0
94	1	61.9	59.9	2.0	0
95	1	62.5	60.4	2.1	0
96	1	63.5	60.4	3.1	0
97	1	60.5	59	1.5	0
98	1	61.1	58.6	2.5	0
99	1	62.7	59.5	3.2	0
100	1	60.9	58.8	2.1	0
101	1	62.1	58.8	3.3	0
102	1	61.4	59.4	2.0	0
103	1	61.1	59.4	1.7	0
104	1	64.5	59.1	5.4	1
105	1	60.3	58.4	1.9	0
106	2	67.3	60.5	6.8	2
107	2	61.5	56.8	4.7	2

Table 9. Noise Reduction for Feasible and Reasonable Barrier Designs.

Modeled Receptor ID	No. of Receptors Represented	Modeled Noise Levels (dBA)		Noise Reduction (dBA)	No. of Benefited Receptors
		No Barrier	With Barrier		
108	1	70.9	63.1	7.8	1
109	1	67.3	59.2	8.1	1
110	2	73.7	63.4	10.3	2
111	2	60.5	57.1	3.4	0
112	2	62.6	61	1.6	0
113	4	63.2	61.6	1.6	0
114	4	64.0	62.3	1.7	0
115	4	65.4	63.4	2.0	0
116	4	68.8	66.1	2.7	0
117	4	70.9	65.6	5.3	4
143	1	63.0	61.9	1.1	0
144	1	64.9	63.5	1.4	0
145	1	64.4	63.8	0.6	0
146	1	64.5	64.2	0.3	0
147	1	68.4	66.4	2.0	0
148	1	68.6	68.3	0.3	0
104a	1	69.2	62.4	6.8	1
105a	1	63.6	60	3.6	0
106a	2	71.2	64	7.2	2
107a	2	65.7	58.5	7.2	2
108a	1	74.1	67.2	6.9	1
109a	1	71.5	61.6	9.9	1
110a	2	75.7	68	7.7	2
112a	2	65.8	63.2	2.6	0
111a	2	64.7	60.5	4.2	0
Tanglewood Barrier—ROW					
20	1	63.4	62.4	1.0	0
21	1	68.3	67.6	0.7	0
22	1	60.6	57.7	2.9	0
23	1	60.7	58.3	2.4	0
24	1	61.3	58.4	2.9	0
25	1	70.6	64.8	5.8	1
26	1	70.0	63.4	6.6	1
27	1	71.4	63.6	7.8	1
28	1	71.7	64.2	7.5	1

Table 9. Noise Reduction for Feasible and Reasonable Barrier Designs.

Modeled Receptor ID	No. of Receptors Represented	Modeled Noise Levels (dBA)		Noise Reduction (dBA)	No. of Benefited Receptors
		No Barrier	With Barrier		
29	1	71.9	64.8	7.1	1
30	1	71.3	63.7	7.6	1
31	1	69.8	62.8	7.0	1
32	1	69.3	62.5	6.8	1
33	1	70.1	63	7.1	1
34	1	69.2	62.8	6.4	1
35	1	70.8	63.5	7.3	1
36	1	69.7	63.1	6.6	1
37	1	70.8	63.7	7.1	1
38	1	71.1	63.7	7.4	1
39	1	71.7	64.2	7.5	1
40	1	70.7	64	6.7	1
41	1	70.1	65.9	4.2	0
42	1	69.8	67.2	2.6	0
43	1	60.0	55.5	4.5	1
44	1	60.1	55.3	4.8	1
45	1	59.8	55.3	4.5	1
46	1	59.8	54.9	4.9	1
47	1	59.8	54.7	5.1	1
48	1	59.2	54.6	4.6	1
49	1	59.7	54.3	5.4	1
50	1	58.7	55.2	3.5	0
51	1	58.7	55	3.7	0
52	1	58.8	54.7	4.1	0
53	1	60.0	55.4	4.6	1
54	2	59.9	56	3.9	0
55	1	60.4	56.7	3.7	0
56	2	60.2	57.6	2.6	0
57	1	60.6	58.6	2.0	0
58	1	61.1	60	1.1	0
59	1	59.5	56.8	2.7	0
67	1	65.9	65.4	0.5	0
68	1	67.8	67.5	0.3	0

Color Definitions:

Blue	Front row receptor.
Pink	Impacted receptor—noise level with no barrier approaches or exceeds NAC.

Table 9. Noise Reduction for Feasible and Reasonable Barrier Designs.

Modeled Receptor ID	No. of Receptors Represented	Modeled Noise Levels (dBA)		Noise Reduction (dBA)	No. of Benefited Receptors
		No Barrier	With Barrier		
Green	Benefited Receptor—noise reduction due to barrier is at least 4.5 dBA (4.5-4.9 dBA rounded to 5.0 dBA).				

Table 10. Noise Levels in Undeveloped Area.

Location ID^a	Modeled Sound Level (dBA)
Undeveloped Area 1 (see Figure 2, Sheet 1)	
U1-50	79.1
U1-100	76.3
U1-150	74.6
U1-200	72.8
U1-250	71.1
U1-300	69.4
U1-350	67.5
U1-400	65.6
U1-450	64.9
U1-500	63.0
Undeveloped Area 2 (see Figure 2, Sheet 1)	
U2-50	78.9
U2-100	75.4
U2-150	73.0
U2-200	70.8
U2-250	69.2
U2-300	67.9
U2-350	66.9
U2-400	65.3
U2-450	64.5
U2-500	64.0
Undeveloped Area 3 (see Figure 2, Sheet 4)	
U3-50	78.8
U3-100	76.0
U3-150	73.9
U3-200	72.0
U3-250	70.3
U3-300	68.6
U3-350	66.8
U3-400	65.7
U3-450	64.8
U3-500	63.9
Undeveloped Area 4 (see Figure 2, Sheet 5)	
U4-50	79.1
U4-100	76.3
U4-150	74.3
U4-200	72.3
U4-250	70.8
U4-300	69.3
U4-350	68.1
U4-400	67.0
U4-450	66.1
U4-500	65.2
Undeveloped Area 5 (see Figure 2, Sheet 5)	
U5-50	75.5
U5-100	71.7
U5-150	70.3

Table 10. Noise Levels in Undeveloped Area.

Location ID^a	Modeled Sound Level (dBA)
U5-200	69.1
U5-250	68.1
U5-300	67.2
U5-350	66.2
U5-400	64.7
U5-450	64.5
U5-500	64.4
Undeveloped Area 6 (see Figure 2, Sheet 5)	
U6-50	78.7
U6-100	76.3
U6-150	74.0
U6-200	71.2
U6-250	69.3
U6-300	67.8
U6-350	66.3
U6-400	65.3
U6-450	64.3
U6-500	63.1
Undeveloped Area 7 (see Figure 2, Sheet 7)	
U7-50	76.1
U7-100	75.7
U7-150	73.2
U7-200	70.8
U7-250	69.1
U7-300	66.7
U7-350	64.8
U7-400	62.3
U7-450	62.0
U7-500	62.3

- a) In the location ID, U# refers to the undeveloped area and the following number shows how far the receptor is from the nearest edge of pavement.

APPENDIX A: NOISE FUNDAMENTALS

This Appendix describes basic acoustical principles and terminology as they are applied to highway noise. Noise is often defined as undesirable sound. Some sounds (such as music or birds singing) are not considered noise by most people, but other sounds from sources such as trucks on a highway or planes passing overhead are typically considered noise. This report focuses on the noises associated with highway traffic, though other noises may have been included in some measured noise levels. Traffic noises arise due to vehicle engines and exhausts, tire vibration, horns, brakes, etc. Each noise source produces its own combination of sounds. In the following paragraphs, some basic principles of sound are discussed in the context of highway noise analysis.

Loudness

Sound is created when a source vibrates in air, creating pressure pulses that move through the air or other medium away from the source in waves. When these pressure waves reach a receiver like the human ear, the pressure variations are interpreted as sounds. More forceful vibrations mean higher pressures in the sound waves, and these are interpreted by the human ear as louder or more intense sounds.

Sound pressures to which people may be exposed can vary greatly. For example, the sound pressure of leaves rustling at night might be 200 micropascals (μPa), and the sound pressure of a jet plane passing overhead might be 6,000,000 μPa . To simplify handling such large ranges of numbers, loudness is usually expressed as a Sound Pressure Level (SPL), which is expressed in units called decibels (dB). The dB is defined based on a logarithmic scale relative to a defined reference level. Mathematically, the SPL in dB is defined in Equation (1).

$$\text{SPL (in dB)} = 20 \log_{10} (p/p_0) \quad (1)$$

Where p = the sound pressure in μPa ;

p_0 = the reference sound pressure (normally 20 μPa , the typical hearing threshold of a young adult).

In the example given above, leaves rustling at 200 μPa would give an SPL of about 20 dB and a jet plane at 6,000,000 μPa would have an SPL of about 110 dB. Decibel levels associated with other common noises include a quiet bedroom at night (30 dB), normal speech with someone 3 ft away (67 dB), and a gasoline-powered lawn mower from 3 ft away (90 dB).

Because of the way the decibel is defined mathematically and the way human ears respond to sound intensities, comparing the “noisiness” of two sounds based on their dB values

is not straightforward. For example, a truck passing on the highway might be generating a sound pressure level of 90 dB at a listener. However, the addition of a second identical truck will not produce 180 dB, nor will it double the apparent loudness to the listener. In fact, the second truck would only produce an additional 3 dB (for a total SPL of 93 dB) and the average listener would just barely be able to discern any difference in loudness. It would require 10 identical trucks to double the apparent loudness for the listener, at which point the SPL would increase by 10 to a value of 100 dB. Thus, for most highway applications, two rules of thumb are commonly used:

- A change of less than 3 dB is not noticeable to most people, and
- An increase of 10 dB will sound twice as loud and a decrease of 10 dB will sound half as loud.

Frequency

In addition to loudness, sounds can also be described by how fast the pressure changes over time. Increasing the vibration rate at the source (more beats per minute) will cause the air pressure to change at a higher frequency. The human ear perceives the frequency of the sound pressure wave as pitch. For example, different notes played on a piano have different frequencies. Lower frequencies are perceived as being lower in pitch while higher frequencies are perceived as being higher in pitch.

Frequency is measured in units of Hertz (Hz), which represent the number of times the pressure changes per second. Normal human ears can detect frequencies ranging from approximately 30 Hz to 16,000 Hz. However, the ear is best at hearing mid-range frequencies (around 1000 Hz). For example, if a person hears two sounds that have the same pressure level (same dB value), but one sound is at 200 Hz and the other is at 1000 Hz, the 1000 Hz sound will seem to be much louder.

In recognition of this human hearing phenomenon, a frequency-weighting scheme called A-weighting is used in representing highway sound levels. In the A-weighting scheme, sound levels from various frequencies are weighted using the factors shown in Table A-1 to essentially subtract out portions of the sounds (mostly in the lower frequencies) that human ears do not hear well. Then the weighted sounds are added together to yield a single value (designated dBA) that approximately simulates the overall loudness that the human ear would perceive. All noise levels presented in this report are A-weighted values.

Duration

In addition to the relatively quick pressure variations (hundreds or thousands per second) that are measured as frequency, sound levels may also vary over longer time periods of minutes or hours. Noise measurements made at regular time intervals at the same location will generally vary widely, making it difficult to compare overall noise levels associated with a highway project at two or more locations or traffic scenarios.

One option for describing a varying sound environment is to measure the sound exposure level (SEL), which is the total sound energy of a single sound event and takes into account both its intensity and duration. One way to understand SEL is to think of it as the sound level you would experience if all of the sound energy of a sound event occurred in one second. This normalization to a duration of one second allows the direct comparison of sounds of different durations.

Another alternative is to look at average noise levels over a specified time period. Several noise descriptors or metrics are used to describe time-averaged noise levels. The L_{eq} is a single number that describes the mean sound intensity level during a specified time period. The time period can be one hour or several hours. The symbol $L_{eq}(h)$ is typically used to denote an L_{eq} for the noisiest hour of the day. $L_{eq}(\text{day})$ and $L_{eq}(\text{night})$ refer to averages over daylight and nighttime hours, respectively. L_{dn} is essentially a weighted average of $L_{eq}(\text{day})$ and $L_{eq}(\text{night})$ values where nighttime sounds are weighted more heavily than daylight sounds. Another descriptor that is occasionally used is $L_{10}(h)$, which is the sound level exceeded 10 percent of the time over a one-hour period. The noise measurements and modeling results presented in this report are $L_{eq}(h)$ values.

Noise Measurement

Noise levels for highway projects are measured following FHWA guidance (Lee and Fleming 1996). A Sound Level Meter (SLM) that meets or exceeds American National Standards Institute (ANSI) S1.4-1993, TYPE II standards for accuracy (ANSI 1993) is required. The SLM detects sounds using a microphone that converts the sound pressure levels into electrical signals. The electrical signals are then amplified and recorded or displayed. Typically, the SLM measures sounds of all frequencies within its operating range and add these together to produce a single sound level measurement. Filtering circuitry is included to automatically give A-weighted

results. In addition, some SLMs have integrating capabilities built in so that L_{eq} values can be obtained directly.

Calibration of the SLM is important to ensure that accurate measurements are obtained. In addition to annual calibration in the lab, a calibrator is also used before and after field measurements. The calibrator generates a known volume sound level at a single frequency (typically either 94 or 114 dB at 1000 Hz). By placing the calibrator over the SLM microphone and obtaining a reading, accuracy of the SLM can be checked. If SLM readings obtained using the calibrator are off by less than 1 dB, the measurement readings can be corrected for instrument drift. If the calibration readings are off by more than 1 dB, the measurement readings must be discarded.

In the field, the SLM is situated with the microphone pointing up so that highway sounds all impinge on the membrane at the end of the microphone at an incidence angle of 90 degrees (grazing incidence). The microphone is situated atop a tripod or other support at a height of 5 ft above the ground to simulate the height of the average listener's ears. A windscreen is placed over the microphone to eliminate wind noise from the measurements. Measurement periods of at least 15 minutes are used to obtain a good estimate of the $L_{eq}(h)$.

While noise measurements are being made, traffic counts are obtained for nearby roadways. Counts are made of different vehicle types in each travel direction. In situations where traffic volumes are too large to count using a tally sheet, a video camera may be used to record the traffic so it can be counted later.

A number of environmental factors can affect noise readings in the field, including meteorological conditions (wind speed and direction, humidity, temperature, precipitation), terrain, ground surface (paved, grass, etc.), distance to nearby roads, and the presence of structures and buildings that may block or reflect traffic noise. All of these things should be measured and/or described when field measurements are taken.

Noise Modeling

Noise modeling is the calculation of noise levels at one or more receptor locations using complex mathematical equations representing the physics of sound propagation. Various parameters must be known or estimated to use these equations. Such parameters include the physical relationship of source to receptor (distance, height differences, intervening terrain, type of ground surface, locations of barriers, etc.) and the noise emissions of the source.

For highway noise modeling, the latest version of the Traffic Noise Model (TNM), TNM 2.5, is used. This model was developed by the FHWA for use in highway noise analyses and is accepted by most state transportation authorities. As described in its User's Manual (Anderson et al. 1998; Lau et al. 2004), TNM calculates noise levels at user-specified receptor locations using the volume, speed, and vehicle mix of traffic on nearby roadways. Noise emissions profiles for various vehicle types are built into the model and are used with site-specific traffic data to define the noise source term. TNM then calculates the propagation of noise from one or more sources to user-specified receptors, taking into account terrain and ground surface variations and the presence of existing buildings and natural noise barriers. TNM also contains tools for designing noise barriers and evaluating their effectiveness.

Table A-1. A-Weighted Frequency Response Factors.

Center of Frequency Range (Hz)	A-Weighted Response Factor (dB)
31.5	-39
63	-26
125	-16
250	-9
500	-3
1000	0
2000	+1
4000	+1
8000	-1
16000	-7

APPENDIX B: FIELD DATA

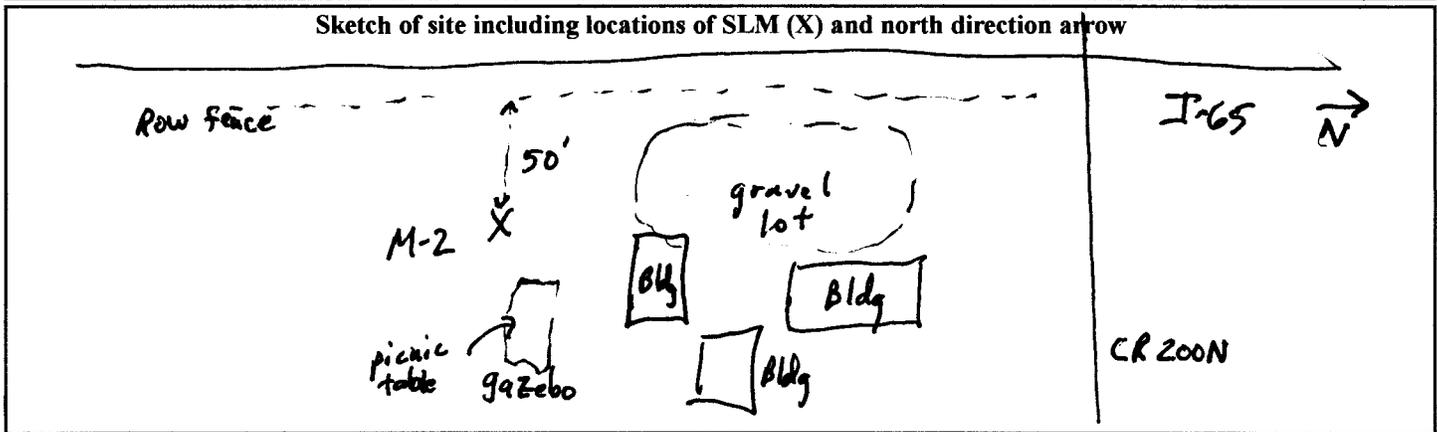
Includes:

- Field Data Sheets for Noise Measurements
- Calibration Certification for Quest SoundPro Sound Level Meter
- Calibration Certification for Quest Model QC-10 Calibrator

Field Data Sheet for Noise Measurements

Project I-65 ATL 26-25/IN-533-08	Personnel M. Stafford	Date 5/7/2014	Location Wildcat Creek Winery	Site ID M-2
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Temp (F) 75	Rel Hum 53	Wind Dir SW	WS (mph) 11	Sky clear	Source of Wind/Temp Data: http://www.wunderground.com/
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Road 1:	I-65	Speed (mph):	65/60
	Traffic From Left: <u>NB</u> No. of Lanes: <u>2</u>	Traffic From Right: <u>SB</u> No. of Lanes: <u>2</u>	
Cars:	10+7+10+6+9+8+16+5+10+11+9+9+7+7+9+10+14+6+10+8+8+8	5+12+8+7+6+12+11+7+17+15+12+9+9+14+11+11+21+13+11+6	
Med. Trucks:	11	11	
Heavy Trucks:	11	11	
Buses:	1		
Motorcycles:	1	11	

Road 2:		Speed (mph):	
	Traffic From Left: _____ No. of Lanes: _____	Traffic From Right: _____ No. of Lanes: _____	
Cars:			
Med. Trucks:			
Heavy Trucks:			
Buses:			
Motorcycles:			

SLM Model			Cal. Cert.			Calibrator		
Serial No.	Date	Weight	Response	Height (ft)	Model	Serial No.	Date	Cal. Cert. Date
Quest Soundpro	BIF090005	2/27/14	A	Slow	5	QC-10	QE3090032	9/27/13
Init. Cal.	Final Cal.	Leq	Lmax	Lmin	Start Time	(min)		
114.0	113.8	69.6	86.6	59.2	11:10	15:00		

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Certificate of Calibration

Submitted By: IE Monitoring Instruments
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Serial No: BIF090005
Model: Quest Soundpro

Date Received: 2/27/2014
Date Issued: 2/27/2014
Valid Until: 2/27/2015

Test Conditions:
Temperature 68.0° F
Humidity 22.9 %
Barometric Pressure 29.017”Hg

Model Conditions:
As Received: Fully Functional and In Tolerance
Final Condition: Fully Functional and In Tolerance

Test Results:
A & C Weightings +/- .5 dB
Linearity +/- .2 dB

Type II Accuracy: +/- 2 dB
Linearity Accuracy: +/- .5dB

Octave Band Filter Check:
Bandwidth Peak 12.5Hz – 20 KHz meets manufacturer’s specifications.
Frequency output meets manufacturer’s specifications.

Reference Standards:

Device	Serial Number	Last Calibration	Date Calibration Due
Quest SoundPro Type I	BKL120001	1/21/2014	1/21/2015
Quest AC-300	AC300002327	1/14/2014	1/14/2015

Calibrated By: Sam Shults, Service Manager

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Serial No: QE3090032
Model: QC-10

Date Received: 9/27/2013
Date Issued: 9/27/2013
Valid Until: 9/27/2014

Test Conditions:
Temperature 72.4 F
Humidity 59.0 %
Barometric Pressure 28.906" Hg

Model Conditions:
As Received: Fully Functional and In Tolerance
Final Condition: Fully Functional and In Tolerance

Test Results:
Output: 114.0 dB Frequency: 1.00585 Khz VAC: 1.0034 v

Reference Standards:			
Device	Serial Number	Last Calibration	Date Calibration Due
Quest SoundPro Type 1	BKL120001	2/13/2013	2/13/2014
Agilent 34401A	MY41002352	9/29/2011	9/29/2013

Calibrated By: Sam Shults, Service Manager **9/27/2013**

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