



# Traffic Noise Analysis Technical Report

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US 79 from IH 35 to East of FM 1460  
Williamson County, Texas

CSJ: 0204-01-063

December 2019

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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## 1.0 Traffic Noise

### 1.1 Introduction

This technical report identifies and assesses traffic noise impacts associated with the proposed improvements to United States (US) Highway 79 (US 79) between Interstate Highway 35 (I-35) to Farm-to-Market (FM) 1460/A. W. Grimes Blvd. in Williamson County, Texas. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Austin District is proposing roadway improvements to US 79 within the City of Round Rock and is shown on the **Project Location Map** in **Appendix A**. A detailed description of the proposed project is presented below.

The traffic data used in the noise analysis is included in **Appendix B**. A memorandum from TxDOT's Transportation Planning and Programming Division provided anticipated average daily traffic volumes and turning movements for baseline (2024) and proposed (2044) conditions (TxDOT 2017).

### 1.2 Existing Facility

Within the project limits, US 79 consists of four 12-foot main lanes (two in each direction) with 10-foot outside shoulders. Some locations along the corridor have a central turn lane measuring 14 feet. The existing US 79 right-of-way (ROW) varies from 150 to 300 feet wide.

### 1.3 Proposed Facility

Proposed improvements include widening the existing US 79 roadway to add a third travel lane in each direction and installing a raised median for safety. Improvements to intersections would include overpasses at US 79/Mays Street and US 79/A.W. Grimes Blvd and altering the US 79/I-35 Intersection. Driveways and access points would be modified to improve safety and traffic flow. The proposed improvements also include installing shared-use paths on both sides of US 79 to improve pedestrian and bicycle accommodations. The proposed project would require approximately 8.97 acres of new right-of-way. Deep impacts are anticipated as part of the construction of a grade separation at the intersection of US 79 and Mays Street.

The proposed project would include a major reconfiguration of the intersection at US 79 and Mays Street. The addition of a partial cloverleaf interchange would replace the existing four-way traffic light to improve safety and enhance the flow of traffic from one corridor to the other. Two traffic lights would be added facilitating the left and right hand turns on and off Mays Street. The addition of an overpass would direct Mays Street traffic over US 79, thus avoiding the potential danger and congestion associated with the intersection.

A raised median is proposed along the center of US 79 throughout the majority of the project area. The addition of this median would limit access points on and off US 79 to five cross-

street intersections, the interchange at Mays Street, and three designated turn lanes at breaks in the median. The five cross-street intersections are listed below:

- A.W. Grimes Blvd
- Sunrise Road
- Georgetown Street
- Egger Avenue
- Heritage Center

The proposed project would include the addition of an overpass at the intersection of US 79 and A.W. Grimes Blvd. The overpass would allow vehicles traveling in the left lanes along US 79 to go over A.W. Grimes Blvd without stopping, thus bypassing the intersection. The right lanes would direct traffic to the 4-way traffic light at the intersection of US 79 and A.W. Grimes Blvd, below the overpass bridge. This intersection would include turnaround lanes, protected left turn lanes, and pedestrian crosswalks and would facilitate the transfer of vehicles on and off US 79 and A.W. Grimes Blvd.

The proposed project occurs on 79.1 acres of existing right-of-way and 0.18 acre of existing easement. It would require approximately 10.32 acres of new right-of-way for a total project footprint of 89.53 acres.

#### **1.4 Traffic Noise Analysis**

SWCA Environmental Consultants (SWCA) evaluated traffic noise impacts for the proposed project in accordance with the most current Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) policy and procedures, and the TxDOT (FHWA approved) *Guidelines for Analysis and Abatement of Roadway Traffic Noise* (TxDOT 2011).

Sound from highway traffic is generated primarily from a vehicle's tires, engine and exhaust. It is commonly measured in decibels (dB). Sound occurs over a wide range of frequencies; however, not all frequencies are detectable by the human ear. Therefore, an adjustment is made to the high and low frequencies to approximate the way an average person hears traffic sounds. This adjustment is called A-weighting and is expressed as "dB(A)."

Also, because traffic sound levels are never constant due to the changing number, type and speed of vehicles, a single value is used to represent the average or equivalent sound level and is expressed as "Leq."

A traffic noise analysis typically includes the following elements:

- Identification of land use activity areas that might be impacted by traffic noise
- Determination of existing noise levels
- Prediction of future noise levels
- Identification of possible noise impacts
- Consideration and evaluation of measures to reduce noise impacts

The FHWA has established the following Noise Abatement Criteria (NAC) for various land use activity areas and is reflected in **Table 1**. These criteria are used as one of two methods to determine when a traffic noise impact would occur.

Table 1: FHWA Noise Abatement Criteria

Activity Category	dBA Leq	Description of Land Use Activity Areas
A	57 (exterior)	Lands on which serenity and quiet are of extra-ordinary 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	--	Agricultural, 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

Source: TxDOT 2011

A noise impact occurs when either the absolute or relative criterion is met:

- **Absolute Criterion:** the predicted noise level at a receiver approaches, equals or exceeds the NAC. "Approach" is defined as one dB(A) below the FHWA NAC. For example: a noise impact would occur at a Category B residence if the noise level is predicted to be 66 dB(A) or above.
- **Relative Criterion:** the predicted noise level substantially exceeds the existing noise level at a receiver even though the predicted noise level does not approach, equal or exceed the NAC. "Substantially exceeds" is defined as more than 10 dB(A). For example: a noise impact would occur at a Category B residence if the existing level is 54 dB(A) and the predicted level is 65 dB(A).

When a traffic noise impact occurs, noise abatement measures must be considered. A noise abatement measure is any positive action taken to reduce the impact of traffic noise on an activity area.

SWCA used the FHWA traffic noise modelling software (TNM 2.5) to calculate existing and predicted traffic noise levels at the receiver locations along the proposed project corridor as shown in **Table 2**, below, and **Appendix A, Figure 2**, representing the land use activity areas adjacent to the proposed project that might be impacted by traffic noise and potentially benefit from feasible and reasonable noise abatement<sup>1</sup>. TNM primarily considers the number, type and speed of vehicles; roadway alignment and grade; cuts, fills and natural berms; surrounding terrain features; and the locations of activity areas likely to be impacted by the associated traffic noise.

Table 2: Traffic Noise Levels (dBA Leq)

Representative Receiver	NAC Categor	NAC Level	Existing	Predicted 2038	Change (+/-)	Noise Impact
R1. Restaurant (outdoor seating)	E	72	71	72	+1	Yes
R2. Restaurant (outdoor seating)	E	72	71	71	0	Yes
R3. School	C	67	66	65	-1	No
R4. Church	D	52	44	46	+2	No
R5. Residence	B	67	64	65	+1	No
R6. Residence	B	67	64	67	+3	Yes
R7. Apartments	B	67	71	74	+3	Yes
R8. Residence	B	67	67	69	+2	Yes
R9. Residence	B	67	70	72	+2	Yes
R10. Apartments	B	67	68	70	+2	Yes
R11. Church	D	52	45	47	+2	No
R12. Apartments	B	67	71	72	+1	Yes

<sup>1</sup> Traffic Data used in Traffic Noise Analysis: 41,600 Existing ADT, 56,000 Predicted ADT, 13.0 k-factor, and a fleet mix of 92.6% Light Duty, 0.6% Medium Duty, and 6.8% Heavy Duty (TxDOT 2017).

Representative Receiver	NAC Categor	NAC Level	Existing	Predicted 2038	Change (+/-)	Noise Impact
R13. Apartments	B	67	67	69	+2	Yes
R14. Restaurant (outdoor seating)	E	72	67	68	+1	No
R15. Church	D	52	41	41	0	No

Source: SWCA 2019

As indicated in **Table 2**, the proposed project would result in nine traffic noise impacts to representative receivers; therefore, the construction of noise barriers was considered.

Before any noise abatement measure can be proposed for incorporation into the project, it must be both feasible and reasonable. In order to be “feasible,” the abatement measure must be able to reduce the noise level at greater than 50% of impacted, first row receivers by at least 5 dBA; and to be “reasonable,” it must not exceed the cost-effectiveness criterion of \$25,000 for each receiver that would benefit by a reduction of at least 5 dBA and the abatement measure must be able to reduce the noise level for at least one impacted, first row receiver by at least 7 dBA.

Noise barriers are the most commonly used noise abatement measure and were evaluated for each of the impacted receiver locations. Noise barriers would not be feasible and reasonable for any of the following impacted receivers (see **Figure 2**) and, therefore, are not proposed for incorporation into the project:

**R1:** Starbucks - This receiver has driveways facing the roadway. A continuous noise barrier would restrict access to this receiver. Gaps in a noise barrier would satisfy access requirements, but the resulting non-continuous barrier segments would not be sufficient to achieve the minimum, feasible reduction of 5 dBA or the noise reduction design goal of 7 dBA.

**R2:** Pacific Star - This receiver has driveways facing the roadway. A continuous noise barrier would restrict access to this receiver. Gaps in a noise barrier would satisfy access requirements, but the resulting non-continuous barrier segments would not be sufficient to achieve the minimum, feasible reduction of 5 dBA or the noise reduction design goal of 7 dBA.

**R6:** Texas Baptist Children’s Home - This receiver represents a total of five residences. A noise barrier 1,053 feet in length and 12 feet in height would reduce noise levels by at least 5 dBA for four benefitted receivers and achieve a 7 dBA noise reduction design goal at a total cost of \$227,448 or \$56,862 for each benefitted receiver. The cost of this barrier would exceed the reasonable, cost-effectiveness criteria of \$25,000.

**R8 and R9** - These receivers represent a total of 10 residences with driveways facing the roadway. A continuous noise barrier would restrict access to these residences. Gaps in a noise

barrier would satisfy access requirements, but the resulting non-continuous barrier segments would not be sufficient to achieve the minimum, feasible reduction of 5 dBA or the noise reduction design goal of 7 dBA.

Noise barriers would be acoustically feasible and reasonable and cost effective for the following impacted receivers (see **Figure 2**) and, therefore, are proposed for incorporation into the project:

**R7:** Steeplechase Apartments - This receiver represents a total of 20 residences. Based on preliminary calculations, noise barriers 289 feet and 294 feet in length and 18 feet in height would reduce noise levels by at least 5 dBA for 16 benefitted receivers and by 7 dBA for one or more benefitted receivers at a total cost of \$188,982, or \$11,811 for each benefitted receiver.

**R10:** Somerset Apartments - This receiver represents a total of 16 residences. Based on preliminary calculations, a noise barrier 319 feet in length and 18 feet in height would reduce noise levels by at least 5 dBA for 10 benefitted receivers and by 7 dBA for one or more benefitted receivers at a total cost of \$103,356 or \$10,336 for each benefitted receiver.

**R12 and R13:** Rocking Horse Apartments - These receivers represent a total of 56 residences. Based on preliminary calculations, noise barriers 619 feet and 559 feet in length and 18 feet in height would reduce noise levels by at 5 dBA for 42 benefitted receivers and by 7 dBA for one or more benefitted receivers at a total cost of \$381,672 or \$9,087 for each benefitted receiver.

Table 3: Noise Barrier Proposal - Preliminary

Barrier	Representative Receiver(s)	Total # Benefitted	Length (ft)	Height (ft)	Total Cost (\$)	\$/Benefitted Receiver
1	R7 - Steeplechase Apts	16	583	18	188,982	11,811
2	R10 - Somerset Apts	10	319	18	103,356	10,336
3	R12 & R13 - Rocking Horse Apts	42	1,178	18	381,672	9,087

Source: SWCA 2019

Any subsequent project design changes may require a reevaluation of this preliminary noise barrier proposal. The final decision to construct the proposed noise barrier will not be made until completion of the project design, utility evaluation and polling of adjacent property owners.

Land use activity areas on the south side of the proposed project between Provident Lane and Lance Lane and from 800 feet east of Palm Valley Cove to the east end of the project are

currently undeveloped land (NAC Category G) which is not permitted for development. To avoid noise impacts that may result from future development of properties adjacent to the proposed project build alternative, local officials responsible for land use control programs must ensure, to the maximum extent possible, that no new activities are planned or constructed along or within the predicted (2038) noise impact contours identified in **Table 4**.

Table 4: Predicted Noise Impact Contours

Undeveloped Area Location	Land Use	Impact Contour	Distance from ROW (ft)
South side of US 79 from Provident Lane to Lance Lane	NAC Category B&C	66 dBA	250
	NAC Category E	71 dBA	110
From 600 feet east of Palm Valley Cove to east end of project	NAC Category B&C	66 dBA	180
	NAC Category E	71 dBA	50

Source: SWCA 2019

During the construction phase of this project, temporary increases in noise may result from construction activities. Noise associated with the construction of the project is difficult to predict. Heavy machinery, the major source of noise in construction, is constantly moving in unpredictable patterns. However, construction normally occurs during daylight hours when occasional loud noises are tolerable. None of the receivers are expected to be exposed to construction noise for a long duration; therefore, any extended disruption of normal activities is not expected. Provisions would be included in the construction plans and specifications that require the contractor to make every reasonable effort to minimize construction noise through abatement measures such as work-hour controls and proper maintenance of muffler systems.

A copy of this traffic noise analysis will be available to local officials to ensure, to the maximum extent possible, future developments are planned, designed and programmed in a manner that would avoid traffic noise impacts. On the date of NEPA approval (Date of Public Knowledge), FHWA and TxDOT are no longer responsible for providing noise abatement for new development adjacent to the project.

## 2.0 List of Preparers

Jeff Wellman (Ecological Restoration Project Manager/Noise Analyst) – M.Ag./B.S. in Rangeland Ecology and Management, 20 years of NEPA / Traffic Noise experience.

Tom Allemand (Senior Project Manager) – M.S./B.S. in Aquatic Biology, 20 years of biology, environmental science and NEPA planning experience.

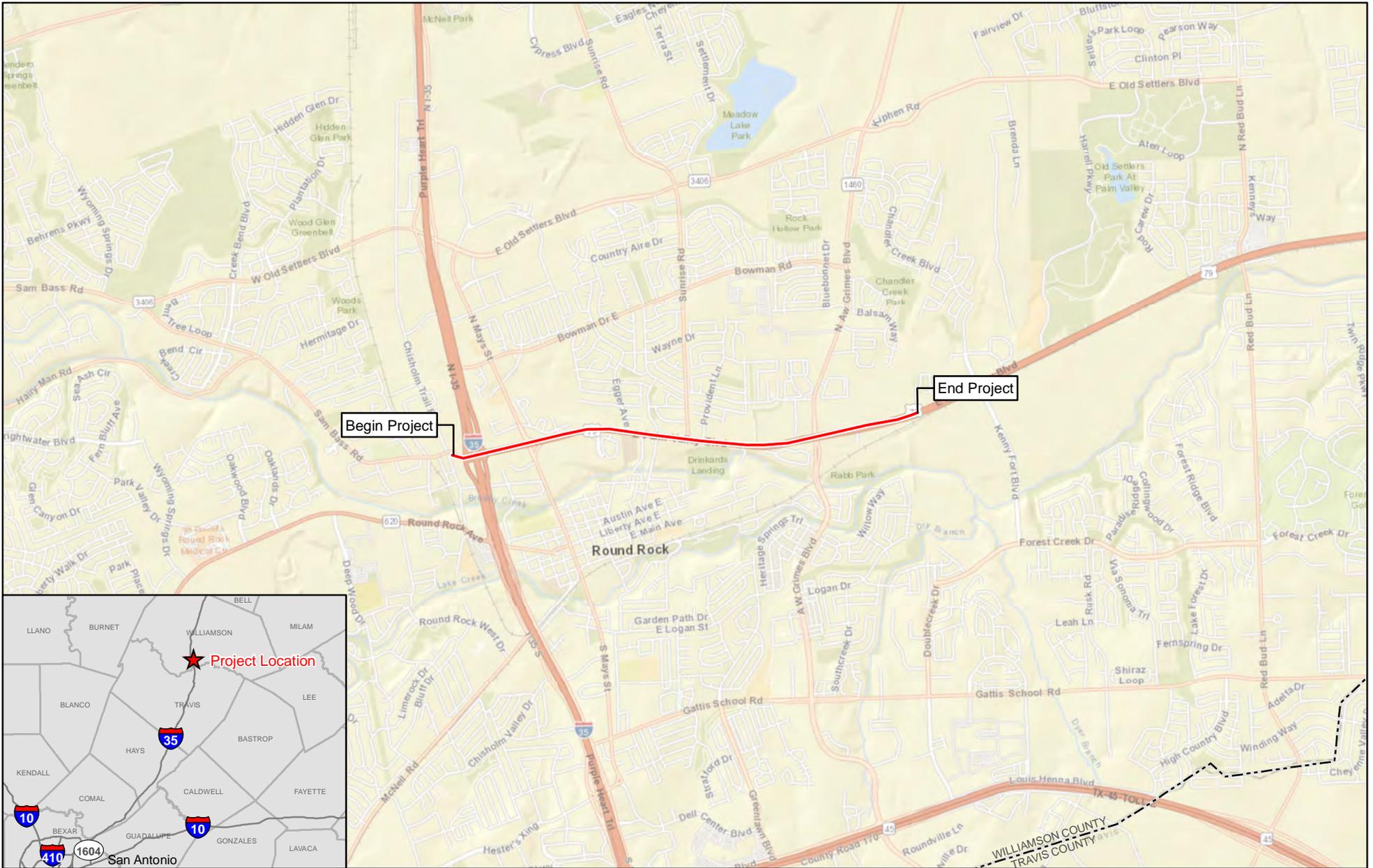
### 3.0 References

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). 2011. Guidelines for Analysis and Abatement of Roadway Traffic Noise.

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## APPENDIX A

### Figures

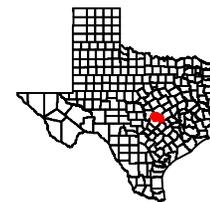


**US 79 FROM IH 35 TO EAST OF FM 1460**  
**CSJ: 0204-01-063**

**PROJECT LOCATION MAP**  
**WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS**

**FIGURE 1**

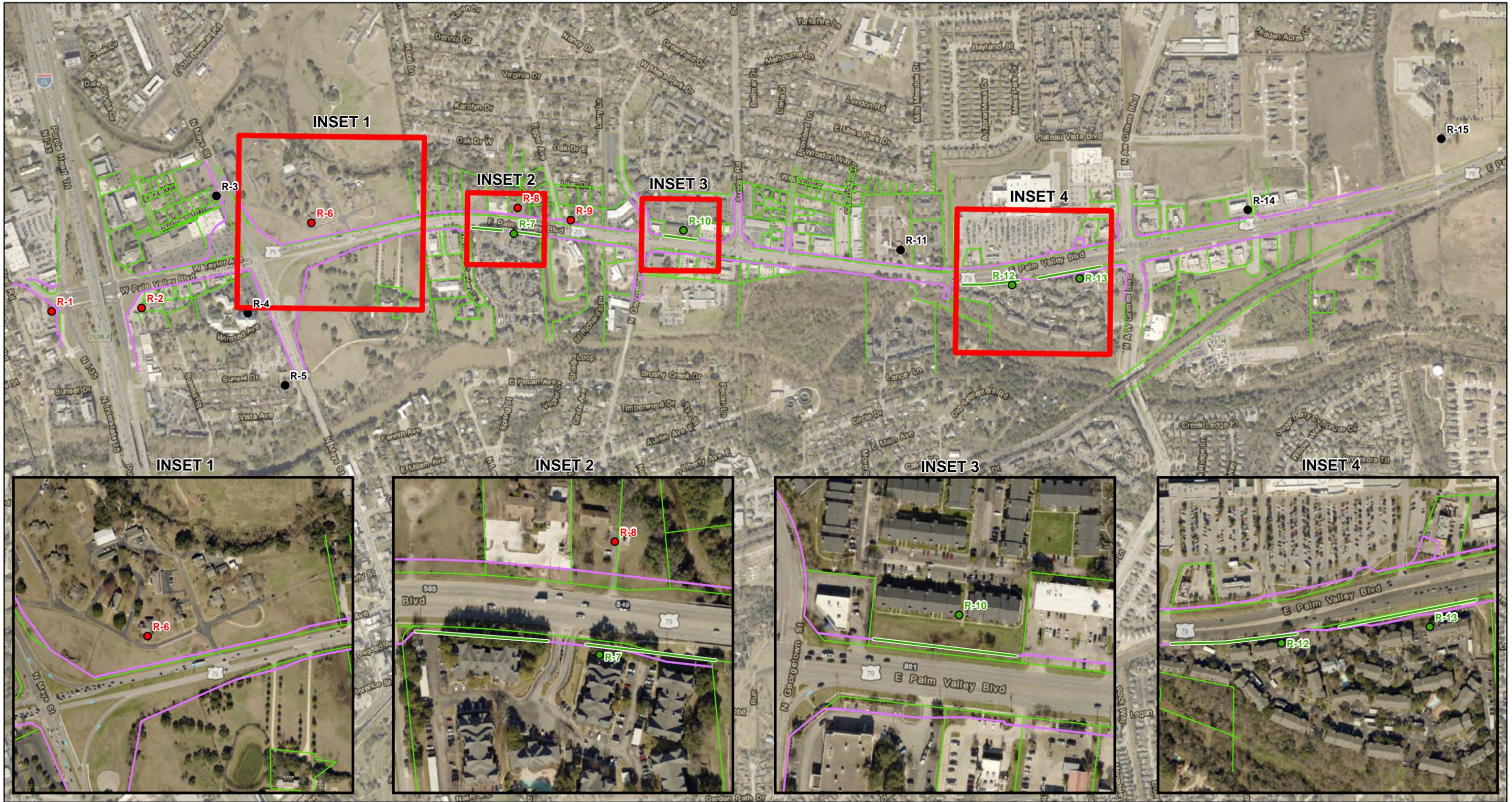
— Project Location  
 - - - County Boundary



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 FIPS 4203 Feet





US 79 FROM IH 35 TO EAST OF FM 1460  
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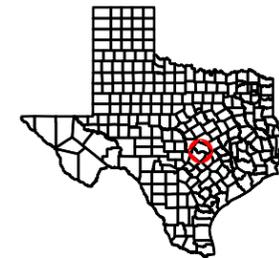
NOISE RECEIVER LOCATIONS  
WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS

FIGURE 2

- Proposed Noise Barrier
- Proposed ROW
- Existing ROW/Property Boundaries

**Receiver**

- Not Impacted
- Impacted and No Benefit
- Impacted and Benefited



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Date: 11/21/2019  
NAD 1983 StatePlane Texas  
Central FIPS 4203 Feet



## **APPENDIX B**

### **Traffic Data**



# MEMO

December 1, 2017

**To:** Terry G. McCoy, P.E., District Engineer  
Lorena E. Echeverria De Misi, P.E., Director of TPD

**Through:** William E. Knowles, P.E.  
Traffic Analysis Section Director, TPP

**From:** Gabriel Contreras  
Planner III, TPP

**Subject:** Traffic Data  
CSJ: 0204-01-063  
US 79:  
From I-35  
To East of FM 1460  
  
Williamson County

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Attached is a corridor information packet for the described limits of the route.

Please refer to your original request dated June 28, 2017.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Gabriel Contreras at (512) 486-5180.

Attachments

**CC:** Carmen Ramos, Planner, Austin District

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TRAFFIC ANALYSIS FOR HIGHWAY DESIGN

December 1, 2017

Austin District

Description of Location	Base Year				ATHWLD	Percent Tandem Axles in ATHWLD	Total Number of Equivalent 18k Single Axle Load Applications One Direction Expected for a 20 Year Period (2024 to 2044)		SLAB			
	Average Daily Traffic		Dir Dist %	K Factor			Percent Trucks	ADT		DHV	Flexible Pavement	S N Rigid Pavement
	2024	2044										
US 79 (Corridor Information Packet) DRAFT PROJECTIONS From I-35 To East of FM 1460 Williamson County	41,600	56,000	55 - 45	13.0	12.3	7.4	0	3	8"			
<b>Data for Use in Air &amp; Noise Analysis</b>												
Vehicle Class	Base Year											
	% of ADT		% of DHV									
Light Duty	87.7		92.6									
Medium Duty	1.0		0.6									
Heavy Duty	11.3		6.8									
Description of Location	Base Year				ATHWLD	Percent Tandem Axles in ATHWLD	Total Number of Equivalent 18k Single Axle Load Applications One Direction Expected for a 30 Year Period (2024 to 2054)		SLAB			
	Average Daily Traffic		Dir Dist %	K Factor			Percent Trucks	ADT		DHV	Flexible Pavement	S N Rigid Pavement
	2024	2054										
US 79 (Corridor Information Packet) DRAFT PROJECTIONS From I-35 To East of FM 1460 Williamson County	41,600	63,200	55 - 45	13.0	12.3	7.4	0	3	8"			



# Request for Traffic Data

Date: 06/28/2017

District: Austin County: Williamson CSJ: 0204-01-063

Highway: US 79

Limits: IH 35 to east of FM 1460

### Texas Reference Marker System

From Marker: 562 From Displacement: 1.787 From DFO: 271.216

To Marker: 566 To Displacement: 0.243 To DFO: 273.556

Is it in the UTP:  Yes  No District Priority: 7 Est. Letting Date: 03/03/2022

Existing Number of Lanes: 4

Proposed Number of Lanes: 6

District Contact Person: Carmen Ramos

Phone Number: 512-832-7075

Please attach an 8-1/2" x 11" location map and make note of any existing or proposed development that will be a traffic generator. NOTE: \_\_\_\_\_

### The following to be completed (Please mark information to be provided):

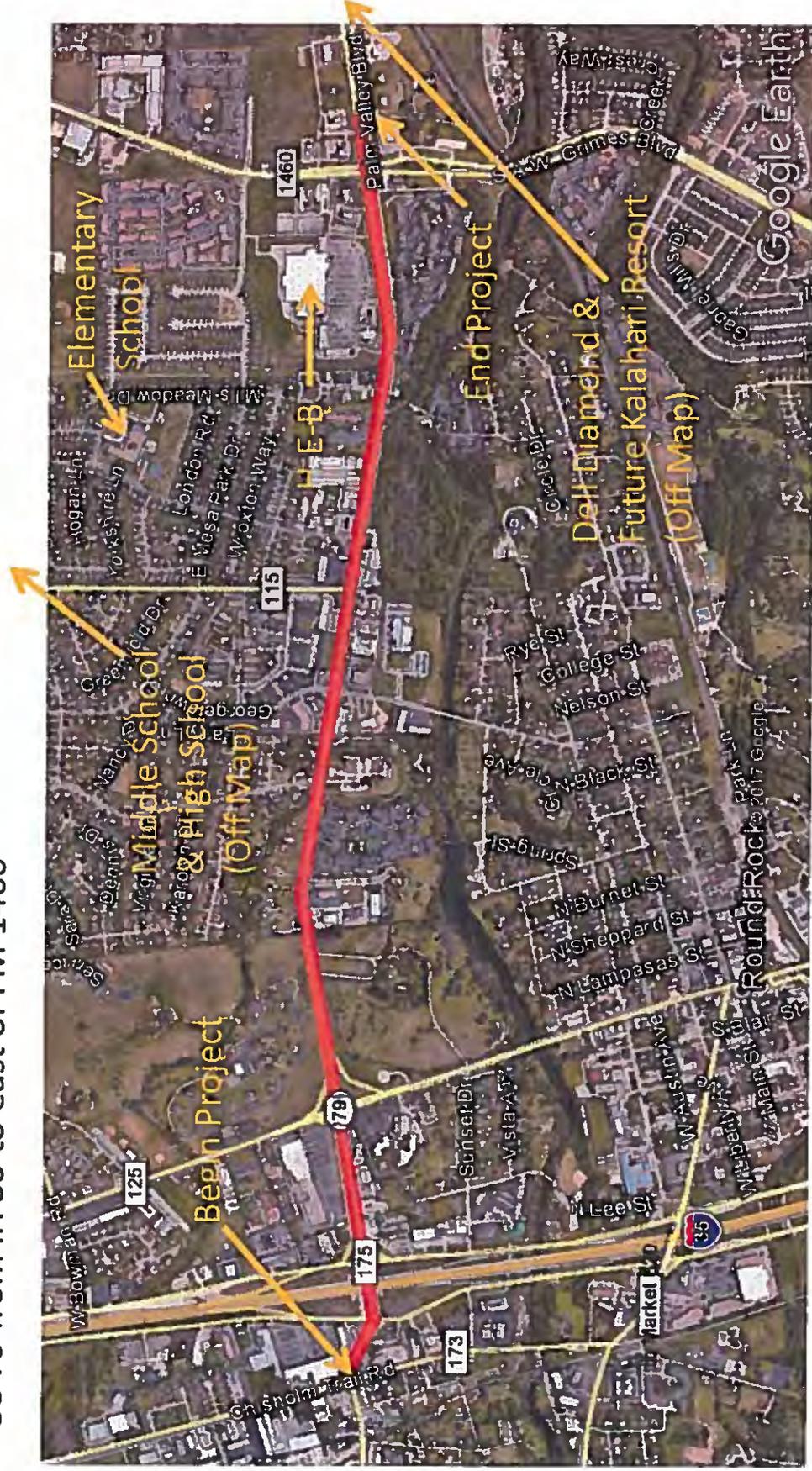
- 1. Basic Highway Traffic Data for pavement design  
(No line diagram analysis required)
  - A. Base year/ Beginning year: 2024
  - B. Forecasted 20 year: 2044
  - C. Forecasted 30 year: 2054
  - D. Directional Distribution
  - E. K-factor
  - F. Percent Trucks ADT/DHV
  - G. Average Ten Heaviest Wheel Loads (ATHWLD)
  - H. Percent Tandem Axles in the ATHWLD
  - I. One Directional cumulative 18 KSA at the end of the 20 years/30 years
  - J. Slab Thickness (8" unless otherwise specified): \_\_\_\_\_
  - K. Structural Number (3 unless otherwise specified): \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Vehicle classification for environmental studies (Air and Noise Analysis)
- 3. Line diagram analysis (straight line turning movements; please provide line diagram).
- 4. Complete Corridor Analysis (includes basic highway traffic data for pavement design, environmental studies and detailed schematic turning movements; *please provide detailed schematic*).
- 5. Consultant Corridor Information Packet
- 6. No build traffic analysis.
  - EA
  - EIS
  - EA/EIS Reevaluation

Note: If complete corridor analysis is requested, please attach a traffic schematic diagram.

Project Location Map

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US 79 from IH 35 to east of FM 1460





**Corridor Analysis Worksheet: 1 Section, 2 Forecast Years, Air & Noise**

Project	US 79 (Corridor Information Packet)		District	Austin			
Rd Type	US		County	Williamson			
Direction	Two-Way		CSJ	0204-01-063			
Project Limits	From I-35 To East of FM 1460		Analyst	GAC			
Date: Request	6/28/2017	Received	6/28/2017	Started	12/1/2017	Completed	12/1/2017
District Contact	Carmen Ramos		Phone #				

	Year	ADT's	% Trks ADT	% Trks DHV
Count	2016	35898	12.3	7.4
Base	2024	41600	# Trks 5117	
Forecast	2044	56000		
Forecast	2054	63200		

DRAFT PROJECTIONS

SPR Station	S-10	MC Strn	M-939	% Trks	20.0
Year	2016	Dir	SW	Num Trks	1938
Peak Hour	17.4	Year	2016	Axle Factor	2.91
DD	55	ADT	9679	% Single Axles	0.39
100-DD	45				
K-Factor	13.0				

Main Road Growth Rate	2.0	TDM Assignment	
Growth Rate after 20 Years	2.0		
20 Year Growth Factor	1.731		
30 Year Growth Factor	1.731		LOD 99999
Design Period 1	20		
Design Period 2	30		

		# Lanes
Structural Number (SN)	3	Existing 4
Slab Thickness (ST)	8	Proposed 6

<b>Past Projects</b>	
Project	US 79
From	I-35
To	FM 1460
Date	4/23/2013
County	Williamson
CSJ	0204-01-06

Items Done on This Project			
Straight Line Turning Movements		Detailed Schematic Turning Movements	
Traffic Analysis for Highway Design		Field Trip	
Vehicle Mix		Travel Demand Model Used	
Manual Count Worksheet			

**NOTES:**

These are DRAFT traffic projections based on the highest volume within the project limits.

**DATA CALCULATIONS FOR USE IN AIR & NOISE ANALYSIS**

FHWA Format Vehicle Class. Counts		
Light Duty Vehicles	Motorcycles	9
	Passenger	4386
	Pickup or Van	3346
Single Units	Buses	18
	Other 2 Axle	129
	3 Axles	61
	4 Axles or more	1
Truck	3-4 Axles	36
Combs.	5 Axles	1656
	6 Axles or more	16
Semi-Trailer	5 Axles or less	15
	6 Axles	6
Trailer	7 Axles or more	0

	Number	%
Light	7741	80.0
Medium	165	1.7
Heavy	1773	18.3
Trucks	1938	20.0
<b>SECTION 1</b>		
<b>US</b>		
	ADT	DHV
Light	87.7	92.6
Medium	1.0	0.6
Heavy	11.3	6.8
Total Vehicles		9679
Total Trucks		1938
Total Singles		2217.0
Total Tandems		3430.0
AXLE FACTOR		2.91
SINGLE AX FACT		0.39

**INPUT DATA FOR KIPS: AUTOMATIC**

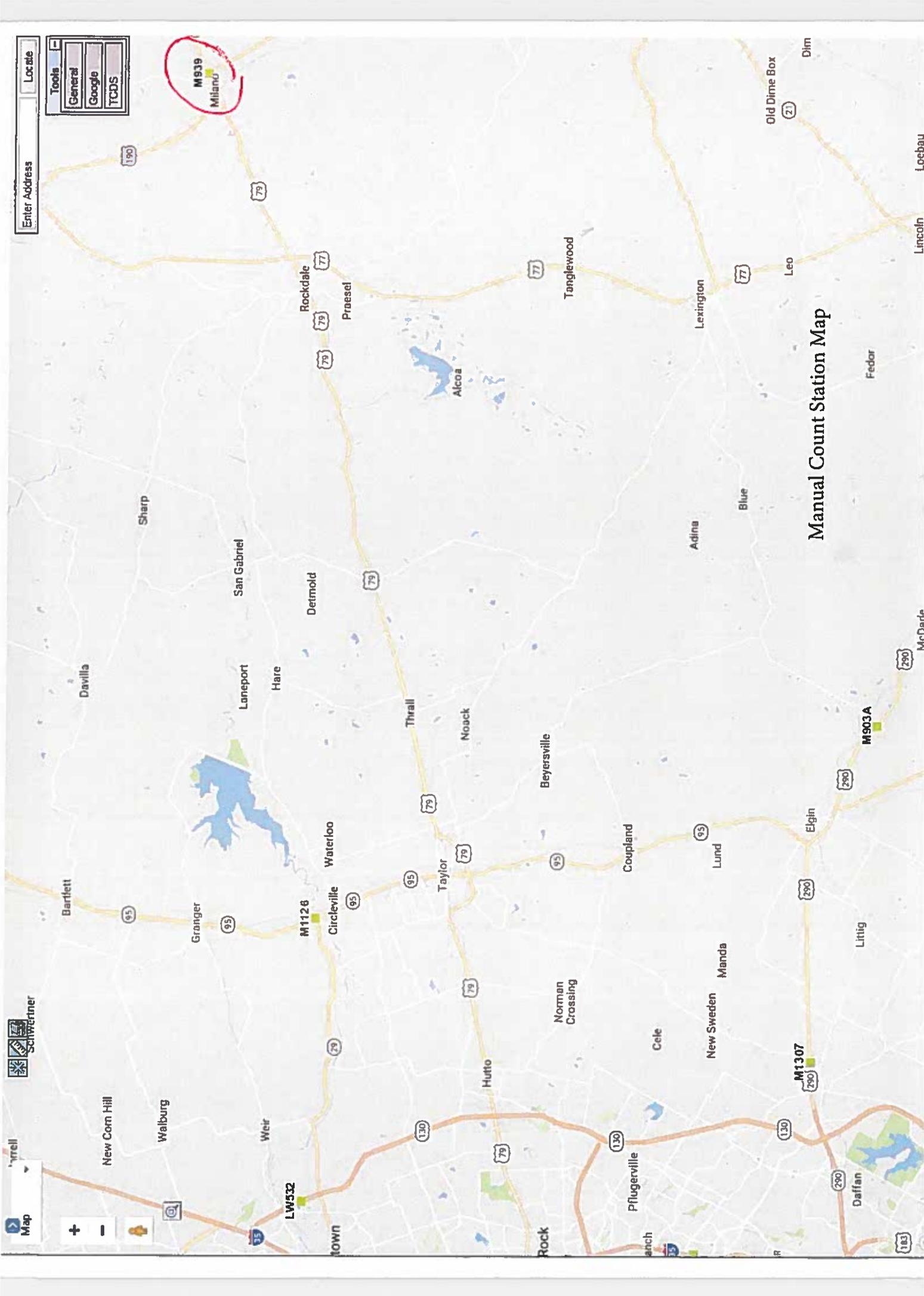
SN, ST	3, 8			
Design Periods	1	2		
Year 1	24	24		
Year 2	44	54		
ADT	41600	41600		
% Trks	12.3	12.3		
Growth Rate	1.731	1.731		
Years	20	30		
Facil Type	B	B		
S.N.	3	3		
SLAB	8	8		
Weight Sta	99999	99999		
Axle Factor	2.91	2.91		
Single Axle	0.39	0.39		

**OUTPUT DATA FROM KIPS: ENTER FOR TAHD FORM**

SN, ST	3, 8			
Design Periods	1	2		
ATHWLD				
% T in ATHWLD				
FLEXIBLE				
RIGID				







# Manual Count Station Map

Tools

- General
- Google
- TCDS

Enter Address

Locate

M939  
Milano

M1128

M1307

M903A

LW532



# Classification Report

<b>Location ID</b>	M939_SW	<b>Located On</b>	US 79	<b>County</b>	Milam
<b>Counted By</b>		<b>AT</b>	SH 36	<b>Community</b>	-
<b>Start Date</b>	Thu 11/10/2016	<b>Loc On Alias</b>		<b>Station</b>	M939_SW
<b>Start Time</b>	12:00:00 AM	<b>Direction</b>	SW	<b>Agency</b>	Texas DOT
<b>Source</b>		<b>Sensor Type</b>		<b>Owner</b>	Stacey Lewis
<b>Axle Factor</b>	0.787	<b>Count Status</b>	Accepted		
<b>Filename</b>	M-939.16				

FHWA-Scheme F Classification ?																
Start Time	Motor cycle	Car	Pick up	Bus	2A SU	3A SU	>3A SU	<5A 2U	5A 2U	>5A 2U	<6A >2U	6A >2U	>6A >2U	14	15	TOTAL
12:00 AM	0	20	13	0	1	0	0	0	24	0	3	1	0	0	0	62
1:00 AM	0	19	11	0	0	2	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
2:00 AM	0	14	10	0	1	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
3:00 AM	0	17	11	0	1	0	0	1	32	0	1	0	0	0	0	63
4:00 AM	0	28	30	1	2	4	0	0	35	1	1	0	0	0	0	102
5:00 AM	0	62	72	0	2	3	0	1	58	1	0	0	0	0	0	199
6:00 AM	0	142	142	3	6	1	0	3	70	0	0	2	0	0	0	369
7:00 AM	0	283	191	2	6	2	0	1	79	2	0	0	0	0	0	566
8:00 AM	0	189	181	0	7	2	0	4	102	1	1	0	0	0	0	487
9:00 AM	0	202	193	3	12	1	0	0	89	2	0	0	0	0	0	502
10:00 AM	0	231	205	0	11	3	0	8	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	556
11:00 AM	0	208	185	0	15	7	0	0	114	0	0	0	0	0	0	529
12:00 PM	1	252	225	0	12	5	0	1	78	2	1	0	0	0	0	577
1:00 PM	4	321	235	0	7	8	1	2	97	2	0	0	0	0	0	677
2:00 PM	1	301	240	2	10	5	0	5	89	1	0	0	0	0	0	654
3:00 PM	0	378	287	1	14	3	0	3	96	0	1	0	0	0	0	783
4:00 PM	3	392	281	5	4	3	0	1	95	2	0	0	0	0	0	786
5:00 PM	0	377	243	0	3	3	0	2	117	2	0	1	0	0	0	748
6:00 PM	0	335	203	0	6	2	0	1	81	0	1	0	0	0	0	629
7:00 PM	0	223	151	0	4	3	0	0	51	0	0	1	0	0	0	433
8:00 PM	0	134	77	0	2	1	0	1	50	0	1	0	0	0	0	266
9:00 PM	0	91	83	1	1	1	0	1	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	232
10:00 PM	0	120	47	0	0	2	0	0	45	0	1	0	0	0	0	215
11:00 PM	0	47	30	0	2	0	0	1	43	0	4	1	0	0	0	128
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4386</b>	<b>3346</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1656</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9679</b>

# MANUAL COUNT DESIGN DATA - FHWA FORMAT

Station Number M-939 Direction SW Year 2016  
 Optional Misc. Info. (loc., etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Truck	Number of Trucks	Single Axles Mult.	Tandem Axle Sets Mult.
<b>Light Duty Vehicles</b>			
Motorcycles	9		
Passenger Cars	4386		
Pickup or Van	3346		
<b>Single Units</b>			
Buses	18	2	0
Other 2 Axle	129	2	0
3 Axles	61	1	1
4 Axles or more	1	1	1
<b>Single Trailer</b>			
3-4 Axles	36	2.5	0.5
5 Axles	1656	1	2
6 Axles or more	16	1	2
<b>Multi-Trailers</b>			
5 Axles or less	15	5	0
6 Axles	6	4	1
7 Axles or more	0	3	2

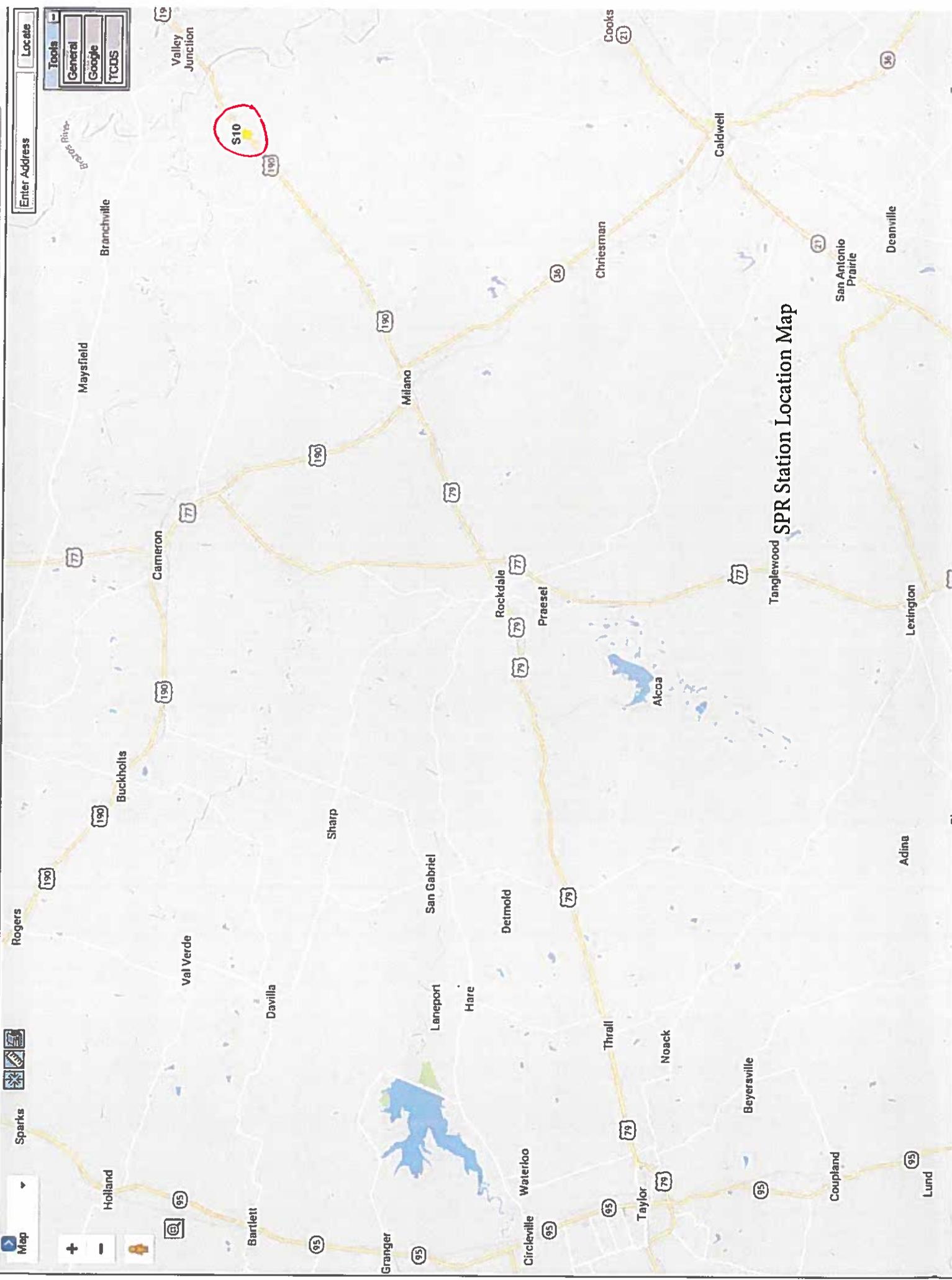
Light	7741
Medium	165
Heavy	1773
Trucks	1938
Total Vehicles	9679
%T of Tot. Veh.	20.0
Num. of Trucks	1938
Axle Factor	2.91
% Single Axles	0.39

Type of Truck	Number of Trucks	Single Axles Mult.	Tandem Axle Sets Mult.
<b>Single Trailer</b>			
3-4-Axle	36	2.5	0.5
5-Axle	1656	1	2
6-Axle	16	1	2

5-Axle	15	5	0
6-Axle	6	4	1
7-Axle	0	3	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1938</b>	<b>2217.0</b>	<b>3430.0</b>

$$\frac{\text{(Singles + Tandems)}}{\text{(Singles Axles / (Singles + Tandems))}} = \text{Axle Factor}$$

2.91
0.39



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**SPR Station Location Map**

Map

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Map labels include: Rogers, Sparks, Holland, Val Verde, Bartlett, Granger, Circleville, Waterloo, Taylor, Thrall, Noack, Beversville, Coupland, Lund, Buckholts, Cameron, Maysfield, Branchville, Valleys Junction, Sharp, San Gabriel, Laneport, Hare, Detmold, Praesel, Rockdale, Alcoa, Milano, Chrisman, Caldwell, Tanglewood, San Antonio Prairie, Deanville, Adina, Lexington, and Coombs.

Highway shields for 190, 77, 79, and 95 are visible.

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Transportation Planning and Programming Division's  
 Statewide Traffic Analysis and Reporting System II  
 High Hourly Volumes for Year for 1/1/2016 - 12/31/2016

District : Bryan      County : Milam      Community : Heame  
 Route:                      On Road: US0079  
 Location ID : S10      Collection Type : PERM      AADT: 6,203  
    Roadbed : ML

Ordinal High Hour	Date	Day of Week	Hour	Volume	K Factor	Peak Direction	Directional Distribution
1	11/23/2016	Wednesday	3pm-4pm	1078	17.4	NB	58
2	11/27/2016	Sunday	2pm-3pm	1065	17.2	NB	52
3	11/23/2016	Wednesday	4pm-5pm	1027	16.6	NB	58
4	11/27/2016	Sunday	3pm-4pm	1025	16.5	SB	54
5	11/27/2016	Sunday	4pm-5pm	1020	16.4	SB	56
6	11/27/2016	Sunday	1pm-2pm	1012	16.3	SB	50
7	11/23/2016	Wednesday	2pm-3pm	982	15.8	NB	60
8	11/23/2016	Wednesday	5pm-6pm	932	15	NB	58
9	11/23/2016	Wednesday	1pm-2pm	931	15	NB	56
10	9/5/2016	Monday	3pm-4pm	921	14.8	NB	54
20	3/20/2016	Sunday	4pm-5pm	850	13.7	SB	50
25	3/20/2016	Sunday	2pm-3pm	818	13.2	NB	51
30	3/27/2016	Sunday	6pm-7pm	804	13	SB	55
35	11/18/2016	Friday	4pm-5pm	793	12.8	NB	58
40	11/25/2016	Friday	11am-12pm	772	12.4	NB	50
40	11/25/2016	Friday	11am-12pm	772	12.4	SB	50
45	9/30/2016	Friday	4pm-5pm	753	12.1	NB	51
50	5/6/2016	Friday	5pm-6pm	746	12	NB	52
75	11/22/2016	Tuesday	3pm-4pm	714	11.5	SB	52
100	10/14/2016	Friday	5pm-6pm	690	11.1	SB	51
125	11/18/2016	Friday	3pm-4pm	679	10.9	NB	54
150	10/16/2016	Sunday	1pm-2pm	667	10.8	NB	52
175	4/29/2016	Friday	5pm-6pm	654	10.5	NB	50
200	8/19/2016	Friday	5pm-6pm	641	10.3	NB	51



# 2016 AUSTIN DISTRICT TRAFFIC MAP

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 Transportation Planning and Programming Division  
 Traffic Analysis System Support Branch



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# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Greg Malatek, P.E.

**DATE:** April 23, 2013

**FROM:** William E. Knowles, P.E.

**SUBJECT:** Traffic Data  
CSJ: 0204-01-06  
US 79:  
From I-35  
To FM 1460

Williamson County

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Attached is a copy of a schematic depicting 2013, 2033 and 2043 anticipated average daily traffic volumes and turning movements along US 79 specified in your request. Also attached are tabulations showing traffic analysis for highway design for the 2013 to 2033 twenty year period and 2013 to 2043 thirty year period for the described limits of the route. Included is a tabulation showing data for use in air and noise analysis.

Please refer to your original memorandum dated March 25, 2013.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Robert Williams at (512) 486-5145.

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Attachments

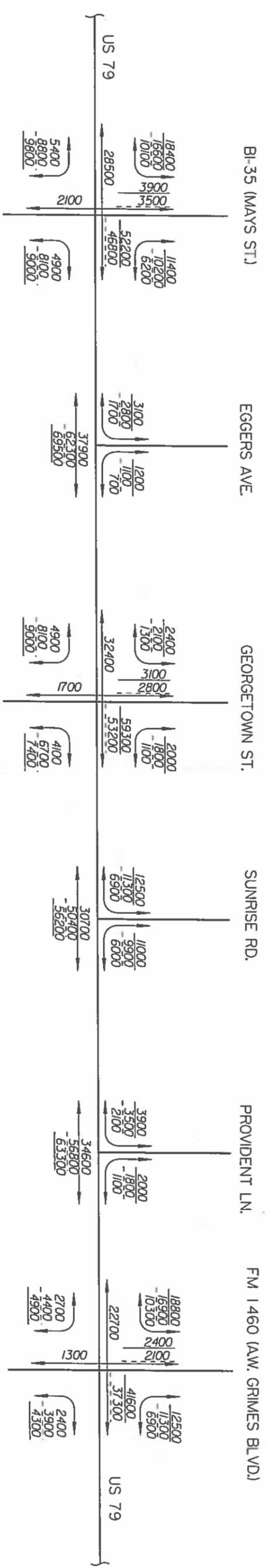
cc: Ed Collins, Austin District  
Design Division

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PROJECT

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William Erick Knowles, P.E.  
Serial Number 94704



2013, 2033 AND 2043 ANTICIPATED AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC VOLUMES AND TURNING MOVEMENTS AT SPECIFIED POINTS ALONG  
U.S. 79 FROM I-35 TO FM 1460  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING DIVISION  
APRIL 29, 2013

LEGEND  
1000 - 2013 ADT  
1000 - 2033 ADT  
1000 - 2043 ADT

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**TRAFFIC ANALYSIS FOR HIGHWAY DESIGN**

April 23, 2013

Austin District

Description of Location	Base Year				Dir Dist %	K Factor	ADT	Percent Trucks	ATHWLD	Percent Tandem Axles in ATHWLD	Total Number of Equivalent 18k Single Axle Load Applications One Direction Expected for a 20 Year Period (2013 to 2033)			
	Average Daily Traffic		Rigid Pavement	Flexible Pavement							S	N	Rigid Pavement	SLAB
	2013	2033												
US 79 From I-35 To FM 1460 Williamson County	44,000	72,200	53 - 47	12.8	14.9	8.9	12,900	40	30,473,000	3	42,692,000	8"		
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William Erick Knowles, P.E. Serial Number 8470A														
Description of Location	Base Year				Dir Dist %	K Factor	ADT	Percent Trucks	ATHWLD	Percent Tandem Axles in ATHWLD	Total Number of Equivalent 18k Single Axle Load Applications One Direction Expected for a 30 Year Period (2013 to 2043)			
	Average Daily Traffic		Rigid Pavement	Flexible Pavement							S	N	Rigid Pavement	SLAB
	2013	2043												
US 79 From I-35 To FM 1460 Williamson County	44,000	80,400	53 - 47	12.8	14.9	8.9	13,000	40	48,936,000	3	68,558,000	8"		

**Data for Use in Air & Noise Analysis**

Vehicle Class	Base Year	
	% of ADT	% of DHV
Light Duty	85.1	91.1
Medium Duty	4.1	2.5
Heavy Duty	10.8	6.4

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Bill Knowles  
Transportation Planning and Programming  
**Date:** March 25, 2013

**From:** Elizabeth Prestwood *Elizabeth Prestwood*  
Transportation Planning and Development, Austin District

**Subject:** Traffic Request  
County: Williamson  
CSJ: 0204-01-06  
Highway: US 79  
Limits: From IH 35 to FM 1460

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I am attaching the following documents that explain the request:

1. Completed TRAFFIC REQUEST FORM
2. Project Location Map
3. Revised District Priority List

In addition, a layout with known traffic generators that would affect the project limits is also attached.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 832-7284.

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# REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC DATA

Form 2124  
(6/2004)  
Page 1 of 1

Date: 3/5/13

District: 14

County: Williamson

CSJ: 0204-01-06

Highway: US 79

Limits: From IH 35 to FM 1460

### Texas Reference Marker System

From Marker: 564

From Displacement: 0.320

From DFO: 272.036

To Marker: 564

To Displacement: 01.968

To DFO: 273.684

Is it in the UTP?  Yes  No

District Priority: \_\_\_\_\_

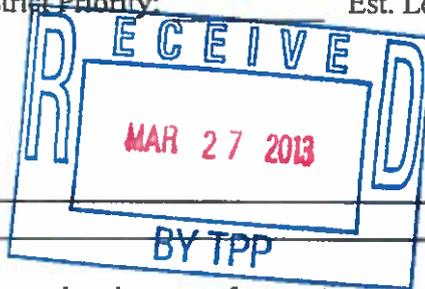
Est. Letting Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Existing Number of Lanes: 5

Proposed Number of Lanes: 7

District Contact Person: Ed Collins

Phone Number: 512/832-7041



Please attach an 8-1/2" x 11" location map and make note of any existing or proposed development that will be a traffic generator.

### The following to be completed (Please mark information to be provided):

1. Basic Highway Traffic Data for pavement design  
(No line diagram analysis required)

- A. Base year/Beginning year: 2013
- B. Forecasted 20 year: 2033
- C. Forecasted 30 year: 2043
- D. Directional Distribution
- E. K-factor
- F. Percent Trucks ADT/DHV
- G. Average Ten Heaviest Wheel Loads (ATHWLD)
- H. Percent Tandem Axles in the ATHWLD
- I. One Directional cumulative 18 KSA at the end of the 20 years/30years
- J. Slab Thickness (8" unless otherwise specified): \_\_\_\_\_
- K. Structural Number (3 unless otherwise specified): \_\_\_\_\_

ALSO NEED TURNING MOVEMENT COUNTS AT THE FOLLOWING

INTERSECTIONS:

- BI-35 (MAYS ST)
- EGGER AVE
- GEORGETOWN ST
- SUNRISE RD

- PROVIDENCE LN
- HEB DRIVEWAY (WEST END OF PROPERTY)
- FM 1460 (A.W. GRUBBS)

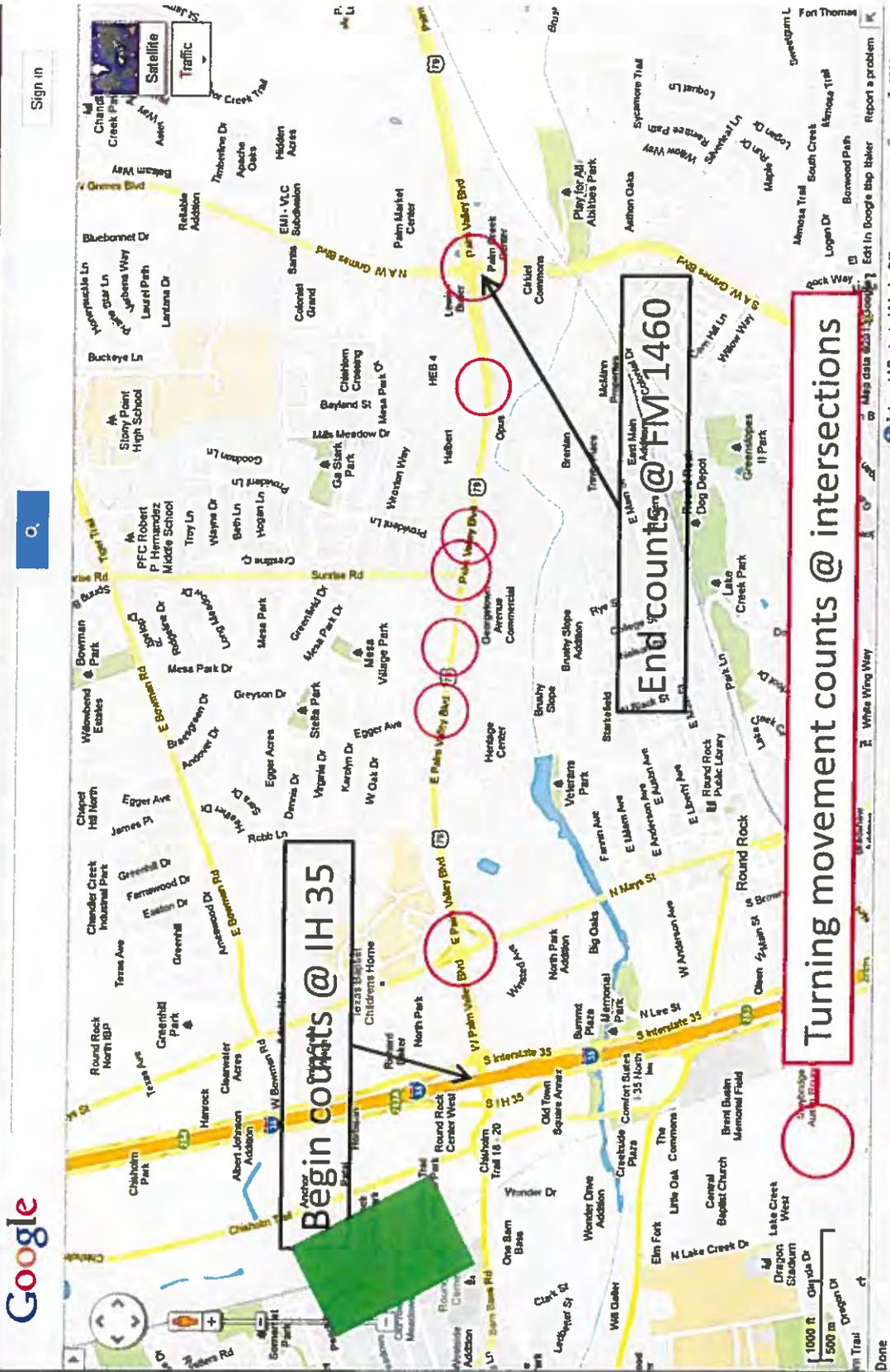
2. Vehicle classification for environmental studies (Air and Noise Analysis).

3. Line diagram analysis (straight line turning movements; please provide line diagram).

4. Complete Corridor Analysis (includes basic highway traffic data for pavement design, environmental studies and detailed schematic turning movements; please provide detailed schematic).

Note: If complete corridor analysis is requested, please attach a traffic schematic diagram.

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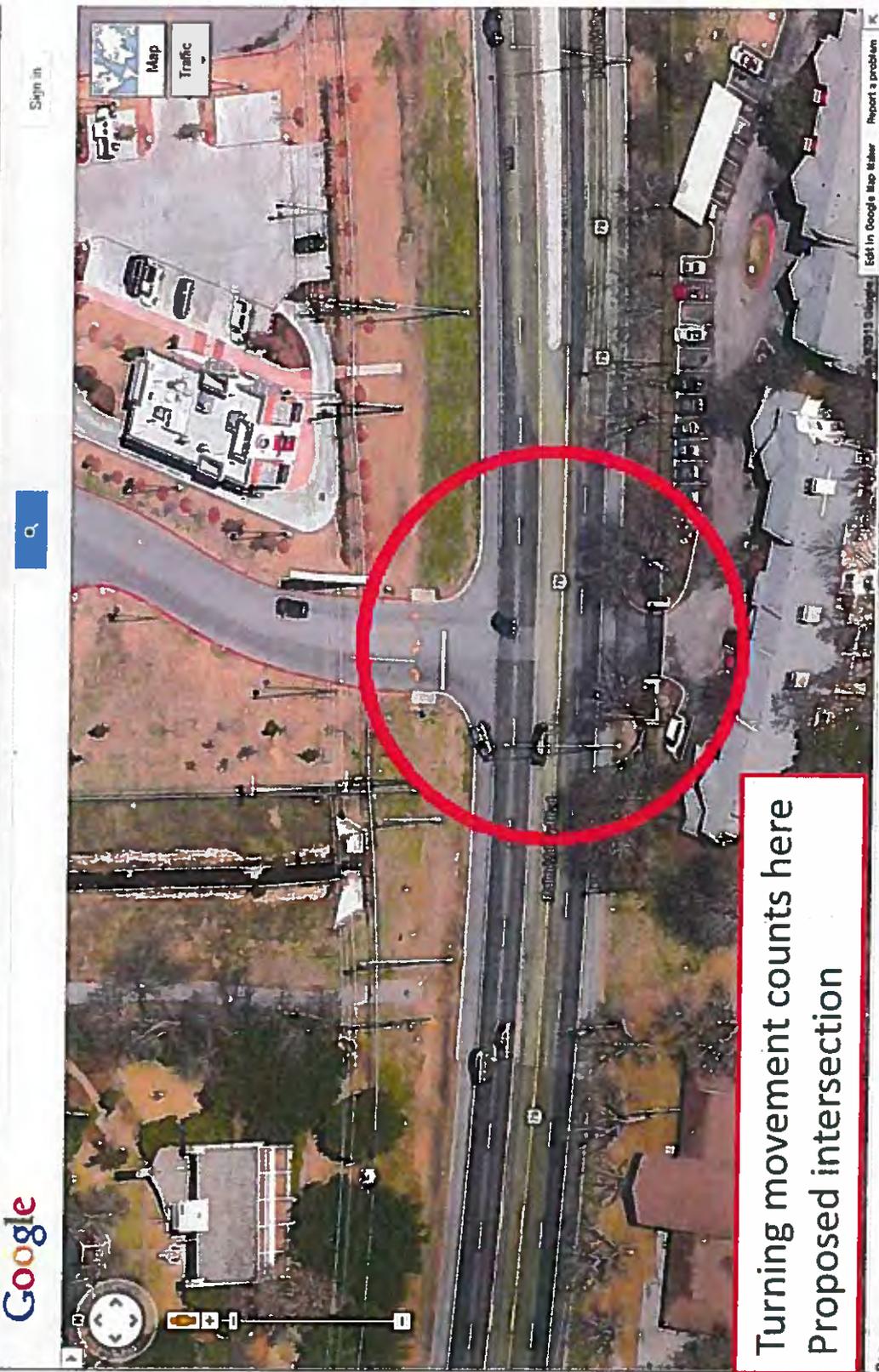
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Turning movement counts here  
Proposed intersection

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**Corridor Analysis Worksheet: 1 Section, 2 Forecast Years, Air & Noise**

Project	US 79		Date for Memorandum	3/25/2013	
Rd Type	US		District	Austin	
Project Limits	From I-35		County	Williamson	
	To FM 1460		CSJ	0204-01-06	
			Analyst	RCW	
Date: Request	3/25/2013	Received	3/27/2013	Started	4/22/2013
District Contact			Completed	4/23/2013	
			Phone #	832-7284	

Count	Year	ADT's	% Trks ADT	% Trks DHV
	2011	41000	14.9	8.9
Base	2013	44000	# Trks	
Forecast	2033	72200		6556
Forecast	2043	80400		

SPR Station	S-10	MC Stn	M-939	% Trks	25.5
Year	2011	Dir	6	Num Trks	1929
Peak Hour	18.6	Year	2011	Axle Factor	2.74
DD	53	ADT	7572	% Single Axles	0.50
100-DD	47				
K-Factor	12.8				

Main Road Growth Rate	3.6	TDM Assignment	N/A
Growth Rate after 20 Years	2.0		
20 Year Growth Factor	3.205		
30 Year Growth Factor	2.758	LOD	99999
Design Period 1	20		
Design Period 2	30		

Structural Number (SN)	3	Existing	# Lanes	5
	8		Proposed	7

Past Projects	
Project	US 79
From	FM 1460
To	I-35
Date	11/5/2007
County	Williamson
CSJ	0683-01-078

T. Log		
ADT		
% Growth Rate		
K-Factor		
DD		
% Trucks ADT		
% Trucks DHV		
MC Station		
SPR Station		

Items Done on This Project			
Straight Line Turning Movements	Yes	Detailed Schematic Turning Movements	No
Traffic Analysis for Highway Design	Yes	Field Trip	No
Vehicle Mix	Yes	Travel Demand Model Used	No
Manual Count Worksheet	Yes		

**NOTES:**

See attachments for t-log

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**DATA CALCULATIONS FOR US AIR & NOISE ANALYSIS**

<input checked="" type="radio"/> FHWA Format			<input type="radio"/> Texas 6 Format			FHWA Format Data		
Light Duty Vehicles	Motorcycles	17	Light Duty Vehicles	Passenger Panel & Pickup		Light	Number	%
	Passenger Pickup or Van	3419	Single Units	Buses		Medium	5643	74.5
	Buses	2207		Other 2 Axle		Heavy	530	7.0
	Other 2 Axle	35		3 Axle		Trucks	1399	18.5
	3 Axles	431		4 Axle or More			1929	25.5
	4 Axles or more	69	Truck Combs.	3 Axle		SECTION 1		
	3-4 Axles	0		4 Axle		US		
	5 Axles	129		5 Axle			ADT	DHV
	6 Axles or more	1232		6 Axle or more		Light	85.1	91.1
	5 Axles or less	11	Semi-Trailer	5 Axle		Medium	4.1	2.5
	6 Axles	2	Trailer	6 Axle		Heavy	10.8	6.4
	7 Axles or more	1	Trailer	7 Axle or more				
						Total Vehicles	7572	
						Total Trucks	1929	
						Total Singles	2640.5	
						Total Tandems	2639.5	
						AXLE FACTOR	2.74	
						SINGLE AX FACT	0.50	

**INPUT DATA FOR KIPS: AUTOMATIC**

SN, ST	3, 8				
Design Periods	1	2			
Year 1	13	13			
Year 2	33	43			
ADT	44000	44000			
% Trks	14.9	14.9			
Growth Rate	3.205	2.758			
Years	20	30			
Facil Type	B	B			
S.N.	3	3			
SLAB	8	8			
Weight Sta	99999	99999			
Axle Factor	2.74	2.74			
Single Axle	0.50	0.50			

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**OUTPUT DATA FROM KIPS: ENTER FOR TAHD FORM**

SN, ST	3, 8				
Design Periods	1	2			
ATHWLD	12900	13000			
% T in ATHWLD	40	40			
FLEXIBLE	30473000	48936000			
RIGID	42692000	68558000			

TRAFFIC VOLUME REGRESSION WORKSHEET

April 22, 2013

PROJECT: US 79 From I-35 to FM 1460  
LIMITS:

District: Austin  
County: Williamson  
CSJ: 0204-01-06

ROUTE LOCATION	US 79 A	US 79 B	US 79 C
1991	29000	19100	10500
1992	24000	17200	12000
1993	26000	18100	12900
1994	32000	19100	13900
1995	28000	25000	18200
1996	30000	27000	19900
1997	30000	28000	19700
1998	35000	32000	23000
1999	28000	30000	23000
2000	39000	35000	25000
2001	40000	36000	28000
2002	42000	35000	31000
2003	42000	37000	32000
2004	50000	41000	37000
2005	46110	40250	36790
2006	41000	45000	41000
2007	48000	41000	41000
2008	47000	39000	37000
2009	46000	41000	36000
2010	46000	40000	36000
2011	41000	37000	33000

	Regr01	Regr02	Regr03	Regr04	Regr05	Regr06	Regr07	Regr08	Regr09	Regr10	Regr11	Regr12
Low Linear Annual Growth Rate					1.4%	1.7%	2.1%					
Forecast Lnr. An. Grwth Rate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.4%	2.8%	3.6%	<input type="checkbox"/>				
High Linear Annual Growth Rate					3.4%	4.0%	5.0%					
Estimated Standard Deviation					3978.09	3581.02	3553.82					
B (Slope)					1157	1278	1512					
A (Intercept)					25956	18750	11876					
B					0.876	0.911	0.935					
Confidence Interval					+/- 0.25 (2.0%)	+/- 0.01 (2.0%)	+/- 0.05 (2.0%)					
Avg. of selected Forecast Linear Annual Growth Rates:					Avg. of all Forecast Linear Annual Growth Rates: 2.9%							

GR's for Non-Regression vols only:

PROJECTIONS OF ABOVE TRAFFIC VOLUME DATA TO FORECASTED YEARS

Use last Count Year from above.

Do not use last Count Year from above.

Enter any one of previous count years from above: 2010

Enter Base Year: 2012

Pivot Growth Rate at 20 Years from Count Year (most commonly used).

Pivot Growth Rate (GR) at other than 20 Years from Count Year.

Enter years from Count Year for pivoting Growth Rate (e.g. for pivoting growth ten years from Count Year, enter 10): 10

Enter Model Year: 2030

Optional input: SPB Station, Yr: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional input: K-Factor: \_\_\_\_\_ Enter Earliest Variable Year: 2015

Optional input: DK Dist: \_\_\_\_\_ Enter Latest Variable Year: 2025

**Pre-20/Pivot Yr Growth Rates Selection**

Use Relative Low & Non-Regression GR's

Use Relative Hcast & Non-Regression GR's

Use Relative High & Non-Regression GR's

Use Avg. of Selected Low Growth Rates

Use Avg. of Selected Forecast Growth Rates

Use Avg. of Selected High Growth Rates

Use Avg. of All Low Growth Rates  1.7%

Use Avg. of All Forecast Growth Rates  2.9%

Use Avg. of All High Growth Rates  4.1%

Use Highest Forecast Growth Rate  3.6%

Use Lowest Forecast Growth Rate  2.4%

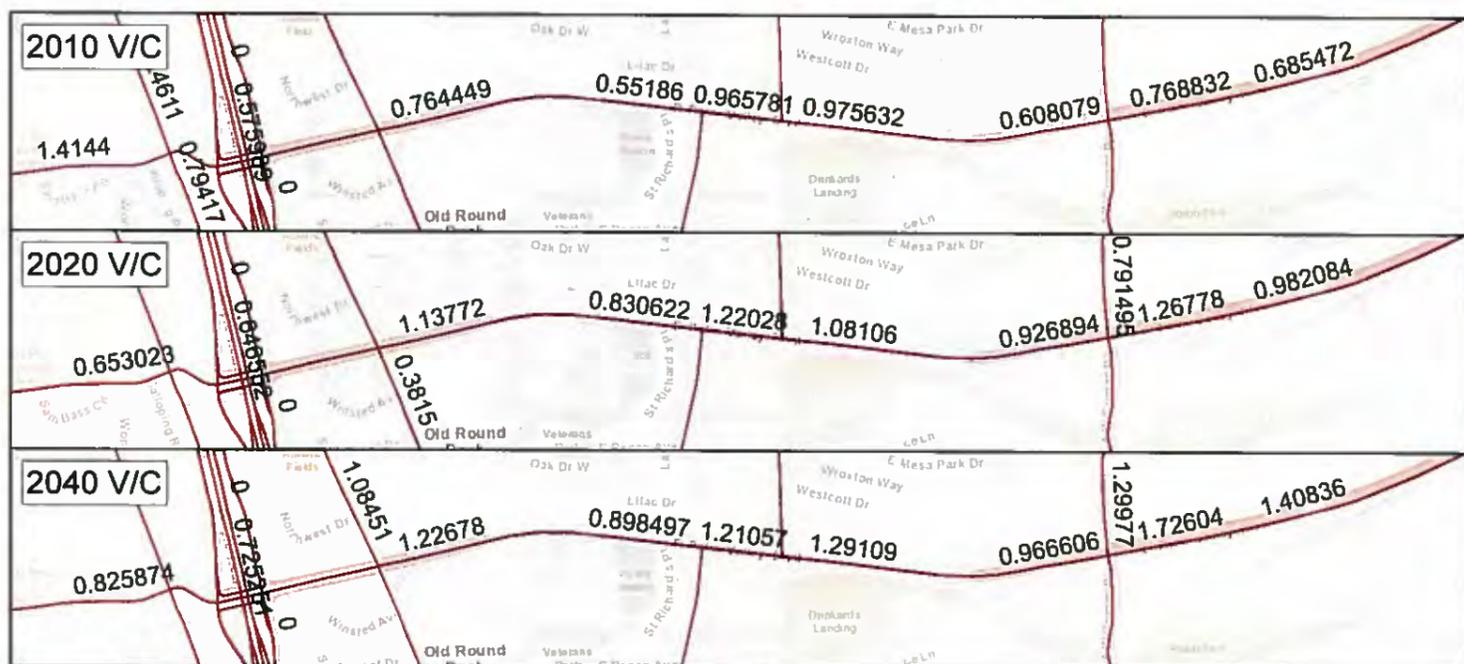
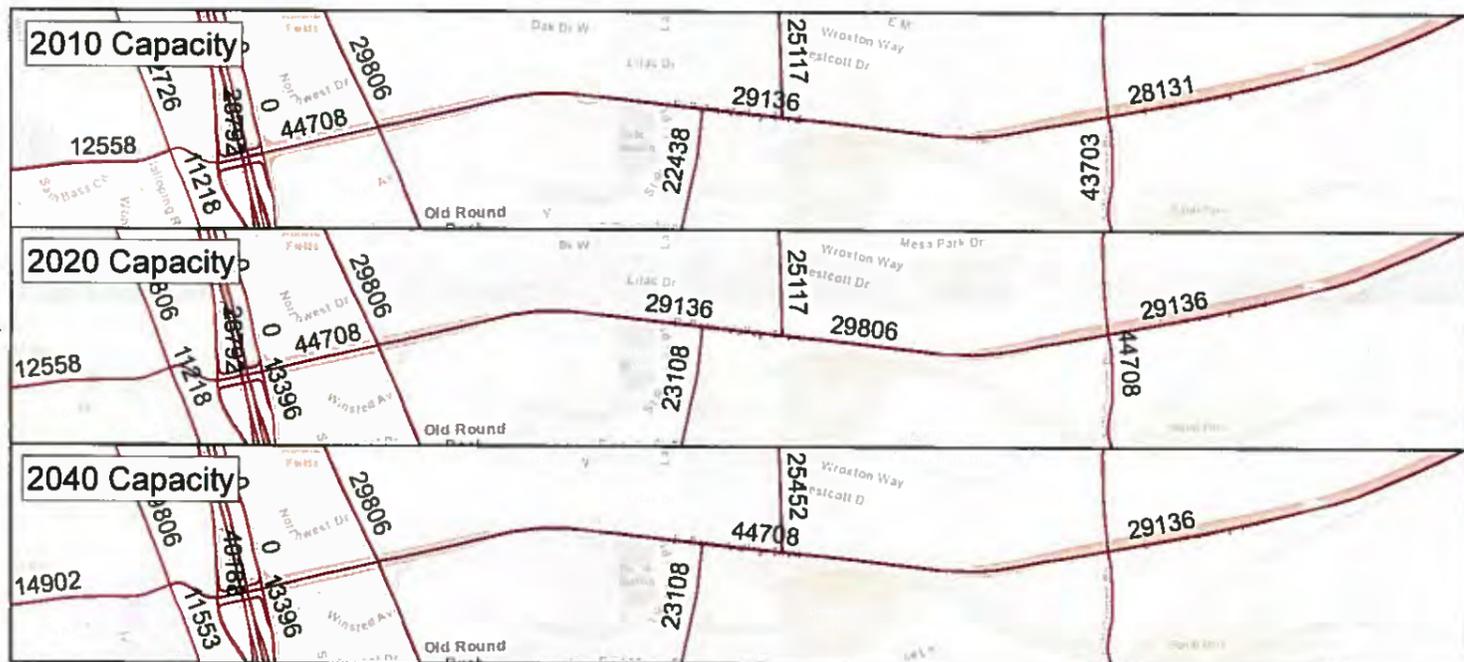
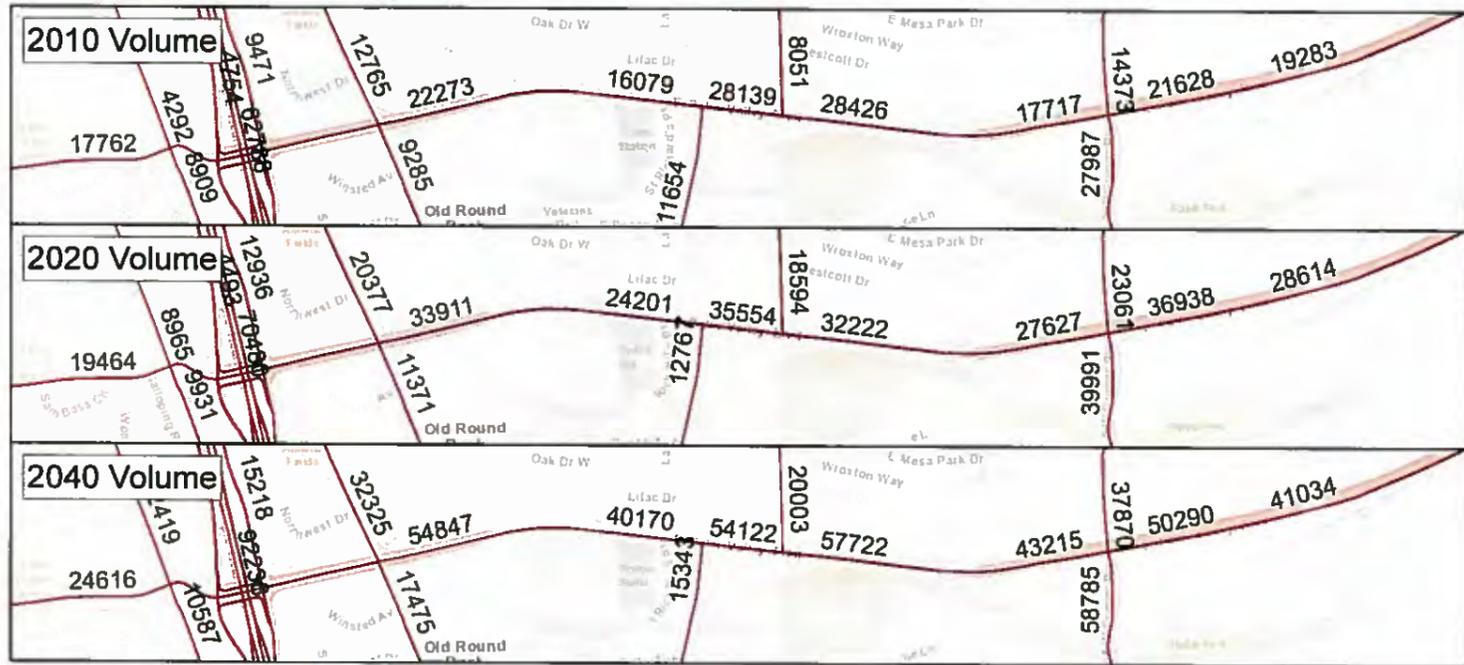
Use Manually Selected Growth Rate  4.0%

**Post-20/Pivot Year Growth Rate** Note: If Pre-20/Pivot Yr GR is 2.0% or less, that rate is used in the projections, not the rate below.

Enter Growth Rate (2.0% most common): 2.0%

ROUTE LOCATION	US 79 A	US 79 B	US 79 C
20/PIVOT YR AN. GROWTH RATE			
Count Year - 2011	41000	37000	33000
Base Year - 2012			
Ten Year Forecast - 2022			
Twenty Year Forecast - 2032			
Thirty Year Forecast - 2042			
Forty Year Forecast - 2052			
GR Pivot Year Forecast - 2031			
Earliest Var Yr Frcst - 2015			
Latest Var Yr Frcst - 2025			
Model Year Forecast - 2030			
Model Traffic Assignment			
Difference of Model Yr Forecast from Model Traffic Assignment			
Above Difference in DDRV			
% Difference of Model Yr Forecast from Model Traffic Assignment			

Volume, capacity and volume to capacity ratios used to determine US79 future growth rate.  
 Data taken from CAMPO's 2040 regional Travel Demand Model under shared use agreement.  
 No sub-area study or model calibration was done.



11-29-17 Conference Call w/ Austin District and Lan-inc.  
 It was agreed to provide a corridor info. packet  
 with a 2% growth rate.  
 -Grabe