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PPR 18-033  
Transportation Memorandum  
(LSC #184510)  
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Traffic Engineer's Statement

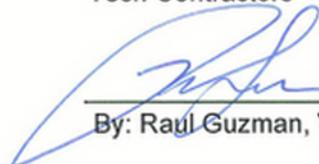
This traffic report and supporting information were prepared under my responsible charge and they comport with the standard of care. So far as is consistent with the standard of care, said report was prepared in general conformance with the criteria established by the County for traffic reports.



Developer's Statement

I, the Developer, have read and will comply with all commitments made on my behalf within this report.

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By: Raul Guzman, Vice President

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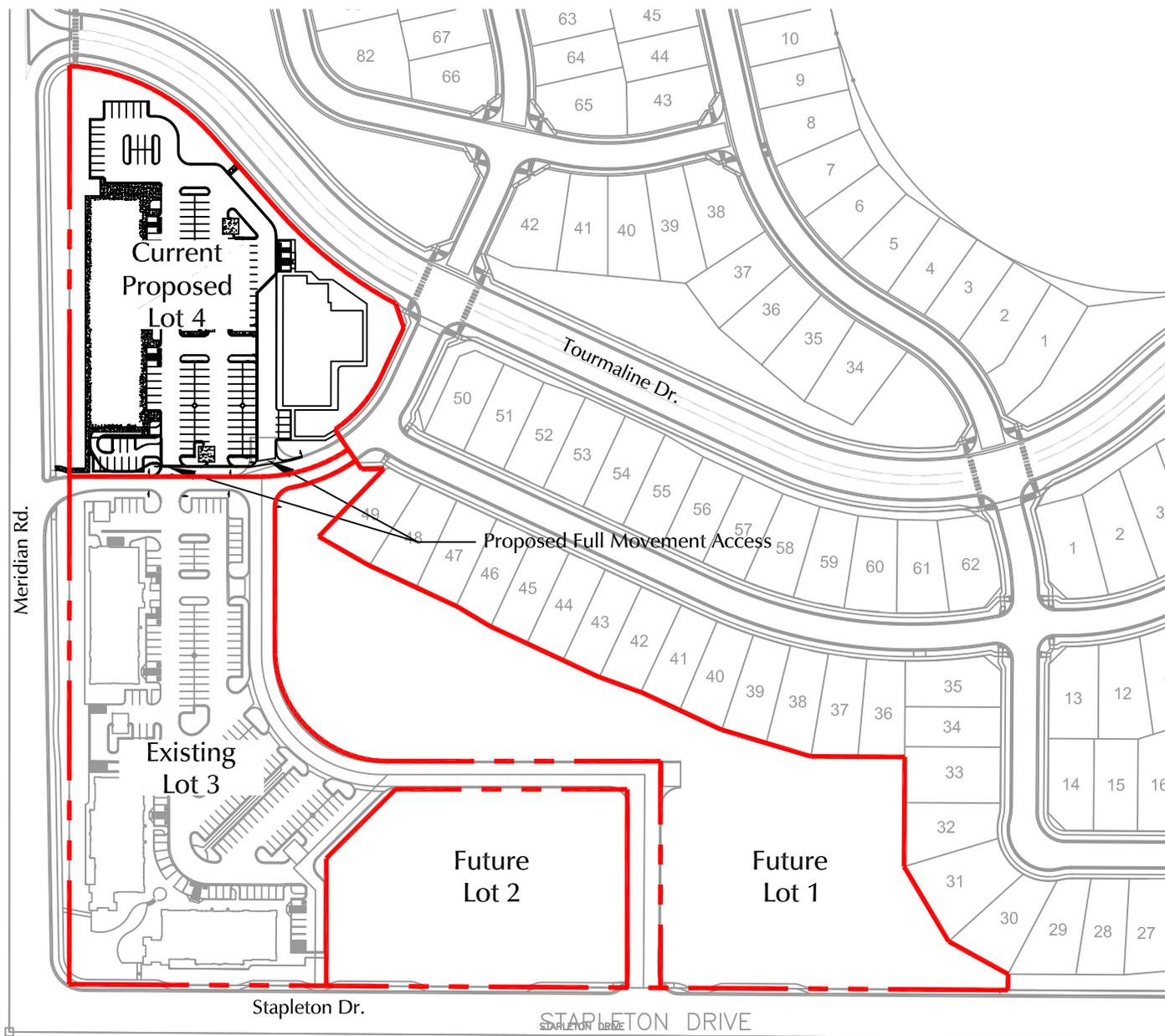
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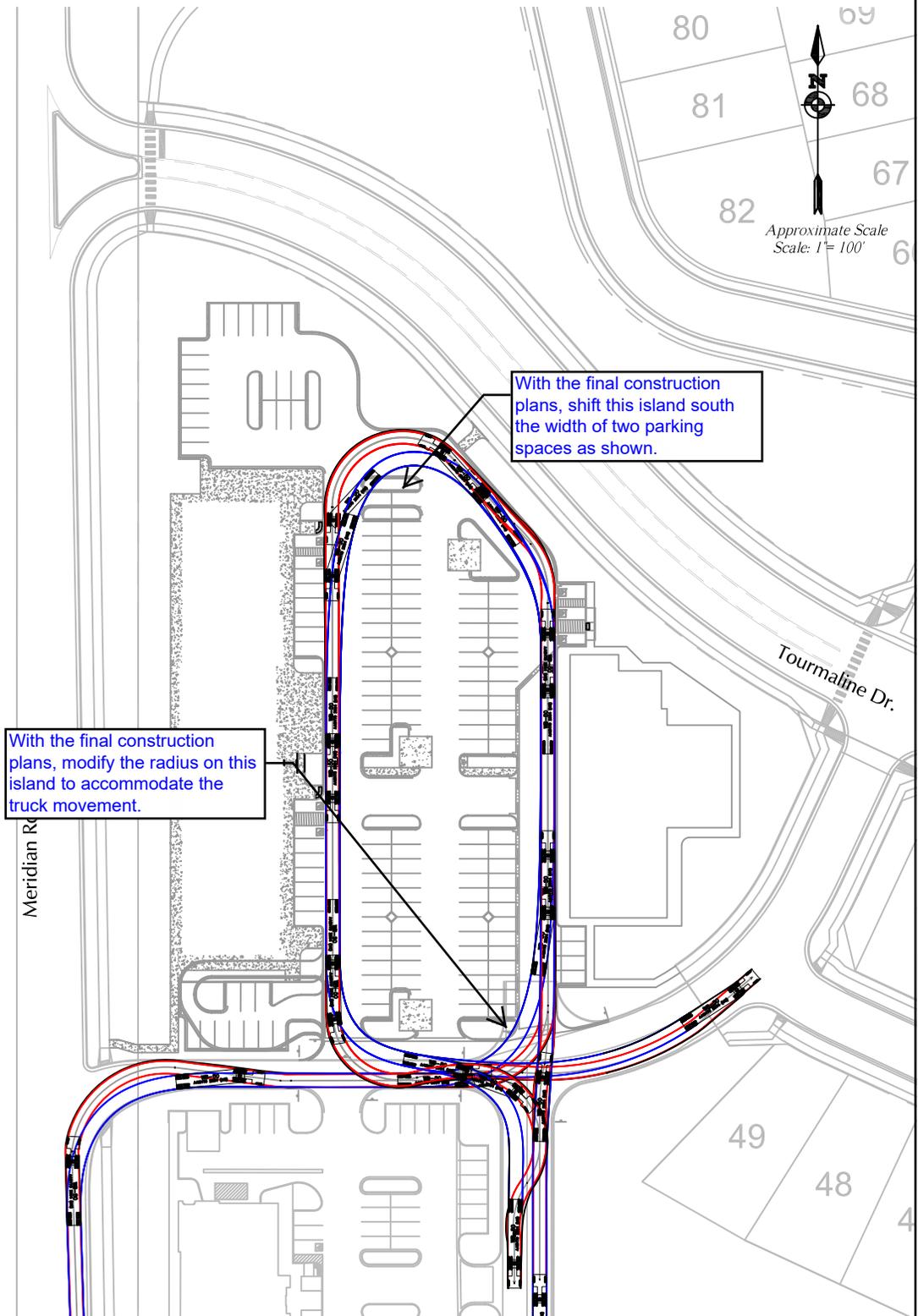


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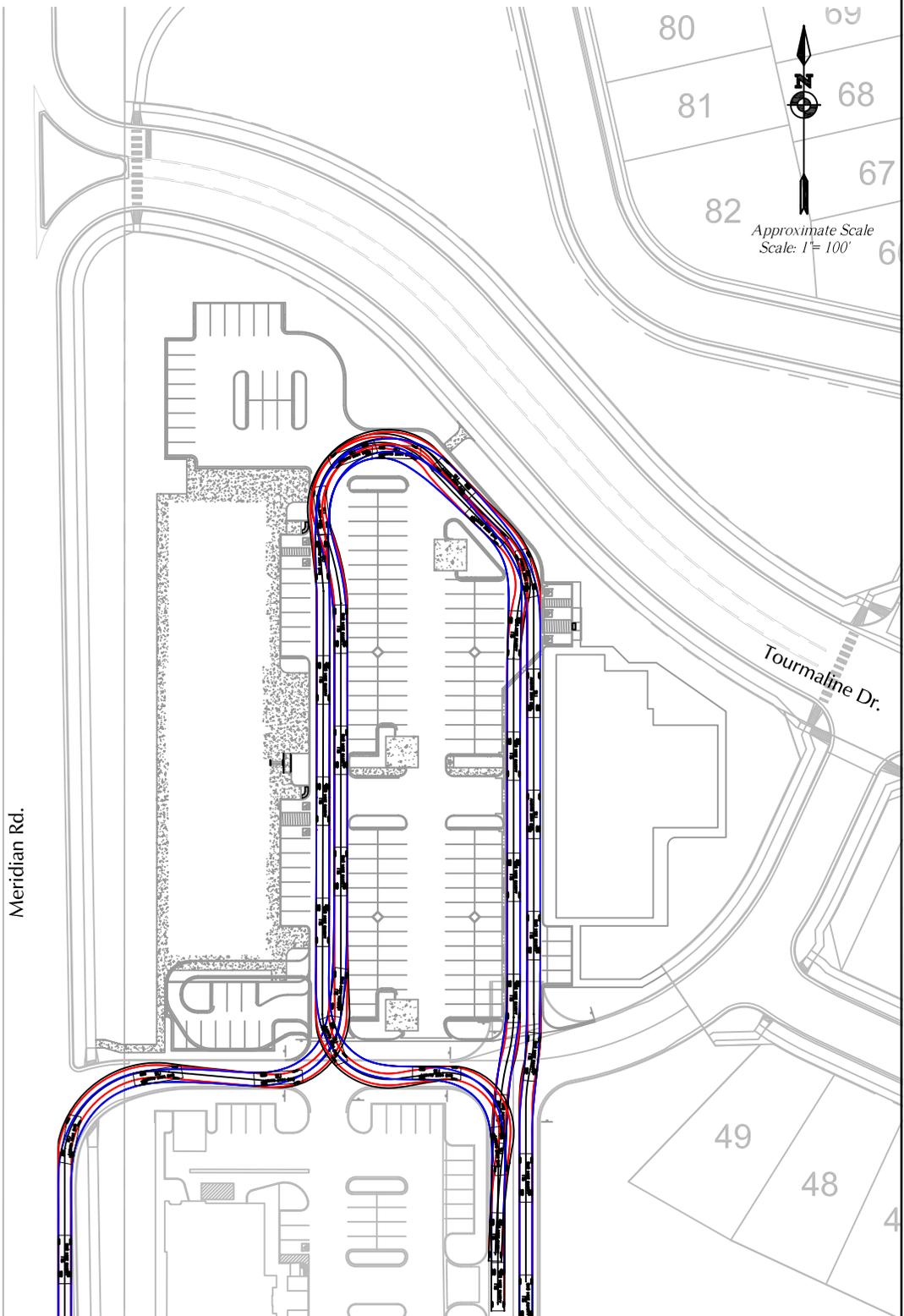


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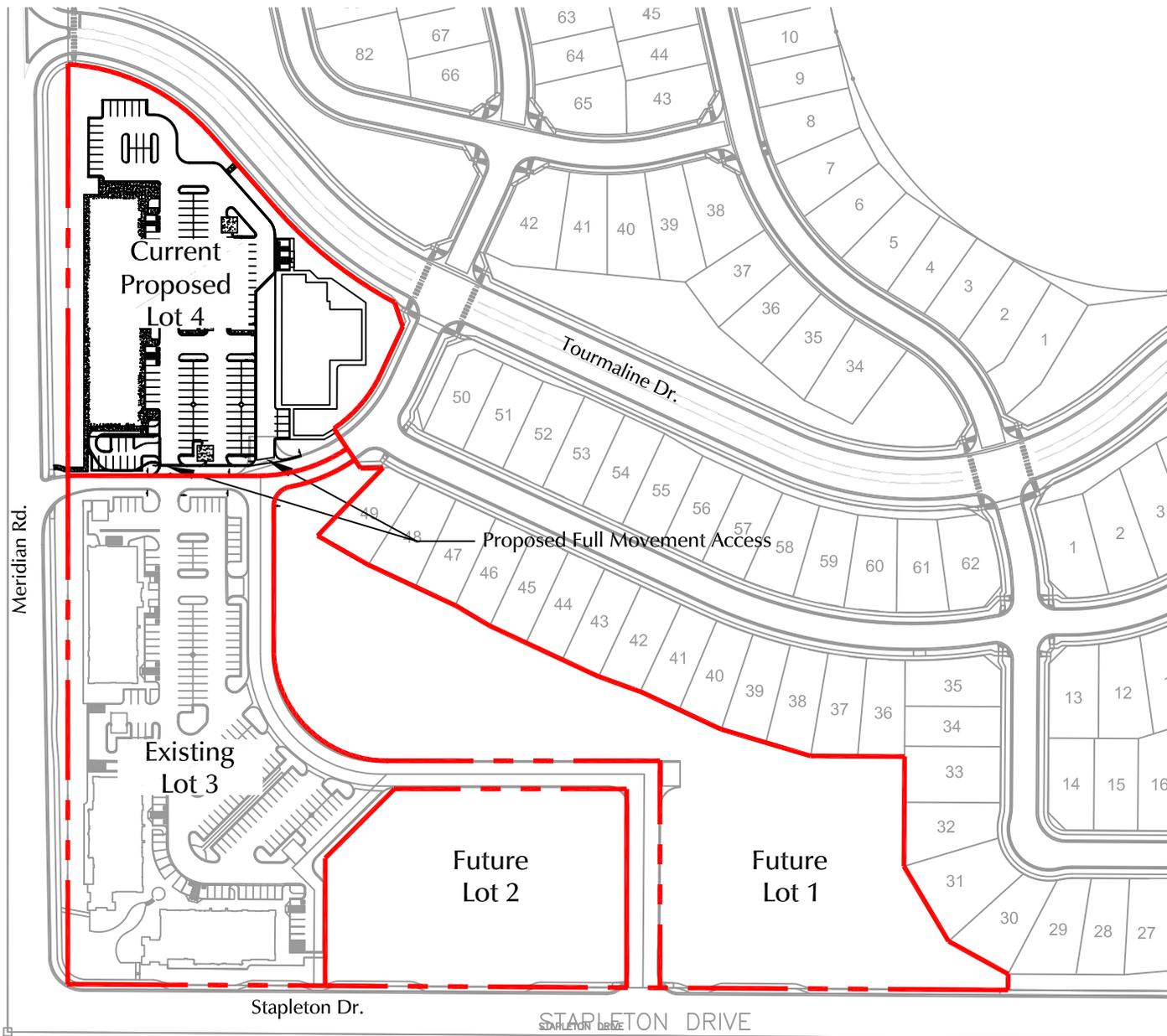
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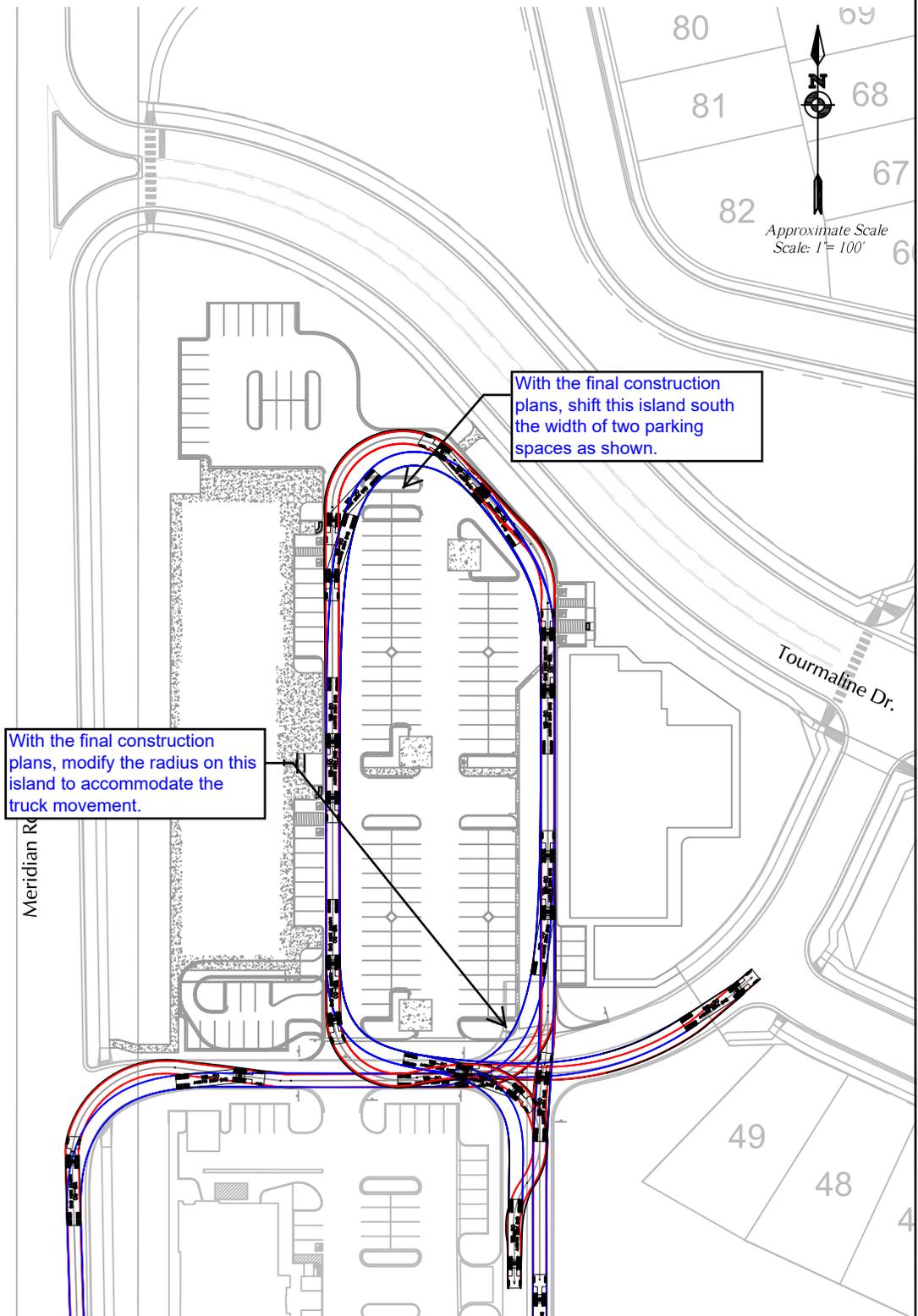


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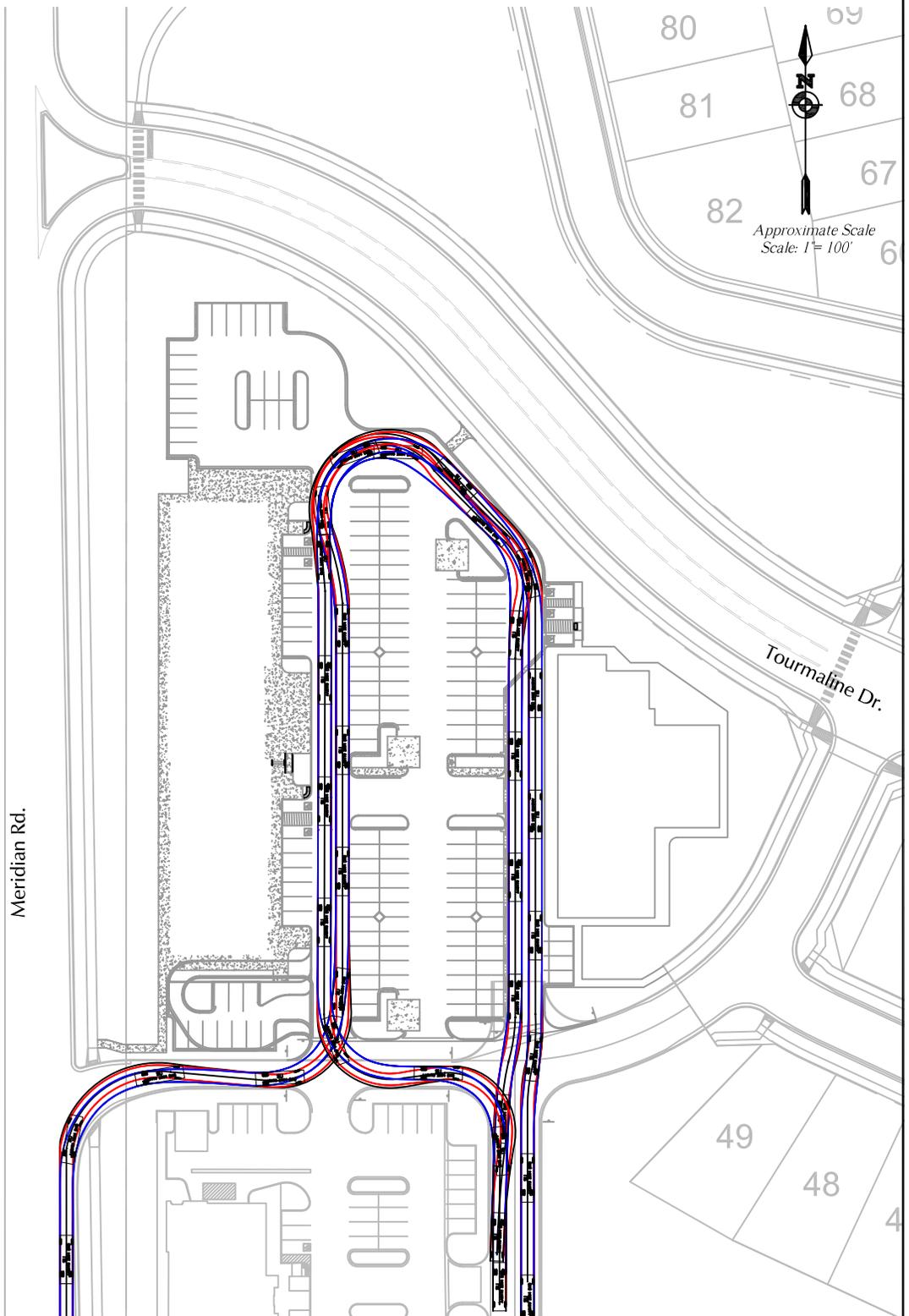


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