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*RE: Sound Transmission Calculations (STC) for Noise Attenuation  
for the Proposed Residential Development Located at:  
Powers Blvd. and Galley Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado  
(ASTI Project No. 11311)*

Dear Mr. Olmstead:

ASTI Environmental (ASTI) was retained to estimate the noise attenuation for the exterior wall, door and window assemblies for the Proposed Residential Development located at: Powers Blvd. and Galley Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

### **Applicable Standards**

Federal regulations 24 CFR 51, Subpart B requires a noise assessment for proposed new construction if the project is located near a major noise source, i.e., civil airports (within 5 miles), military airfields (15 miles), major highways or busy roads (within 1000 feet), or railroads (within 3000 feet).

Department of Housing and Urban Development U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Affairs (HUD) defines acceptability of land used for residential development to be Normally Acceptable when the measured DNL < 65 dB(A). Residential areas with an DNL < 65 dB(A) comply with the Normally Acceptable Criteria for residential development, areas that have DNL's > 65 and < 75 dB(A) are considered Normally Unacceptable, and areas that have DNL's > 75 dB(A) are considered Unacceptable. For residential housing in the Normally Unacceptable category Interior DNL's must be less than 4 dB(A).

### **Methodology**

ASTI based the following estimates on the noise attenuation methods in the HUD Noise Notebook Chapter 4 Supplement and Catalog of STC and the STC and IIC Ratings for Wall and Floor/Ceiling Assemblies, California Department of Health Services.

**Proposed Residential Development Project**

The proposed wall, window and door designs are from the LCM Architects drawings dated June 21, 2019. Manufacture, model numbers or STC ratings were not included in the plans. STC rating for the windows was provided via email. STC ratings for walls were estimated based on the architectural drawings and the HUD Noise Book Chapter 4 Supplement or the California Department of Health Catalog of STC and IIC Ratings for Wall and Floor/Ceiling Assemblies.

The site Location Map and the Site Features Map with the Noise Assessment Locations (NAL) are attached to this letter. The locations were chosen based on the shortest distance from the source.

| <b>Table 1 Proposed Wall Window and Door Designs and Alternative Designs</b>  |   |            |
|---|---|------------|
| Proposed Residential Development Powers Blvd. and Galley Rd., Colorado Springs, Colorado  |   |            |
| <b>Cross Section Design</b>   | <b>Description</b>  | <b>STC</b> |
| NAL 1 and NAL 2; Building Type II<br>Design and STC provided by architect<br>Windows - 1,115 sf   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vinyl frame</li> <li>• Insulated glass</li> <li>• Steel reinforced</li> </ul>  | 39         |
| NAL 1 and NAL 2; Building II<br>Design and STC provided by architect<br>Doors - 308 sf  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vinyl frame</li> <li>• Insulated glass</li> <li>• Steel reinforced</li> </ul>  | 39         |
| NAL 1 and NAL 2; Building Type II<br>HUD Noise Book Chapter 4 Supplement<br>Brick (1,253 sf) and Concrete Siding<br>(1,022 sf) total 2,153 sf | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 courses of brick</li> <li>• ½" air space with metal ties</li> <li>• ¾ insulation board sheathing</li> <li>• 2"x4" studs; 16" O.C.</li> <li>• Resilient channel</li> <li>• Fiberglass Insulation (3-1/2")</li> <li>• ½" gypsum board</li> </ul> | 54         |
| NAL 1 and NAL 2; Building Type II<br>California STC Book (1.2.2.1.5.8)<br>Aluminum Siding - 1,753 sf  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2x4 studs, 16" O.C.</li> <li>• 5/8" type X gypsum Board<br/>Screwed 12" O.C.</li> <li>• Resilient channels, 24" O.C.</li> <li>• 5/8" type X gypsum Board<br/>Screwed 12" O.C.</li> <li>• 3" thick sound attenuation<br/>blanket</li> </ul>       | 52         |
| A cross section for aluminum siding was not available in the data bases. Closest cross section is shown.                                      |   |            |
| NAL 3 Building Type I<br>Design and STC provided by architect<br>Windows - 674 sf   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vinyl frame</li> <li>• Insulated glass</li> <li>• Steel reinforced</li> </ul>  | 39         |

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| <b>Cross Section Design</b>  | <b>Description</b>  | <b>STC</b> |
| NAL 3 Building Type I<br>Design and STC provided by architect<br>Doors - 69 sf                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vinyl frame</li><li>• Insulated glass</li><li>• Steel reinforced</li></ul>  | 39         |
| HUD Noise Book Chapter 4 Supplement<br>Wood Panel Horizontal 638 sf; Vertical<br>898; total 1,536 sf - | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5/8" redwood siding</li><li>• 1/2" insulation board sheathing</li><li>• 2x4 wood studs 16" O.C.</li><li>• fiberglass building insulation 3-1/2"</li><li>• Resilient channel</li><li>• 1/2" gypsum board screwed to channel</li></ul>            | 47         |
| HUD Noise Book Chapter 4 Supplement<br>Feathered Stone 1,389 sf - Cast Stone<br>712 sf; total 2,101    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 courses of brick</li><li>• 1/2" air space with metal ties</li><li>• 3/4 insulation board sheathing</li><li>• 2"x4" studs; 16" O.C.</li><li>• Resilient channel</li><li>• Fiberglass Insulation (3-1/2")</li><li>• 1/2" gypsum board</li></ul> | 54         |

### **Traffic Volumes**

Traffic volumes were obtained from the El Paso County Department of Transportation and the Colorado Online Transportation Information Service. Airport noise levels were obtained from the National Transportation Board web site Noise Map.

### **Railroad Noise**

There are not heavy or light rail lines within 3,000 ft of the proposed development.

### **Airport Noise**

Noise contours for Colorado Springs Airport and Paterson Air Force Base show 60 dB(A) to 65 dB(A) contours across the site. The 65 dB(A) contour was used to calculate outdoor noise with the HUD DNL calculator.

### **HUD DNL Calculator**

Exterior noise levels at the proposed development were calculated with the HUD DNL calculator. Predicted traffic for the year 2029 for Powers Blvd. and Galley Road; and, an airport noise at 65 dB(A) was input to calculate exterior noise levels.

### Summary of Calculations

The following Table 2 summarizes the calculations completed according to the HUD Noise Notebook using HUD's figure 17 in Chapter 4 of the Notebook.

| <b>Table 2 – Summary of STC Calculations</b><br>Proposed Residential Development Powers Blvd. and<br>Galley Rd., Colorado Springs, Colorado |   |  |                                 |
|---|---|--|---------------------------------|
| Location  | Calculated<br>Exterior Noise<br>HUD DNL<br>Calculator | Calculated<br>STC<br>Wall/Windows/<br>Doors Based<br>on HUD<br>Figure 17 | Calculated<br>Interior<br>Noise |
| NAL 1 Building<br>Type II   | 69  | 44   | 25                              |
| NAL 2 Building<br>Type II   | 69  | 44   | 25                              |
| NAL 3 Building<br>Type I  | 66  | 44   | 22                              |

### Conclusions

The level of accuracy for the calculations in this report are limited to level of accuracy of the information provided by the HUD methodology and HUD or California Guidelines for STC ratings for walls, windows and doors.

US EPA guidelines and regulations in 24 CFR 51 states 65 decibel, or below, exterior noise level is acceptable. Interior acceptable noise level is 45 decibels or less. The calculations indicate that interior noise levels are acceptable.

According to the Board of County Commissioners, County of El Paso, State of Colorado Resolution No. 17-118, Conditions and Notations of Approval, states "Multifamily Development is appropriate at this location, despite being located within the ADNL subzone, as a result of the applicant using construction techniques to decrease indoor noise levels to 30 dB(A) or lower." Item 2 states "A 30 dB(A) indoor noise reduction shall be achieved by approved construction techniques as evidenced by a Noise Reduction Certificate prior to site development plan approval." Based on the data sources cited in this letter report and noise level calculations using HUD methodology, the required 30 dB(A) reduction and less than 30 dB(A) interior noise level will be attained for the proposed development.





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May 14, 2020

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If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call me at **800.395.ASTI**. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to work with you on this project.

Sincerely yours,

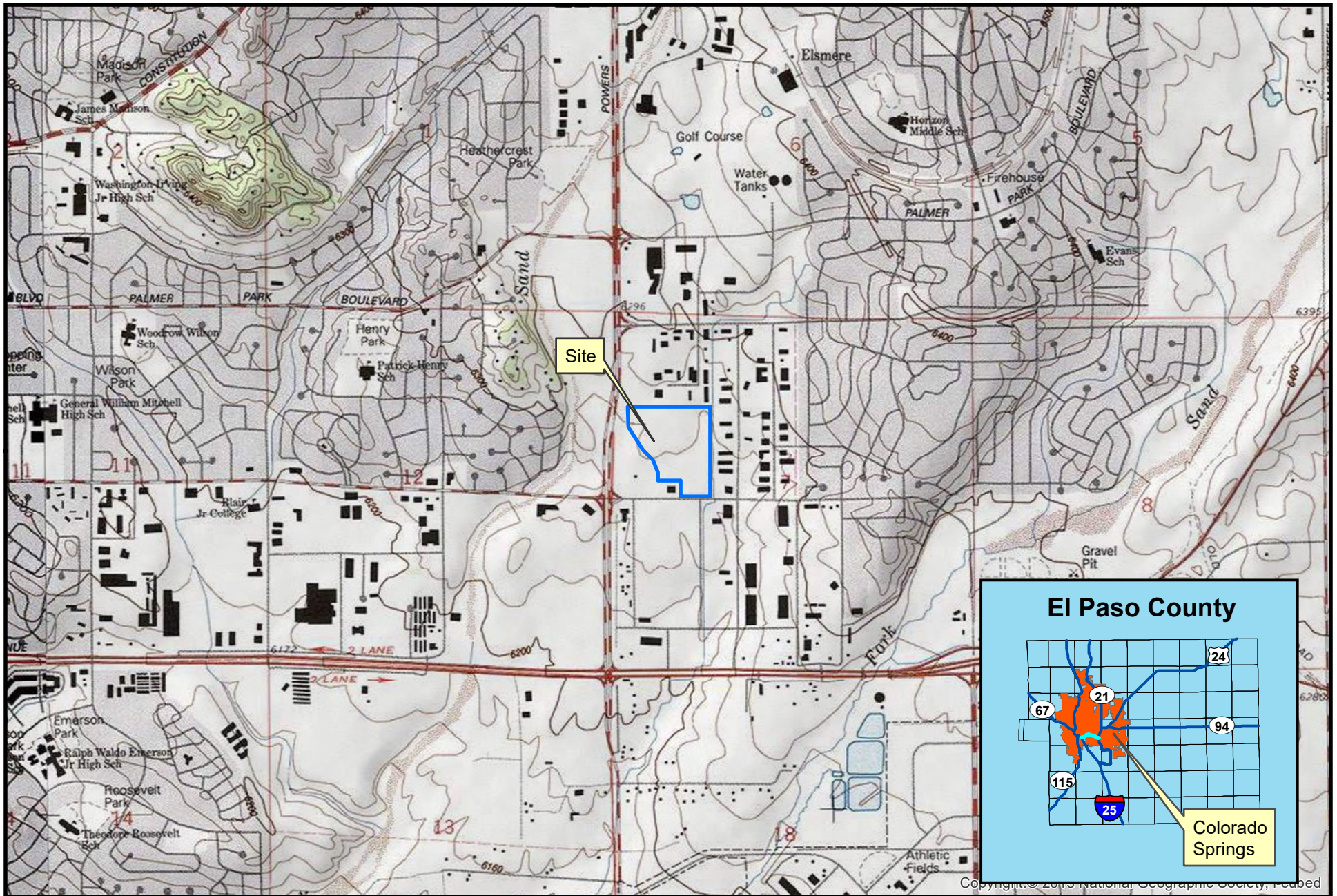
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruce Bawkon".

Bruce Bawkon  
Director, Industrial Compliance

Attachments: Site Location Map  
Site Features Map  
HUD DNL Calculations

Attachment A  
Site Location Map  
Site Features Map



## STC Ratings for Sound Attenuation

Powers Boulevard (US 21) & Galley Road,  
Colorado Springs, CO

2,000 1,000 0 2,000  
Feet



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Township T14S, Range R65W  
Lat. 38.85, Long. -104.72

Site Location Map





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150 75 0 150 Feet



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Figure 2 - STC Calculations



Attachment B  
HUD DNL Calculations

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- All Road and/or Rail DNL value(s) must be calculated separately before calculating the Site DNL.
- All checkboxes that apply must be checked for vehicles and trains in the tables' headers.
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- **Note #2:** DNL Calculator assumes roadway data is always entered.

## DNL Calculator

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Site ID     | 11311 Powers and Galley Rd Colorado Springs |
| Record Date | 05/14/2020                                  |
| User's Name | ASTI NAL 1                                  |

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| Road # 1 Name: | Powers Blvd. |
|----------------|--------------|

Road #1

| Vehicle Type                     | Cars <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Medium Trucks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Heavy Trucks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Effective Distance               | <input type="text" value="439"/>         | <input type="text" value="439"/>                  | <input type="text" value="439"/>                 |
| Distance to Stop Sign            | <input type="text"/>                     | <input type="text"/>                              | <input type="text"/>                             |
| Average Speed                    | <input type="text" value="55"/>          | <input type="text" value="55"/>                   | <input type="text" value="55"/>                  |
| Average Daily Trips (ADT)        | <input type="text" value="67532"/>       | <input type="text" value="2936"/>                 | <input type="text" value="2936"/>                |
| Night Fraction of ADT            | <input type="text" value="15"/>          | <input type="text" value="15"/>                   | <input type="text" value="15"/>                  |
| Road Gradient (%)                | <input type="text"/>                     | <input type="text"/>                              | <input type="text" value="2"/>                   |
| Vehicle DNL                      | <input type="text" value="62"/>          | <input type="text" value="58"/>                   | <input type="text" value="66"/>                  |
| <div>Calculate Road #1 DNL</div> | <input type="text" value="68"/>          | <div>Reset</div>                                  |  |

Add Road Source

Add Rail Source

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Airport Noise Level                        | <input type="text" value="65"/>                               |
| Loud Impulse Sounds?                       | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| Combined DNL for all Road and Rail sources | <input type="text" value="68"/>                               |
| Combined DNL including Airport             | <input type="text" value="69"/>                               |
| Site DNL with Loud Impulse Sound           | <input type="text"/>  |

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[Calculate](#)[Reset](#)

## Mitigation Options

If your site DNL is in Excess of 65 decibels, your options are:

- **No Action Alternative:** Cancel the project at this location
- **Other Reasonable Alternatives:** Choose an alternate site
- **Mitigation**
  - **Contact your Field or Regional Environmental Officer** (</programs/environmental-review/hud-environmental-staff-contacts/>)
  - Increase mitigation in the building walls (only effective if no outdoor, noise sensitive areas)
  - Reconfigure the site plan to increase the distance between the noise source and noise-sensitive uses
  - Incorporate natural or man-made barriers. See *The Noise Guidebook* (</resource/313/hud-noise-guidebook/>)
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## Tools and Guidance

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## DNL Calculator

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Site ID     | 11311 Powers and Galley Rd Colorado Springs |
| Record Date | 05/14/2020                                  |
| User's Name | ASTI NAL 2                                  |

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| Road # 1 Name: | Powers Blvd. |
|----------------|--------------|

Road #1

| Vehicle Type                     | Cars <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Medium Trucks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Heavy Trucks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Effective Distance               | <input type="text" value="557"/>         | <input type="text" value="557"/>                  | <input type="text" value="557"/>                 |
| Distance to Stop Sign            | <input type="text"/>                     | <input type="text"/>                              | <input type="text"/>                             |
| Average Speed                    | <input type="text" value="55"/>          | <input type="text" value="55"/>                   | <input type="text" value="55"/>                  |
| Average Daily Trips (ADT)        | <input type="text" value="67532"/>       | <input type="text" value="2936"/>                 | <input type="text" value="2936"/>                |
| Night Fraction of ADT            | <input type="text" value="15"/>          | <input type="text" value="15"/>                   | <input type="text" value="15"/>                  |
| Road Gradient (%)                | <input type="text"/>                     | <input type="text"/>                              | <input type="text" value="2"/>                   |
| Vehicle DNL                      | <input type="text" value="60"/>          | <input type="text" value="57"/>                   | <input type="text" value="64"/>                  |
| <div>Calculate Road #1 DNL</div> | <input type="text" value="66"/>          | <div>Reset</div>                                  |  |

Add Road Source

Add Rail Source

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Airport Noise Level                        | <input type="text" value="65"/>                               |
| Loud Impulse Sounds?                       | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| Combined DNL for all Road and Rail sources | <input type="text" value="66"/>                               |
| Combined DNL including Airport             | <input type="text" value="68"/>                               |
| Site DNL with Loud Impulse Sound           | <input type="text"/>  |

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| Record Date | 05/14/2020                                  |
| User's Name | ASTI NAL 3                                  |

|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| Road # 1 Name: | Galley Rd. |
|----------------|------------|

Road #1

| Vehicle Type                     | Cars <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Medium Trucks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Heavy Trucks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Effective Distance               | <input type="text" value="530"/>         | <input type="text" value="530"/>                  | <input type="text" value="530"/>                 |
| Distance to Stop Sign            | <input type="text"/>                     | <input type="text"/>                              | <input type="text"/>                             |
| Average Speed                    | <input type="text" value="45"/>          | <input type="text" value="45"/>                   | <input type="text" value="45"/>                  |
| Average Daily Trips (ADT)        | <input type="text" value="20885"/>       | <input type="text" value="908"/>                  | <input type="text" value="908"/>                 |
| Night Fraction of ADT            | <input type="text" value="15"/>          | <input type="text" value="15"/>                   | <input type="text" value="15"/>                  |
| Road Gradient (%)                | <input type="text"/>                     | <input type="text"/>                              | <input type="text" value="2"/>                   |
| Vehicle DNL                      | <input type="text" value="54"/>          | <input type="text" value="50"/>                   | <input type="text" value="58"/>                  |
| <div>Calculate Road #1 DNL</div> | <input type="text" value="60"/>          | <div>Reset</div>                                  |  |

Add Road Source

Add Rail Source

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Airport Noise Level                        | <input type="text" value="65"/>                               |
| Loud Impulse Sounds?                       | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| Combined DNL for all Road and Rail sources | <div>60</div>   |
| Combined DNL including Airport             | <div>66</div>   |
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