

Karman Line

Transportation Memorandum

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RE: Karman Line
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Dear Mr. Dossey,

In response to your request, LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc. has prepared this transportation memorandum for proposed Karman Line Master Plan. As shown in Figure 1, the site is located north of Bradley Road and west of Curtis Road in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

REPORT CONTENTS

This memorandum has been prepared to address the project's traffic impact.

This report contains the following:

- The existing street and traffic conditions in the site's vicinity including the street widths, lane geometries, traffic controls, and existing traffic counts at key area intersections;
- The estimated average weekday and peak-hour trip generation; and
- The estimated directional distribution of site-generated trips and the projected site-generated traffic volumes;

AREA DEVELOPMENTS

Figure 2 shows the location of known future major developments in the vicinity of the proposed Karman Line Master Plan.

LAND USE AND ACCESS

The site location is shown in Figure 1. Figure 2 presents a context map showing other area developments. The site plan for Karman Line is shown in Figure 3.

Land Use

Figure 3 shows the proposed Karman Line Master Plan. The site planned to be developed with a mix of residential, commercial industrial, and office uses. The total number of residential dwelling units within the Master Plan area is 6,500. About 105.12 acres are planned for commercial/retail uses and about 45.58 acres are planned for light industrial/office uses. Table 1 shows the land use assumed for each planning area.

Access

Six full-movement access points are proposed to Bradley Road and Curtis Road. All of the proposed access points are spaced greater than the $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile spacing (1,320') except for the north Road 1/Curtis Road intersection which is about 1,051 feet south of Book Drive and the proposed access to the light industrial parcel (P-21) which is located about 1,193 feet north of Book Drive.

STREET AND TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

Area Streets

The adjacent streets are shown in Figure 1 and are described below. Copies of the 2016 El Paso County *Major Transportation Corridors Plan (MTCP)* 2040 Roadway Plan and 2016 MTCP 2060 Corridor Preservation Plan with the site location identified on them have been attached to this report.

- **Powers Boulevard** (State Highway 21) is classified as a Freeway (FW). Powers Boulevard is one of the region's main north/south corridors. Powers Boulevard has a center median and a posted speed limit of 60 miles per hour (mph) north of Cresteria Parkway. South of this point, the posted speed limit is 65 mph. Powers Boulevard is ultimately planned to be converted to a Freeway with grade-separated intersections.
- **State Highway (SH) 94** is a two-lane roadway that extends east from US Highway (US Hwy) 24 to US Hwy 40. SH 94 is classified as a Principal Arterial (NR-A) and has a speed limit of 55 mph. The El Paso County Major Transportation Corridors Plan (MTCP) shows SH 94 as a four-lane road in 2040 from the US Hwy 24 to Slocum Road. The intersection of Curtis Road/SH 94 is signalized with auxiliary lanes for all turning movements.
- **Curtis Road** is a two-lane roadway that extends from Bradley Road to Judge Orr Road. The roadway is classified as a Minor Arterial south of SH 94. The posted speed limit is 55 mph adjacent to the site.
- **Bradley Road** is shown with a Minor Arterial classification on the 2016 2040 El Paso County *Major Transportation Corridors Plan (MTCP)*. Adjacent to the site, Bradley Road is a two-lane roadway with a 55-mph posted speed limit and has an edge-of-asphalt median, left-turn lanes, and rural paved shoulders.
- **Marksheffel Road** extends north from the Link Road/C&S Road intersection in Fountain, Colorado to north of Woodmen Road. It has recently been upgraded north and south of Bradley Road with a PPRTA project and is shown as a four-lane Expressway on the *MTCP*. The posted speed limit on Marksheffel Road in the vicinity of Bradley Road is 55 mph.

Existing Traffic Volumes

Figure 4 shows the existing traffic volumes at the intersections of Powers Boulevard/Bradley Road, Marksheffel Road/Bradley Road based on the attached traffic counts conducted by LSC in March 2021 and March 2023. The 2021 traffic-count data for the intersections of Powers/Bradley and Marksheffel/Bradley have been adjusted based on the more recent counts conducted at Legacy Hill/Bradley in February 2023. Figure 4 also shows traffic counts at the intersection of SH 94/Curtis Road based on the traffic counts conducted by LSC in October 2017.

Figure 4 also shows the 2021 Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Average Annual Daily Traffic Volume (AADT) on Powers Boulevard and estimates of the average daily traffic volume on Bradley Road and Marksheffel Road based on the peak-hour traffic counts.

Existing Levels of Service

Level of service (LOS) is a quantitative measure of the level of congestion or delay at an intersection. Level of service is indicated on a scale from "A" to "F." LOS A represents control delay of less than 10 seconds for unsignalized and signalized intersections. LOS F represents control delay of more than 50 seconds for unsignalized intersections and more than 80 seconds for signalized intersections. Table 2 shows the level of service delay ranges.

Table 2: Intersection Levels of Service Delay Ranges

Level of Service	Signalized Intersections	Unsignalized Intersections
	Average Control Delay (seconds per vehicle)	Average Control Delay (seconds per vehicle) ⁽¹⁾
A	10.0 sec or less	10.0 sec or less
B	10.1-20.0 sec	10.1-15.0 sec
C	20.1-35.0 sec	15.1-25.0 sec
D	35.1-55.0 sec	25.1-35.0 sec
E	55.1-80.0 sec	35.1-50.0 sec
F	80.1 sec or more	50.1 sec or more

(1) For unsignalized intersections if V/C ratio is greater than 1.0 the level of service is LOS F regardless of the projected average control delay per vehicle.

The intersections of Powers/Bradley and Marksheffel/Bradley have been analyzed using Synchro. Figure 3 shows the level of service analysis results. The intersection of Legacy Hill Drive/Bradley Road has been analyzed based on the unsignalized method of analysis from the *Highway Capacity Manual, 6th Edition* by the Transportation Research Board.

All movements at the signalized intersections of Powers/Bradley and Marksheffel/Bradley are currently operating at LOS D or better during the peak hours.

The northbound left-turn movement at the stop-sign-controlled intersection of Legacy Hill/Bradley is currently operating at LOS D during the morning peak hours and LOS E during the afternoon peak hour.

TRIP GENERATION

The site-generated vehicle trips were estimated using the nationally-published trip-generation rates from *Trip Generation, 11th Edition, 2021* by the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE). Table 1 shows the average weekday and peak-hour trip-generation estimates.

The total number of external vehicle trips generated by the land uses has been reduced to account for the internal vehicle trips made within the site between land uses, without use of the external streets surrounding the site. The percentage of internal trips between the residential uses and the retail uses was estimated based on the NCHRP 684 Internal Trip Capture Estimation Tool. The percentage of internal trips related to the school site and the amenity center are estimates by LSC based on the proposed number of dwelling units. Appendix Table 1 shows the percentage of internal trips assumed for each land use.

The total number of vehicle trips generated has also been reduced to account for the “pass-by” phenomena. A pass-by trip is made by a motorist who would already be on the adjacent roadways regardless of the proposed development, but who stops in at the site while passing by. The motorist would then continue on his or her way to a final destination in the original direction. The pass-by percentages shown in Table 2 are from the *Trip Generation Handbook - An ITE Proposed Recommended Practice, 3rd Edition, 2017* by ITE. As shown in Appendix Table 1, 34 percent of the retail trips were assumed to be pass-by trips.

At buildout, Karman Line is projected to generate about 70,171 new external vehicle trips on the average weekday, with about half entering and half exiting the site. During the morning peak hour, which generally occurs for one hour between 6:30 and 8:30 a.m., about 1,503 vehicles would enter and 2,918 vehicles would exit the site. During the afternoon peak hour, which generally occurs for one hour between 4:15 and 6:15 p.m., about 4,145 vehicles would enter and 3,174 vehicles would exit the site.

TRIP DISTRIBUTION AND ASSIGNMENT

The directional distribution of the site-generated traffic volumes on the adjacent roadway system is one of the most important factors in determining the traffic impacts of the site. Figure 5 shows the long-term directional distribution of new, external traffic projected to be generated by the site.

The long-term directional-distribution estimates were based on the anticipated regional development and future roadway networks, as shown on the attached map from the PlanCOS.

When the distribution percentages (from Figure 5) are applied to the trip-generation estimates (from Table 1), the resulting site-generated traffic volumes can be determined. Figures 6 and 7 show the projected daily site-generated traffic volumes on key links in the study area.

ROADWAY CLASSIFICATION

Figure 8 shows the recommended Roadway classification for the internal roadways.

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Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

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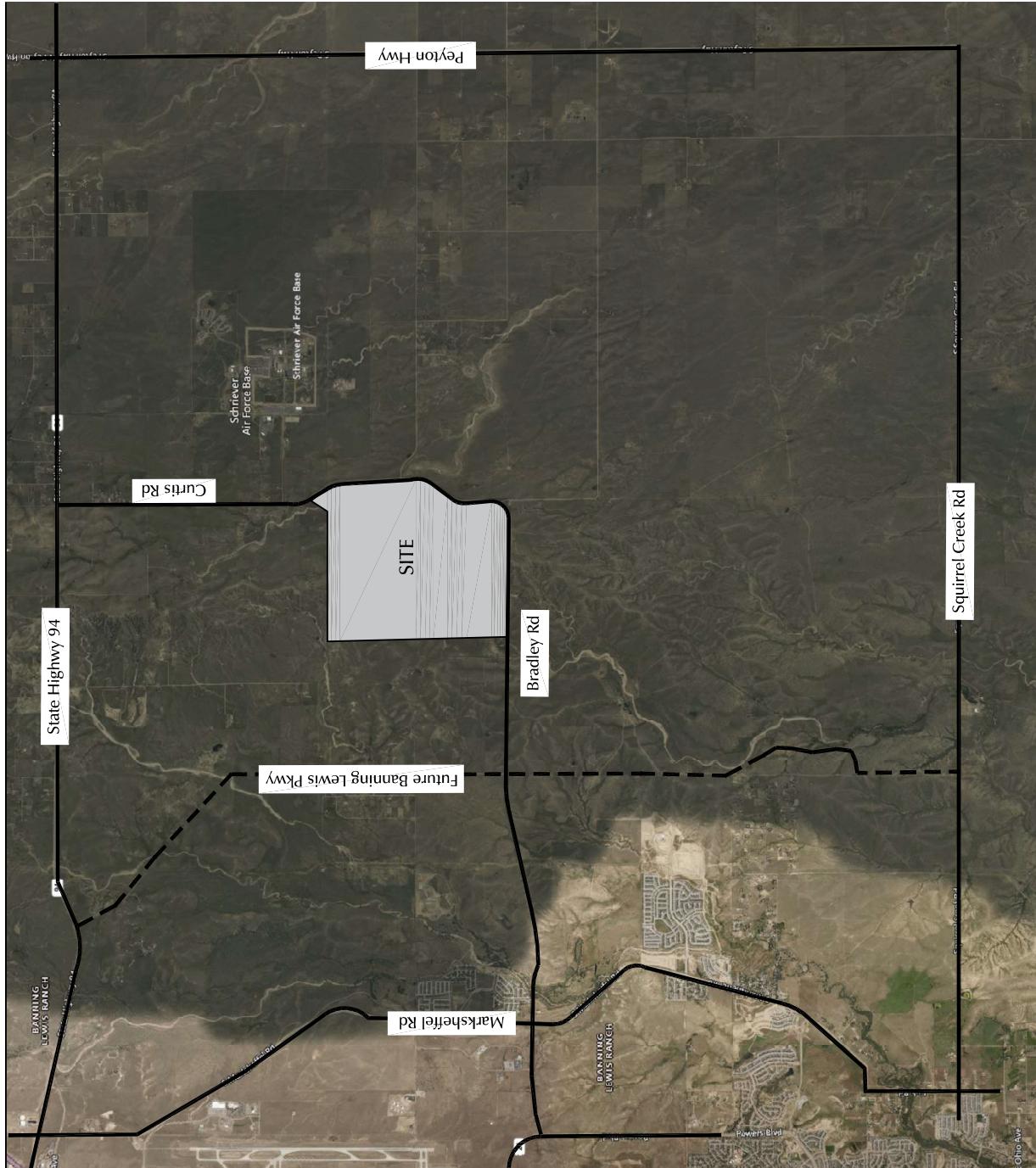
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Vicinity Map

Karman Line (LSC# S234150)

Figure 1





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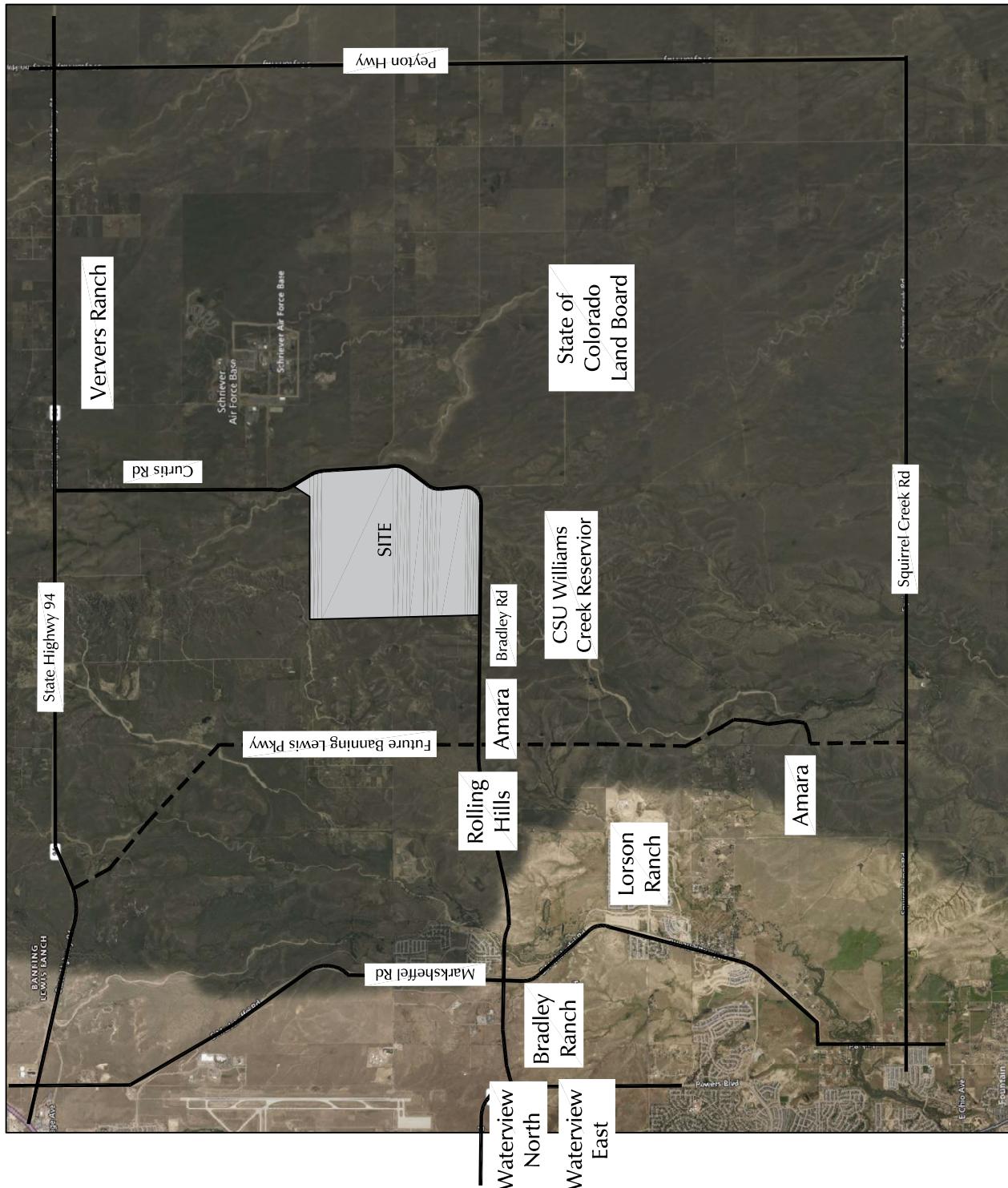
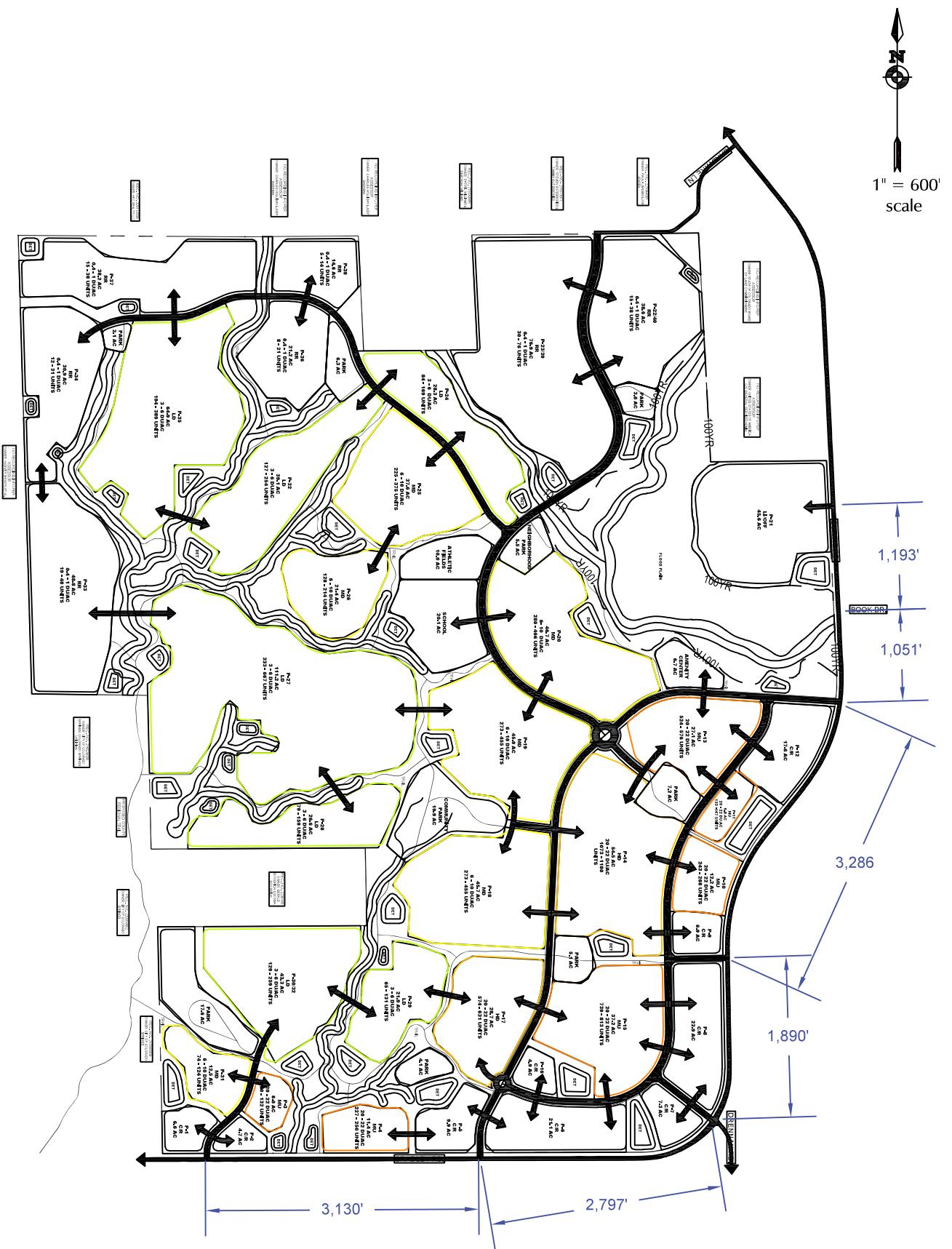


Figure 2
Context Map
Karman Line (LSC# S234150)



1" = 600'
scale

1,193'

1,051'

3,286

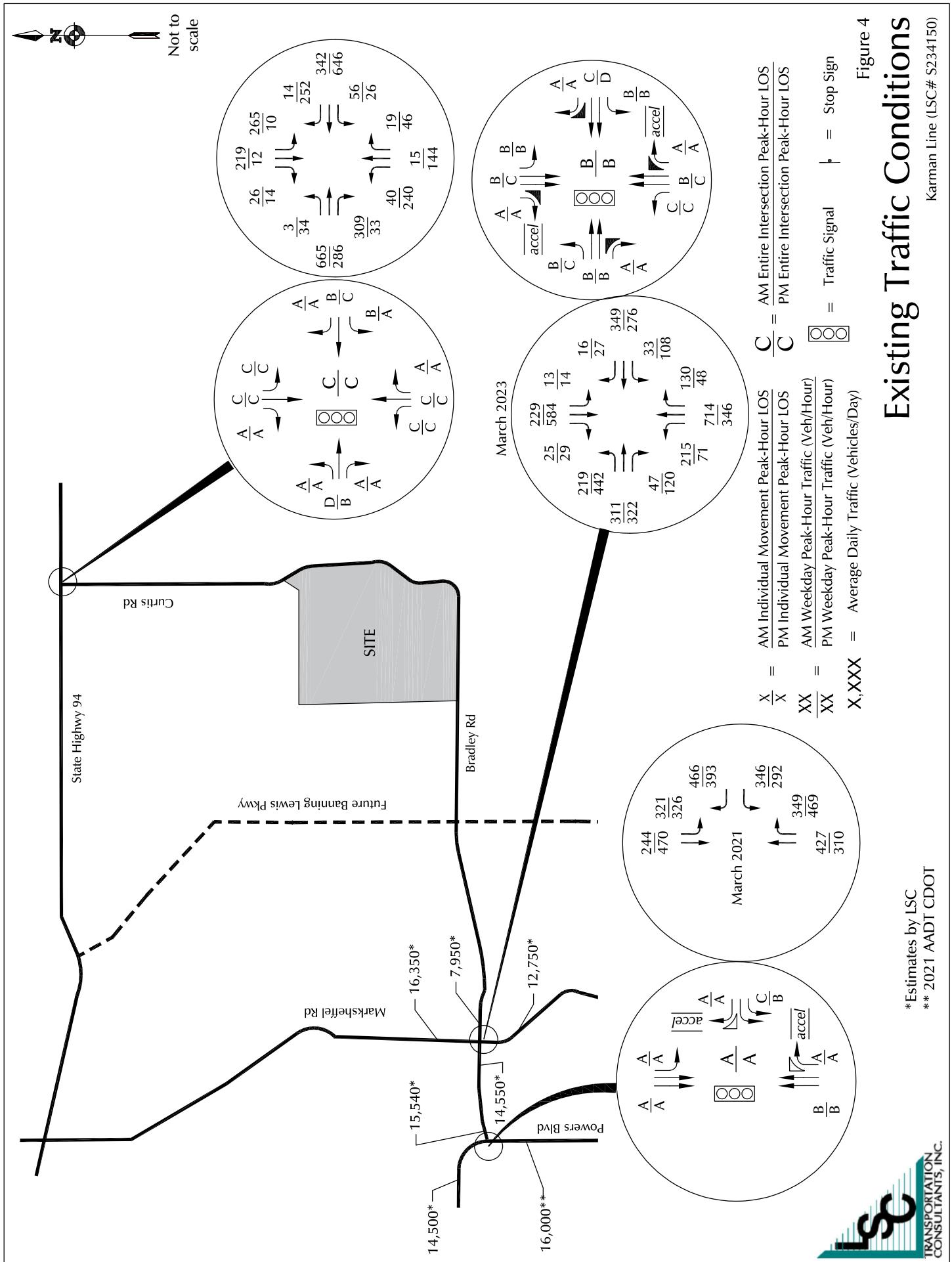
1,890'

3,130'

2,797'

Figure 3
Site Plan

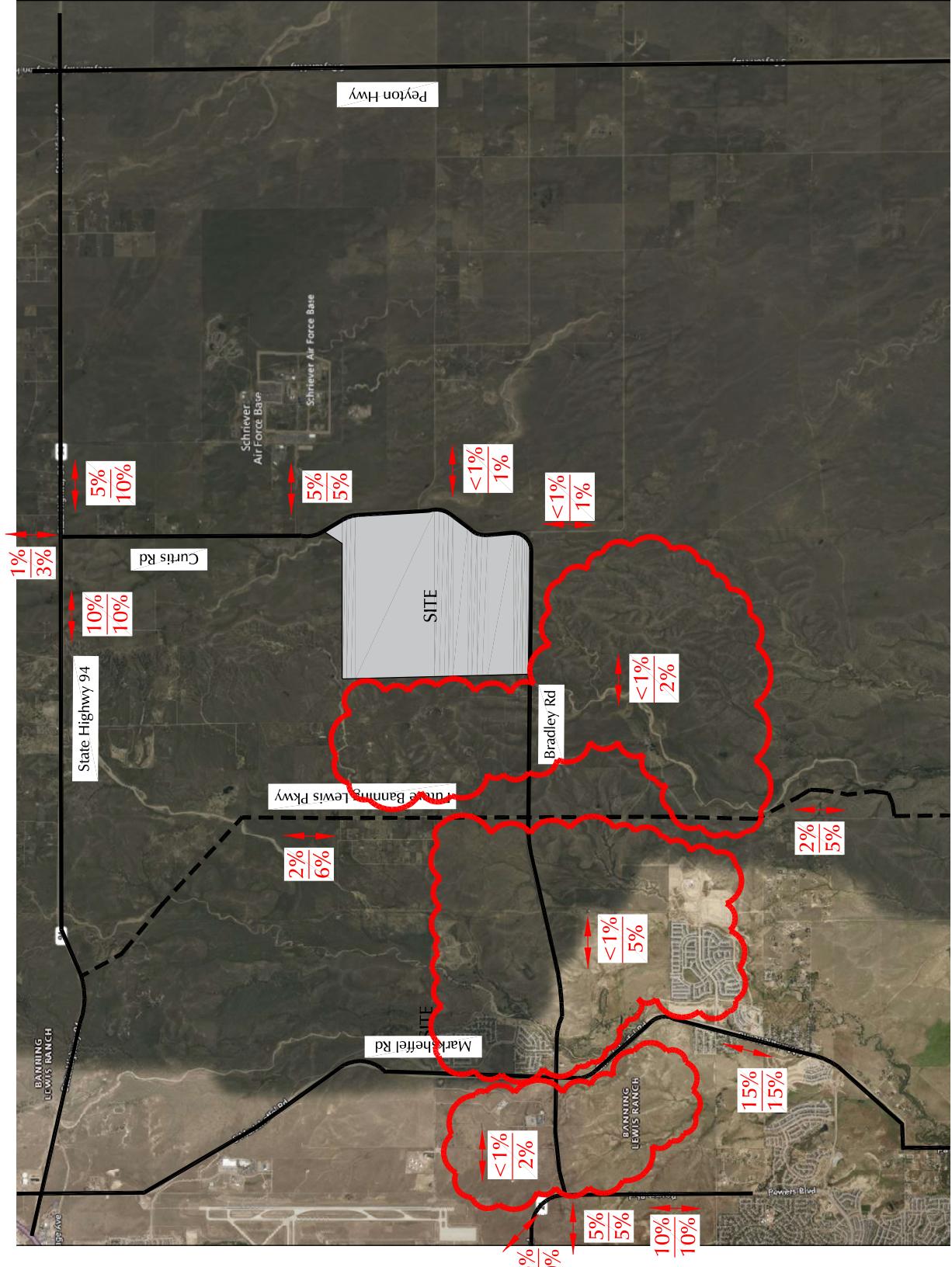
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Directional Distribution

Figure 5

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$$\frac{XX\%}{XX\%} = \frac{\text{Residential \% Distribution}}{\text{Non-Residential \% Distribution}}$$

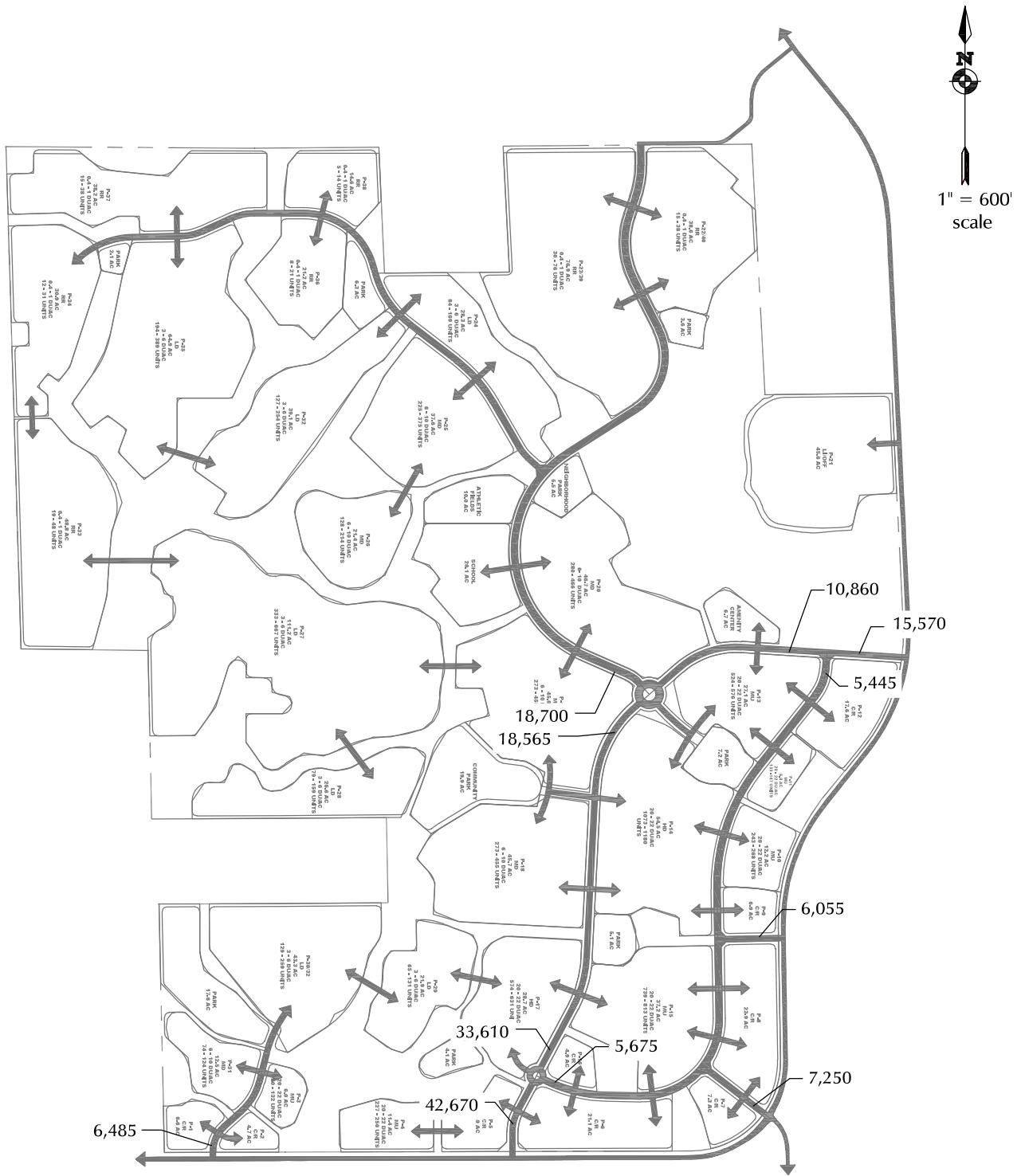


Figure 6
Site-Generated Traffic on
Internal Roadways

X,XXX = Average Daily Traffic (Vehicles/Day)

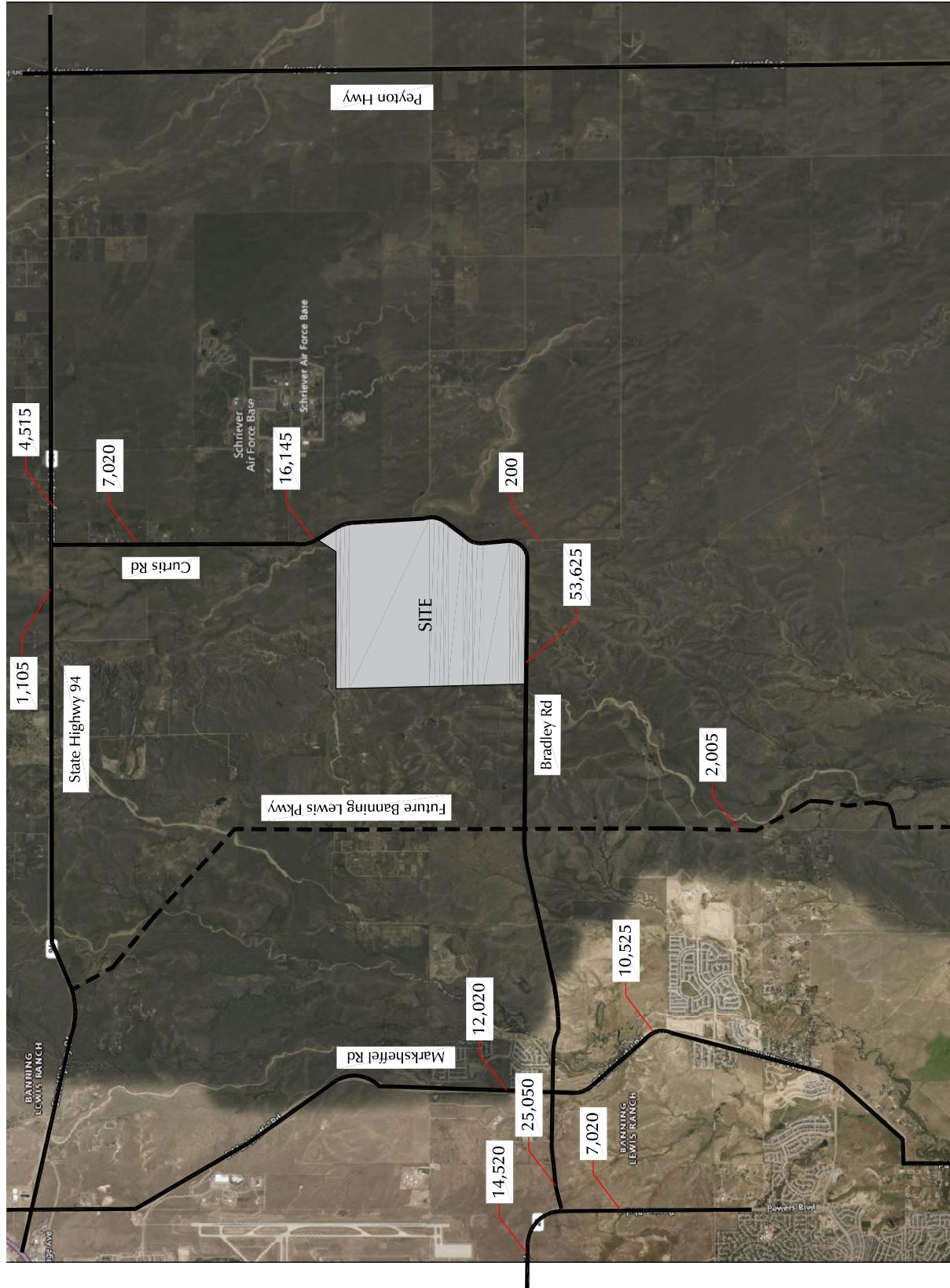
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Site-Generated Traffic on External Roadways

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Figure 7

XXX = Average Daily Traffic (Vehicles/Day)




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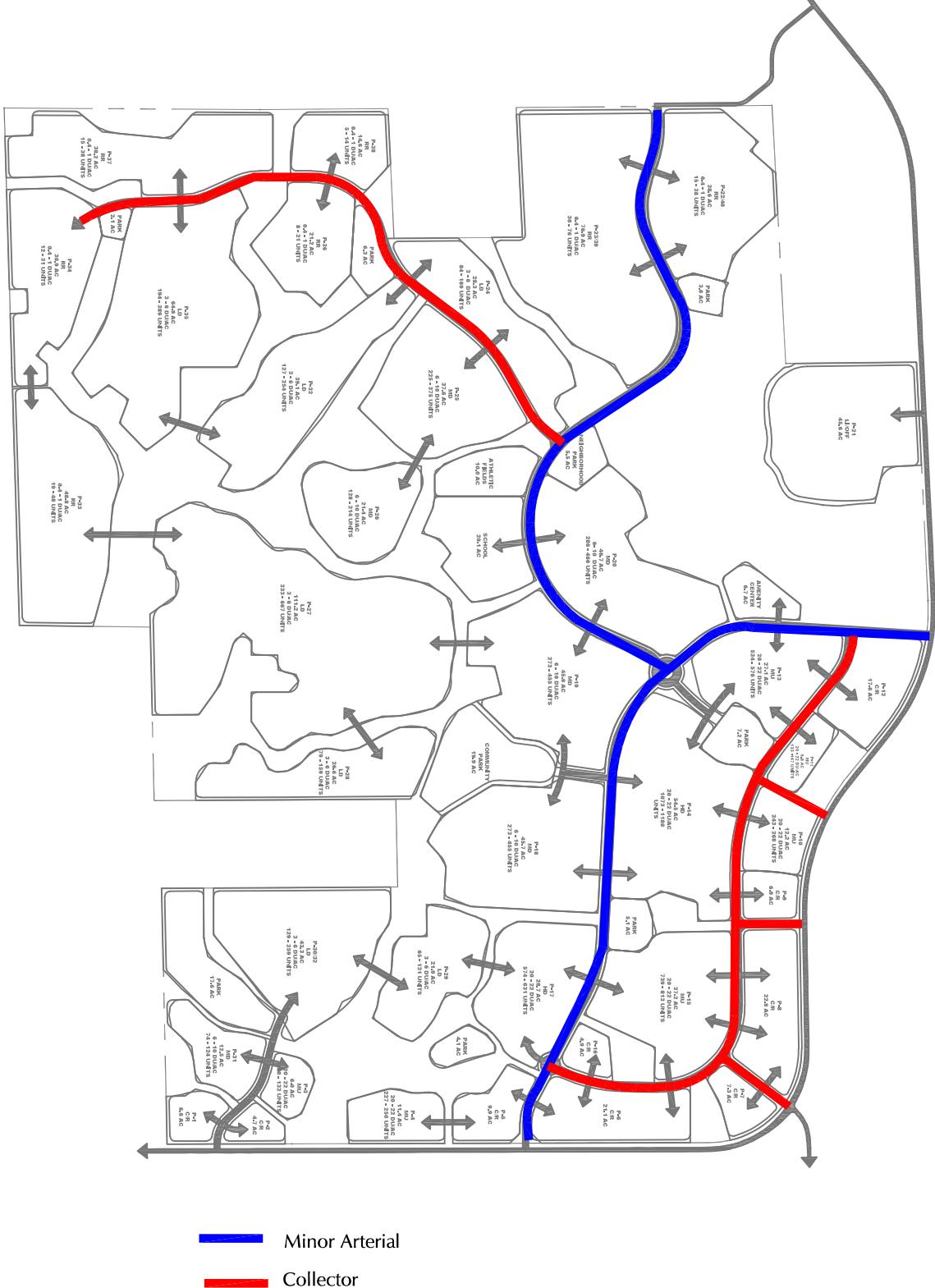


Figure 8
Recommended Classifications

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Traffic Counts



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 Site Code : S214630
 Start Date : 2/8/2023
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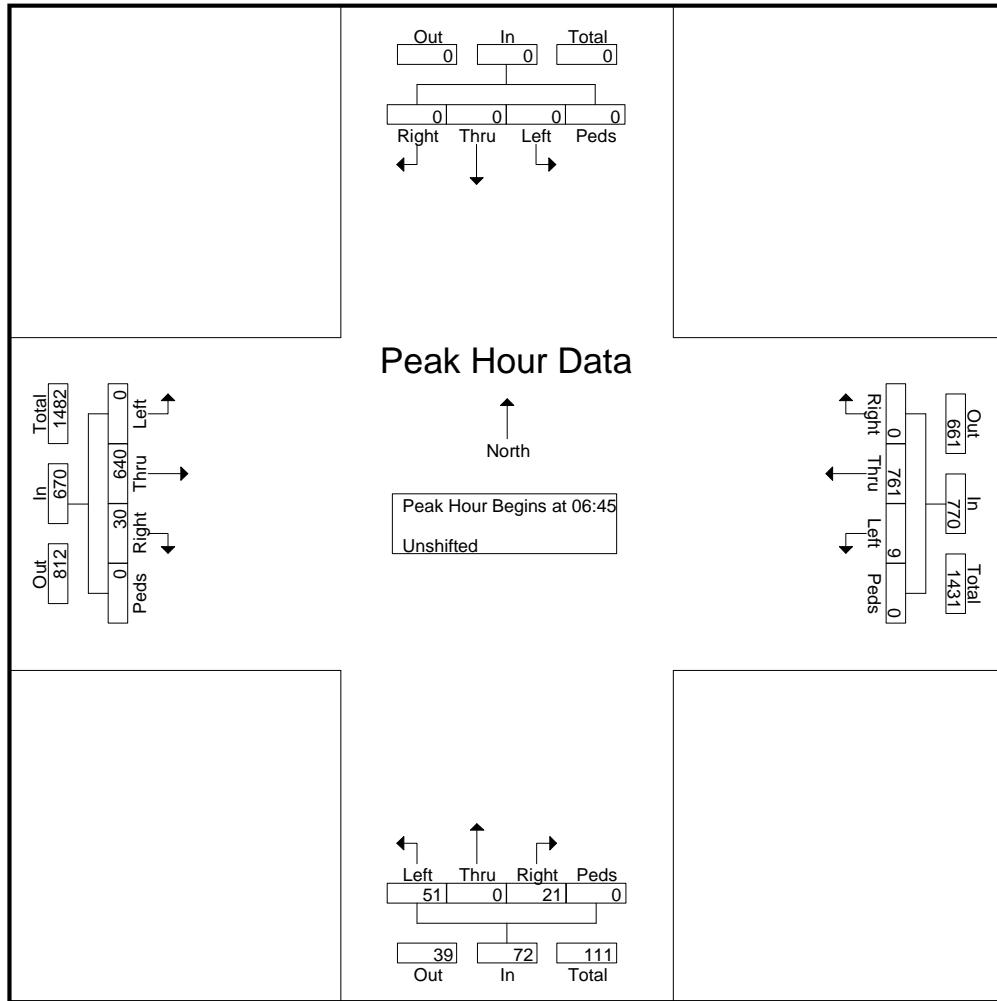
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06:30	0	0	0	0	0	0	143	5	0	148	5	0	12	0	17	11	131	0	0	142	307
06:45	0	0	0	0	0	0	190	2	0	192	5	0	11	0	16	2	146	0	0	148	356
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	333	7	0	340	10	0	23	0	33	13	277	0	0	290	663
07:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	185	2	0	187	6	0	10	0	16	8	167	0	0	175	378
07:15	0	0	0	0	0	0	207	4	0	211	4	0	15	0	19	10	154	0	0	164	394
07:30	0	0	0	0	0	0	179	1	0	180	6	0	15	0	21	10	173	0	0	183	384
07:45	0	0	0	0	0	0	155	8	0	163	5	0	8	0	13	9	132	0	1	142	318
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	726	15	0	741	21	0	48	0	69	37	626	0	1	664	1474
08:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	172	7	0	179	4	0	9	0	13	15	95	0	0	110	302
08:15	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	6	1	157	4	0	12	0	16	16	109	0	0	125	298
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	1381	35	1	1417	39	0	92	0	131	81	1107	0	1	1189	2737
Apprch %	0	0	0	0	0	0	97.5	2.5	0.1	97.5	29.8	0	70.2	0	6.8	93.1	0	0.1	0.1	43.4	
Total %	0	0	0	0	0	0	50.5	1.3	0	51.8	1.4	0	3.4	0	4.8	3	40.4	0	0	43.4	

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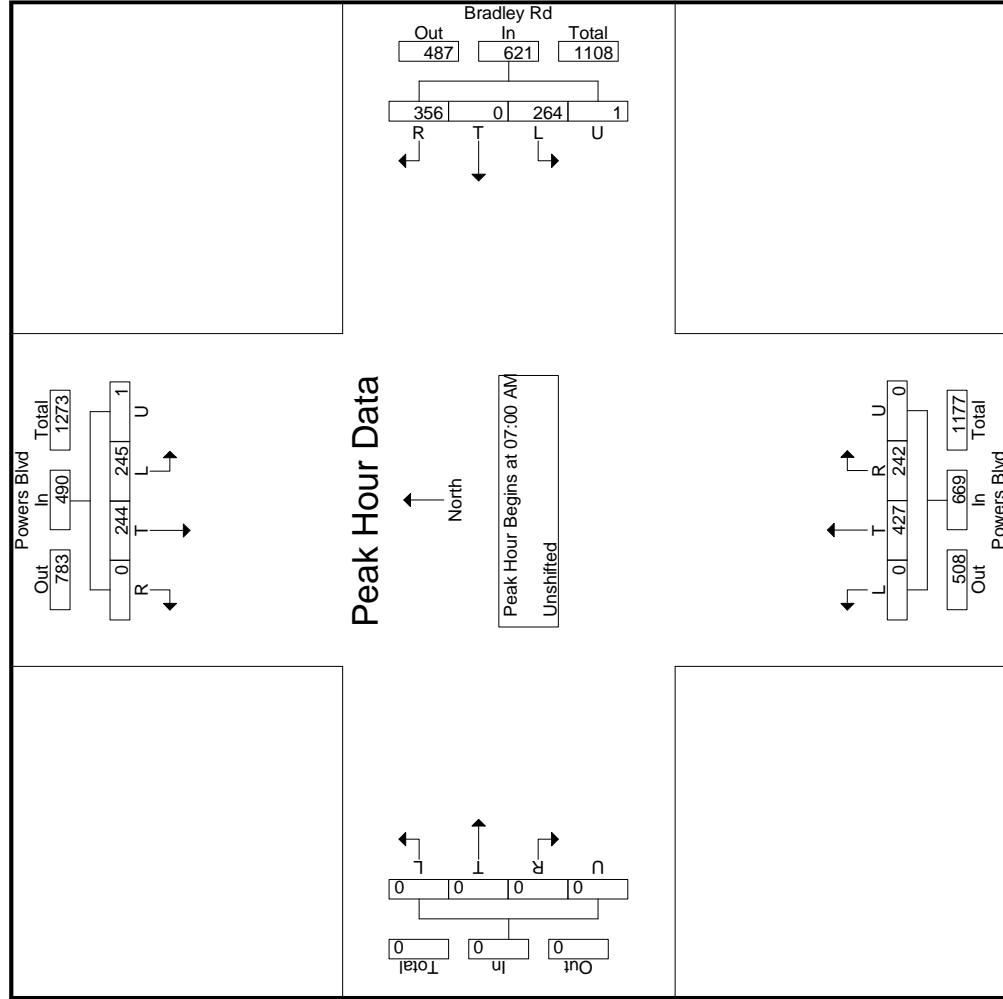
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Peak Hour Analysis From 6:30:00 AM to 8:15:00 AM - Peak 1 of 1																					
Peak Hour for Entire Intersection Begins at 6:45:00 AM																					
6:45:00 AM	0	0	0	0	0	0	190	2	0	192	5	0	11	0	16	2	146	0	0	148	356
7:00:00 AM	0	0	0	0	0	0	185	2	0	187	6	0	10	0	16	8	167	0	0	175	378
7:15:00 AM	0	0	0	0	0	0	207	4	0	211	4	0	15	0	19	10	154	0	0	164	394
7:30:00 AM	0	0	0	0	0	0	179	1	0	180	6	0	15	0	21	10	173	0	0	183	384
Total Volume	0	0	0	0	0	0	761	9	0	770	21	0	51	0	72	30	640	0	0	670	1512
% App. Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	98.8	1.2	0	0	29.2	0	70.8	0	4.5	95.5	0	0	0	0	
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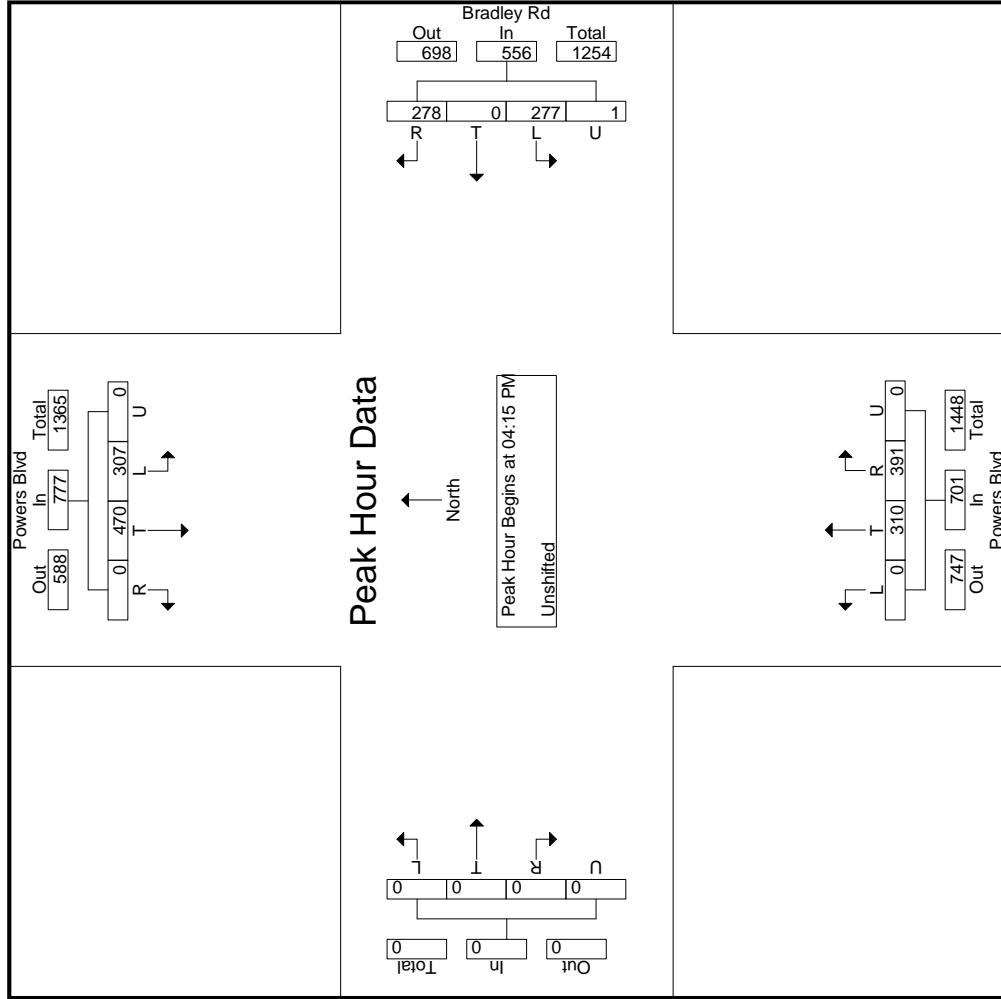
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Levels of Service



Timings
1: Powers Blvd & Bradley Rd.

Existing Traffic
PM Peak Hour



Lane Group	WBL	WBR	NBT	NBR	SBL	SBT
Lane Configurations	↑↑	↑	↑↑	↑	↑	↑↑
Traffic Volume (vph)	292	393	310	469	326	470
Future Volume (vph)	292	393	310	469	326	470
Turn Type	Prot	Free	NA	Free	pm+pt	NA
Protected Phases	8		2		1	6
Permitted Phases		Free		Free		6
Detector Phase	8		2		1	6
Switch Phase						
Minimum Initial (s)	4.0		4.0		4.0	4.0
Minimum Split (s)	9.0		9.0		9.0	9.0
Total Split (s)	30.0		37.0		33.0	70.0
Total Split (%)	30.0%		37.0%		33.0%	70.0%
Yellow Time (s)	3.0		3.0		3.0	3.0
All-Red Time (s)	2.0		2.0		2.0	2.0
Lost Time Adjust (s)	0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
Total Lost Time (s)	5.0		5.0		5.0	5.0
Lead/Lag		Lag		Lead		
Lead-Lag Optimize?		Yes		Yes		
Recall Mode	None		None		None	None
Act Effect Green (s)	10.2	47.3	10.3	47.3	26.9	26.9
Actuated g/C Ratio	0.22	1.00	0.22	1.00	0.57	0.57
v/c Ratio	0.43	0.27	0.43	0.32	0.54	0.25
Control Delay	19.0	0.4	18.8	0.5	9.0	5.6
Queue Delay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Delay	19.0	0.4	18.8	0.5	9.0	5.6
LOS	B	A	B	A	A	A
Approach Delay	8.3		7.8		7.0	
Approach LOS	A		A		A	

Intersection Summary

Cycle Length: 100

Actuated Cycle Length: 47.3

Natural Cycle: 40

Control Type: Actuated-Uncoordinated

Maximum v/c Ratio: 0.54

Intersection Signal Delay: 7.7

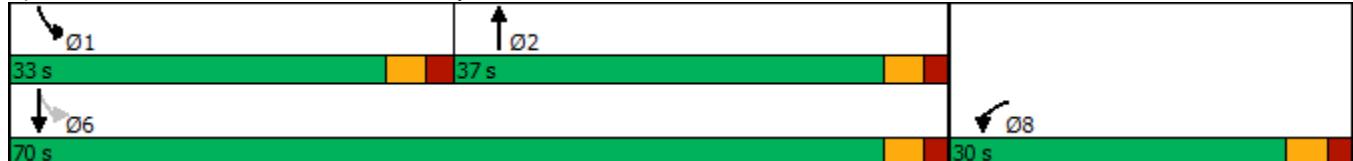
Intersection LOS: A

Intersection Capacity Utilization 47.5%

ICU Level of Service A

Analysis Period (min) 15

Splits and Phases: 1: Powers Blvd & Bradley Rd.



Appendix Table 1



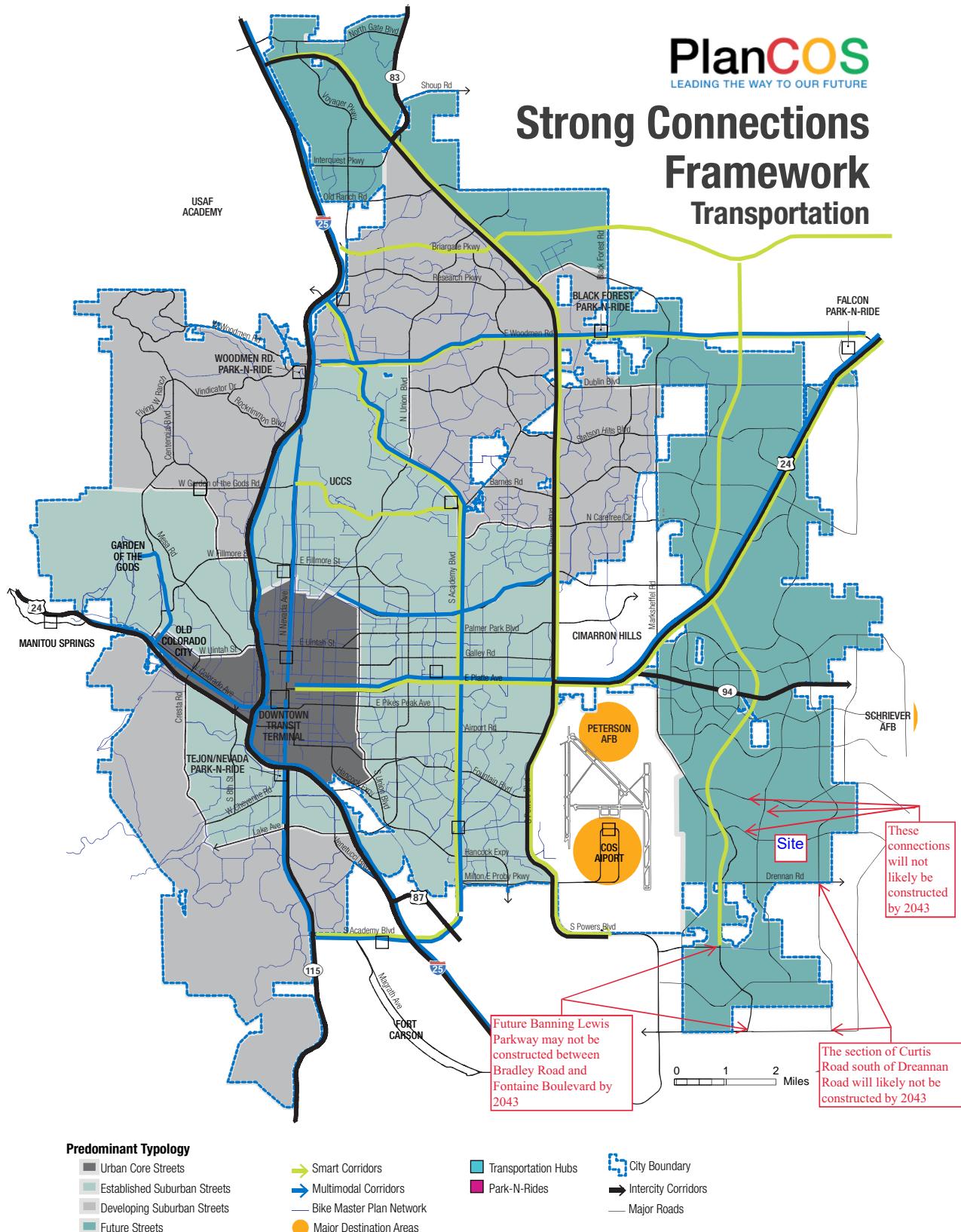
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Strong Connections Framework Transportation



MOBILITY FRAMEWORK

The Mobility Framework Map provides a high level graphic framework of the transportation vision for Strong Connections. This map is intended to be used as one means of furthering the City's focus on enhancing the multimodal opportunities in the city and on improving the efficiency of the system. This map is expected to be a living and evolving graphic. It is recognized that some major streets combine the characteristics of more than one typology. As a high level city-wide framework, this map is also not able or intended to fully represent the sometimes unique and important conditions associated with specific segments of larger and sometimes multistreet corridors. This map is not intended to strictly define street types for all city streets. More detail will be provided with the City's Intermodal Mobility Plan.