## **APPENDIX B**

**Coordination With Local Officials** 

Project and Environmental Studies Interstate 55 (I-55) – Managed Lanes Interstate 355 (I-355) to Interstate 90/94 (I-90/94) DuPage and Cook Counties

May 4, 2019

«Full\_Name» «Title» «Municipality» «Address\_1» «CityState\_\_Zip»

Dear «Alt\_Salutation\_»:

The Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) has recently concluded preliminary engineering and environmental studies (Phase I) for the improvement of Interstate 55 (I-55) from Interstate 355 (I-355) to Interstate 90/94 (I-90/94). The improvement consists of the addition of one lane along I-55 in each direction between I-355 and east of Interstate 294 (I-294) and two lanes in each direction from east of I-294 to I-90/94, the most congested portion along the I-55 corridor. The improvement also consists of noise wall installation and drainage improvements. A previous Phase I study was completed in November 2016 for one managed lane in each direction. At this time, funding for Phase II is included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2019-2024 Proposed Highway Improvement Program. Funding for construction (Phase III) is not included in the current program. The Department is currently developing a financial plan to help identify funding strategies and evaluating other mechanisms to deliver this much needed project to the region.

As part of the environmental studies for this proposed project, projected future traffic noise levels were evaluated for lands either currently under your jurisdiction, or land that may come under your jurisdiction, near the proposed roadway improvement. Attached for your information is an exhibit showing the proposed noise barriers along the corridor. Please note that in addition to the proposed noise barriers approved with the previous study, two additional barriers are now proposed, shown in blue on the attached exhibit. In order to determine if the two additional barriers will be implemented, viewpoint solicitation needs to occur after the project's final design is approved. If the project's final design is different from the preliminary design, the Department will determine if revisions to the traffic noise analysis are necessary. A final decision on noise abatement will not be made until the project's final design is approved and the public involvement process is complete.

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The study area includes undeveloped or agriculture land that is zoned for uses other than agriculture, or land that is planned for future development in a comprehensive land use plan. Attached for your information is an exhibit showing the predicted design year (2040) build traffic noise levels for these undeveloped lands identified along the project corridor. The Department recommends that you carefully consider the future predicted noise levels to avoid potential issues of public concern over incompatible noise levels.

To help with your future planning and discernment regarding permitting decisions, the Department encourages you to obtain the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) publication titled, *Entering the Quiet Zone: Noise Compatible Land Use Planning* from their website at: <a href="http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/noise/noise">http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/noise/noise</a> compatible planning/federal approach/land use/quitezon.pdf.

For additional information regarding traffic noise, regulations and policy, noise analyses or noise abatement, visit the Department's website at: <a href="http://www.idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/environment/index">http://www.idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/environment/index</a> under the Community tab.

If you have any additional questions, require clarifications or wish to discuss traffic noise further please contact, Corey Smith, P.E., Project Manager, at (847) 705-4103.

Very truly yours,

Anthony J. Quigley, P.E. Region One Engineer

Steven E. Schilke, P.E.

Project and Environmental Studies Section Chief

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Mr. Steve Stricker	Village Administrator	Village of Burr Ridge	7660 County Line Road	Burr Ridge, IL 60527	Mr. Stricker	cc. David Preissig, P.E.
Mr. David Reifman	Commissioner of Planning and Development	City of Chicago	121 N. LaSalle Street	Chicago, IL 60602	Mr. Reifman	

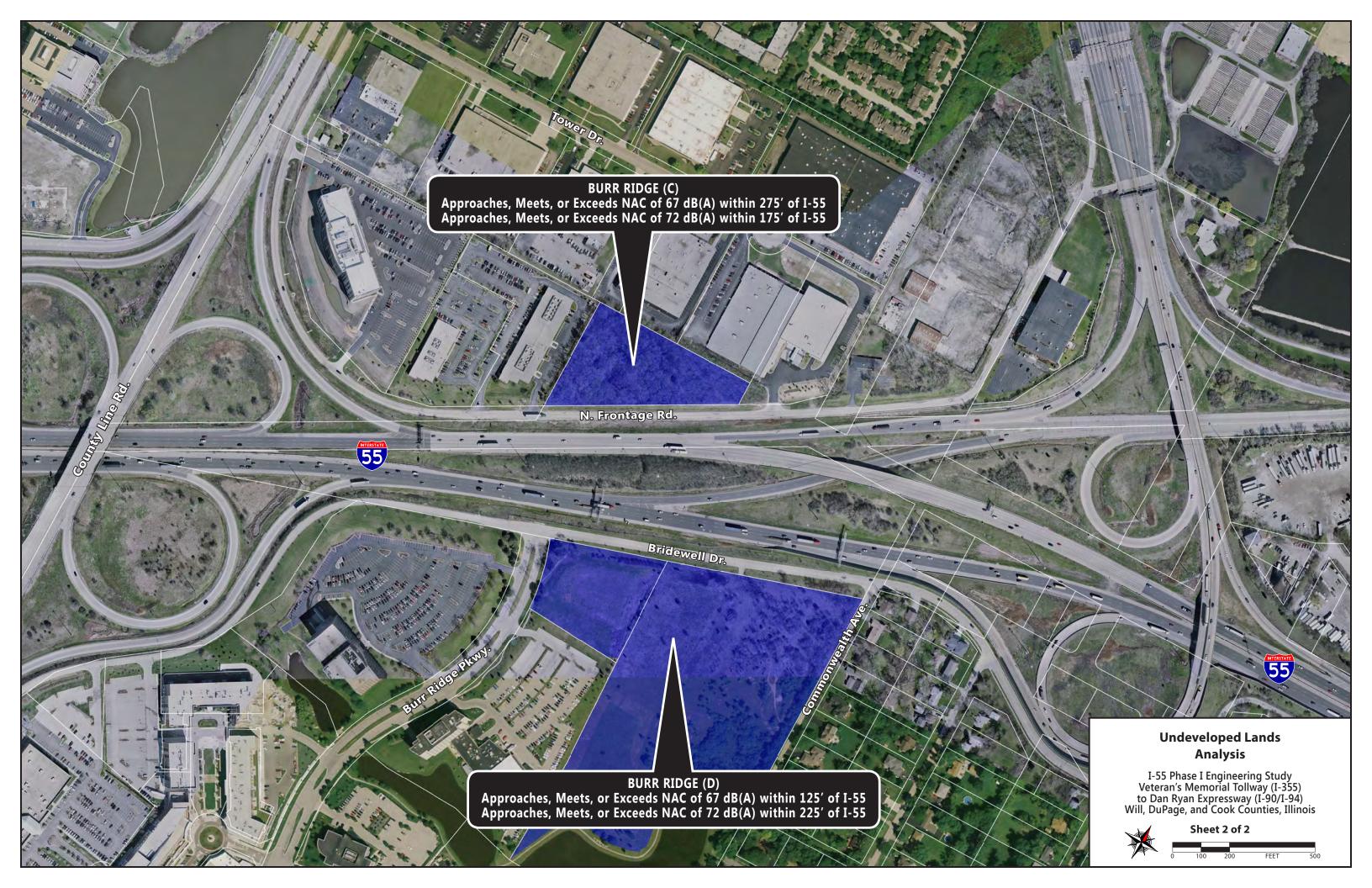


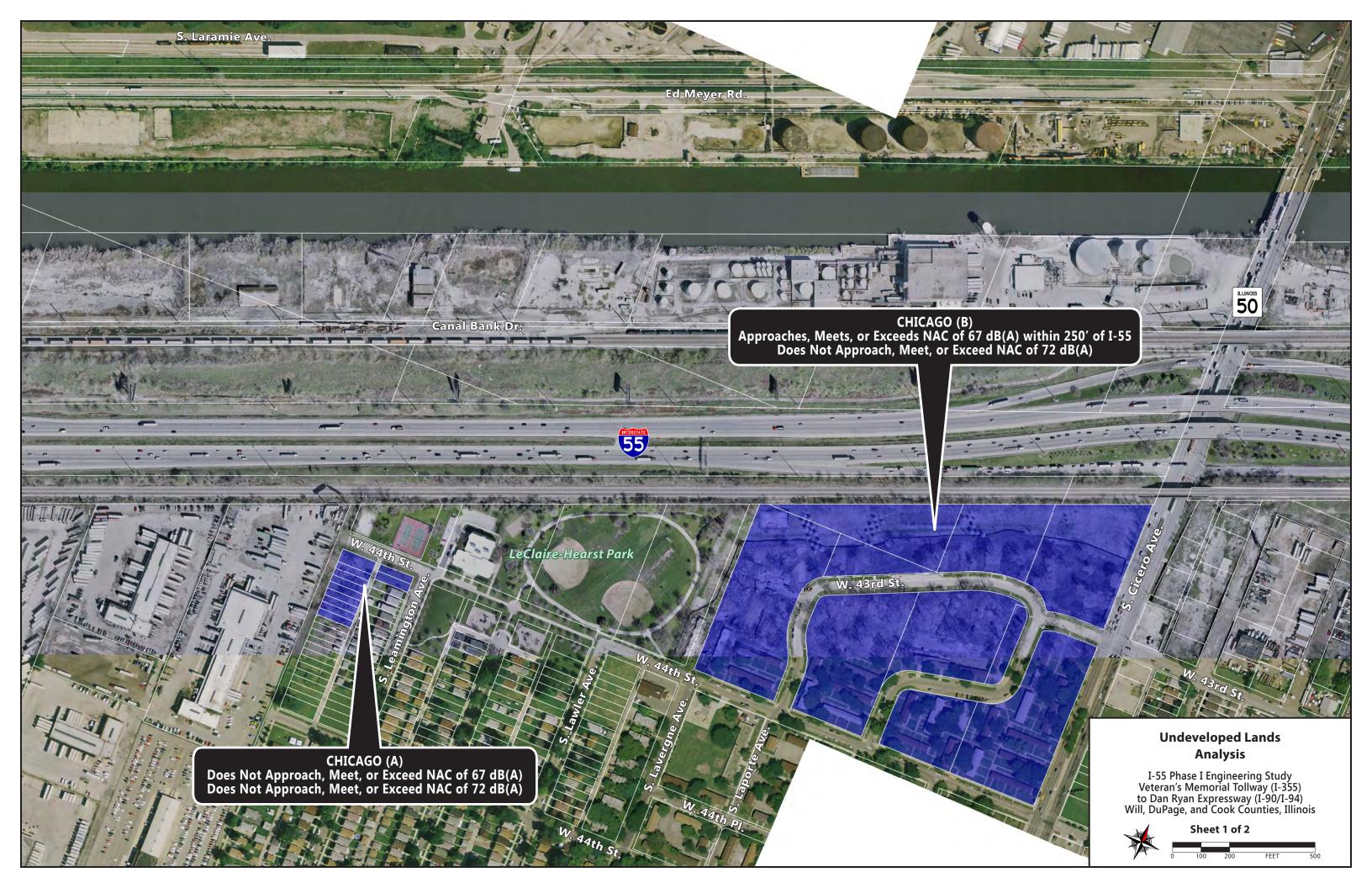
## POTENTIAL NOISE WALL LOCATIONS

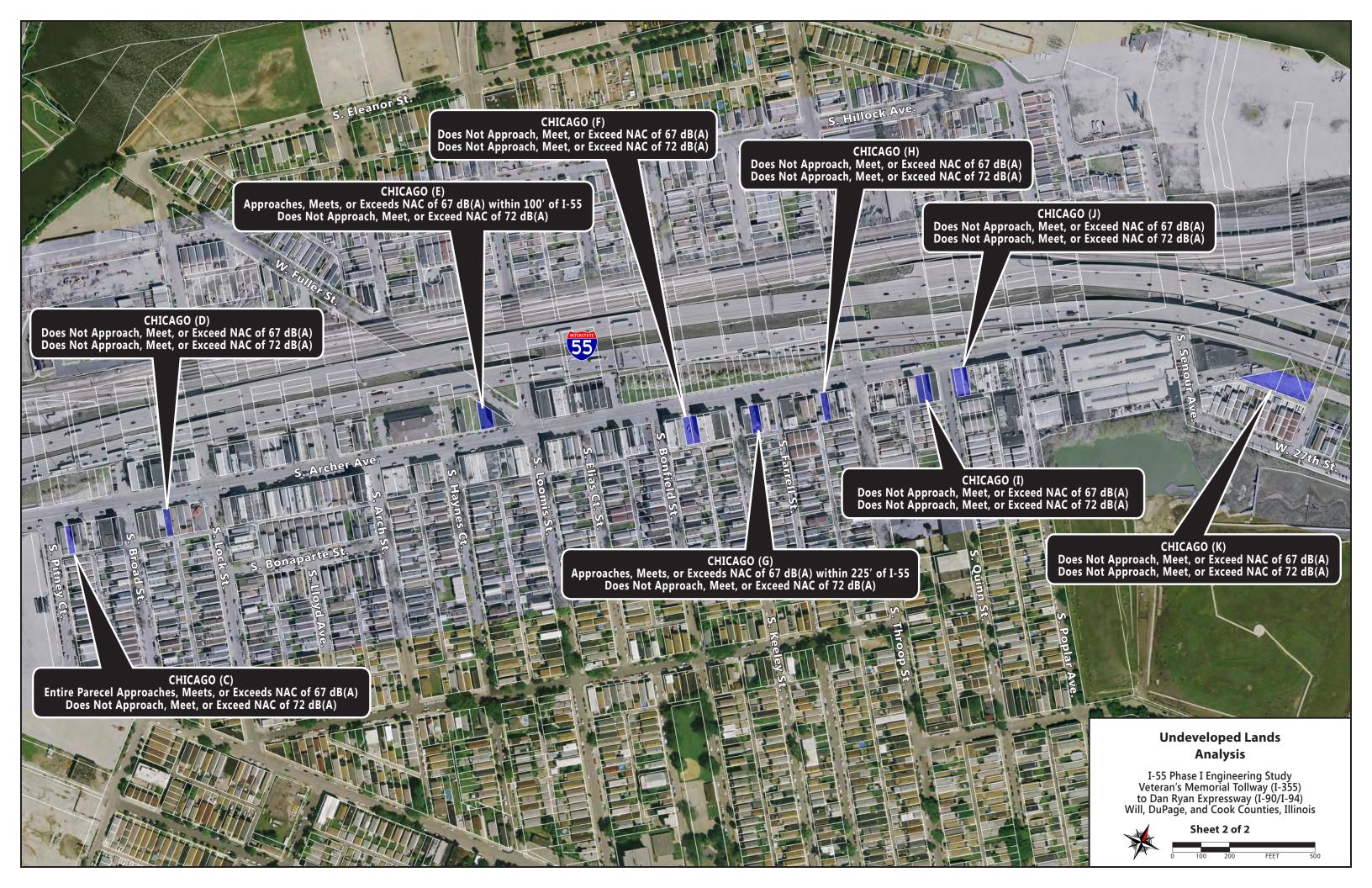












The Honorable Kathleen Weaver Mayor City of Darien 1702 Plainfield Road Darien IL, 60561

Dear The Honorable Weaver:

Re: Traffic Noise Information for Undeveloped Lands

I-55 Phase I Engineering Study

I-355 to I-90/94

The Illinois Department of Transportation is currently conducting a preliminary engineering and environmental (Phase I) study for I-55 from I-355 to I-90/94 in DuPage and Cook Counties. The scope of work for this improvement consists of the addition of one managed lane in each direction within the existing median of I-55, drainage improvements, and noise walls. The existing travel lanes along I-55 will remain free but the new managed lane is proposed to be tolled as an Express Toll Lane.

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For additional information regarding the I-55 Managed Lane Study, please visit the project website at http://www.i55managedlaneproject.org/.

If you have any additional questions, require clarifications or wish to discuss traffic noise further please let us know by contacting Sam Mead, Environmental Studies Unit Head at (847) 705-4101 or John Baldauf, P.E., Project Manager at (847) 705-4103.

Very truly yours,

John Fortmann, P.E. Region One Engineer





The Honorable Dan Cronin County Board Chairman County of DuPage 421 N. County Farm Road Wheaton IL, 60187

Dear The Honorable Cronin:

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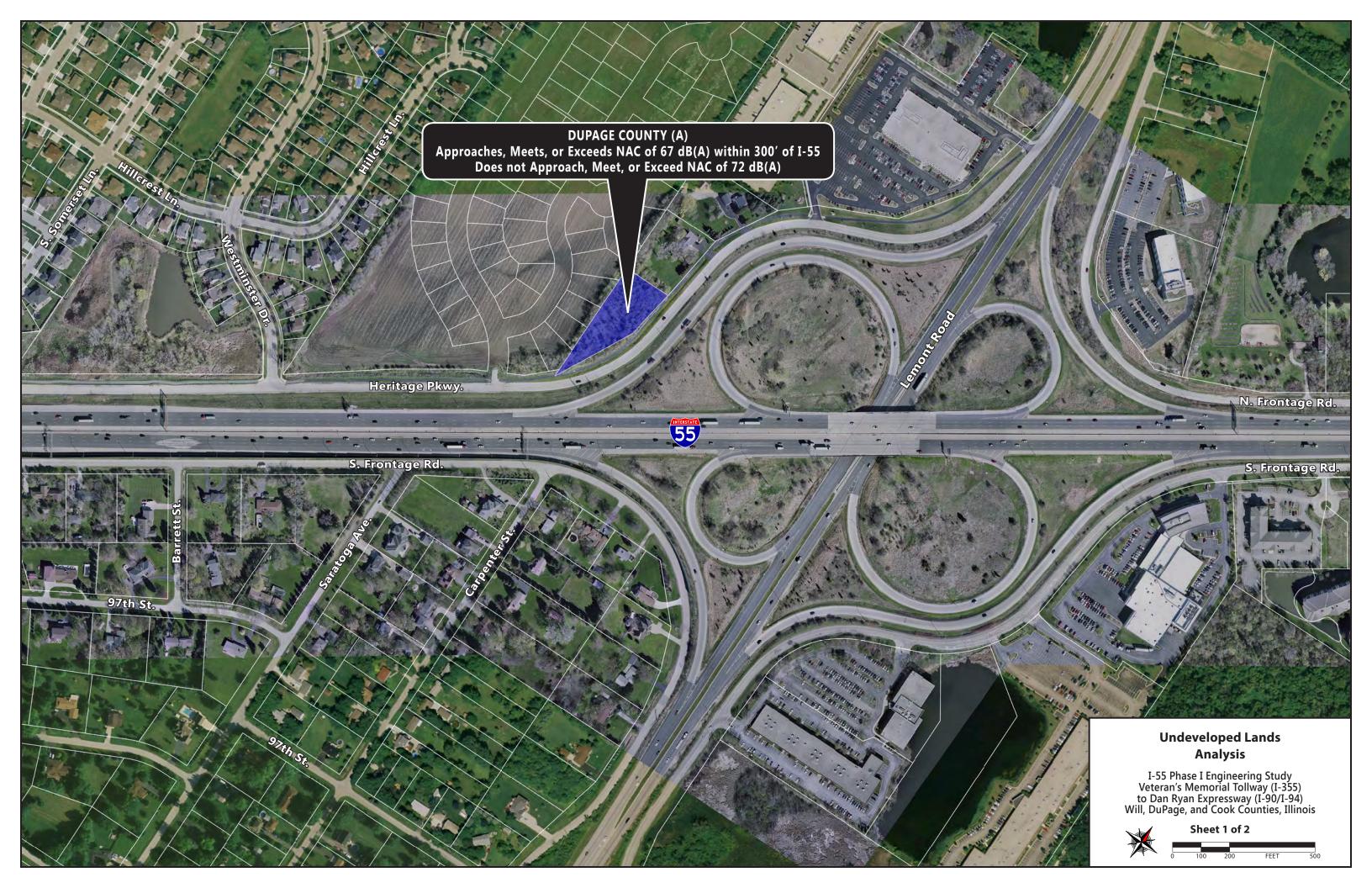
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The Honorable Noel Cummings President Village of Hodgkins 8990 Lyons Street Hodgkins IL. 60525

**Dear The Honorable Cummings:** 

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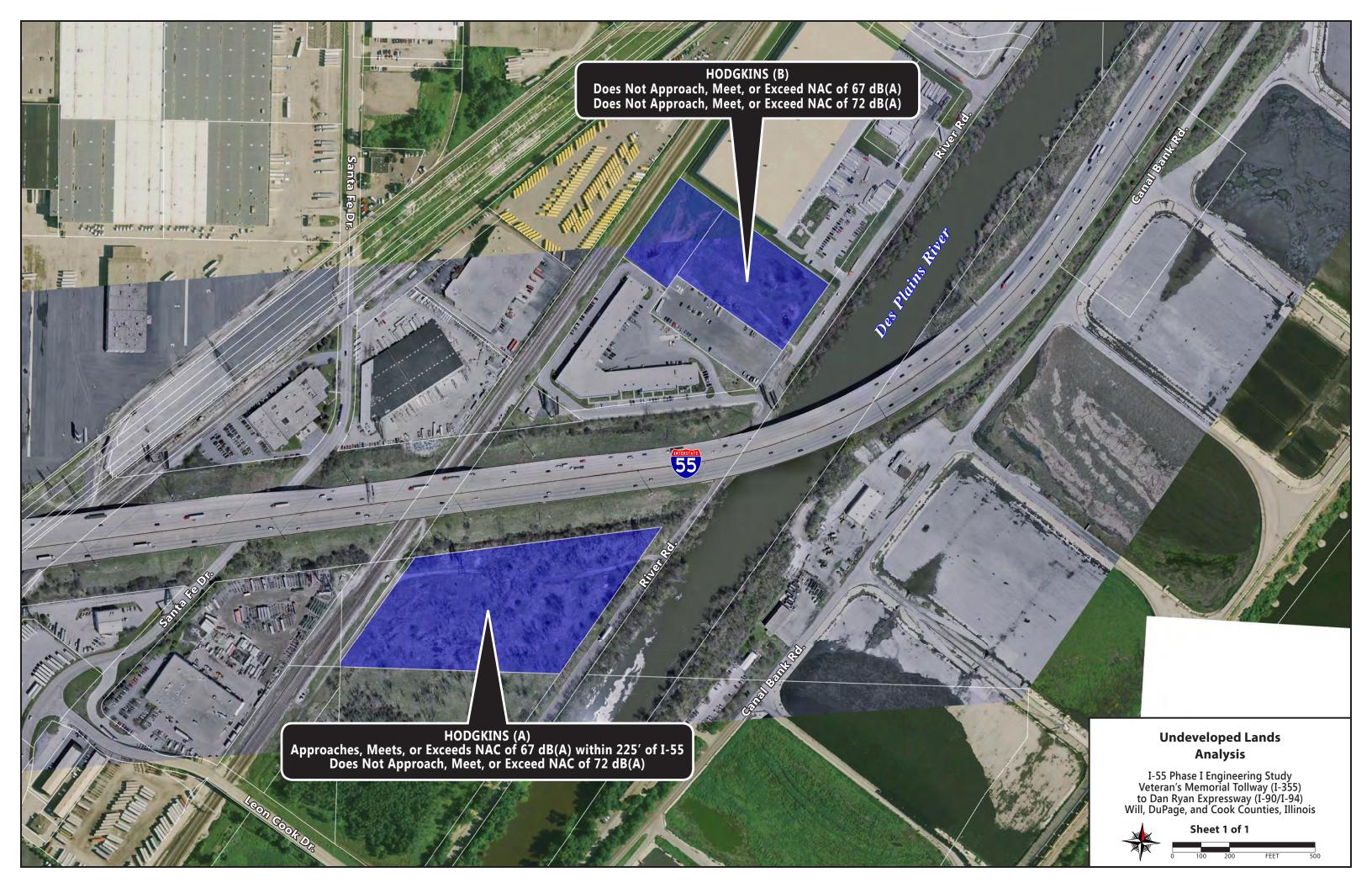
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The Honorable Tom Hinshaw Mayor Village of Indian Head Park 201 Acacia Drive Indian Head Park IL, 60525

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