Traffic Noise Study Re-evaluation

Poinciana Parkway Extension (SR 538)

From CR 532 to Ronald Regan Parkway Osceola and Polk Counties, Florida CFX Project Numbers: 528-235; 528-234

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ACRONYMS

CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CFX	Central Florida Expressway Authority
CNE	Common Noise Environment
CR	County Road
dB(A)	Decibel (A-Weighted)
DHV	Design Hourly Volume
EB	Eastbound
EOP	Edge of Pavement
FDOT	Florida Department of Transportation
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
HCS	Highway Capacity Software
LOS	Level of Service
MP	Milepost
Mph	Miles Per Hour
NAC	Noise Abatement Criteria
NB	Northbound
NRDG	Noise Reduction Design Goal
NSA	Noise Study Area
NSR	Noise Study Report
PD&E	Project Development & Environment
RCMB	Reedy Creek Mitigation Bank
ROW	Right-of-Way
SB	Southbound
SR	State Road
TNM	Traffic Noise Model
WB	Westbound



1.0 INTRODUCTION

Poinciana Parkway (SR 538) is a limited-access toll road that extends from the Polk-Osceola County line at Cypress Parkway (CR 580) in Poinciana to US 17/92. The parkway was initially constructed as a two-lane undivided roadway with room for expansion within the existing right of way (ROW). The Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX) is now widening the section of SR 538 from Cypress Parkway to the north of Reedy Creek Mitigation Bank (CFX #538-165) to a four-lane divided roadway.

In 2019 CFX completed the Poinciana Parkway Extension Project Development and Environment Study (PD&E), which included an evaluation of alternatives to extend the existing Poinciana Parkway from the existing bridge over the Reedy Creek Mitigation Bank to CR 532. The project proposed a tolled four-lane expressway on a new alignment within approximately 330 feet of ROW. The study also included interchanges with other county and state roads, bridges over wetlands in the Reedy Creek Mitigation Bank, and South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) owned/managed Upper Lakes Basin Watershed habitat, as well as bridges over local roads and railroads.

A Noise Study Technical Memorandum¹ was prepared as part of the aforementioned PD&E Study, which evaluated the potential for noise impacts related to the proposed PD&E concept based on limited project-related information available at that time.

The objective of this Traffic Noise Study Re-evaluation is to summarize the traffic noise analysis conducted for the Final Design phase of this project to account for various design changes, updated traffic forecasts, and the construction of new housing developments since the conclusion of the PD&E Study. The analysis identifies the noise sensitive receptors within the study corridor and evaluates the noise levels predicted to occur due to the current project. The study corridor consists of the following two separate CFX projects.

- Segment 538-235: CR 532 to US 17/92
- Segment 538-234: US 17/92 to Ronald Regan Parkway

Sites and communities not specifically identified in Appendix D are not within the project limits or located too far from the roadway to be impacted; thus, they were not included in the re-evaluation. The project study corridor is illustrated in **Figure 1** on page 3.

¹ CFX, Traffic Noise Study Technical Memorandum (October 2019)



1.1 Build Condition

For the SR 538 mainline, the project will construct two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction separated by a variable-width grassed median. Twelve-foot paved shoulders will be constructed inside and outside the travel lanes in each direction.

The project will include the new construction of the US 17/92 interchange, which will involve reconstructing US 17/92 from a two-lane facility to a four-lane facility through the interchange. Additionally, the project will include slip ramps to/from CR 532 with the SR 538 mainline terminating before overpassing CR 532. The evaluation of the Poinciana Parkway extension north of CR 532 is being conducted by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Bridge structures will be constructed over Reedy Creek Mitigation Bank, Delmar Lane, US 17/92, Old Tampa Highway, and the CFX railroad. A substantial amount of Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) walls will be constructed for the overpass embankments from CR 532 to the south of US 17/92.

The project typical sections are illustrated in **Appendix A**.



Figure 1: Project Location Map





2.0 METHODOLOGY

The traffic noise study re-evaluation conducted for this project is consistent with *Code of Federal Regulations* (C.F.R.), Title 23, § 772², Chapter 335, Section 335.17, *Florida Statutes*³, Part II, Chapter 18 of the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) *Project Development and Environment Manual*⁴, and Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) traffic noise analysis guidelines contained in *FHWA-HEP-10-025*⁵. The FHWA Traffic Noise Model (TNM) - version 2.5 was used to predict traffic noise levels for this project following guidelines outlined in the FDOT *Traffic Noise Modeling and Analysis Practitioners Handbook*⁶. The analysis evaluated noise levels for the Existing Condition and the 2045 Build Alternative.

Noise receptor coordinates used in the TNM are located in exterior areas where frequent human use may occur, usually at the edge of the residential structure closest to the project roadways, unless the analyst's professional judgment determined otherwise.

The MicroStation design files, georeferenced to the ortho-rectified 2021 State Plane imagery for Osceola and Polk Counties, were used to determine the design alternative's location for input into TNM. Roadway elevation data for the study was obtained from the design plans⁷. Data for the noise receptors and cross streets were obtained from the Florida Geographic Data Library⁸, Google Earth⁹.

2.1 NOISE METRICS

Noise levels developed for this analysis are expressed in decibels (dB) using an "A"-scale weighting, expressed as dB(A). This scale most closely approximates the response characteristics of the human ear to typical traffic noise levels. All reported noise levels are hourly equivalent noise levels [$L_{eq(h)}$]. The $L_{eq(h)}$ is defined as the equivalent steady-state sound level that, in a given hourly period, contains the same acoustic energy as the time-varying sound level for the same hourly period.

2.2 TRAFFIC DATA

Traffic noise is heavily dependent on traffic volume and speed, with the amount of noise generated by traffic increasing as the vehicle speed and number of vehicles increase. Characteristics contributing to the 2045 Design Year's highest traffic noise levels were used to predict project noise levels. Worst-case noise conditions occur with the maximum traffic traveling

² Federal Highway Administration, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Title 23 Part 772, "Procedures for Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise and Construction Noise", (July 13, 2010)

³ Florida Statutes, Chapter 335, § 335.17

⁴ Florida Department of Transportation, *Project Development and Environment Manual*, Part 2, Chapter 18, (July 1, 2020)

⁵ FHWA, FHWA-HEP-10-025: Highway Traffic Noise: Analysis and Abatement Guidance, (December 2011)

⁶ FDOT, Traffic Noise Modeling and Analysis Practitioners Handbook, (December 2018)

⁷ CFX, 538-234-PLANS-01-ROADWAY-60.pdf; 538-235 90% Roadway Plans.pdf

⁸ University of Florida. Florida Geographic Data Library, <u>https://www.fgdl.org/metadataexplorer/about.html</u>

⁹ Google Earth 2021



at the posted speed and represent a Level of Service (LOS) C operating condition. However, if the traffic analysis indicates the roadway will operate below LOS C, the project's Demand peak-hour directional traffic volumes are used per Chapter 18 of the FDOT PD&E Manual. Traffic volumes and speeds used in the analysis are included in **Appendix B**.

2.3 NOISE ABATEMENT CRITERIA

Land use also plays an important role in traffic noise analyses. Noise sensitive receptors are any property where frequent exterior or interior human use occurs and where a lowered noise level would provide a benefit. The FHWA has established noise levels at which noise abatement must be considered for various land uses. As shown in **Table 1**, these levels are used to evaluate traffic noise and are referred to as Noise Abatement Criteria (NAC). The FDOT requires noise abatement consideration for noise levels that approach the FHWA criteria by one dB(A) for the corresponding Activity Category. Another criterion for determining project impacts that warrant abatement consideration occurs when project noise levels are below the NAC but show a substantial increase (15.0 dB(A) or more) over existing levels.

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G Undeveloped lands that are not permitted.	

Table 1: Noise Abatement Criteria

(Based on Table 1 of 23 CFR Part 772)

¹ The Leq(h) Activity Criteria values are for impact determination only and are not design standards for noise abatement measures.

² Includes undeveloped lands permitted for this activity category.



An illustration of typical exterior and interior noises and their corresponding sound level is presented in **Table 2**. This table gives the reader a better understanding of the noise levels discussed herein.

Common Outdoor Activity	dB(A)	Inside Activity
Jet Flyover at 1,000 ft. Gas Lawn Mower at 3 ft.	110	Rock Band
Diesel Truck at 50 ft. (at50 mph) Busy Urban Area Daytime	90 80	Food Blender at 3 ft. Garbage Disposal at 3 ft.
Gas Mower at 100 ft. Commercial Area Heavy Traffic at 300 ft.	70 60	Vacuum Cleaner at 10 ft. Normal Speech at 3 ft. Large Business Office
Quiet Urban Daytime Quiet Urban Nighttime	50	Dishwasher Next Room Theater, Large Conference Room
Quiet Suburban Nighttime		(Background)
Quiet Rural Nighttime	30 20	Library Bedroom at Night
	10	
Lowest Threshold of Human Hearing	0	Lowest Threshold of Human Hearing
Source: California Dept. of Transportation	Technical No	pise Supplement, Oct. 1998, Pa. 18

Table 2: Typical Sound Levels

2.4 Noise Abatement Measures

When traffic noise impacts are identified, noise abatement must be considered. The potential abatement alternatives include traffic management techniques, alternative roadway alignments, buffer zones, and noise barriers. The most common type of noise abatement measure is the construction of a noise barrier that reduces traffic noise by blocking the sound path between the roadway and the adjacent noise receptor.

Consistent with the FDOT PD&E Manual – Chapter 18, the following factors must be evaluated to determine if a noise barrier is considered feasible and reasonable:



- To be considered acoustically feasible, the barrier must reduce traffic-related noise levels by at least 5.0 dB(A) for at least two impacted receptors. Receptors that receive the 5.0 dB(A) reduction, or higher, are defined as "benefited" by FDOT. Consequently, noise barriers are not evaluated for isolated and single receptors.
- To be considered acoustically reasonable, the noise barrier must achieve the FDOT noise reduction design goal of 7.0 dB(A) for at least one benefited receptor.
- The cost per benefited receptor (CBPR) is calculated by multiplying the barrier total square footage by \$30. Per Chapter 18, \$30 per/ft² is the statewide average used to determine cost reasonableness regardless of barrier type (shoulder/traffic railing mounted, right-of-way post/panel, etc.) To be considered cost reasonable, the total cost of a barrier that meets all acoustical criteria should not exceed the cost of \$42,000 per benefited receptor.

In some locations, noise barriers may provide a benefit to non-impacted residences. Due to design considerations or aesthetics, CFX may propose noise barriers exceeding cost reasonableness limits. An example would be extending a noise barrier to maintain community continuity (i.e., avoiding terminating a noise barrier in the middle of a community).

Consistent with the FDOT Design Manual, Section 264¹⁰, noise barrier heights are limited as follows:

- Noise barriers on bridge and retaining wall structures are limited to a maximum height of 8 feet; unless otherwise specified;
- Shoulder-mounted noise barriers at the edge of shoulder pavement are limited to a maximum height of 14 feet; and
- Non-shoulder mounted noise barriers (i.e., post and panel) located outside the clear recovery zone are limited to a maximum height of 22 feet. If a non-shoulder barrier is placed within the clear recovery zone, it must be shielded.

Other factors must also be considered when evaluating a barrier's feasibility, including accessibility, sight distance, and aesthetics. Accessibility refers to the ingress and egress to properties that would be affected by the construction of a noise barrier. Sight distance is a safety issue related to drivers' ability to see far enough in each direction to enter the roadway safely. Aesthetics refers to the noise barrier's physical appearance from both the highway and affected property sides.

¹⁰ FDOT, FDOT Design Manual

3.0 TRAFFIC NOISE ANALYSIS

3.1 Identification of Noise Sensitive Sites

Using **Table 1** as a guide, all noise sensitive land uses within the study corridor fall under Activity Category B and Category C. The single Category C land use is associated with the G5 Church in the SW quadrant of the SR 538/US17-92 interchange.

The remainder of the corridor is Activity Category G undeveloped land. A records search of these parcels, conducted in January 2022, did not identify any active permits for buildings considered noise sensitive.

The noise analysis identified 6 Noise Study Areas (NSA) containing 78 noise sensitive sites (76 Category B and two Category C). Project aerials illustrating the corridor and all noise sensitive sites are included in **Appendix D**. Sites not identified are located at too great a distance from the project to be impacted and were not included in the re-evaluation.

3.2 Predicted Noise Levels

A detailed summary of the noise impact analysis is provided in **Appendix C.** This matrix details the TNM-predicted noise levels for the 2020 Existing condition and the 2045 Build Alternative. A summary of the results is provided in **Table 3**.

Currently, three analyzed receptors experience noise levels that meet or exceed the 66.0 dB(A) Noise Abatement Criterion (NAC). With the traffic increase associated with the Build Alternative, 14 residential receptor sites are predicted to have traffic noise impacts because of the project. Eight sites will exceed the 66.0 dB(A) residential NAC, and six sites are predicted to experience a substantial increase (15.0 dB(A) or greater) over the existing condition.

Overall, the noise levels increase an average of 7.8 dB(A) over existing conditions across the study corridor, with the greatest increase being 19.0 dB(A) at receptor 2-1 in NSA 2.

Project Segment #	Activity Category	2020 Existing	2045 Build	Average Increase Over Existing
	В	3	9	
538-235	С	0	0	
NSA 1-4	E	0	0	7.9 UD(A)
	Impacts Subtotal	3	9	
	В	0	5	
538-234	С	0	0	7.7 dB(A)
NSA 5 & 6	E	0	0	
	Impacts Subtotal	0	5	
Impac	t Totals	3	14	7.8 dB(A)

Table 3: Impact Analysis Summary

Each site impacted as a result of the Build Alternative requires noise abatement consideration, discussed below in **Section 3.3**.

3.3 Noise Abatement Consideration

Across the study corridor, two noise barriers were evaluated for the potential to provide abatement to the impacted receptors. The criteria discussed in **Section 2.3** were utilized to determine if barriers met the applicable acoustic and cost reasonableness parameters used by the CFX during the decision-making process. The following barriers are discussed in detail in this section.

- Segment #538-235: Noise Barrier NB 1
- Segment #538-234: Noise Barrier SB 1

Impacted receptors 2-16, 2-17, and 3-1 are considered isolated/single or have engineering constraints (e.g., driveway openings); therefore, a barrier at these locations cannot achieve the minimum noise reduction requirements. Consequently, barriers were not analyzed for these receptors.



NSA 2 - Noise Barrier NB1

Several scenarios were evaluated to determine the effectiveness of a noise barrier's ability to provide abatement for the six impacted homes in NSA 2 (Ivy Mist Lane) near the planned SR 538 Poinciana Parkway Extension. The elevation differences between the receptors and elevated roadway preclude the ability to locate a stand-alone post and panel barrier at or near the ROW line that can meet applicable acoustic criteria (i.e., minimum 5 dB(A) reduction for all six impacted sites).

Of the numerous analyzed noise barrier scenarios, the following option was evaluated to provide abatement to the Ivy Mist Lane neighborhood from an acoustic and cost perspective. All other scenarios provided less abatement and were substantially higher in estimated cost; therefore, they were not advanced for further consideration. The additional evaluted scenarios are described in **Table 4**.

- <u>Option 1</u> This option was evaluated as a three-segment noise barrier system.
 - Segment 1 is comprised of a variable height barrier located at the edge of the northbound mainline shoulder. For the section between stations 396+00 to 402+40 and 407+10 (approx.), the barrier is at the maximum height of 8 feet due to bridge structures and MSE walls. For the section between stations 402+40 to 407+10 (approx.), the height is 14 feet and does not account for barrier tapering at each end.
 - Segment 2 is comprised of an 8-foot tall barrier located at the edge of the northbound entry ramp shoulder between stations 308+25 and 313+80 (approx.). This barrier segment is located on top of MSE walls and the bridge structure over Old Tampa Highway.
 - Segment 3 is comprised of a 22-foot tall standard post and panel barrier located approximately 15 feet from the CFX ROW line. This segment starts south of Old Tampa Highway and terminates at pond station 1205+00 (approx.).

This scenario meets acoustic abatement criteria for all six impacted residences. Three nonimpacted residences are also benefited. This barrier provides an average noise reduction is 6.1 dB(A), with the greatest reduction predicted to be 8.6 dB(A) at receptor 2-1. However, with a total estimated cost of \$1,093,020 and associated CPBR of \$121,447, this option is nearly 300% over FDOT/CFX cost reasonableness criterion. Therefore, noise barriers for this location are not considered reasonable for further consideration. An illustration of this barrier option is provided in **Appendix E – Page E-1**.

	NSA 2: Barrier NB1 - Ivy Mist Lane Evaluation Summary													
Eva	luated Barrie	r Options		Number of	Number of Impacted Sites Within a Noise Reduction Range			Number of Benefited Sites ^{*1}				Total Estimated	Cost per Benefited	
Design Option	Barrier Type	Height (feet) ^{*6}	Total Length (feet)	Sites	5-5.9 dB(A)	6-6.9 dB(A)	≥7.0 dB(A) ^{*2}	Impacted	Other *3	Total	Avg. Noise Reduction dB(A)	Cost *4	Receptor ^{*5}	
	M/L	8	910											
Option 1	shoulder	14	469	6	2	1	2	6	2	0	6.1	¢ 1 002 020	¢ 101 //7	
Recommended	Ramp shoulder	8	607	б	2	Ţ	3	0	3	5	0.1	\$ 1,095,020	Ş 121,447	
	ROW	22	806											
Option 1a Not Recommended	M/L	8	910											
	shoulder	14	469						0	5	6.1			
	Ramp shoulder	0	0	6	2	1	2	5				\$ 947,340	\$ 189,468	
		0	0											
	ROW	22	806											
	M/L	0	0				0				6.1			
Ontion 1h	shoulder	0	0							1				
Not	Ramp	8	175	6	0	1		1	0			\$ 677,640	\$ 677,640	
Recommended	shoulder	8	432											
	ROW	22	806											
	M/L	0	0											
Option 1a	shoulder	0	0											
Not	Ramp	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	< 5.0	\$ 531,960	n/a	
Recommended	shoulder	0	0											
	ROW	22	806											

Table 4: Noise Barrier NB1 Evaluation Summary

*1 = Minimum of 5.0 dB(A) required to be considered benefited by noise barrier.

*2 = FDOT Noise Reduction Design Goal is 7.0 dB(A) at a minimum of 1 benefited receptor.

*3 = Refers to non-impacted noise-sensitive sites.

*4 = Based on FDOT Statewide average of \$30 per square foot.

*5 = FDOT/CFX Reasonable Cost Guideline is \$42,000.

*6 = 8-foot max height on structures [MSE, bridges] and 14-foot max height on edge of shoulder per FDOT Design Standards



NSA 5/6 - Noise Barrier SB1

None of the analyzed receptors in NSAs 5 and 6 were able to meet the the 66.0 dB(A) NAC or 'substanial' impact criteria. However, the noise increases resulting from this project will constitute a doubling of traffic noise. Because of this, effective and reasonble abatement for the four-lane condition could not be achieved. Consequently, CFX determined that evaluating abatement options for the future eight-lane scenario as part of this project would be prudent. Doing so will allow for the analysis of noise barriers to fulfill barrier dimension location and height/length requirements for a future eight-lane condition but be built now with the construction of the SR 538 roadway extension.

For NSA 5, the average increase over the existing condition is predicted at 6.4 dB(A) and 10.0 dB(A) for the four-lane and eight-lane scenarios, respectively. The increased noise levels range from 1.1 dB(A) to 9.7 dB(A) for the four-lane scenario and 3.7 dB(A) to 14.2 dB(A) for the eight-lane scenario. No receptors exceeded the 66.0 dB(A) NAC for the four-lane scenario but five receptors will meet the NAC with the eight-lane scenario.

For NSA 6, the average increase over the existing condition is predicted at 8.4 dB(A) and 13.2 dB(A) for the four-lane and eight-lane scenarios, respectively. The increased noise levels range from 6.8 dB(A) to 10.3 dB(A) for the four-lane scenario and 11.9 dB(A) to 14.6 dB(A) for the eight-lane scenario. Five receptors exceed the 66.0 dB(A) NAC.

Numerous scenarios were evaluated from the standpoint of acoustics, cost reasonableness, aesthetics, and reducing the potential for project noise barriers to be obsolete when SR 538 is widened to eight lanes at a later date. The additional evaluted scenarios are described in **Table 5**.

- Option 1 This barrier design provides a 22-foot-tall, 2,914-foot-long barrier located near the CFX ROW line from station 490+50 to 515+20 (approx.). Near the southern terminus, this barrier has a small gap for ingress/egress for the adjacent mitigation bank property. This option meets the acoustic abatement criteria for the five impacted homes in NSA 6. An additional 28 non-impacted homes (three in NSA 5 and 25 in NSA 6) also benefited. The average noise reduction of this barrier is 6.4 dB(A), and the estimated cost is \$1,923,040. With a CPBR of \$58,280, this option is not within FDOT cost reasonableness standards but is close enough that CFX would consider providing a wall if it would benefit the adjacent community. Lastly, this barrier scenario allows for a maximum height barrier to be constructed with the current project while fulfilling abatement requirements for a future eight-lane scenario.
- Option 2 This option was evaluated as a two-segment barrier system. Segment 1 consists of a 14-foot-tall, 1,611-foot-long barrier on the edge of the southbound shoulder pavement adjacent to NSA 5 (Sereno Phase 5). Segment 2 consists of a 22-foot-tall, 2,240-foot-long barrier near the CFX ROW line, adjacent to NSA 6 (Sereno Phase 6). This option meets the acoustic abatement criteria for the five impacted homes in NSA 6. An additional



47 non-impacted homes (14 in NSA 5 and 33 in NSA 6) are also benefited. The average noise reduction of this barrier system is 6.5 dB(A), and the estimated cost is \$2,155,020. With a CPBR of \$41,443, this option is within FDOT cost reasonableness standards. CFX has determiend that the shoulder barrier provides too much of an urban aesthetic for this mostly rural roadway and conficts with the surrounding landscape.

Option 1 is the CFX preferred option to carry forward into the project's final design and bid plans. An illustration of this barrier system is provided in **Appendix E – Page E-2**.

	NSA 5 & 6: Barrier SB1 - Sereno Evaluation Summary													
Ev	valuated Barrier (Options		Number of	Number of Impacted Sites Within a Noise Reduction Range			Nu	Total	Cost per				
Design Option	Barrier Type	Height (feet) ^{*6}	Length (feet)	Impacted Sites 5-5.9 dB(A)		6-6.9 dB(A)	≥7.0 dB(A) ^{*2}	Impacted	Other *3	Total	Avg. Noise Reduction dB(A)	Cost ^{*4}	Receptor *5	
Option 1 CFX Preferred	ROW	22	2,914	5	0	0	5	5	28	33	6.4	\$ 1,923,240	\$	58,280
Ontion 2	Shoulder	14	1,611	F	0	0	-	-	47	53	6 F	¢ 2 155 020	ć	41 442
Option 2	ROW	22	2,240	5	U	U	5	5	47	52	0.5	ş 2,135,020	Ş	41,445

Table 5: Noise Barrier SB1 Evaluation Summary

*1 = Minimum of 5.0 dB(A) required to be considered benefited by noise barrier.

*2 = FDOT Noise Reduction Design Goal is 7.0 dB(A) at a minimum of 1 benefited receptor.

*3 = Refers to non-impacted noise-sensitive sites.

*4 = Based on FDOT Statewide average of \$30 per square foot.

*5 = FDOT Reasonable Cost Guideline is \$42,000.

*6 = 14-foot max height on edge of shoulder and 22-foot max height post/panel per FDOT Design Standards



3.4 Segment #538-235 Summary and Recommendations

Traffic noise impacts were predicted for six noise sensitive sites. Several noise barriers were analyzed as abatement measures for the impacted NSA 2. It was determined that the most acoustically effective and economical option (Option 1) was nearly 300% higher than the CFX cost reasonableness standards. All other barrier options were either acoustically less effective or had an even greater total cost and cost per benefited receptor than Option 1. An illustration of this barrier is provided in **Appendix E – Page E-1**. The details of Option 1 are shown below in **Table 6**.

Impacted receptors 2-16 and 2-17 have feasibility constraints that preclude CFX's ability to construct an effective noise barrier (e.g., right-of-way limitations, driveways, and side streets). Because of this, a barrier was not evaluated for these locations. Receptor 3-1 is isolated; therefore, a barrier was not analyzed because it cannot achieve the required minimum noise reduction at two receptors.

	NSA 2: Barrier NB1 - Ivy Mist Lane Evaluation Summary												
Eva	Number of	Number of Impacted Sites Within a Noise Reduction Range			Number of Benefited Sites ^{*1}				Total	Cost per			
Design Option	Barrier Type	Height (feet) ^{*6}	Total Length (feet)	Sites	5-5.9 dB(A)	6-6.9 dB(A)	≥7.0 dB(A) ^{*2}	Impacted	Other *3	Total	Avg. Noise Reduction dB(A)	Cost ^{*4} Recepto	
	M/L shoulder	8	910		2		3	6	3	9	6.1		
Option 1		14	469									\$ 1,093,020	A
NOT Recommended	Ramp shoulder	8	607	б		1							\$ 121,447
	ROW	22	806										
*1 = Minimum o	= Minimum of 5.0 dB(A) required to be considered benefited by noise barrier.												

Table 6: Project 538-235 Noise Barrier Recommendations

*2 = FDOT Noise Reduction Design Goal is 7.0 dB(A) at a minimum of 1 benefited receptor.

*3 = Refers to non-impacted noise-sensitive sites.

*4 = Based on FDOT Statewide average of \$30 per square foot.

*5 = FDOT/CFX Reasonable Cost Guideline is \$42,000.

*6 = 8-foot max height on structures [MSE, bridges] and 14-foot max height on edge of shoulder per FDOT Design Standards



3.5 Segment #538-234 Summary and Recommendations

Traffic noise impacts were predicted for five noise sensitive sites in NSAs 5 and 6. Of the evaluated abatement options, the CFX preferred option is Option 1. This option provides abatement to the five impacted and 28 non-impacted homes with an average noise reduction of 6. 4 dB(A).

The barrier's entire length is near the CFX ROW line. This option is most the aesthetically pleasing of the analyzed options when considering its location within a rural environment.

An illustration of this barrier is provided in **Appendix E – Page E-2**. The details of Option 1 are shown below in **Table 7**.

Table 7: Project #538-234 Noise Barrier Recommendations

	NSA 5 & 6: Barrier SB1 - Sereno Evaluation Summary													
Evaluated Barrier Options			Number of Impacted Sites Within a Noise Reduction Range			Number of Benefited Sites ^{*1}				Total	Cost per Benefited			
Design Option	Barrier Type	Height (feet) ^{*6}	Length (feet)	Sites	5-5.9 dB(A)	6-6.9 dB(A)	≥7.0 dB(A) ^{*2}	Impacted	Other *3	Total	Avg. Noise Reduction dB(A)	Cost *4	Red	ceptor *5
Option 1 CFX Preferred	ROW	22	2,914	5	5 0 0 5 5 28 33 6.4 \$1,923,240 \$				58,280					
*1 = Minimun *2 = FDOT No *3 = Refers to	1 = Minimum of 5.0 dB(A) required to be considered benefited by noise barrier. 2 = FDOT Noise Reduction Design Goal is 7.0 dB(A) at a minimum of 1 benefited receptor. 3 = Refers to non-impacted noise-sensitive sites.													

*4 = Based on FDOT Statewide average of \$30 per square foot.

*5 = FDOT Reasonable Cost Guideline is \$42,000.

*6 = 14-foot max height on edge of shoulder and 22-foot max height post/panel per FDOT Design Standards



4.0 CONSTRUCTION NOISE AND VIBRATION IMPACTS

Construction of the proposed roadway improvements is not expected to have any significant vibration or construction noise impacts. It is anticipated that applying the *FDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction* will minimize or eliminate most of the potential short-term construction noise and vibration impacts.

Should any construction noise or vibration issues arise during construction, the Project Engineer, in concert with the CFX Noise Specialist and the Contractor, will investigate additional methods of controlling these impacts.

5.0 COMMUNITY COORDINATION

5.1 Public Meetings

Before making any final decisions on the proposed noise barrier, CFX will hold a Sound Wall Information Meeting (SWIM) in which the proposed barrier for #538-234, along with other pertinent project construction-related information, will be presented to the public. To aid in the decision-making process, CFX will directly solicit the opinions of the property owners and renters found to benefit from the proposed noise barrier. The solicitation of viewpoints will be conducted as part of the SWIM and mailed survey. The CFX SWIM process and survey results for this project will be documented under separate cover.



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Appendix A:

Typical Sections

































Appendix B:

Noise Study Traffic Data

Red denotes volumes used in modeling

Project Description:	Poinciana Parkway (SR 538) Extension
CFX Project #:	538-235 & 538-234
Segment Description:	Poinciana Pkwy Extension/Mainline

	Ex	tension from	CR 532 to U	S 17-92	Extension from US 17-92 to 538-234 Project Limits			
Data (Directional)	Existing Facility	No-Build (Design Year)	Build (Design Year)	Hypothetical Future* ⁵	Existing Facility	No-Build (Design Year)	Build (Design Year)	Hypothetical Future* ⁵
Year	n/a	n/a	2045	n/a	n/a	n/a	2045	n/a
Number of Lanes Each Direction	n/a	n/a	2	4	n/a	n/a	2	4
LOS C Peak Hour Directional Volume *1	n/a	n/a	3100	6030	n/a	n/a	3100	6030
Demand Peak Hour Directional Volume *2	n/a	n/a	3500	not available	n/a	n/a	3305	not available
Demand Off-Peak Hour Directional Volume * ²	n/a	n/a	2335	not available	n/a	n/a	2200	not available
Posted Speed* ⁴	n/a	n/a	65	65	n/a	n/a	65	65
D%* ³	n/a	n/a	60	60	n/a	n/a	60	60
Tpeak (DHV%)* ³	n/a	n/a	4.03	4.03	n/a	n/a	4.03	4.03
MT(DHV%)* ³	n/a	n/a	2.4	2.4	n/a	n/a	2.4	2.4
HT (DHV%)* ³	n/a	n/a	1.63	1.63	n/a	n/a	1.63	1.63
Buses (DHV%)	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6
Motorcycles (DHV%)	n/a	n/a	0.5	0.5	n/a	n/a	0.5	0.5

Data Sources:

*1 = LOS C Directional Volumes per FDOT Generalized Service Volume Tables January 2020 (Table 7)

*2 = Demand Peak Hour Dir. Volumes per Dewberry/CDM Smith: Figure 2045_DDHV_PPW_Full Build_Jan2021.pdf (corrected version of 6-24-20 report)

*3 = Class distribution per CDM Smith PP Design Traffic_Report_Revised 6-24-2020 (Table 1-5)

*4 = Posted Speed per 538-235 Roadway Plans.pdf 7-30-2021

*5 = Need for anlaysis TBD by CFX/Dewberry

Red denotes volumes used in modeling

 Project Description:
 Poinciana Parkway (SR 538) Extension

 CFX Project #:
 538-235 & 538-234

Segment Description:

Kinney Harmon Road/Ronald Regan Pkwy

		Kinney Harmon Road/Ronald Regan Pkwy							
Data (Directional)	Existing Facility	No-Build (Design Year)	Build (Design Year)						
Year	2020	2045	2045						
Number of Lanes Each Direction	1	1	1						
LOS C Peak Hour Directional Volume *1	747	747	747						
Demand Peak Hour Directional Volume * ²	998	1560	not available						
Demand Off-Peak Hour Directional Volume * ²	286	1040	not available						
Posted Speed*4	45	45	45						
D%* ³	60	60	60						
Tpeak (DHV%)* ³	4.03	4.03	4.03						
MT(DHV%)*3	2.4	2.4	2.4						
HT (DHV%)* ³	1.63	1.63	1.63						
Buses (DHV%)	0.6	0.6	0.6						
Motorcycles (DHV%)	0.5	0.5	0.5						

Data Sources:

*1 = LOS C Directional Volumes per FDOT Generalized Service Volume Tables January 2020 (Table 7)

*2 = Demand Peak Hour Dir. Volumes per Dewberry/CDM Smith: Figure 2045_DDHV_PPW_Full Build_Jan2021.pdf

*3 = Class distribution per CDM Smith PP Design Traffic_Report_Revised 6-24-2020 (Table 1-5)

*4 = Field Observed

Red denotes volumes used in	n modeling							
Neu denotes volumes used n	inidening							
Project Description:	Poinciana Parkway (SR 538) Extension							
CFX Project #:	538-235 & 538-234							
Segment Description:	US 17-92							
		US 17-92						
Data (Directional)	Existing Facility	No-Build (Design Year)	Build (Design Year)					
Yea	2020	2045	2045					
Number of Lanes Each Direction	1	1	2					
LOS C Peak Hour Directiona Volume *1	830	830	1910					
Demand Peak Hour Directiona Volume *2	1231	1550	1340					
Demand Off-Peak Hour Directional Volume *2	474	1055	1140					
Posted Speed* ⁴	55	55	55 & 35					
D%* ³	60	60	60					
Tpeak (DHV%)*3	10.2	10.2	10.2					
MT(DHV%)*3	3.2	3.2	3.2					
HT (DHV%)*3	5 7	7	7					
Buses (DHV%)) 1.5	1.5	1.5					
Motorcycles (DHV%)	0.7	0.7	0.7					

Data Sources:

*1 = LOS C Directional Volumes per FDOT Generalized Service Volume Tables January 2020 (Table 7)

*2 = Demand Peak Hour Dir. Volumes per Dewberry/CDM Smith: Figure 2045_DDHV_PPW_Full Build_Jan2021.pdf

*3 = Class distribution per CDM Smith PP Design Traffic_Report_Revised 6-24-2020 (Table 1-5)

*4 = Posted Speed per 538-235 Roadway Plans.pdf 7-30-2021

Red denotes volumes used in modeling Project Description:

CFX Project #:

Poinciana Parkway (SR 538) Extension

538-235 & 538-234

Segment Description:

CR 532/Osceola Polk Line Road

		CR 532							
Data (Directional)	Existing Facility	No-Build (Design Year)	Build (Design Year)						
Year	2020	2045	2045						
Number of Lanes Each Direction	1	1	1						
LOS C Peak Hour Directional Volume *1	747	747	747						
emand Peak Hour Directional Volume * ²	not available	1265	1160						
Demand Off-Peak Hour Directional Volume * ²	not available	805	940						
Posted Speed*4	55	55	55						
D%* ³	60	60	60						
Tpeak (DHV%)* ³	10.2	10.2	10.9						
MT(DHV%)* ³	2.8	2.8	2.8						
HT (DHV%)* ³	8.1	8.1	8.1						
Buses (DHV%)	0.9	0.9	0.9						
Motorcycles (DHV%)	0.5	0.5	0.5						

Data Sources:

*1 = LOS C Directional Volumes per FDOT Generalized Service Volume Tables January 2020 (Table 7)

*2 = Demand Peak Hour Dir. Volumes per Dewberry/CDM Smith: Figure 2045_DDHV_PPW_Full Build_Jan2021.pdf (corrected version of 6-24-20 report) *3 = Class distribution per CDM Smith PP Design Traffic_Report_Revised 6-24-2020; Dewberry email 8-24-21

*4 = Observed via Google Street View

Red denotes volumes used in modeling

Segment Description:	Poinciana Pkwy Extension at US 17-92 Ramps
CFX Project #:	538-235 & 538-234
Project Description:	Poinciana Parkway (SR 538) Extension
Desired Descriptions	Delectore Determined (OD 500) Entereter

	NB On	(Ramps	C1/C2)	NB Off	Ramps I	=1/F2)	SB On (Ramps E1/E2)			SB Off (Ramps D1/D2)		
Data	Existing Facility	No- Build	Build	Existing Facility	No- Build	Build	Existing Facility	No- Build	Build	Existing Facility	No- Build	Build
Year	2020	2045	2045	2020	2045	2045	2020	2045	2045	2020	2045	2045
Number of Lanes	n/a	na	1	n/a	na	1	n/a	na	1	n/a	na	1
Demand Peak Hour Directional Volume *1	n/a	na	740	n/a	na	545	n/a	na	545	n/a	na	740
Posted Speed ^{*3}	n/a	na	50	n/a	na	50	n/a	na	50	n/a	na	50
Tpeak (DHV%)*2	n/a	na	4.03	n/a	na	4.03	n/a	na	4.03	n/a	na	4.03
MT(DHV%)*2	n/a	na	2.4	n/a	na	2.4	n/a	na	2.4	n/a	na	2.4
HT (DHV%)*2	n/a	na	1.63	n/a	na	1.63	n/a	na	1.63	n/a	na	1.63
Buses (DHV%)*2	n/a	na	0.5	n/a	na	0.5	n/a	na	0.5	n/a	na	0.5
Motorcycles (DHV%)*2	n/a	na	0.4	n/a	na	0.4	n/a	na	0.4	n/a	na	0.4

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Appendix C:

Noise Impact Comparison Matrix

Noise-Se	ensitive Sites		Pi Red = Nois	redicted Noise e Level above N	Levels (dB(/	A)) ial Increase
Receptor ID	# Sites Represented	NAC Impact Criterion (dB(A))	2020 Existing	2045 Build Alternative 4-lane	Build Change From Existing	Consider Abatement
NSA 1: CR 532 to US 17	7-92 (West) - Illu:	strated on F	ages D-1, D-	2, and D-8 - A	ppendix D	
1-1	1	66.0	44.5	58.6	14.1	-
1-2	1	66.0	44.0	58.6	14.6	-
1-3	1	66.0	49.0	59.5	10.5	-
1-4	1	66.0	52.5	58.8	6.3	-
1-5	1	66.0	55.0	58.6	3.6	-
1-6	1	66.0	55.4	58.6	3.2	-
1-7	1	66.0	59.5	60.5	1.0	-
1-8	1	66.0	55.0	57.7	2.7	-
NSA Summary (Totals/Averages)	8		51.9	58.9	7.0	0
NSA 2: CR 532 to US 17	7-92 (East) - Illus	trated on Po	ages D-1, D-2	2, and D-8 - Ap	pendix D	
2-1	1	66.0	46.0	65.0	19.0	Yes
2-2	1	66.0	47.2	63.4	16.2	Yes
2-3	1	66.0	48.5	65.3	16.8	Yes
2-4	1	66.0	48.9	64.4	15.5	Yes
2-5	1	66.0	48.5	63.6	15.1	Yes
2-6	1	66.0	47.3	63.3	16.0	Yes
2-7	1	66.0	48.4	63.2	14.8	-
2-8	1	66.0	48.7	62.4	13.7	-
2-9	1	66.0	50.6	62.5	11.9	-
2-10	1	66.0	51.9	62.4	10.5	-
2-11	1	66.0	53.8	61.8	8.0	-
2-12	1	66.0	50.1	60.9	10.8	-
2-13	1	66.0	52.5	59.5	7.0	
2-14	1	66.0	53.5	59.6	6.1	-
2-15	1	66.0	65.3	65.1	-0.2	-
2-16	1	66.0	66.4	67.8	1.4	Yes
2-17	1	66.0	66.8	68.6	1.8	Yes
NSA Summary (Totals/Averages)	17		52.6	63.5	10.8	8
NSA 3: US 17-92 to De	lmar Lane (West) - Illustrate	d on Page D	2 thru D-5, and	d D-7 - Appe	endix D
3-1	1	66.0	67.9	70.0	2.1	Yes
3-2	1	66.0	63.6	63.5	-0.1	-
3-3	1	66.0	64.7	64.7	0.0	-
3-4	1	66.0	64.9	64.9	0.0	-
3-5	1	66.0	65.2	65.5	0.3	-
3-6	1	66.0	59.1	60.3	1.2	-
3-7	1	66.0	50.7	57.8	7.1	-

Noise-Se	ensitive Sites		Pr Red = Nois	redicted Noise e Level above N	Levels (dB() IAC/Substant	A)) ial Increase
Receptor ID	# Sites Represented	NAC Impact Criterion (dB(A))	2020 Existing	2045 Build Alternative 4-lane	Build Change From Existing	Consider Abatement
3-8	1	66.0	43.5	51.2	7.7	-
NSA Summary (Totals/Averages)	8		60.0	62.2	2.3	0
NSA 4: US 17-92 to Del	mar Lane (East)	- Illustrated	d on Page D-2	2 thru D-5, and	D-7 - Appe	ndix D
4-1 Category C	1	66.0	53.6	62.6	9.0	-
NSA Summary (Totals/Averages)	1		53.6	62.6	9.0	0
NSA 5: Delmar Lane to	Project Limits (\	Nest)- Illust	rated on Pag	es D-5 - Appei	ndix D	
5-1	1	66.0	51.7	61.4	9.7	-
5-2	1	66.0	51.5	60.9	9.4	-
5-3	1	66.0	51.5	60.5	9.0	-
5-4	1	66.0	50.6	59.8	9.2	-
5-5	1	66.0	50.6	59.6	9.0	-
5-6	1	66.0	51.2	59.5	8.3	-
5-7	1	66.0	51.1	59.1	8.0	-
5-8	1	66.0	52.0	58.7	6.7	-
5-9	1	66.0	48.9	58.8	9.9	-
5-10	1	66.0	4/./	57.6	9.9	-
5-11		66.0	57.7	60.8	3.1	-
5-12	1	66.0	56.8	60.3	3.5	-
5-13	1	66.0	56.8	60.1 50.7	3.3	
5-14	1	66.0	57.0	50.2	2./	-
5 16	1	66.0	54.9	59.0	2.3	
5-17	1	66.0	57.9	59.0	2.1	
5-18	1	66.0	53.3	57.9	4.6	
5-19	1	66.0	48.8	57.3	8.5	_
5-20	1	66.0	49.5	56.8	7.3	_
5-21	1	66.0	50.0	56.3	6.3	_
NSA Summary (Totals/Averages)	21		52.8	59.2	6.4	0
NSA 6: Delmar Lane to	Project Limits (\	Nest)- Illust	rated on Pag	es D-5 - Appei	ndix D	
6-1	1	66.0	50.3	57.2	6.9	-
6-2	1	66.0	50.7	57.6	6.9	-
6-3	1	66.0	51.2	58.0	6.8	-
6-4	1	66.0	51.7	58.5	6.8	-
6-5	1	66.0	51.8	58.8	7.0	-



Noise-S	Noise-Sensitive Sites			Predicted Noise Levels (dB(A)) Red = Noise Level above NAC/Substantial Increase						
Receptor ID	# Sites Represented	NAC Impact Criterion (dB(A))	2020 Existing	2045 Build Alternative 4-lane	Build Change From Existing	Consider Abatement				
6-6	1	66.0	53.0	59.9	6.9	-				
6-7	1	66.0	53.8	60.6	6.8	Yes*				
6-8	1	66.0	54.3	61.2	6.9	Yes*				
6-9	1	66.0	55.0	62.0	7.0	Yes*				
6-10	1	66.0	54.5	62.2	7.7	Yes*				
6-11	1	66.0	53.9	62.1	8.2	Yes*				
6-12	1	66.0	51.4	60.4	9.0	-				
6-13	1	66.0	50.2	59.3	9.1	-				
6-14	1	66.0	49.2	58.6	9.4	-				
6-15	1	66.0	48.1	57.6	9.5	-				
6-16	1	66.0	47.5	57.2	9.7	-				
6-17	1	66.0	46.6	56.9	10.3	-				
6-18	1	66.0	49.1	56.8	7.7	-				
6-19	1	66.0	49.2	57.0	7.8	-				
6-20	1	66.0	48.4	56.4	8.0	-				
6-21	1	66.0	48.3	56.7	8.4	-				
6-22	1	66.0	48.0	56.1	8.1	-				
6-23	1	66.0	50.7	59.2	8.5	-				
6-24	1	66.0	50.5	58.5	8.0	-				
6-25	1	66.0	49.8	58.2	8.4	-				
6-26	1	66.0	49.3	57.6	8.3	-				
6-27	1	66.0	49.0	57.1	8.1	-				
6-28	1	66.0	48.7	56.9	8.2	-				
6-29	1	66.0	48.3	56.8	8.5	-				
6-30	1	66.0	48.2	57.5	9.3	-				
6-31	1	66.0	47.1	56.6	9.5	-				
6-32	1	66.0	46.2	55.4	9.2	-				
6-33	1	66.0	46.1	55.4	9.3	-				
6-34	1	66.0	45.5	55.1	9.6	-				
6-35	1	66.0	46.7	56.3	9.6	-				
6-36	1	66.0	45.9	56.2	10.3	_				
6-37	1	66.0	46.4	56.0	9.6	-				
6-38	1	66.0	47.0	56.2	9.2	-				
6-39	1	66.0	47.4	56.3	8.9	-				
6-40 Cat C	1	66.0	48.3	56.9	8.6	-				
NSA Summary (Totals/Averages)	23		49.4	57.8	8.4	5*				

* Exceeds NAC under the 8-lane scenario for barrier analysis



Appendix D:

Project Aerials





Traffic Noise Study Re-Evaluation









Traffic Noise Study Re-Evaluation





Traffic Noise Study Re-Evaluation



Appendix E:

Noise Barrier Maps



SR 538 Poinciana Pkwy Extension CFX#538-234; 538-235

ber of	Numb Sites Red	er of Im Within uction F	npacted a Noise Range	Nu	mber of Be	nefited S	ites *1	Total	Cost per
tes	5-5.9 dB(A)	6-6.9 dB(A)	≥ 7.0 dB(A) ⁺²	Impacted	Other *3	Total	Avg. Noise Reduction dB(A)	Cost ^{*4}	Receptor*5
5	2	1	3	6	3	9	6.1	\$ 1,093,020	\$ 121,447





rie	r SB1 -	Sereno E	valuation	Summary					
tes Red	er of In Within luction F	npacted a Noise Range	Nu	Number of Benefited Sites *1			Total	Cost per	
.9 A)	6-6.9 dB(A)	≥7.0 dB(A) ^{*2}	Impacted	Other *3	r ^{*3} Total Reduction dB(A)		Cost *4	Receptor *5	
	0	5	5	28	33	6.4	\$ 1,923,240	\$ 58,280	

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