

## DNL Calculator

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### Guidelines

- To display the Road and/or Rail DNL calculator(s), click on the "Add Road Source" and/or "Add Rail Source" button(s) below.
- All Road and Rail input values must be positive non-decimal numbers.
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Site ID

South Bascom

Record Date

10/29/2020

User's Name

Road # 1 Name:

South Bascom Avenue

Road #1

Vehicle Type

Cars

Medium Trucks

Heavy Trucks

Effective Distance

70

70

70

Distance to Stop Sign

350

350

350

Average Speed

40

40

40

Average Daily Trips (ADT)

33800

1

1

Night Fraction of ADT

5

0

0

Road Gradient (%)

0

Vehicle DNL

64

27

39

Calculate Road #1 DNL

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Reset

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Airport Noise Level

Loud Impulse Sounds?

Yes  No

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Combined DNL including Airport

Site DNL with Loud Impulse Sound

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- **Mitigation**
  - Contact your Field or Regional Environmental Officer (</programs/environmental-review/hud-environmental-staff-contacts/>)
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  - Reconfigure the site plan to increase the distance between the noise source and noise-sensitive uses
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## Tools and Guidance

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