



POPLAR SOUTHERN / CORRIDOR STUDY

PURPOSE AND GOALS

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Neighborhood Meeting Sub-Area 4

**Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Poplar Southern / Corridor Study
July 14, 2009 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Collierville Town Hall
500 Poplar View Parkway
Collierville, TN 38017**

PURPOSE:

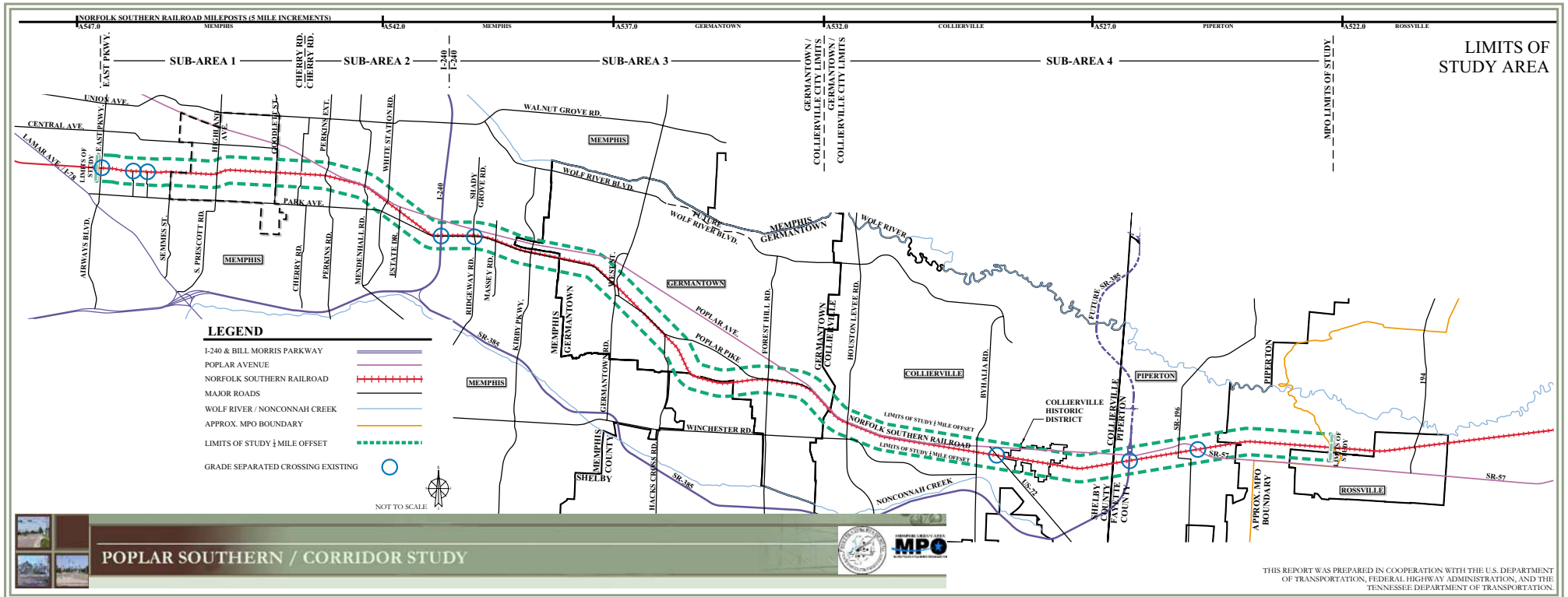
The overall purpose of the study is to identify and analyze the major north/south roads within the study limits (see map on other side) and to determine the best locations for improvements, such as separating the street from the railroad by going over or under the railroad. The purpose of this study is not to modify the train schedules, determine quiet zones, discuss private crossing closures, identify the day-to-day maintenance of railroad property, or address the location of a new intermodal facility.

The study begins at East Parkway and goes to the easternmost limits of the MPO study boundary in Fayette County. The study area is approximately 25 miles long and ½ mile wide, ¼ mile north and south from the centerline of the Norfolk Southern Rail Line, and includes 16 major roads that cross the railroad at-grade or at the same level as the railroad track itself.

The study area is divided into 4 Study Sub-Areas; Sub-Area 1: East Parkway to Cherry Road, Sub-Area 2: Cherry Road to I-240, Sub-Area 3: I-240 to the Germantown/Collierville City Limits, and Sub-Area 4: Germantown/Collierville City Limits to Fayette County. A Neighborhood Meeting is being held for each Sub-Area.

The information gathered at the Neighborhood Meetings and from the Questionnaires provides the team with information regarding congestion, usage, access and mobility, and economic opportunity. This information will be used to determine the six most appropriate major road crossings to be studied in more detail and ultimately two crossings that will be used as models for potential future grade-separated crossings.

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GOALS:

- Increase Access and Mobility
- Increase Safety
- Promote Efficient and Sustainable Land Use

- Encourage Improvements to Freight Facilities
- Encourage Energy Conservation
- Minimize Community and Environmental Impacts