





Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration

Parris N. Glendening
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Secretary
Parker F. Williams
Administrator

February 19, 1998

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William Obrieht, Chairman
Woodlawn Community Conservation Group
2415 Poplar Drive
Baltimore MD 21207

Dear Mr. Obrieht:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding a sound barrier for the Featherbed Park community. The Governor shares your concerns over highway noise and asked me to respond on his behalf.

One of the basic considerations in determining eligibility for a sound barrier is the date the homes were built in relationship to the highway. According to our records, the majority of the impacted homes were built after I-695. Based upon this information, the Featherbed Park community is not eligible for a sound barrier. While I certainly understand your concerns, the date criterion is a basic requirement of our noise policy. I regret that we cannot provide you with a more positive response to your inquiry.

Thank you again for your letter. We appreciate hearing from you, and on behalf of the Governor, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who can be reached at (410) 545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Parker F. Williams".

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation

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bcc: Ms. Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Landscape Architecture Division, SHA
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Ms. Leslie Frelow, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, MDOT
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Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, SHA
Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, MDOT, **Serial #7916**
Ms. Rhoda Washington, Special Assistant to the District 3 Engineer, SHA
Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer, SHA

SERIAL: #7916

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Drafted by: Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT -- February 10, 1998

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WOODLAWN COMMUNITY CONSERVATION GROUP
2415 Poplar Dr.
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January 20, 1998

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Governor Parris N. Glendening
State House
Annapolis, Md. 21401

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

Dear Governor Glendening,

Is it Fair?

We all want our government to be fair. So when we see something that seems unfair, we believe that bringing the facts to your attention will result in the correction of the unfairness or an explanation of where we made an incorrect conclusion.

The issue is protection for communities from highway traffic noise. Our basic premise is that the communities that have endured high decibel levels of noise for the longest periods of time should receive priority in the construction of sound barriers. The basis facts indicate that this is not what is happening.

The Baltimore Beltway was constructed in the early 1960's and has been widened as needed over the years. The problem of highway traffic noise was recognized and the first sound barrier for the Baltimore Beltway was constructed in 1985.

Sound barriers were initially constructed for communities that were constructed before the beltway was built when it was found that the decibel levels were 67 dBA or more. Sound barriers were also built when the widening of the Beltway near existing communities immediately raised the level to 67 dBA and the number of homes protected was enough to offset the cost.

The Featherbed Park community was recorded on 8/23/60 and the homes were built over the next few years. The particular streets involved include Lenbern and Richardson. The Beltway was widened in , but the increase in decibel levels at that time was estimated at 1 decibel. No sound barriers were constructed.

However the following levels of sound were recorded by the State Highway Department in 1985 at the following addresses:

- 6825 Lenbern - 71 dBA
- 6831 Lenbern - 70 dBA
- 6827 Richardson - 67 dBA
- 6800 Dogwood - 69 dBA

For 12 years the noise has prohibited any type of outdoor get-togethers for this community due

to the great amount of highway traffic noise.

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Now we come to the apparent unfairness of the building of sound barriers.

Newer communities, including some that are reported as having not yet experienced 67 dBA, are receiving sound barriers because the current widening of the Beltway is expected to result in decibel readings of 67 dBA or more.

Our community had experienced high decibel readings 12 years ago and we have no hope under current policy of receiving a sound barrier until the Beltway is widened again.

It seems to us that fairness would result in the communities that have experienced the high traffic noise the longest would receive the sound barriers followed by those communities that have had traffic noise a shorter period of time. The last to receive sound barriers would be those who are expected to receive an increase to 67 dBA or more due to current construction.

We would appreciate your response to our concern. Is the current policy unfair or is it not.

Sincerely,



William Obrecht, Chairman

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Fax 410 - 944 - 2453



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December 30, 1998

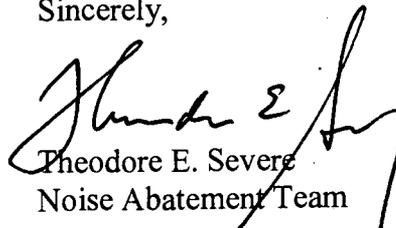
Mr. Michael Oldon
5225 Pooks Hill Road
#1524N
Bethesda MD 20814

Dear Mr. Oldon:

Thank you for your recent inquiry requesting information about the State's Sound Barrier Program. In follow-up to your telephone conversation with Ms. Natalie Hardy, I am sending you a copy of the State's Sound Barrier Policy.

Thank you again for your interest. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-545-8600 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



Theodore E. Severe
Noise Abatement Team

Enclosure

Cc: Mr. James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, State Highway Administration

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April 28, 1998

Ms. Janice Oliver
5523 Whitley Park Terrace
Bethesda MD 20814

Dear Ms. Oliver:

Thank you for your recent inquiry requesting information about the State's sound barrier program. Enclosed is a copy of the State's Noise Policy as well as the State Highway Administration's (SHA) Sound Barrier Community Resource Guide for your information. I believe this will be of some assistance in understanding how the State's Noise Policy applies to your community of Pooks Hill.

Thank you again for your interest. It was a pleasure to talk with you. If you should need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (410) 545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

James D. Hade, ASLA
Team Leader
Noise Abatement Team

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director for Noise Abatement, State Highway Administration

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Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

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From: Jim Hade
To: PTroll
Date: April 27, 1998 (Monday) 3:17pm
Subject: Please send pamphlet...

Philip:

Please send a community resource pamphlet to
Janice Oliver
5523 Whitley Park
Terrace, Bethesda MD
20814

She lives in the Pooks Hill development and does not qualify by date.

Thanks
Jim

CC: NHardy

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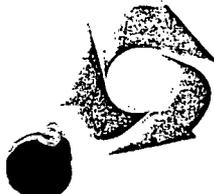
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John D. Porcari
Deputy Secretary

June 23, 1998

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Ms. Doris L. O'Neill
12 Willow Road
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Ms. O'Neill:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening requesting that the funding for sound barriers for the Riverview and Lindamoore communities along US 50 be advanced. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

Now that Anne Arundel County has enacted laws to safeguard future homeowners from high noise levels and has expressed its willingness to provide 20 percent of the cost of barriers, the Riverview and Lindamoore communities meet all of the State's eligibility requirements. Unfortunately, the number of sound barrier needs exceeds our ability to fund them all at once. All of the funds in our current Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) for Fiscal Years 1998-2003 have been allocated to projects on which prior commitments had been made. We will give full consideration to funding the design and construction of the Riverview and Lindamoore barriers in the next CTP cycle, which begins this Fall.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: The Honorable John C. Astle, Member, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable Phillip D. Bissett, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Virginia P. Clagett, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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bcc: Mr. Paul D. Armstrong, District Engineer, State Highway Administration
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Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway
Administration
Ms. Leslie Frelow, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of
Transportation
Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, State Highway Administration
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration
Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, MDOT, Serial #9050

Serial #9042

Drafted by: Natalie Hardy, OED/LAD/NAT --June 5, 1998
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February 11, 1998

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Ms. Pom O'Neill
10710 Pine Haven Terrace
North Bethesda MD 20852

Dear Ms. O'Neill:

Thank you for your recent letters to Governor Glendening and me regarding a sound barrier for your community adjacent to the east leg of I-270. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf, and I am also responding on behalf of Mr. Charles B. Adams, my Director of Environmental Design.

The Governor's recent announcement of funding for new sound barriers in Montgomery County was for seven older communities where the homes predated the original highway construction. One of these areas, as you indicated, is Wildwood Manor, located on the opposite side of I-270 from your neighborhood. This area was approved because the majority of the affected homes predate the construction of I-270. Design of the barrier will focus on reducing the noise impact for the older homes in this area. The analyses performed before a decision to fund this barrier was made show noise levels exceed the impact threshold of 66 decibels, an effective barrier can be built and the cost of the barrier is within our guidelines. The description used in the announcement for this area was a general definition of the area analyzed.

Our records show the homes in the Timberlawn South/Tuckerman Walk community were built after I-270 and, as a result, the area does not qualify for a State-funded sound barrier. While your community does not meet the qualifications for a State-funded barrier, you might be interested in pursuing tax increment financing of a barrier through Montgomery County. There is existing precedent for this, and the County has indicated a willingness to assist other communities with this approach. If you would like additional information about this possibility, please contact the office of Mr. Graham Norton, who is the Director of Public Works and Transportation for Montgomery County. You may reach him at 301-217-2170.

My telephone number is 410-545-0400/1-800-206-0770

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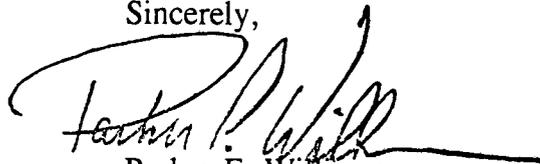
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Thank you again for your letters. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. I trust this information helps clarify this issue. We do understand your concerns and, unfortunately, are unable to approve a sound barrier for your community. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Graham Norton, Director, Montgomery County Department of Public Works
and Transportation
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA
The Honorable David L. Winstead Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation

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bcc: Ms. Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Landscape Architecture Division, SHA
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Deputy Secretary

January 16, 1998

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Ms. Pom O'Neill
Chairman, Noise Abatement Committee
Timberlawn South/Tuckerman Walk
Homeowner's Association
10710 Pine Haven Terrace
N. Bethesda MD 20852

Dear Ms. O'Neill:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding a sound barrier for the Timberlawn South/Tuckerman Walk Homeowner's Association. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

Your concerns and those of your community are important to us. The noise abatement analyses to which you refer are part of a statewide review to determine those communities that may be eligible for sound barriers as the result of revisions to the State's noise policy. This work has taken longer than originally anticipated since a number of issues have required additional analysis before final determinations on eligibility can be made. We can certainly understand your questioning what is happening with this work. Our evaluations should be completed shortly, and we will be in contact with you at that time. In the meantime, I have enclosed a brochure that describes the State's noise policy.

Thank you again for your letter and for your continued patience. We appreciate hearing from you and, on the Governor's behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design for the State Highway Administration. Mr. Adams may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
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Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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DRAFTED BY: Charles B. Adams, 410-545-8640

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THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE
MDOT - SHERRY VARNER - MS 255
REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF GOVERNOR'S CORRESPONDENCE

LOG DATE: 12/18/97 /jaw SERIAL#: 7

TO: WILLIAMS

DATE: 12/18

FROM: O'NEIL, POM 12/11/97 Timber lawn I270 E spur

RE: SUPPORTS FUNDING FOR NOISE BARRIERS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET FOR FY 98 RESPOND BY: 12/31 1/9/

- PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE
- PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE ON BEHALF OF GOVERNOR (Note Governor as cc)
- REPLY DIRECTLY, ACKNOWLEDGING SECRETARY'S RECEIPT, SHOW CC TO SECRETARY
- PREPARE RESPONSE FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE
- PLEASE HANDLE AS APPROPRIATE

FOR USE BY RESPONSIBLE UNIT

ASSIGNED TO: Charlie Adams 1/8/98 DATE: 12-18-97
TO BE RETURNED TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE BY: 12-30-97
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Extension Per CBA/By Judy Weeks - Re: Material for response

FOR USE BY ASSIGNED AREA

RESPONSE PREPARED BY: Paul Truell - 410/545/4600 / Dec 29 1997
(Name / Telephone / Date)
TYPED BY: Paul Truell
PROOFREAD BY: _____

RECORD OF INTERIM TELEPHONE RESPONSE

(You can buy yourself some additional time in preparing a written reply by telephoning the constituent, explaining what's happening, and indicating when he/she may expect a formal reply. Please fill this portion and mail back the green sheet to obtain an extension on your reply deadline.)

Name of Person Called: _____ Date: _____
Written follow-up will be prepared by: _____



Timberlawn South/Tuckerman Walk Homeowner's Association

December 11, 1997

Governor Parris N. Glendening
 Governor, State of Maryland
 State Capitol Building
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

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Dear Governor Glendening:

This letter is a follow up to the December 10, 1997 article that appeared in the Bethesda Gazette regarding sound barriers in the Bethesda, Potomac, Rockville area. For documentation purposes, I have also included the letter sent to Mr. Parker Williams at the State Highway Administration (which was a follow up to the May 28, 1997 Bethesda Gazette article regarding sound barriers -- this letter was sent with the signatures of numerous residents), and the response we received from Mr. Williams' office in July. In October, Mr. Charles Adams sent another follow up letter indicating that the noise abatement studies had still not been completed. What is going on?

Our community has listened to the beltway and I-270 grow for too long now. We have watched the east side of I-270 go from two lanes to six lanes, and the noise is, frankly, unbearable. The quality of life is diminished as we cannot enjoy our backyards, decks and the inside of our homes due to noise. And, as east I-270 is expanded, the quality of life will continue to diminish. Coupled with this issue is the concern that our home values have dropped dramatically -- especially if a home backs to the east side of I-270 (the last two townhouses sold for \$185,000 and \$180,000 in a community that generally has seen prices in the low to mid \$200s).

Rather than reiterate information that has already been documented, we request that you read this correspondence carefully and that you act upon our requests to be heard and included in any meetings related to sound barriers, to be considered for barriers and to help us try to maintain some semblance of quality to our lives and community. We are very concerned that our community has not been included in any of the meetings conducted by the SHA, especially since we specifically requested to be included. In addition, we are concerned that no one may be listening to us. We are a diverse neighborhood, with a good school system, a very convenient location and well kept homes -- homes that we can not enjoy because of noise. We pay very high county and state taxes and, we are concerned that we are not be served.

Thank you for your prompt response and help.

Cordially,

Pom O'Neill

Pom O'Neill
 Timberlawn South/Tuckerman Walk Homeowner's Association
 Chairman, Noise Abatement Committee

10710 Pine Haven Terrace
 N. Bethesda, MD 20852

Timberlawn South/Tuckerman Walk Homeowner's Association

June 2, 1997

Mr. Parker Williams
SHA, Administrator
707 North Calvert Street
Baltimore Maryland 21201

Dear Mr. Williams:

In the May 28, 1997 edition of the Bethesda Gazette, an article appeared indicating that sound barriers have been approved for the area surrounding St. Mark's Church (on the east spur and up to Old Georgetown Road). However, the Church has also indicated that they do not want or need sound barriers; and a SHA spokeswoman indicated that the money would be spent "somewhere else." **WE, THE RESIDENTS OF TIMBERLAWN SOUTH/TUCKERMAN WALK, NEED THE SOUND BARRIERS!!!**

As you may be aware, since 1991, our residents, along with other neighboring and concerned taxpayers, have lobbied long and hard for sound barriers behind the homes on the east spur of Interstate 270. In April, 1993, the county tested the decibel level behind the homes on Pine Haven Terrace and the stretch of the east spur of Interstate 270 up to St. Mark's Presbyterian Church. At that time, the decibel level was well over the accepted level of 66 decibels (in some places, measured at 70-71). From a practical standpoint, the sound barriers are a necessity for a reasonable quality of life. Not only was the noise higher than the accepted decibel level four years ago; the noise has increased as the traffic on the east spur has increased. And, it will continue to increase as the roads are expanded to increase vehicle capacity.

While Church members feel that the barriers are not a necessity for their periodic or meeting purposes and oppose barriers for aesthetic reasons only, we, the taxpaying residents who live in this community 24 hours a day - seven days a week; and who hear the traffic on a continual and sustained basis feel otherwise. And, we are in a better position to judge the need for sound barriers in this community. Therefore, we believe that any future correspondence must include our Community and its residents. As a large group of communities, providing over \$2 million in tax revenues, with homes that have ranged from \$250,000 to over \$500,000, we have all watched the value of our individual homes and of the community deteriorate as noise has increased.

Especially, as the barriers are planned for the east spur near the Church, it seems only appropriate that the barriers also be placed behind the communities on the east spur which back to Interstate 270. The State Highway Administration has stated that there is an environmental concern necessitating the erection of the barriers. We concur with SHA's assessment regarding the construction of sound barriers.

Mr. Parker Williams
Administrator
SHA
June 2, 1997

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The members of this community, strongly urge you to place sound barriers behind the communities backing to the east spur of Interstate 270. Our community invites you to meet with us at any of our Board meetings. We are also happy to accommodate your schedule in setting an appropriate time to meet regarding this important matter in a forum conducive to open discussion.

On behalf of the community, I look forward to hearing from you in the near future and to the opportunity to schedule a personal or community meeting with you. In the meantime, we invite you to "walk" the community and to "hear for yourself" our concerns. If you require, or desire, additional information or documentation to facilitate scheduling, please do not hesitate to let me know. I can be reached at my office (703) 610-2921 or my home (301) 468-6811.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Cordially,

Surinder K. Juneja
President (for the Board of Directors)
Timberlawn South and Tuckerman Walk Homeowner's Association

cc: **Paris F. Glendenning**
Constance Morella

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR MAIL FORM

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INSTRUCTIONS: Please investigate the attached and take whatever action is necessary to respond to our constituent concerns. When completed, please forward the response, the original letter and any back-up to the unit indicated below. Also, if there are any questions as to how to respond, please call the unit listed below.

LID : 47731

ReceiveDate : 12/16/1997

Assign Date : 12/11/1997

Deadline Date : 12/30/1997

Name : Pam O'Neill

10710 PineHaven Terrace

North Bethesda, MD 20852

7705

Subject : SOUND BARRIER REQUES **Description :** Supports funding for noise barriers in the Capital Improvement Budget for FY 98..

Agency : MDOT

Unit : DSI

RE-DIRECT INFORMATION

If the response to this correspondence should be handled by another agency, please complete the following information and forward the completed form and the correspondence to the proper agency. Also, copy the completed form and send the copy to the unit indicated above.

Re-Directed to : _____

Date : _____



**Maryland Department of Transportation
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October 27, 1998

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Ms. Kerry Orndorff
8316 Ritchie Highway
Pasadena, MD 21122

Dear Ms. Orndorff:

Thank you for your phone call on October 22. Your concerns about the noise levels at the intersection of MD 2 and MD 10 in Anne Arundel County and the proposed zoning change are noted.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Noise Study Report performed in May of 1986. The Sensitive receptor site for your area is SR #24. The report indicates that by the year 2010 your home would exceed our noise impact level of 67 decibels. The report recommends that construction of a barrier along MD 2 is not recommended due to many intersecting streets, sidewalks and driveways. To provide openings in the sound barrier for these entrances creates a situation where the barrier becomes ineffective, therefore, sound barriers can not be constructed along highways with at grade intersections such as MD 2.

Again thank you for your interest in our Noise Policy. If you have any questions or require any additional information please do not hesitate to call me at 410-545-8598 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Frederick A. Eisen
Project Manager
Noise Abatement Team

Enclosure

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December 10, 1998

Mr. Charles Paddy
505 Valcour Road
Baltimore MD 21228

Dear Mr. Paddy:

This is a follow up to your telephone conversation with Ms. Natalie B. Hardy of my office regarding a sound barrier for the Catonsville community along I-695. I appreciate the opportunity to explain how our Sound Barrier Program applies to your community.

We have received a number of requests for sound barriers from residents along the Baltimore Beltway in Catonsville, including yours. We are now in the process of determining which areas meet the requirements for a barrier. In order for an area to be approved for a barrier, there are a number of technical criteria which must be met. The majority of the affected homes have to predate the highway, and existing noise levels have to equal or exceed the 66 decibels impact threshold. If those two criteria are satisfied, we will determine whether an effective barrier can be built for a reasonable cost. Reasonable cost is defined as \$50,000 or less per benefited residence. If all of these criteria are met, Baltimore County will have to enact a local noise ordinance to address noise control for future residential development adjacent to State highways and also commit to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost. Timing of the construction of a barrier would be dependent upon the availability of State funds. A copy of Maryland's Sound Barrier Policy is enclosed for your information.

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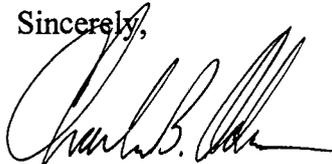
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Thank you for your telephone call and your interest in this issue. Our analyses should be completed by the end of December. You can expect to hear from us before the middle of January. If you need additional information regarding any of these communities, please contact Ms. Hardy at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

cc: The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer, Member, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable James E. Malone, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Donald E. Murphy, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
Mr. James D. Hade, Team Leader Noise Abatement Team, State Highway
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Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant, State Highway Administration

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bcc: Mr. Dave Malkowski, District Engineer, State Highway Administration
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David L. Winstead
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DATE: 4/24/98

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*Noise Abatement Design
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TO: Mrs PADILLA 301-365-8224
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FROM: JIM HADE
(NAME/OFFICE/TELEPHONE)

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Thank you for your cooperation.

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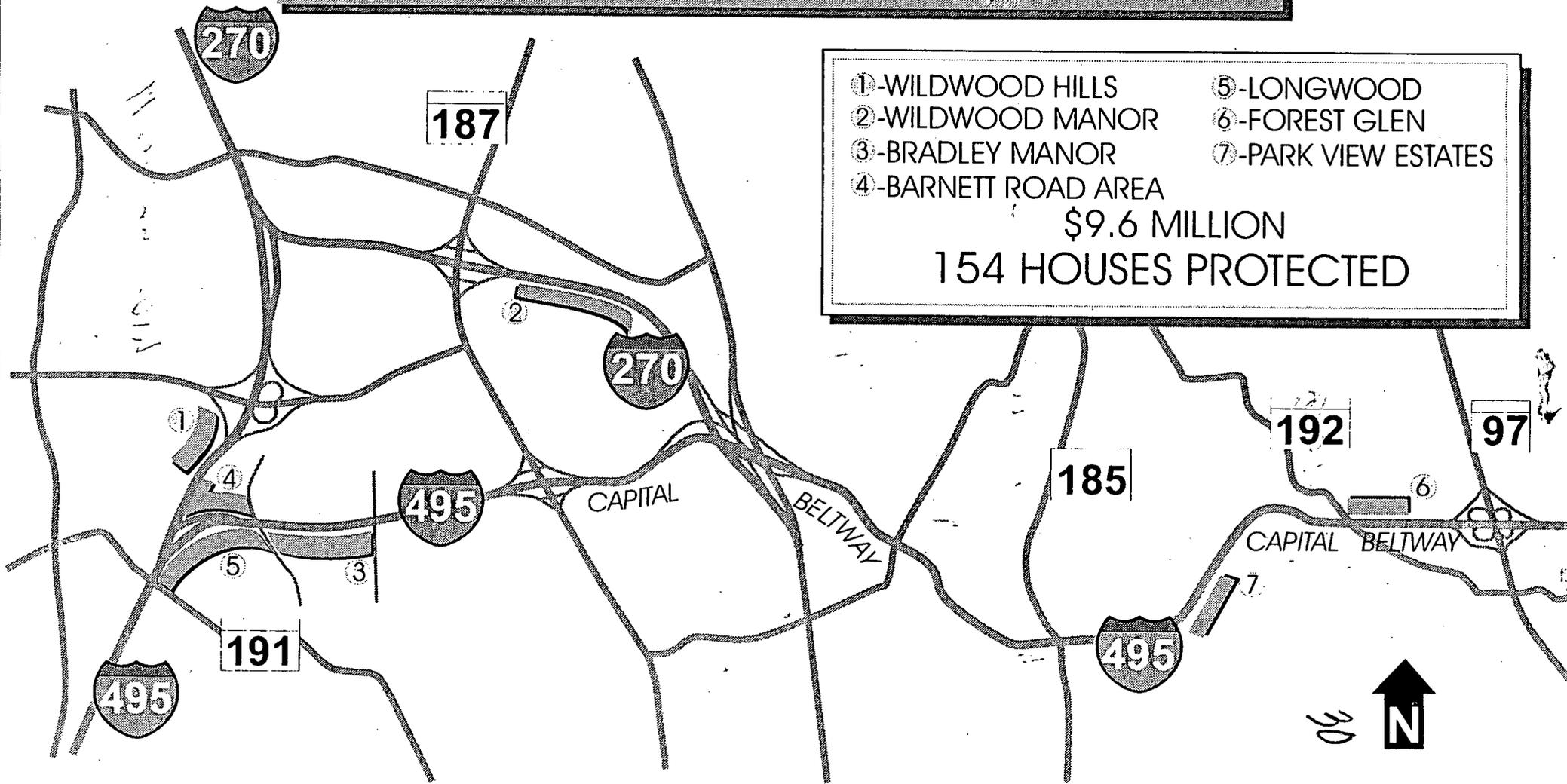
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NEW SOUNDWALLS for MONTGOMERY COUNTY

- ①-WILDWOOD HILLS
- ②-WILDWOOD MANOR
- ③-BRADLEY MANOR
- ④-BARNETT ROAD AREA
- ⑤-LONGWOOD
- ⑥-FOREST GLEN
- ⑦-PARK VIEW ESTATES

\$9.6 MILLION

154 HOUSES PROTECTED



"These projects are in keeping with our desire to protect our neighborhoods, to the greatest extent possible, from the local impacts of an improved highway system," said Montgomery County Executive Douglas M. Duncan. "We appreciate the State's commitment to addressing the very valid concerns of these communities."

Extensive noise testing was performed in these communities by the State Highway Administration (SHA) this past Spring and Summer. The communities qualify for sound barriers because they existed prior to construction of the original highways and noise levels equal or exceed 66 decibels.

"I am grateful to Governor Glendening for providing this protection to these communities," said Senator Brian Frosh. "This is a necessary step to improve the quality of life for these residents."

"It's wonderful news that these Montgomery County residents are going to get the relief they deserve," said Delegate Mark Shriver. "This is a profound quality of life issue, and I am glad that we -- the residents, the Governor and legislators -- were able to work together to secure the funding for the project."

"Montgomery County residents have experienced a tremendous problem with unwanted traffic noise along State highways," said County Council President Isiah Leggett. "I am grateful for Governor Glendening's prompt response and strong leadership in providing the needed resources that will go a long way in alleviating this unhealthy intrusion plaguing too many of our residential communities."

The \$7.7 million in State funds will be matched with \$1.9 million in County funds. SHA will begin design of the barriers in spring 1999.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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GOVERNOR'S PRESS OFFICE

GOVERNOR GLENDENING ANNOUNCES NEW SOUND BARRIERS IN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY TO PROTECT COMMUNITIES FROM HIGHWAY NOISE

Nearly \$10 Million in Funds to Protect Seven Communities along I-270 and I-495

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD (January 26, 1998) -- Improving the quality of life and enhancing the safety of residents in Montgomery County, Governor Parris N. Glendening today announced \$7.7 million in State funds for sound barriers to protect residents in seven communities located near I-270 and I-495 from highway traffic and noise.

"This announcement emphasizes the focus my Administration has placed on investing State resources toward improving the quality of life in our existing neighborhoods," said Governor Glendening. "These sound barriers will enable residents of these communities to enjoy activities many of us take for granted -- like carrying on a conversation outside, enjoying a quiet evening at home and allowing children to play in their own backyard."

The Montgomery County communities to receive sound barriers include: Wildwood Manor (located along the east spur of I-270); Wildwood Hills (located along the west spur of I-270); Bradley Manor (located along the inner loop of I-495 east of Greentree Road); Longwood (located along the inner loop of I-495 north of Bradley Boulevard); the Barnett Road area (located along the outer loop of I-495 near the west spur of I-270); Forest Glen (located along the outer loop of I-495 near Seminary Road); and Park View (located along the inner loop of I-495 near Jones Mill Road).

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Governor

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Secretary

John D. Porcari
Deputy Secretary

February 9, 1998

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Parke
7511 Shadywood Road
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Parke:

This letter is sent to update you on your request for a sound barrier for the Burning Tree Estates area along I-495 between Bradley Boulevard and River Road. I appreciate your patience while we considered this community's request for noise abatement.

You will be pleased to know we have determined that the Burning Tree community does meet the requirements for a sound barrier. Although funding for design and construction has not yet been identified, we are looking at the funding needs for this barrier and will keep you informed of our progress.

Several construction feasibility issues also need to be resolved. In one location, the homes are approximately 50 feet above the Beltway, and it is questionable whether they can be protected. A stream runs parallel to the Beltway along another portion of the area, and there are associated floodplain issues that will need to be addressed. Further engineering is required to resolve these technical issues, and I have asked State Highway Administration (SHA) staff to provide you with the results once a determination has been made.

Thank you again for your interest in the State's sound barrier program and your support for a barrier for the Burning Tree community. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

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cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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Parris N. Glendening
Governor

David L. Winstead
Secretary

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

January 27, 1998

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Parke
7511 Shadywood Road
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Parke:

Thank you for your recent letter to Transportation Secretary Winstead regarding a sound barrier along I-495 for the Burning Tree Estates area. The Secretary shares your concerns over highway noise and asked me to update you on the status of the request for a sound barrier for your area.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) is finalizing a comprehensive review of the section of the beltway between Bradley Boulevard and River Road to determine if the area meets the requirements for a sound barrier based upon our revised noise policy. We expect to have the results of our reanalysis soon and, once a determination has been made, we will contact you with the results. A copy of a brochure about our sound barrier policy is enclosed for your information.

Thank you again for your letter. The Secretary appreciates hearing from you and, on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or, toll free, at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth L. Horner, Deputy".

for Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA
The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of
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Mr. David Winstead, Secretary
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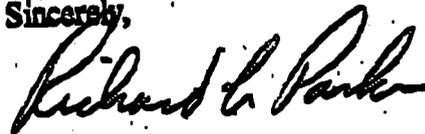
Dear Mr. Secretary,

We are writing to join with our neighbors in the Burning Tree Estates area, which is adjacent to the outer loop of the I-495 Washington Beltway between Bradley Boulevard and River Road in Bethesda, to request your assistance in obtaining approval and funding for the construction of sound barriers in our area. The beltway noise level has been increasing incrementally over the past 10 years. The increased noise levels have had a particularly adverse impact on the quality of life for those of our neighbors who live directly alongside the beltway, and it is decidedly unpleasant for those of us who are fortunate enough to be a little further away. It is difficult to carry on a conversation in normal tones while strolling through the neighborhood even three or four blocks away.

The noise levels have been exacerbated most recently by the completion of the beltway expansion to 11 lanes in our area making it the widest segment of the beltway in Maryland. As a result, the volume and speed of the traffic has grown commensurately. The noise level is also being increased by sound reflected from the sound barriers that have already been installed on the other side of the beltway.

We have participated with our neighbors in forming a neighborhood task force to raise the visibility of this issue and to petition for relief. The most recent meeting of concerned neighbors drew about 100 residents and was attended by Senator Jean Roesser and Delegates Jean Cryor and Mark Shriver. As a result of Delegate Shriver's continuing representation on our behalf, we understand that decisions concerning the funding of new noise barriers will soon be made. We have been bypassed several times in the past, and relief is sorely needed. Therefore, we urge you to take action and include our area as one of those designated to receive sound barriers.

Sincerely,



Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Parke
7511 Shadywood Road
Bethesda, MD 20817



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Deputy Secretary

August 18, 1998

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Ms. Suzanne Paro
7218 Beacon Terrace
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Ms. Paro:

Thank you for your recent letters to Governor Glendening and me regarding advanced funding for sound barrier construction along the I-270 Spur and I-495 for the Wildwood community. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

We are committed to exploring opportunities to advance the funding for the construction of these and other approved sound barriers during the development process of the Consolidated Transportation Program for the period covering FY 1999-2004. That process will begin in September and will consist of meetings in each county to discuss the overall transportation needs and priorities. As we visit around the State and our financial situation becomes clearer, we will strongly consider your request to advance the funding for these barriers.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: The Honorable Jean Cryor, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Richard A. LaVay, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Jean W. Roesser, Member, Senate of Maryland
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Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, State Highway Administration
Mr. Eric G. Madden, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of
Transportation
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Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, Maryland Department of Transportation
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Mr. Charles Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE
REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

LOG DATE: 08/10/98 /cdj SERIAL#: 11983

TO: WILLIAMS

DATE: 08/11/98

FROM: Parro, Suzanne 08/05/98

RE: SOUND BARRIER FOR WILDWOOD HILLS PROJECT

RESPOND BY: 08/18/98

- PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE
- PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE ON BEHALF OF GOVERNOR (Note Governor as cc)
- REPLY DIRECTLY, ACKNOWLEDGING SECRETARY'S RECEIPT, SHOW CC TO SECRETARY
- PREPARE RESPONSE FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE
- PLEASE HANDLE AS APPROPRIATE

FOR USE BY RESPONSIBLE UNIT

ASSIGNED TO: Charlie Adams
TO BE RETURNED TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE BY: 8-13-98
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

DATE: 8-11-98

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FOR USE BY ASSIGNED AREA

RESPONSE PREPARED BY: Natalie H...
(Name / Telephone / Date)

TYPED BY: Natalie H...
PROOFREAD BY: Yulip Hall CPA

RECORD OF INTERIM TELEPHONE RESPONSE

(You can buy yourself some additional time in preparing a written reply by telephoning the constituent, explaining what's happening, and indicating when he/she may expect a formal reply. Please fill this portion and mail back the yellow sheet to obtain an extension on your reply deadline.)

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Suzanne Paro
7218 Beacon Terrace
Bethesda, Maryland 20817

August 5, 1998

Parker

Please Prepare Response For Secretary's Signature

The Hon. David L. Winstead
Secretary
Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 8755
Baltimore/Washington Airport
Maryland 21240-0755

Dear Secretary Winstead:

I am a Montgomery County resident of Bethesda, Maryland - specifically, Wildwood Hills, across the street from Montgomery Mall and hard by the beltway. For TEN YEARS we have been working with the local community and state officials to get noise abatement barriers erected. In our neighborhood, there are areas where you can't hold a conversation because you can't hear what's being said!! We have long since been approved and last month state contractors were in the neighborhood surveying the area in anticipation of designing our barriers.

Betty Ann Krahnke indicated that our County Council recently approved funding for its portion of the sound barrier. However, recently Governor Glendening said that state funding to build the barriers might not be ready until FY 2001. Since the county reimburses the state, this means that the county is ready to proceed with paying for the barrier building a year ahead of the time the state may begin.

We need your help. PLEASE - take note of the county timetable and our more that a DECADE of patience. I am requesting that you take steps to assure state funds are ready in FY 2000 for this project.

Please don't let this fall by the wayside. We have been more than patient and we need our sound barriers!!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Paro

Suzanne Paro
Resident

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Ms. Suzanne Paro
7218 Beacon Terrace
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Ms. Paro:

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It is my pleasure to let you know I have approved funding for a much needed sound barrier for Wildwood Hills, which will improve the quality of life and enhance safety for you and your neighbors. State Highway Administration staff will begin to design the barrier soon, and I have asked them to keep the community informed and involved as the design proceeds.

Thank you again for your letter and your interest in the State's sound barrier program. I appreciate hearing from you and am pleased I have been able to provide funding for this project. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

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January 30, 1998

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Governor Glendening
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Dear Governor:

I am writing this plea for help to urge you to approve for *funding* in the Capital Budget, the sound barriers yet to be constructed in the Wildwood Hills sub-division in Bethesda, Maryland. Our neighborhood, which was constructed in 1951 prior to building the beltway, and which borders the western side of I-270 immediately south of Democracy Boulevard has long ago met all the state noise pollution qualifications. Our quality of life is profoundly impacted on a daily basis by the beltway noise at ALL hours of the day and night.

I realize that we are not a large tax base neighborhood - we have modest homes, not like Burning Tree Estates; however, we pay the same taxes as everyone else *and we are long overdue in terms of receiving funding from the Capital Budget for this construction.*

A quick trip to our neighborhood will show you instantly that you cannot have a conversation in many of our back yards. You cannot be heard. Even inside our houses, you cannot escape the noise. This does effect the values of our homes and the quality of our lives.

Please, do not let the politics of money and bureaucracy undermine funding in our little neighborhood for this much needed sound barrier construction.

Sincerely,



Suzanne Paro

Resident, Wildwood Hills Sub-Division

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR MAIL FORM

INSTRUCTIONS: Please investigate the attached and take whatever action is necessary to respond to our constituent concerns. When completed, please forward the response, the original letter and any back-up to the unit indicated below. Also, if there are any questions as to how to respond, please call the unit listed below.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Subject : SOUND BARRIER REQUES Description : Supports funding for noise barriers in the Capital Budget for the Department of Transportation.

Agency : MDOT

Unit : DSI

RE-DIRECT INFORMATION

If the response to this correspondence should be handled by another agency, please complete the following information and forward the completed form and the correspondence to the proper agency. Also, copy the completed form and send the copy to the unit indicated above.

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STATE OF MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR



February 26, 1998

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Governor

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May 5, 1998

Mr. Jay Perskie
7718A Belair Road
Baltimore MD 21236

Dear Mr. Perskie:

Senator Thomas L. Bromwell contacted our Office of Environmental Design regarding your telephone call to his office about a sound barrier for your community, which is adjacent to I-695 at exit 32A. The Senator asked us to respond to you on his behalf.

For a community to be eligible for a sound barrier, a number of criteria must be met. The majority of the affected homes must have been built before the construction of the original highway. "Affected homes" are defined as those that are experiencing noise levels of 66 decibels or above. An effective sound barrier must be feasible, and the cost of a barrier must be below \$50,000 per protected home. Assuming all of these criteria are met, the county in which the community is located must have a local ordinance to address highway noise impacts in new residential developments and must agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier's construction cost.

According to our records, the majority of the homes in your community postdate the original construction of the Baltimore Beltway. For this reason, we are unable to consider your request for a sound barrier. I have enclosed a copy of our Community Resource Guide, which provides information about these criteria, for your reference.

My telephone number is 410-545-0400/1-800-206-0770

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Mr. Jay Perskie
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Thank you again for your inquiry. I regret we cannot provide you with a positive response. If you would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth L. Homer, Deputy
for Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Thomas L. Bromwell, Member, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable Katherine Klausmeier, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable James F. Ports, Jr, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
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Jay Perskie

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Ms. Judith K. Pescrille
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Dear Ms. Pescrille:

Since the mid-1980s, you and other members of the Longford North community have been requesting that a sound barrier be built along southbound I-83 to provide relief from traffic noise. Although Longford North was not technically eligible for the State's retrofit sound barrier program, I recently learned that on two separate occasions your community received written notification from previous administrations that this sound wall would be built.

Construction of sound barriers is important to maintaining the quality of life in our established communities. My Administration has continually focused on projects that improve the quality of life for our citizens, and it is time to do what is right and deliver on this previous commitment. That is why I have directed the Maryland Department of Transportation to work with Baltimore County to determine a funding and construction schedule for this project. In conformity with existing statewide regulations, the County will need to adopt a local noise ordinance and will be required to pay 20 percent of the estimated \$1.5 million cost to install the barrier.

You and your neighbors in Longford North are to be commended for your persistence in pursuing this project. Keeping the earlier commitment is long overdue, and I am pleased that this barrier can now become a reality.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

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April 7, 1998

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Mr. Joseph D. Pescrille
Mrs. Judith K. Pescrille
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Pescrille:

Transportation Secretary Winstead and I received your response to my previous letter regarding the State's Sound Barrier Policy and the community adjacent to southbound I-83 at the exit ramp to Timonium Road. The Secretary and I appreciate the opportunity to clarify a portion of that prior letter which referred to the date of a highway's completion.

The date we use for completion of a particular highway is based on when the highway becomes a fully operational system. Individual sections of a highway may have been constructed earlier, but it is the date when these individual sections are linked and functioning as a whole that we establish as the date of completion. Portions of I-83 were constructed as early as 1949, 1950 and 1954. It was not until 1962, however, that I-83 became a complete dualized interstate system.

When examining a community in comparison to the completion date for the highway, we look at the dates when the majority of the impacted homes were built. We then determine whether a majority of the impacted homes predated the highway, as defined above. In the community you referred to, adjacent to the exit ramp from southbound I-83 to Timonium Road, the majority of impacted homes was built in 1959 and the date criterion for our Type II or retrofit program was therefore met.

Thank you again for your letter. I trust this additional information clarifies this issue for you. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
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February 10, 1998

Dear Administrator Williams,

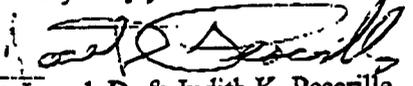
Your recent letter was very lucid and I appreciate your responding to my letter. I must however make one more point which you did not address in your latest letter. In my February 10, 1998 letter I pointed to one situation "The houses adjacent to southbound Interstate 83' exit ramp at Timonium Rd. had the sound barrier erected approximately five years ago and those home were built long after I83 was opened." This was a "Type II" situation only a few hundred feet from our home. This appears to be an "exception" to the rules. (At the time of its construction a survey team mapped out the area directly in back of ours and adjacent homes, even tagging trees to be kept or removed but nothing happened after that.)

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I hate to be a pest about all this but please understand that this sound barrier is very important to us and our neighbors and we are desperately trying to have it erected or understand why it can't be erected.

Thank you again for your reply and patients in this matter.

Very truly yours,


Joseph D. & Judith K. Pescrille
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cc: Mr. Charles Adams, The Hon. David L. Winstead

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**Maryland Department of Transportation
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February 26, 1998

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Mr. Joseph D. Pescrille
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Pescrille:

Thank you for your letters to Transportation Secretary Winstead and me regarding the State's sound barrier policy and how it relates to the Longford North community adjacent to I-83 in Baltimore County. The Secretary, who asked me to respond on his behalf, and I share your concerns over highway noise, and I also appreciate this opportunity to respond to those concerns and to clarify several issues in my February 6 letter to you.

The State's program separates barriers into two categories, referred to as Type I and Type II. Type I barriers are built in conjunction with new roadway construction or expansion of existing highways, when it is determined that an impact will result from the proposed construction and an effective barrier can be built within our cost criterion. "Impact" is based on a threshold of 66 decibels (dBA) and relates directly to the distance of homes from the highway and the speed and volume of traffic. For a community to be eligible for a Type I barrier, homes must also predate the approval date of the highway improvements.

The Type II (or "retrofit") program involves the construction of noise barriers for communities along existing highways where no expansion is proposed. Type II barriers thus address noise impacts that resulted from highway construction that occurred before environmental analysis became a part of the highway development process. As with Type I barriers, noise levels must equal or exceed the 66 dBA threshold, we must be able to design and build an effective barrier within our cost criterion, and a date criterion must be met.

While Type I and Type II barriers share the common features listed above, the date criterion is not the same, and I apologize that my February 6 letter did not more clearly explain the difference. For Type II barriers, we look to when the highway becomes part of a completed, functioning, traffic-bearing system. Although individual sections of a highway may have been constructed earlier we use, as our reference point, the date on which these sections are finally linked and functioning as a whole. As a result, we consider the Baltimore Beltway (I-695) and I-83 to be complete as of 1962, even though some portions may have been finished earlier. We have not approved any sound barriers which failed to meet this date on either I-695 or I-83.

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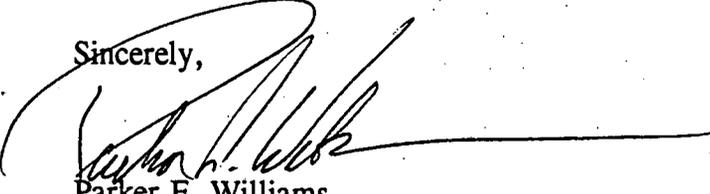
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The sound barrier you referred to adjacent to the Hampton Mansion was built to protect an adjoining community as well as the mansion grounds. The Hampton Mansion is an historic site on the National Register of Historic Places, and the decision was made to construct the barrier to provide noise reduction to this property.

You are correct that the construction of a sound barrier cannot begin unless the cost is included in our budget. Before budget commitments are made for sound barriers, however, all of the applicable eligibility criteria must be met. For your reference, I have enclosed a copy of a brochure that provides information about these criteria.

Thank you again for your letter. We appreciate hearing from you, and on behalf of Secretary Winstead I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. I trust this information clarifies the way in which sound barrier decisions are made. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who can be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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February 10, 1998

Dear Administrator Williams,

I deeply appreciate your letter of February 6, 1998 in response to my letter to you, the Governor and Secretary Winstead. The fact that you took the time to compose a response is most gratifying.

I must however challenge the basic premise of your response that the date the homes were built is "one of the basic considerations in determining a community's eligibility for a sound barrier". ~~While we have lived in our current home for thirty years we previously resided in~~ Arbutus in a townhouse development abutting Interstate 695's outer loop (975 Regina Drive). Those houses were built after the Beltway was constructed and they now (as of two years ago) have the sound barrier. The houses adjacent to southbound Interstate 83' exit ramp at Timonium Rd. had the sound barrier erected approximately five years ago and those homes were built long after I83 was opened. All along the Baltimore Beltway there are numerous examples of homes built after Interstate 695 was completed that are having sound barriers erected even as I write this.

The point is that as a criteria for constructing the sound barrier the date of construction has numerous examples of "exceptions".

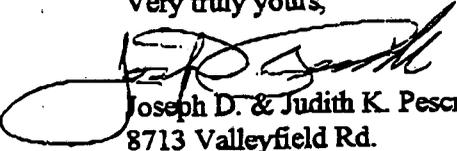
I understand there are other considerations for erecting sound barriers such as decibel levels, proximity to roadways, major expansion of the roadway such as adding an additional lane etc. I suspect we meet or exceed all these considerations.

As to my observation about the sound barriers being built where no one lives I offer this question : who lives in Hampton Mansion these days? The sound barrier was constructed in back of the mansion on the Beltway's inter loop a few years back.

Finally I have been informed that the construction of any sound barrier must start with including the cost of construction in the State Highway Administration budget (or the Governor's supplemental budget). ~~Perhaps including the cost for our sound barriers would not be too much to~~ ask. We could than let the Governor and the State legislator make the final decision.

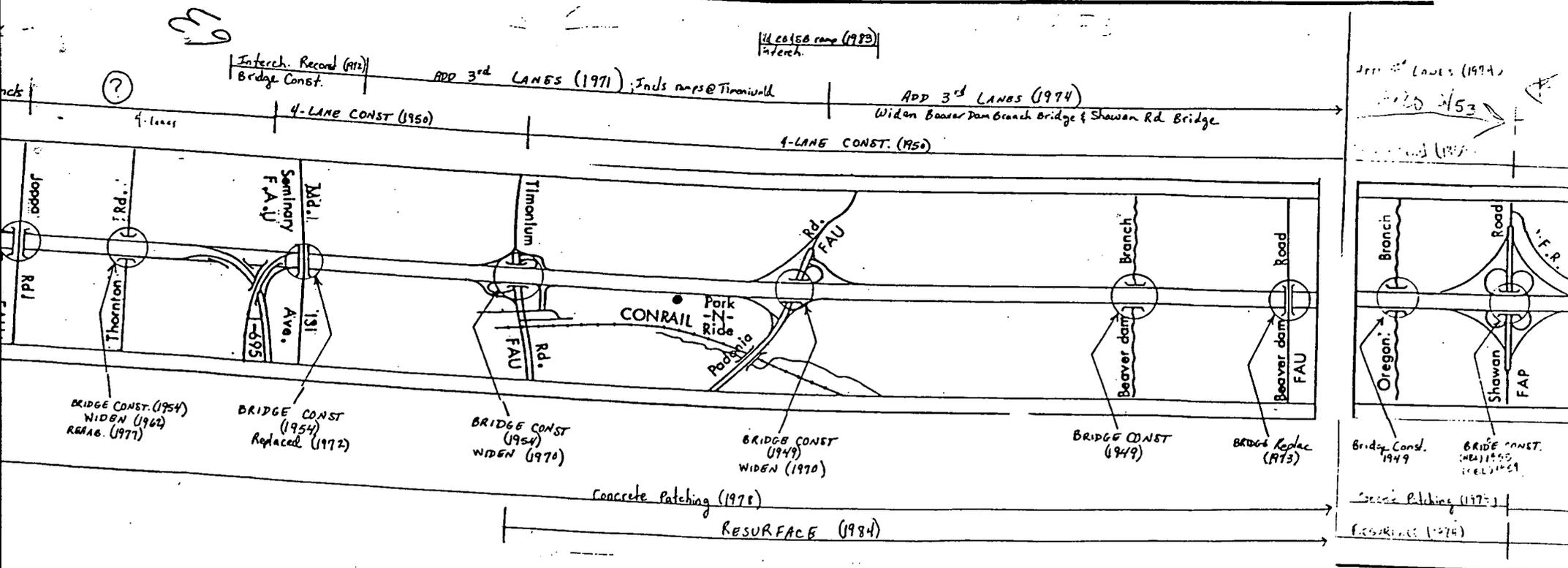
Again thank you for your reply and I hope you can help us.

Very truly yours,

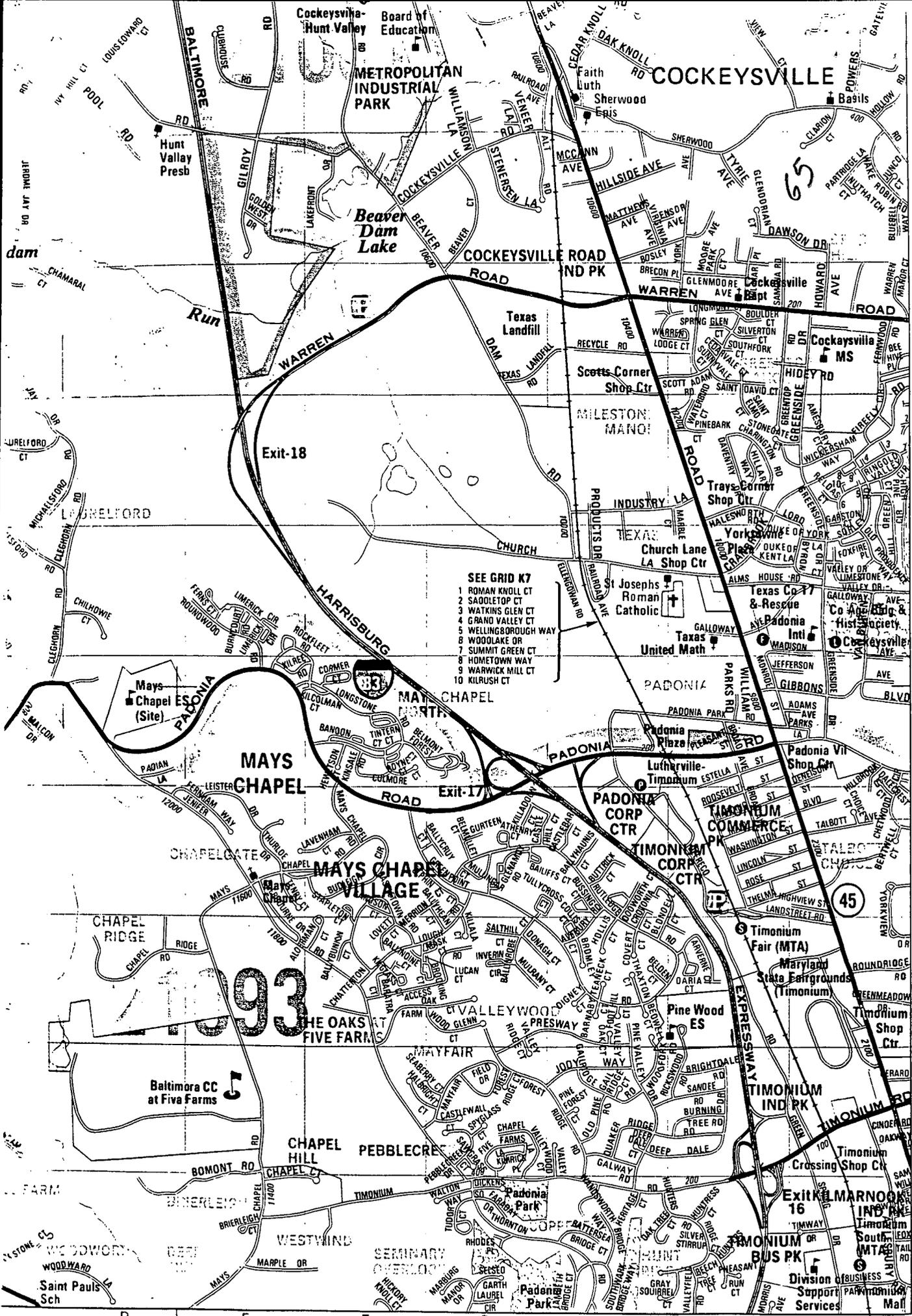


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cc: Mr. Charles Adams, The Hon. david L. Winstead



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February 24, 1998

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Mr. Joseph D. Pescrille
Mrs. Judith K. Pescrille
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Lutherville MD 21093-4002

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Pescrille:

Thank you for your letters to, Transportation Secretary Winstead and me regarding the State's sound barrier policy and how it relates to the Longford North community adjacent to I-83 in Baltimore County. The Secretary and I share your concerns over highway noise and I appreciate this opportunity to clarify the State's sound barrier policy to you.

The State of Maryland's noise policy is determined by a committee comprised of citizens, elected officials and Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) officials. Since Maryland's barrier programs are Federally funded, this committee functions under the guidance of a Federal Highway Administration Oversight Board. The United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Procedures for Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise and Construction Noise serve as guidelines for the States, in terms of very basic procedures and criteria. In turn, these Federal procedures were used as guidelines by the State of Maryland to devise specific detailed criteria.

The Maryland State Highway Administration's (SHA), noise abatement program has two elements referred to as Type I and Type II. In a Type I program, if warranted, sound barriers are built in conjunction with new roadway construction or expansion of existing highways. When deciding where to build a barrier, we perform an environmental analysis during the highway planning process, to see whether future noise levels will equal or exceed an impact threshold and, if so, whether they can be reduced for a reasonable cost. The homes must predate the approval date of the highway improvements to be considered for this program. Currently, the accepted threshold level that must be met or exceeded is 66 decibels (dBA).

The Type II (retrofit) program, involves the construction of noise barriers for communities along existing highways. For communities to qualify, they must pre-date the original highway. One intent of this program is to provide a way to address areas of noise impact that may have resulted from highway construction that occurred before environmental analysis became a part of the highway development process. Analysis will determine if existing noise levels equal or exceed the impact threshold. If so, further evaluation is performed to see if an effective barrier can be built for a reasonable cost

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We establish the highway completion date in terms of when the roadway is considered part of a completed, functioning traffic bearing system. Individual sections of a highway may have been constructed at an earlier time, but it is the date when these individual sections function as a whole that we determine to be the date of reference. As an example, portions of I-83 were constructed as early as 1949, 1950 and 1954. However, I-83 began operating as a completed traffic bearing system in October of 1962. In the community you referred to, adjacent to the exit ramp from southbound I-83 to Timonium Road, the majority of impacted homes were built in 1959. Likewise, portions of I-695 were constructed as early as 1951 and 1955, but the highway is considered to have begun operating as a completed system in 1962. The majority of impacted homes along Regina Drive, adjacent to I-695 were constructed between 1960 and 1962. Both of these examples were considered as Type II retrofit projects.

All of our barriers are designed to protect noise-sensitive land uses. Under Section 5 of the feasibility criteria of the State of Maryland's Noise Policy, we consider sound barriers for an area where an impact will occur to a Section 4(f) resource. A Section 4(f) resource would include Hampton Mansion as it is a historic site that is on the National Register for Historic Places. Previous studies and inquiries regarding highway traffic noise and the Hampton Mansion date back to as early as 1981. Original studies of Type II noise barriers along this section of I-695 identified eligible residential areas on both sides of the Mansion property. Concurrent with the ongoing Type II studies, planning studies were initiated to assess the environmental impacts of future widening of I-695. This document, the "Finding of No Significant Impact" (FONSI) for the I-695 widening was approved in November, 1991. Ultimately, a decision was made to include the Hampton Mansion property in the pending Type II noise barrier project in the area. I have enclosed a copy of the Maryland State Highway Administration Noise Policy and an informational brochure for your use.

Thank you again for your letter. We appreciate hearing from you, and on behalf of Secretary Winstead, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who can be reached at (410) 545-8640 or at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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February 6, 1998

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Mr. Joseph D. Pescrille
Mrs. Judith K. Pescrille
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Lutherville MD 21093-4002

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Pescrille:

Thank you for your letters to Governor Glendening, Transportation Secretary Winstead and me regarding a sound barrier for the Longford North community adjacent to I-83 in Baltimore County. The Governor and Secretary share your concerns over highway noise and asked me to respond for them.

One of the basic considerations in determining a community's eligibility for a sound barrier is the date the homes were built in relationship to the highway. According to our records, the majority of the impacted homes were built after I-83. Based upon this information, the Longford North community is not eligible for a sound barrier. While I certainly understand your concerns, the date criterion is a basic requirement of our noise policy. I regret that we cannot provide you with a more positive response.

Your letter also indicated you felt we are building sound barriers where there are no residences. All of our barriers are designed to protect noise-sensitive land uses. These include homes, religious facilities, and schools.

Thank you again for your letter. We appreciate hearing from you, and on behalf of the Governor and Secretary Winstead, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who can be reached at (410) 545-8640 or at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

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Administrator

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November 10, 1997

"It is 4:00 A.M. on cool, pleasant weeknight - suddenly the air is rendered by the overwhelming blast of noise coming from a giant ten wheel dump truck, ~~with no muffler, downshifting as it heads south on Interstate 83 approaching~~ the Baltimore Beltway. If windows are open, sleep is impossible!"

"At five P.M. on a weekday afternoon the cacophony of noise emanating from rush hour traffic is so great that conversation in the backyard is out of the question."

Dear Administrator Williams,

Forgive the dramatics but the situation has become ridiculous. Our homes abut the right of way for the southbound lanes of Interstate 83 between Seminary Ave. and Timonium Rd. in a development named Longford North. To the south of Seminary Ave. and to the North of Timonium Rd. sound barrier walls are or have been installed. Our short stretch of highway remains open to the enormous traffic noises of the expressway only a few feet away.

It was not always this way. We have lived here for many years and before the massive development of Hunt Valley and northern Baltimore County, (and before a lane was added to I83 a few years back) it was not quite so bad. It gets progressively worse each year.

We have been given numerous reasons as to why the sound barrier wall has not been erected along our part of the expressway. The reasons range from a lack of Federal funds to a decibel reading to low (at times 80 decibels !) to warrant the wall, to "the highway was there first" and so on. The recent massive construction of the sound barrier wall along the Baltimore Beltway belies all these reason - there are even sound barrier walls being constructed where no residences exist!

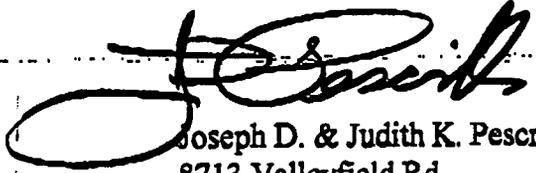
We have read with great interest a recent article in the Baltimore Sun concerning the Governor's announcement of the construction of more highway noise barriers. Perhaps you will give some consideration to this short stretch of I83. We hope you may help us put an end to this environmental blight - noise pollution at its worse.

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Our community association has endorsed our efforts and this letter.

Thank you for any consideration you can give this matter.

Very truly yours,



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REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF GOVERNOR'S CORRESPONDENCE

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LOG DATE: 11/24/97 /slv SERIAL#: 7610

TO: WILLIAMS

DATE: 11/25/97

FROM: Perscrille, Joseph 12/03/97

RE: REQUESTS CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY NOISE BARRIER FOR A PART OF ROUTE 183 THAT IMPACTS THE LONGFORD

RESPOND BY: 12/03/97

- PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE
- PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE ON BEHALF OF GOVERNOR (Note Governor as cc)
- REPLY DIRECTLY, ACKNOWLEDGING SECRETARY'S RECEIPT, SHOW CC TO SECRETARY
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- PLEASE HANDLE AS APPROPRIATE

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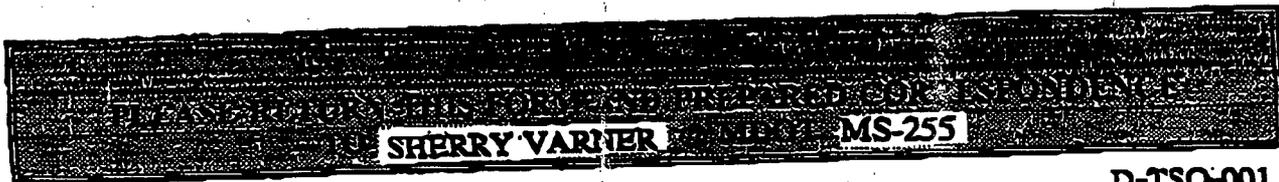
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(You can buy yourself some additional time in preparing a written reply by telephoning the constituent, explaining what's happening, and indicating when he/she may expect a formal reply. Please fill this portion and mail back the green sheet to obtain an extension on your reply deadline.)

Name of Person Called: _____ Date: _____
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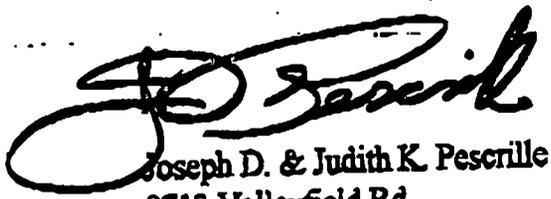
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February 6, 1998

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Mr. Joseph D. Pescrille
Mrs. Judith K. Pescrille
8713 Valleyfield Road
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Pescrille:

Thank you for your letters to Governor Glendening, Transportation Secretary Winstead and me regarding a sound barrier for the Longford North community adjacent to I-83 in Baltimore County. The Governor and Secretary share your concerns over highway noise and asked me to respond for them.

One of the basic considerations in determining a community's eligibility for a sound barrier is the date the homes were built in relationship to the highway. According to our records, the majority of the impacted homes were built after I-83. Based upon this information, the Longford North community is not eligible for a sound barrier. While I certainly understand your concerns, the date criterion is a basic requirement of our noise policy. I regret that we cannot provide you with a more positive response.

Your letter also indicated you felt we are building sound barriers where there are no residences. All of our barriers are designed to protect noise-sensitive land uses. These include homes, religious facilities, and schools.

Thank you again for your letter. We appreciate hearing from you, and on behalf of the Governor and Secretary Winstead, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who can be reached at (410) 545-8640 or at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Parker F. Williams', written over a horizontal line.

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation

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Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

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Drafted by: Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT -- January 27, 1998

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MARTIN, JOSEPH P. -- Secretary's Control #10190

Date Due: 1/27/98
Re: Noise Barriers covering Bradley Boulevard
Community: Longwood
Notes: Response prepared -- On hold per CBA (1/26/98)
"Good News" letter on hold pending Glendening's announcement of 9.6 Million

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O'NEIL, POM -- Secretary's Control #7705 DLW for PNG

Date Due: 01/09/98 (Extension from Judy Weeks)
Re: Wants new answers and a firm response
Community: Timberlawn / I-270
Notes: On hold, Per CBA --pending meeting.
See also Serial #98JAN8 (Connie Morella) -- 1/13/98

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PESCRILLE, JOSEPH D. -- Secretary's Control #7610 DLW for PNG

Date Due: 12/03/97
Re: Requests consideration of highway noise barriers for I-83 that impacts Longford
Community: Longford North
Notes: On hold per CBA -- 11/19/97
Supersedes Secretary's Control #9684 -- Due 11/26/97
Same letter -- To DLW

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SNOOK, WILLIAM. -- Administrator's Control #97OCT42

Date Due: 10/28/97
Re: Sound Barriers for I-695
Community: Trinity Assembly of God
Notes: Please File per CBA -- 9/08/97
Dec. 3, 1997: Rec'vd copy of PFW letter to Mr. Snook -- Re: Meeting on Nov. 6th

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WUNG, MICHAEL -- Secretary's Control #7768 DLW for PNG

Date Due: 01/09/98
Re: Support funding of a barrier covering Bradley Boulevard to 500' west of Greentree Court
Community: Longwood
Notes: Already responded to under Serial #9928 -- 12/21/97



Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration

from the desk of

CHARLIE ADAMS



Standard Response Fails by date
Special text on par: Explain TYPE I/TYPE I
for himself New Communities approval
on behalf of Secretary before highway approvals
Governor
CORRESPONDENCE

CONTROL #98JAN24
DATE: 01/26/98

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Phil _____ DATE: 1/30

I'd asked if any of the homes predated the highway. It's not clear whether you looked into this.

Charlie

Charlie,
Enclosed is the date research for all of the lots associated with Valleyfield Road/Longford North - The dates are from '63 to '66. The majority in the South is '63 & '64 while in the northern section the majority are '65

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00-1- Jan 28 1998
Re: 9604 & 7600

DUE: _____

[] YES [] NO

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND PREPARED CORRESPONDENCE TO
DONNA AUSTIN, SEA
PHONE# (410) 545-0406 FAX# (410) 333-1586

Parker F. Williams
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P.O. Box 8755
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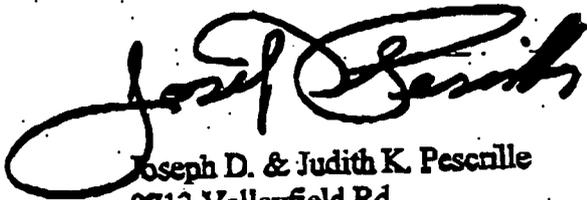
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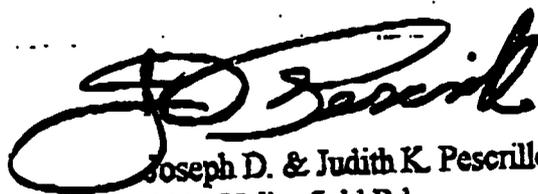
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October 29, 1998

Mr. Leo Porter
8727 Ruppert Court
Ellicott City MD 21043

Dear Mr. Porter:

Thank you for your recent request for information concerning sound barrier. As per our conversation, I have enclosed a copy of the State of Maryland's Sound Barrier Policy as well as a Highway Traffic Noise brochure from the Federal Highway Administration for your use.

Thank you again for your interest in the State of Maryland's Sound Barrier Program, it was a pleasure talking with you. If you should need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Natalie Hardy".

Natalie Hardy
Special Assistant to the Director
Office of Environmental design

Enclosures

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Drafted by: Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT - October 21, 1998
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August 27, 1998

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Mr. Ronald E. Porterfield
The Hampton Improvement Association
PO Box 9735
Baltimore MD 21284-9735

Dear Mr. Porterfield:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting that the State Highway Administration (SHA) consider extending the existing sound barrier located adjacent to I-695 west of the Providence Road interchange. I appreciate your interest in this issue.

We understand your concerns about the Notre Dame athletic field expansion and the possible impact the removal of vegetation will have on your community. When the barrier was originally designed the vegetation was not included in the calculations. When we modeled the performance of the barrier design we assumed that the vegetation did not exist. The removal of vegetation would not have an effect on the performance of the existing sound barrier. Based on this, we are unable to extend the eastern end of the sound barrier 200 feet towards Providence Road, as you requested. As you noted in your letter a portion of the existing sound barrier needs to be relocated when future widening of I-695 occurs. The portion of the sound barrier to be relocated is located on the western end of the barrier near Dulaney Valley Road.

Thank you again for your letter. If you have any additional questions or require additional information please do not hesitate to call Mr. Fred Eisen, Project Manager, Noise Abatement Team at (410) 545-8598 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

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cc: Mr. Fred Eisen, Project Manager, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration
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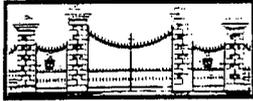
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Charlie: Talked to Mr. Porterfield on 8/25. he informed me that he had his directions wrong. They are only requesting that due to a proposed significant amount of tree clearing that we extend the east end of the ex. sound barrier 200' towards Providence Rd.

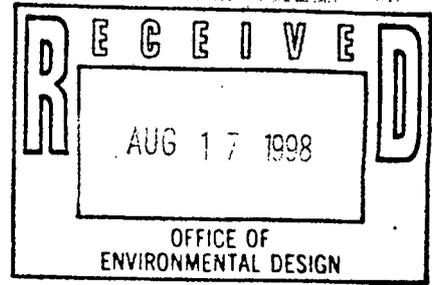
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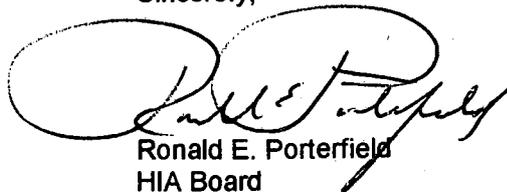
Mr. Adams:

At the last monthly meeting of the Hampton Improvement Association, a group of residents requested that we examine the impact of the Notre Dame athletic field expansion and renovation. This extensive project requires cutting boundary forest which currently buffers these residents from the beltway (I 695).

As I currently serve on the Board of Historic Hampton Inc. I was involved in the Maryland Historic Society request for construction plans on the Beltway widening and the impact on this National Park property. I am aware of your plans to relocate the west wing of this existing north side barrier wall.

My inquiry and request is that this wall now be extended west toward Dulaney Valley Road since a pre-existing condition will exist prior to contract consideration. Site plans on the NDP project are available. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to meeting you in the near future.

Sincerely,



Ronald E. Porterfield
HIA Board



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February 11, 1998

Mr. Michael E. Potter, CMCA
President, MTM Management Associates
26221 Ridge Road
Damascus MD 20872

Dear Mr. Potter:

Thank you for your recent internet message to Governor Glendening regarding a sound barrier for the Timberlawn South/Tuckerman Walk community adjacent to the I-270 East Spur near Old Georgetown Road (MD 187). The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

Governor Glendening's recent announcement of funding for new sound barriers in Montgomery County was for seven older communities where the homes predated the original highway construction. One of these areas is Wildwood Manor, located on the opposite side of I-270 from your neighborhood. This area was approved because the majority of the affected homes predate the construction of I-270.

Our records show the homes in the Timberlawn South/Tuckerman Walk community were built after I-270 and, as a result, the area does not qualify for a State-funded sound barrier. While your community does not meet the qualifications for a State-funded barrier, you might be interested in pursuing tax increment financing of a barrier through Montgomery County. There is existing precedent for this, and the County has indicated a willingness to assist other communities with this approach. If you would like additional information about this possibility, please contact the office of Mr. Graham Norton, who is the Director of Public Works and Transportation for Montgomery County. You may reach him at 301-217-2170.

My telephone number is _____

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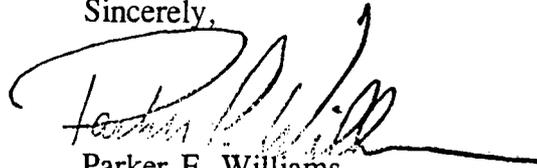
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Thank you again for your internet message. I trust this information helps clarify this issue. We do understand your concerns and, unfortunately, are unable to approve a sound barrier for your community. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design for the State Highway Administration (SHA). Mr. Adams can be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

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Drafted by: Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT -- February 9, 1998

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Dear Governor Glendening:

In a recent article carried in the Montgomery Journal last week and written by staff writer Lisa Carly Fine there was mentioned the fact that the communities listed qualified for sound barriers due to the high decibel levels exceeding 66 decibels.

Unfortunately, a common ownership community my company manages (Timberlawn South Tuckerman Walk Homeowners Association, Inc.) was not mentioned eventhough there have been numerous appeals over the years by the association for sound barriers.

To cut to the chase I cordially invite you and any members of your staff for an on site visit to the rear yards of 10710 through 10726 Pine Haven Terrace, North Bethesda, Maryland 20852.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate in contacting my office.

Very truly yours,

MTM MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES

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THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE
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LOG DATE: 02/05/98 /cdj SERIAL#: 7890

TO: WILLIAMS

DATE: 02/06/98

FROM: POTTER, MICHAEL E 02/06/98

RE: SOUND BARRIERS INTERSTATE

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October 28, 1998

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Ms. K. Donna Powell
8522 Valleyfield Road
Lutherville MD 21093

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Dear Ms. Powell:

Since the mid-1980s, you and other members of the Longford North community have been requesting that a sound barrier be built along southbound I-83 to provide relief from traffic noise. Although Longford North was not technically eligible for the State's retrofit sound barrier program, I recently learned that on two separate occasions your community received written notification from previous administrations that this sound wall would be built.

Construction of sound barriers is important to maintaining the quality of life in our established communities. My Administration has continually focused on projects that improve the quality of life for our citizens, and it is time to do what is right and deliver on this previous commitment. That is why I have directed the Maryland Department of Transportation to work with Baltimore County to determine a funding and construction schedule for this project. In conformity with existing statewide regulations, the County will need to adopt a local noise ordinance and will be required to pay 20 percent of the estimated \$1.5 million cost to install the barrier.

You and your neighbors in Longford North are to be commended for your persistence in pursuing this project. Keeping the earlier commitment is long overdue, and I am pleased that this barrier can now become a reality.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Powell

cc: The Honorable Michael J. Finifter, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
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The Honorable Paula Colodny Hollinger, Member, Senate of Maryland
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bcc: Ms. Valerie Burnette Edgar, Director, Office of Communications, State Highway Administration
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Deputy Secretary

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June 29, 1998

Ms. K. Donna Powell
8522 Valleyfield Road
Lutherville MD 21093-3933

Dear Ms. Powell:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding a sound barrier for the Longford North community adjacent to I-83. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

A number of people in the community have written with a variety of questions. At the public meeting of June 8, a representative of the State Highway Administration (SHA) agreed to provide answers to the questions which have been raised. We are currently gathering information to respond to your request. A response will be forwarded to you within the next several weeks.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

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- cc: The Honorable F. Vernon Boozer, Member, Senate of Maryland
- The Honorable A. Wade Kach, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
- The Honorable Martha S. Klima, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
- Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
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Mr. Matthew Ptak
S2000guy@aol.com

Dear Mr. Ptak:

This letter is written in response to your recent E-mail message about the use of State funds for sound barriers. Thank you for taking the time to bring your concerns to our attention. I would like to take this opportunity to give you a brief overview of the State's sound barrier program.

Many of our existing highways were planned and built before most of the environmental protection requirements that are in place today were developed. All of these barriers serve to protect our natural and social resources. Our sound barrier program emphasizes protecting those communities which either preceded the original highway or significant capacity improvements. Not every community next to a major highway qualifies for a barrier. We are working with local government to have requirements in place that address highway noise when new residential development is proposed. The goal is to try and ensure that buyers of new homes are not exposed to high noise levels and to reduce sound barrier construction by the State.

There are two circumstances in which the State Highway Administration (SHA) considers the need for sound barriers. These are referred to as Type I and Type II. Type I sound barriers are considered in conjunction with new highway construction or the expansion of existing highways. When SHA is deciding where to build a barrier, an environmental analysis is performed during the highway planning phase to determine if future noise levels will equal or exceed the impact threshold of 66 decibels (dBA) and, if so, whether they can be reduced for a reasonable cost. Affected homes must predate the approval date of the highway improvements for a barrier to be considered.

Type II, or retrofit, sound barriers involve the construction of noise barriers for communities that predate the original highway. The intent of this program is to address areas of noise impact along highways that were built before environmental analysis became a part of the highway development process. The following technical criteria must be met for a barrier to be approved: the community must predate the highway, existing noise levels must equal or exceed the 66 decibel impact threshold, and an effective barrier must be able to be built for a reasonable cost. If these criteria are met the County in which the community is located must have a local noise control ordinance to address noise impact upon new development, and the County must agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost

While the safety of Maryland's roads is our foremost concern we also recognize that the quality of life enjoyed by residents adjacent to our highways can be adversely impacted by high noise levels. When sound barriers are built to address this problem, the community enjoys an immediate improvement. For this reason, we consider sound barriers to be a beneficial component of our highway system. I hope that, while you may not agree with the construction of sound barriers you can see that we have given considerable thought to a broader long term solution to the highway noise issue.

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Thank you again for your interest. If you would like to provide us with a mailing address, I would be more than happy to provide you with a copy of the State's Sound Barrier Policy for your use. If you should have any other questions or you would like additional information regarding the State's sound barrier program, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Hade of our Noise Abatement Team, who may be reached at (410) 545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

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Mr. Matthew Ptak
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From: <S2000guy@aol.com>
To: MDSHAHQ.SHAADM(RMuhlhausen)
Date: 7/17/98 10:14pm
Subject: sound barriers

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- > Hello, I am writing to give my support to those who are against construction of
- > high cost sound barriers around highways. I have no problem paying for
- > construction of barriers around new highways that create new noise for home-
- > owners who have purchased their property long before a highway is installed.
- > However paying for barriers around new homes is a crock. It is common sense
- > to know that if you buy a home near a highway, it will be noisy, just like
- > buying a house near a airport will be. It is time we just say "though".
- > Nobody is forcing these people to buy a house near a highway, however I am
- > forced to pay for a wall for it to be quieter for them.
- > Matthew Ptak
- >

From: Rose Muhlhausen
To: SHADGN.JHade, SHADGN.CAdams
Date: 7/21/98 4:10pm
Subject: sound barriers -Forwarded

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I don't know why I received this email, but here it is.

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The Secretary's Office

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

David L. Winstead
Secretary

John D. Porcari
Deputy Secretary

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October 28, 1998

Ms. Catherine E. Quade
Mr. Richard J. Cronin
244 Kirkley Road
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Ms. Quade and Mr. Cronin:

This is a follow up to the October 19 Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) tour meeting held in Annapolis and my August 24 letter to you regarding a sound barrier for the Kirkley Road area adjacent to US 50. I understand your desire for a sound barrier and your concern over the timeliness of the conclusion of the technical analyses and the communication of the results. The review of the most recent information was completed just prior to the CTP meeting, which is the reason you had not yet received the results.

As was outlined in my previous letter, the purpose of our Type II, or retrofit, program is to construct sound barriers for communities that predate the original highway. The intent of this program is to address areas of noise impact along highways that were built before environmental analyses became part of the highway development process. To be eligible, the majority of the impacted residences in a community must predate the original highway; existing noise levels must equal or exceed the impact threshold of 66 decibels (dBA); and we must be able to build an effective barrier at a reasonable cost (maximum of \$50,000 per benefited residence).

Measurements were taken in September on the highway side of your home, at the Weems School, at the house at 246 Kirkley Road, at the bend in Kirkley Road closest to US 50, and at the point at which your driveway meets Kirkley Road. At only one of those locations, 246 Kirkley Road, were noise levels recorded at or above the impact threshold. These measurements are consistent with those taken in the past. I have enclosed a copy of the measurement summary for your information.

The impacted residence at 246 Kirkley Road was built in 1988, after the opening of US 50 in 1954. Even if that home had predated the highway, however, a barrier to protect that home would cost in excess of \$100,000 per benefited residence, which is well above our \$50,000 limit. We regret that, although you are bothered by traffic noise from US 50, your community does not meet the requirements for a sound barrier. Also enclosed is the brochure that details the State's Sound Barrier Program, which may be of interest to you in understanding our decision.

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Mr. Richard J. Cronin
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At the CTP meeting, you remarked that the State Highway Administration (SHA) has conducted noise measurements over the past several years in the Kirkley Road community. The most recent commitment to perform additional measurements was made as a result of your concerns that the data previously taken did not accurately reflect the noise environment of your neighborhood. A series of measurements was taken prior to the afternoon peak period at several locations within the community. These measurements were taken at this time of day because the previous continuous 24-hour measurements along this section of US 50 showed noise levels are loudest during the mid-to-late afternoon.

Thank you again for your patience while we reevaluated the eligibility of your community for a sound barrier. I regret I am unable to offer a positive response to your request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

Enclosures

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The Honorable Michael Busch, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Virginia Clagett, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
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Deputy Secretary

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August 24, 1998

Ms. Catherine E. Quade
Mr. Richard J. Cronin
244 Kirkley Road
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Ms. Quade and Mr. Cronin:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding a sound barrier for the Kirkley Road area adjacent to US 50. I appreciate your patience as we continue with the analysis for this community.

For a community to qualify for a sound barrier, the majority of the impacted homes must predate the construction of the original highway, noise levels must equal or exceed the impact threshold of 66 decibels, it must provide effective sound alterations, and the cost of a barrier cannot exceed \$50,000 per protected home.

The issues we are working on for the Kirkley Road area relate to which homes are experiencing noise levels of 66 decibels or greater, the dates when those homes were built in relation to US 50, and the cost of a barrier for each protected home. Our records indicate that only two homes predate the highway, one of which is your residence.

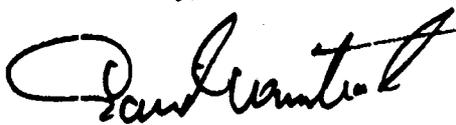
Also, past noise level measurements indicated that only one home was experiencing noise levels above the 66 decibel threshold. We will be performing additional measurements to determine if the area of impact has increased, and if so whether an effective barrier can be built within the cost guidelines. Mr. James D. Hade, State Highway Administration's (SHA) Noise Abatement Team Leader will be in contact with you within the next two weeks to schedule the measurements.

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Thank you again for your letter. I have asked Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design to call and arrange a meeting with you to review this information. I apologize if our previous correspondence was not clear on these issues. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Adams, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

- cc: The Honorable John C. Astle, Member, Senate of Maryland
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The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
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Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
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Ms. Catherine E. Quade
Mr. Richard J. Cronin
244 Kirkley Road
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Ms. Quade and Mr. Cronin:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your efforts in securing a sound barrier for the Kirkley Road area adjacent to the interchange of US 50 with MD 70 (Rowe Boulevard). I appreciate your patience in this matter and it is my pleasure to clarify how the State's Sound Barrier Program applies to your community.

When a community requests a sound barrier, we must first determine if the community meets the eligibility criteria contained in our Sound Barrier Policy. This is a progressive review, in that we look at the criteria in sequence and all must be met for an area to qualify for a barrier. We first determine when the homes in the community were built in relationship to the original construction date for the adjacent highway. At least fifty percent of the impacted residences must predate the highway for us to consider a sound barrier. If this first criterion is met, we then take noise measurements in the community to determine if noise levels equal or exceed the impact threshold of 66 decibels. The number of measurements required depends upon the size of the individual community.

After the measurements are completed, we perform a preliminary barrier analysis to see if an effective barrier can be built to reduce noise at those homes with noise levels above the impact threshold. When making this determination, the goal is to reduce noise levels by 7 to 10 decibels at those homes where the highest levels of noise occur. If an effective barrier is feasible, we next determine the cost of a barrier and if less than \$50,000 per protected home, this criterion is met. If all of the criteria are met then a community is eligible for a barrier.

Since Governor Glendening took office in 1995, this Administration has placed an increased emphasis on quality of life issues, such as sound barriers. In the past three years, we have developed a new Sound Barrier Policy that has increased the number of communities eligible to receive these much needed projects. To handle this heightened demand, we also have nearly tripled the budget for sound barriers. In 1995, only \$22 million was earmarked for sound barriers, but since then, that figure has been increased to \$60 million. Regrettably, the number of eligible communities still surpasses our ability to fund them as quickly as we would like.

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While the nursery school and three of the four homes in your community predate the highway, none of these residences are in the area we previously determined to be impacted. Additionally the cost of being able to build an effective barrier would well exceed our maximum cost per residence. We will arrange to take additional noise measurements in order to verify if the technical criteria in this area are all met. This will be coordinated with you within the near future. I look forward to sharing the results with you as soon as they are available.

Accept my apologies for these technical points not being made more clear to you both earlier in the process. In order to clarify these issues and to examine the present conditions, I have asked Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, to contact you to discuss your concerns. You should hear from Mr. Adams within the next two weeks to arrange a meeting with you to review this information.

Thank you again for your letter. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Adams, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

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SECRETARY DEPARTMENT
 OF TRANSPORTATION

Dear Secretary Winstead,

For over two years we have been working with our community, local and state representatives and sometimes the State Highway Administration to have sound barriers erected in our area. The "sometimes" qualifier for the SHA is the reason for our letter.

Our experience with SHA has been abysmal. It took nine months for SHA to come out and take noise measurements, after every other week phone calls. Several months later, SHA completed the sound and cost analysis, and informed us our area, NSA A in enclosure 1, met the criteria for sound barriers. Several more months passed before SHA would release the study to us, again after repeated calls.

At that time, SHA suggested we team with other NSAs in the study, which we did. However, during a community meeting with SHA, county and state officials, SHA informed us NSA A would be dropped from the study and not be considered for the barriers. No reason was given. We asked for this in writing, and never received anything.

After turning to our elected officials, we were informed by SHA we were now back into consideration with all of the other NSAs. Again, asked for this in writing and did not receive anything. We now began to work with the other NSAs to pass newly required SHA legislation for our county. We again worked with county government, and the legislation passed. In addition, we continued with our efforts with the state legislature.

Imagine our reaction when Delegate Busch informed us this summer that NSA A was again dropped out of consideration for barriers. When asked why, we were told, "Charlie Adams said you are the only home that wants the barriers in NSA A". This is in spite of ample correspondence from our neighbors!

Several phone calls were made immediately to Charlie Adams over the course of weeks, but he has never, nor has anyone on his staff, returned our calls.

Enough is enough and two years is a long time to still not have an answer. Supposedly in the fall, SHA will prioritize the areas throughout the state to receive the walls. What we would like to know is the following:

Is NSA A in consideration with the other communities along RTE 50 at the Rowe Blvd. exchange? If not, why will walls line Route 50 everywhere in the area except by our community? This is especially ironic since land from our land parcel was purchased by SHA for the upgrade to the exit ramps and our house has been standing for over 100 years.

How will we be informed of SHA decisions? We have NEVER received any correspondence from SHA although we have asked for all decisions in writing, nor will

Charlie Adams return our calls.

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We have "inches" of documentation and correspondence to substantiate all of our efforts and the lack of cooperation on the part of the SHA, and will be delighted to forward it to your office.

Never in any of over 25 years of dealings with the government have we been treated so shabbily as by the SHA. Both of us have spent years in public service and would have been fired for such treatment private citizens.

We thank you for your action in this matter, look forward to your reply and hope the problem can be resolved quickly before the SHA fall prioritization cycle.

Sincerely,
Catherine E. Quade

Richard I. Cronin

Catherine E. Quade & Richard I. Cronin



Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration

from the desk of

CHARLIE ADAMS



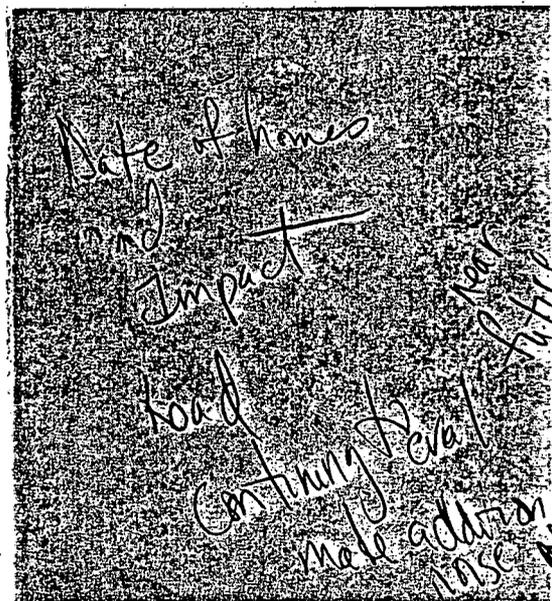
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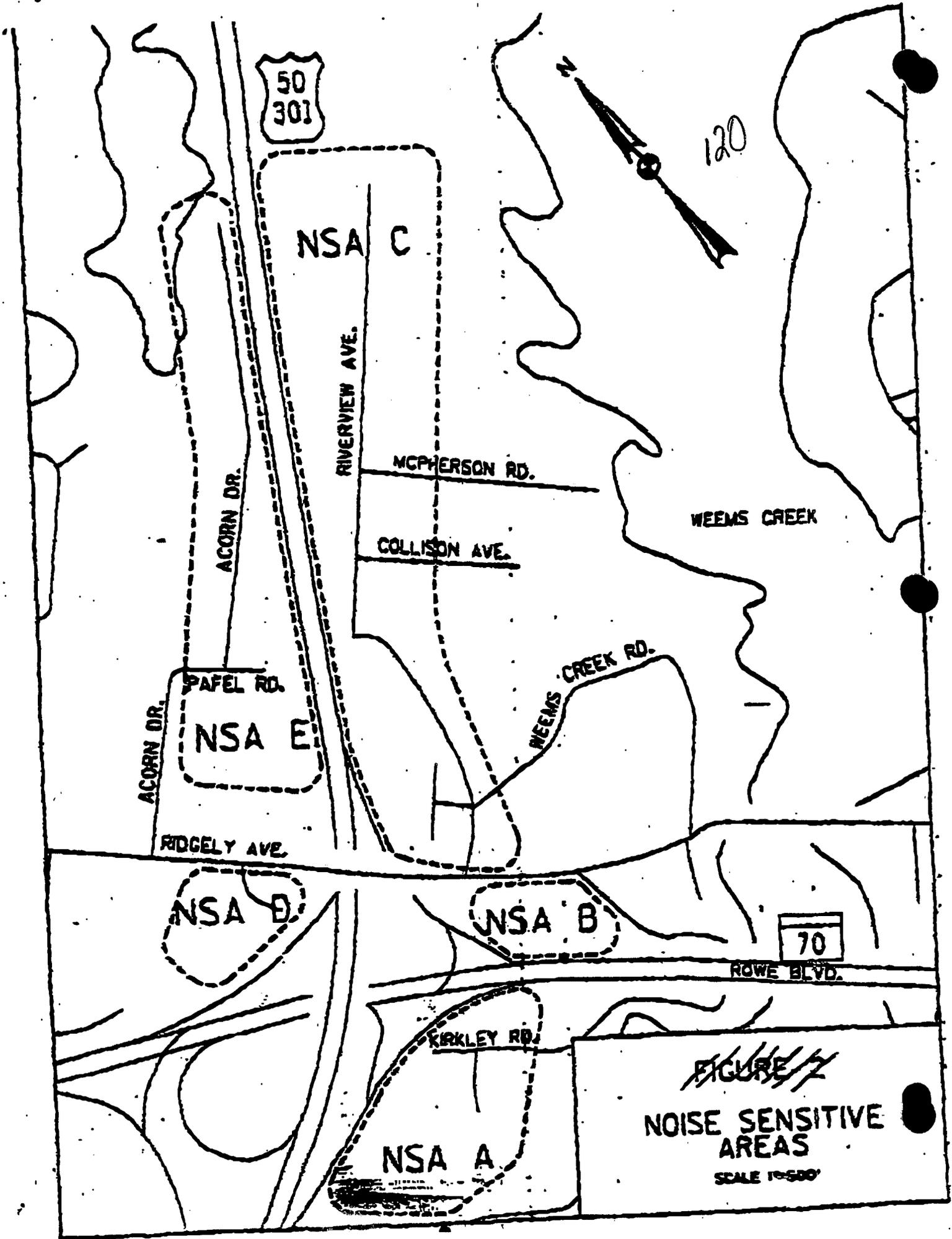
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Response should indicate that we determine eligibility based upon the cost to protect impacted residences that predate the original highway. Explain that the issue with the Ribby Road area is that very few homes (get the number) predate the highway and the cost of a barrier would exceed our maximum ^{no cost} cost. Apologize for this not being made more clear earlier and indicate that Secretary W. has asked CBA to call and arrange to meet with them to review this information.

Charlie





~~FIGURE 7~~
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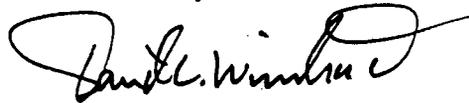
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Sincerely,



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Ms. Pauline A. English-Ramsey
294 State Park Road
Swanton MD 21561

Dear Ms. English-Ramsey:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening requesting that the funding for sound barriers for the Riverview and Lindamoore communities along US 50 be advanced. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

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Ms. Carol Ratkoff
8507 Tallwood Road
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Dear Ms. Ratkoff:

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Ms. Bonnie S. Rawlings
10 Pafel Road
Annapolis MD 21401-1116

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Mr. Melvin E. Rawlings
10 Pafel Road
Annapolis MD 21401-1115

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Ms. Marion H. Reed
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Ms. Marion H. Reed
8504 Westford Road
Lutherville MD 21093

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Sincerely,

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February 18, 1998

Ms. Barbara L. Reilly
7501 Shadywood Road
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Ms. Reilly:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding a sound barrier along I-495 for the Burning Tree Estates area. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on the status of a sound barrier for your community.

Thank you for your willingness to provide right of way, should it be needed, for the construction of a sound barrier. When we begin the design of a wall for your area we will contact you with information on our design and in particular the need for any right-of way outside of the property that the State Highway Administration already owns.

Thank you again for your letter and your interest in the State's sound barrier program. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, the State Highway Administration's Noise Abatement Team Leader, who may be reached at 410-545-8599 or, toll free, at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director of Environmental Design

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Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration

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February 9, 1998

Mr. Charles Adams, Director
Office of Environmental Design
707 N. Calvert St.
Baltimore, MD 21202

Reference: Burning Tree Estates/Task Force on Sound Barriers

Dear Mr. Adams:

This is to let you know that we, the undersigned, are willing to donate to Montgomery County a portion of our property along the Beltway/I-270 spur in the interest of having sound barriers constructed. In this regard, we urgently request your support in helping us to obtain relief from the incessant and ever-increasing roar of traffic that has been destroying our peace of mind for so many years.

We thank you for your attention and any assistance you may be able to provide.

Sincerely,

Name

Address

Barbara Reilly

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Bethesda, Md 20817



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February 9, 1998

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Mr. Raymond E. Reilly
Ms. Barbara L. Reilly
Ms. Edna Borowski
7501 Shadywood Road
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Mr. Reilly, Ms. Reilly and Ms. Borowski:

This letter is sent to update you on your request for a sound barrier for the Burning Tree Estates area along I-495 between Bradley Boulevard and River Road. I appreciate your patience while we considered this community's request for noise abatement.

You will be pleased to know we have determined that the Burning Tree community does meet the requirements for a sound barrier. Although funding for design and construction has not yet been identified, we are looking at the funding needs for this barrier and will keep you informed of our progress.

Several construction feasibility issues also need to be resolved. In one location, the homes are approximately 50 feet above the Beltway, and it is questionable whether they can be protected. A stream runs parallel to the Beltway along another portion of the area, and there are associated floodplain issues that will need to be addressed. Further engineering is required to resolve these technical issues, and I have asked State Highway Administration (SHA) staff to provide you with the results once a determination has been made.

Thank you again for your interest in the State's sound barrier program and your support for a barrier for the Burning Tree community. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

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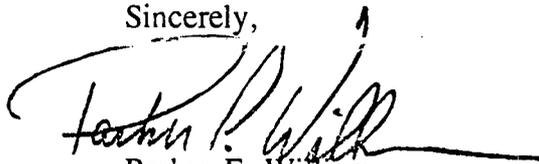
Dear Mr. and Ms. Reilly and Ms. Borowski:

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Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or, toll free, at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA
The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of
Transportation

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Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, SHA
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7501 Shadywood Rd.
Bethesda, MD 20817

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January 8, 1998

The Honorable Parris Glendening
Office of the Governor
100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Governor Glendening:

This letter is to urgently request your support. We are among the homeowners whose properties abut the I-495 Beltway outer loop between Bradley Boulevard. We understand from our Delegate, Mark Shriver, that there will be a decision concerning the funding of new noise barriers within ten working days. We need your support to see that our area is included among those designated to receive new barriers.

As emphasized by Mr. Shriver during his recent visit with you, compelling reasons exist for noise barrier construction in our area:

- The recent expansion of the Beltway to 11 lanes at the segment adjacent to our neighborhood (made necessary by the ever increasing flow of traffic), and the addition of new HOV lanes at the nearby I-270 spur, and
- The greatly increased, incessant (24 hours a day, seven days a week) and unbearable noise levels which have been intensified by the reflection of noise from the barriers constructed on the Beltway directly across from us.

Our daily lives are severely degraded by this atrocious noise level. We have been bypassed for relief several times in the past. It is difficult to imagine any area that is in greater need of relief.

Your concern and support would be most gratefully appreciated.

Sincerely,

Raymond E. Reilly
Raymond E. Reilly

Barbara L. Reilly
Barbara L. Reilly

Edna Borowski
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Subject : SOUND BARRIER REQUES Description : Supports funding for noise barriers in the Capital Improvement Budget for FY 98.

Agency : DBAM Unit : COS - M Riddick

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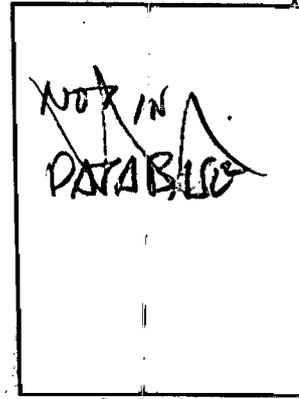
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May 20, 1998



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Ms. Leanore Reilly
4 Second Street
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Ms. Reilly:

This is written as a follow up to a recent telephone conversation between you and Ms. Natalie Hardy, my Special Assistant, regarding a sound barrier for the Greenwood Acres community adjacent to US 50 in Anne Arundel County. I'd like to take the opportunity to let you know how our sound barrier program applies to your community.

The Greenwood Acres community was part of a recent review to determine if it met the requirements for a sound barrier. The State sound barrier policy has two components, referred to as Type I and Type II. Type I sound barriers are considered in conjunction with new highway construction or the expansion of existing highways. When deciding where to build a barrier, an environmental analysis is performed during the highway planning phase, to determine if future noise levels will equal or exceed the impact threshold of 66 decibels and, if so whether they can be reduced for a reasonable cost. Affected homes must predate the approval date of the highway improvements to be considered for this program. When the most recent improvements to US 50 were planned, the portion of Greenwood Acres that is unprotected did not exist and therefore cannot be considered under the Type I part of our program.

The Type II, or retrofit, program involves the construction of noise barriers for communities that predate the original highway. The intent of this program is to address areas of noise impact along highways that were built before environmental analysis became a part of the highway development process. To be eligible for consideration, a community must predate the highway, existing noise levels must equal or exceed the impact threshold, and an effective barrier must be able to be built for a reasonable cost. In addition, if these technical criteria are met, the County in which the community is located must have a local noise control ordinance to address noise impact upon new development and they must agree to fund 20% of the barrier cost before State funding is considered. A copy of our Community Resource Guide for sound barriers is enclosed for your information. Unfortunately, since Greenwood Acres was built after the original construction of US 50 we cannot consider a Type II barrier.

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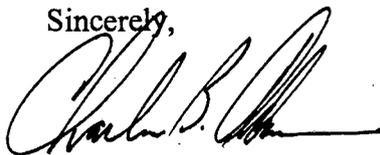
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In 1994, a letter was sent to the Project Manager for Greenwood Acres, Mr. Gene Gogolinski, informing him that a sound barrier would not be constructed for this community. We will continue to keep your community in our files and if there are any future changes to our policy, we will reevaluate your community. Enclosed is a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Gogolinski and a copy of the State's Sound Barrier Policy.

Thank you again for your interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Hardy at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962

Sincerely,



Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Robert R. Neall, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable Robert C. Baldwin, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Janet Greenip, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Marsha G. Perry, Maryland House of Delegates
Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, State Highway
Administration

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Highway Administration
Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
Ms. Irene Heline, Secretary to Director, State Highway Administration
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STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
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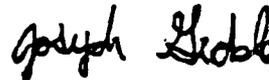
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Joseph Geckle
Project Engineer
MD State Highway Admin.
AA-315-502-572
January 14, 1994

Greenwood Acres
Project Manager
Gene Gogolinski

Please be advised that there are no plans to construct a noise abatement wall system for the community of Greenwood Acres, currently under construction, on second street in Anne Arundel County. A section of the noise abatement wall system for the existing community of North River Forest shall extend approximately 300 feet east of South Haven Road. This wall however is neither designed nor anticipated to provide any noise abatement for the Greenwood Acres community. Plans for the noise barrier systems currently under construction may be reviewed at our field office on Harry Truman Parkway.

Sincerely,



Joseph Geckle

cc: F.Eisen - Hwy. design
B.Davitt - Area Eng.

My telephone number is (410) 841-5450

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**Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration**

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

David L. Winstead
Secretary

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

April 1, 1998

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Ms. Lynn Reitz
6821 Lenbern Road
Woodlawn MD 21207

Dear Ms. Reitz:

Thank you for your recent inquiry requesting information about the State's sound barrier program. It was very pleasant to meet and talk with you at the Featherbed Park / Woodlawn Community Association meeting.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Baltimore Beltway Noise Barrier map that we discussed at the community meeting. I apologize for the delay in forwarding the map to you as I wanted to provide you with the most up to date map showing the current situation. As per your conversation with Mr. Philip Troll, I have enclosed a copy of the State's Noise Policy as well as the State Highway Administration's (SHA) Sound Barrier Community Resource Guide for your information.

Thank you again for your interest. I enjoyed meeting you and will be happy to meet with you again. If you should need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (410) 545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James D. Hade".

James D. Hade, *PLA*
Team Leader
Noise Abatement Team

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

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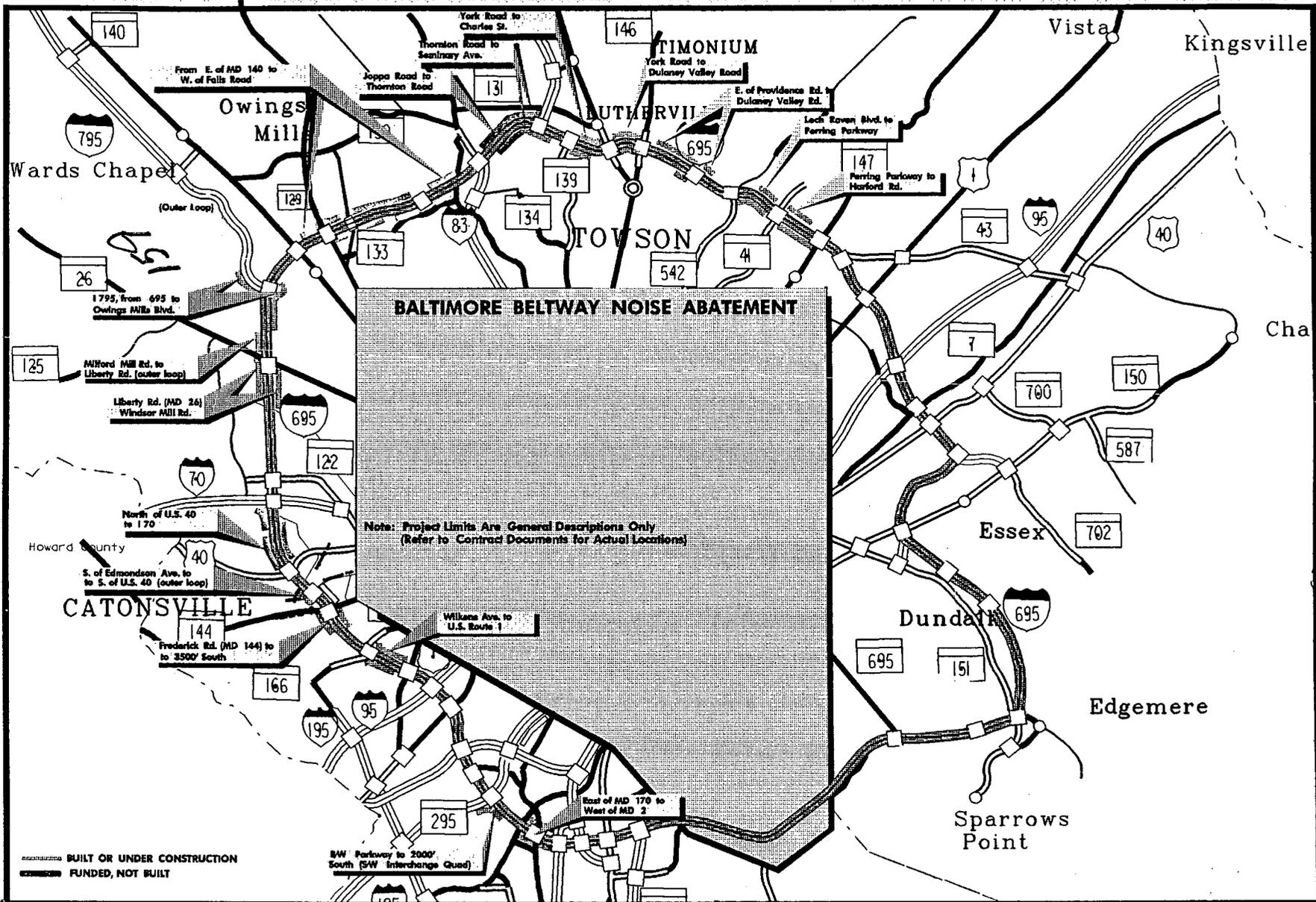
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BALTIMORE BELTWAY
NOISE BARRIER MAP





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Parris N. Glendening
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David L. Winstead
Secretary

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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February 17, 1998

Ms. Linda L. Reynolds
9200 Quintana Drive
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening as well as your active support for a sound barrier for the Burning Tree Estates area along I-495 between Bradley Boulevard and River Road. The Governor and I appreciate your patience while we considered this community's request for noise abatement and he has asked me to respond on his behalf.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Burning Tree community does meet the requirements for a sound barrier. At this time, funding for the design and construction of a barrier has not been identified. We are looking at the funding needs for this barrier and will contact you as we work through this need.

Additionally, there are a couple of issues about the construction feasibility of a barrier. In one location, the homes are approximately 50 feet above the beltway and it is questionable whether they can be protected. A stream runs parallel to the beltway along another portion of the area and there are associated floodplain issues that will need to be addressed. Further engineering is required to resolve these technical issues and I have asked my staff to provide you with the results once a determination has been made.

My telephone number is 410-545-0400

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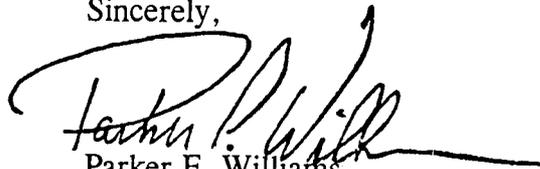
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Thank you again for your letter and your interest in the State's sound barrier program. The Governor appreciates hearing from you and, on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
Administration
The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of
Transportation

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bcc: Ms. Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Landscape Architecture Division, State Highway Administration
Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway Administration
Ms. Leslie Frelow, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration
Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, MDOT, **Serial: #7933**
Ms. Rhoda Washington, Special Assistant to the District Engineer, State Highway Administration
Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

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Jan. 30, 1998

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Governor Parris Glendening
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

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Dear Governor Glendening;

I am writing to thank you for your interest in the "Burning Tree Estates Task Force" noise barrier project.

We are pleased that you have included our area in your consideration for the construction of the noise barrier project.

Please consider funding this project in the supplementary budget. The construction of the noise barrier will definitely enhance the environment of our neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Linda Z. Reynolds
Burning Tree Estates Task Force
9200 Quintana Dr.
Bethesda, MD 20817

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7933 SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Subject : SOUND BARRIER REQUES Description : Supports funding for noise barriers in the Capital budget for the Department of Transportation.

Agency : MDOT Unit : DSI

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Deputy Secretary

February 9, 1998

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Mr. Muzio B. Roberto
Ms. Mary K. Roberto
7503 Shadywood Drive
Bethesda MD 20717

Dear Mr. Roberto and Ms. Roberto:

This letter is sent to update you on your request for a sound barrier for the Burning Tree Estates area along I-495 between Bradley Boulevard and River Road. I appreciate your patience while we considered this community's request for noise abatement.

You will be pleased to know we have determined that the Burning Tree community does meet the requirements for a sound barrier. Although funding for design and construction has not yet been identified, we are looking at the funding needs for this barrier and will keep you informed of our progress.

Several construction feasibility issues also need to be resolved. In one location, the homes are approximately 50 feet above the Beltway, and it is questionable whether they can be protected. A stream runs parallel to the Beltway along another portion of the area, and there are associated floodplain issues that will need to be addressed. Further engineering is required to resolve these technical issues, and I have asked State Highway Administration (SHA) staff to provide you with the results once a determination has been made.

Thank you again for your interest in the State's sound barrier program and your support for a barrier for the Burning Tree community. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

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cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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My telephone number is (410)-

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Ms. Mary K. Roberto
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Ms. Leslie Frelow, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, MDOT (Serial No. 10821 also)
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Parris N. Glendening
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Parker F. Williams
Administrator

January 21, 1998

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Mr. Muzio B. Roberto
Ms. Mary K. Roberto
7503 Shadywood Drive
Bethesda MD 20717

Dear Mr. and Ms. Roberto:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding a sound barrier along I-495 for the Burning Tree Estates area. The Governor shares your concern over highway noise and asked me to update you on the status of a barrier for your area.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) is finalizing a comprehensive review of the section of the beltway between Bradley Boulevard and River Road to determine if the area meets the requirements for a sound barrier based upon our revised noise policy. We expect to have the results of our reanalysis soon and, once a determination has been made, we will contact you with the results. A copy of a brochure about our sound barrier policy is enclosed for your information.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you and, on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or, toll free, at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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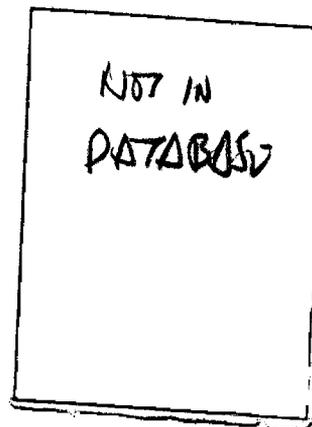
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June 25, 1998



Mr. David W. Robertson
817 Jameson Road
Lutherville MD 21093

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding a sound barrier for the Longford North community adjacent to I-83. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

A number of people in the community have written with a variety of questions. At the public meeting of June 8, a representative of the State Highway Administration (SHA) agreed to provide answers to the questions which have been raised. We are currently gathering information to respond to your request. A response will be sent to you within the next several weeks.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest, which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: The Honorable F. Vernon Boozer, Member, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable A. Wade Kach, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Martha S. Klima, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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STATE OF MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR



October 28, 1998

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PARRIS N. GLENDENING
GOVERNOR

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ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401
(410) 974-3901

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001
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TDD (410) 333-3098

Ms. Shirley D. Robertson
817 Jameson Road
Lutherville MD 21093

NOT IN DATABASE

Dear Ms. Robertson:

Since the mid-1980s, you and other members of the Longford North community have been requesting that a sound barrier be built along southbound I-83 to provide relief from traffic noise. Although Longford North was not technically eligible for the State's retrofit sound barrier program, I recently learned that on two separate occasions your community received written notification from previous administrations that this sound wall would be built.

Construction of sound barriers is important to maintaining the quality of life in our established communities. My Administration has continually focused on projects that improve the quality of life for our citizens, and it is time to do what is right and deliver on this previous commitment. That is why I have directed the Maryland Department of Transportation to work with Baltimore County to determine a funding and construction schedule for this project. In conformity with existing statewide regulations, the County will need to adopt a local noise ordinance and will be required to pay 20 percent of the estimated \$1.5 million cost to install the barrier.

You and your neighbors in Longford North are to be commended for your persistence in pursuing this project. Keeping the earlier commitment is long overdue, and I am pleased that this barrier can now become a reality.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

ROBERTSON 10/28/98

- cc: The Honorable Michael J. Finifter, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Robert L. Frank, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Paula Colodny Hollinger, Member, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable Dan K. Morhaim, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
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The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation

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bcc: Ms. Valerie Burnette Edgar, Director, Office of Communications, State Highway Administration
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Ms. Leslie Frelow, Assistant Director, Office of Administrative Services, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. John M Lewis, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. Eric Madden, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. Dave J. Malkowski, District Engineer, State Highway Administration
Ms. Linda Singer, Special Assistant to the District Engineer, State Highway Administration
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration
Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, Maryland Department of Transportation

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Deputy Secretary

June 25, 1998

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Lutherville MD 21093

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Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest, which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

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January 7, 1998

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Douglas Rosing, M.D.
Ms. Barbara Rosing
9508 Brooke Drive
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Dr. and Ms. Rosing:

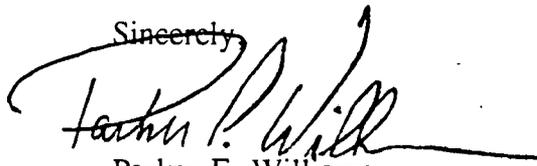
Thank you for your recent letters to Governor Glendening and Transportation Secretary Winstead supporting the construction of sound barriers on I-495, east of the I-270 Spur. The Governor and Secretary asked me to respond on their behalves.

Funding decisions for highway improvements, including sound barriers, are made annually and are presented in the Department's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP). This document includes planning, design and construction projects for the upcoming six years and is updated each January. The 1998-2003 CTP is being finalized, and new sound barriers are being evaluated. We have noted your request that a sound barrier for the Longwood community be designed and constructed.

You expressed concern about a potential 500 foot gap west of Greentree Road. The final end points of a barrier for the Longwood area will not be determined until the design phase. Our intent will be to design a barrier which will protect homes that are eligible under the provisions of our noise policy. I have enclosed a copy of a brochure that provides more information about the policy, as well as a copy of the policy itself.

Again, thank you for your letter. The Governor and Secretary appreciate hearing from you, and on their behalves, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or, toll-free in Maryland, at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,


Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Ms. Barbara Snider, Office Director to the Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation

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Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, Maryland Department of Transportation
Ms. Rhoda Washington, Special Assistant to the District Engineer, State Highway Administration

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Mrs. Samuel E. Rowley
4979 Keppler Road
Temple Hills MD 20748

Dear Mrs. Rowley:

Thank you for your recent letter to Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer for the State Highway Administration (SHA), regarding a sound barrier for the Woodlane community along I-95. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on the status of this community.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Woodlane community meets the technical requirements for a sound barrier. State policy for this type of barrier requires the local jurisdiction, in this case Prince George's County, to agree to fund 20 percent of the project's costs before we consider the availability of State funds for its design and construction. Once Prince George's County indicates its willingness to provide the local match, the schedule for both design and construction will be determined when funds are available in the Department of Transportation's capital budget. As we work through the funding process, I have asked State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you for your patience while the State Highway Administration conducted its investigation. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

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Office of District Engineer
State Highway Administration
9300 Kenilworth Avenue
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

November 23, 1998

MEMORANDUM

To: Charlie Adams, Director
Office of Environmental Design

From: Charlie Watkins
District Engineer 

Subject: Roadway Noise
Samuel E. Rowley

You will find attached a letter from Mrs. Samuel E. Rowley regarding roadway noise. She is complaining about the noise from I-95 in the vicinity of MD 5. I trust you can address her concerns. Feel free to write directly to Mrs. Rowley, and send me a carbon copy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please not hesitate to contact me at 301-513-7311 or 1-800-749-0737.

Attachment

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Oct. 25, 1998

Dear Sir,

I am writing about the noise from the beltway. The wood wall you put up has done nothing to keep the noise down in our area. You can not open the windows on a nice day because of the noise. Since you changed the Virginia Epit and put it at Auth Rd we have a lot more noise from the big trucks and etc. This neighbor ^{HOOD} was here why be fore the beltway. There is a lot more pollution since that epit was put closer

To our homes. Its bad enough to have the helicopter from Andrews and there noise. I dont live on the side of the beltway but I can hear all the noise and so do people that live on the next street. the beltway is so close to the houses on my street I dont know how they can ~~stand~~ stand it. They have checked the noise before but they did it at 2 in the afternoon and not at rush hour time and said it wasnt loud enough. that was before you changed the exit to Virginia. those big trucks make a lot of

Noise. Since we all pay
a lot of taxes I think we
could at least have a
concrete wall put up to
cut down the noise.
Thanks for all your
help in the past.

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Sincerely,

Woodlawn Citizens Assoc.

Mrs. Sammie Rowley
4979 Stepler Rd.
Temple Hills, Md.
20748

301-423-0715

Inside beltway

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November 9, 1998

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Ms. Ruth E. Royster
5401 Keppler Road
Temple Hills MD 20748-2141

Dear Ms. Royster:

This letter is a follow up to your request for a sound barrier for the Yorkshire community. The State Highway Administration has completed its review of the Yorkshire area to determine if it meets the requirements for a barrier.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Yorkshire community does meet the technical requirements for a sound barrier. This pertains to those homes built prior to the construction of I-495. Those homes that were built more recently do not qualify for consideration. Prince George's County will need to agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier costs before we consider the availability of funds for the design and construction of a barrier. Once Prince George's County indicates its willingness to provide the local match, the schedule for both design and construction will be determined when funds are available in the State's capital budget. I have asked State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of our progress as we work through the funding process.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigation. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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bcc: Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway
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Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, State Highway Administration
Mr. Eric Madden, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of
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Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, Maryland Department of Transportation
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Jim Hade
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To: Mr. Charles B. Adams
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From: RUTH E. ROYSTER
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Re: SOUND BARRIER FOR YORKSHIRE VILLAGE/TEMPLE HILLS AREA

5401 Keppler Road
Temple Hills, Maryland 20748
May 8, 1998

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Faxed: 1(410) 209-5003

Mr. Charles B. Adams
Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration
Office of Environmental Design

Re: Sound Barrier for Yorkshire Village/Temple Hills
Area Adjacent to the Capital Beltway (I-95/495)

Dear Mr. Adams:

This is in reference to your letter dated January 23, 1998. This letter stated that your next step in the process of erecting a noise barrier wall for our community would be that of completing a feasibility study and cost analysis. Though, they were scheduled to be completed by March 1, 1998 (according to Mr. James Hade), we have not received an additional information.

So, please inform me of the current status of this project. Thanks.

Sincerely,
Ruth E. Royster, Spokesperson
Keppler Road Committee
(301) 682-5755

cc James D. Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration



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State Highway Administration



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Parris N. Glendening
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Administrator

January 23, 1998

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Ms. Ruth E. Royster
5401 Keppler Road
Temple Hills MD 20748-2141

Dear Ms. Royster:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding a sound barrier for the Yorkshire Village/Temple Hills area adjacent to the Capital Beltway (I-95/495). Enclosed is a copy of the noise measurement report which shows the degree and extent to which traffic noise affects the communities.

The report shows the homes identified as having noise levels at or above the impact threshold level of 66 decibels (dBA). The noise impact assessment is based on the peak noise hours as determined in the 24-hour noise measurements. With the impacted areas identified, the next step is to determine if an effective sound barrier is feasible and to analyze the cost of a barrier. It is estimated that this analysis will be completed in the next several months, at which time we will contact you with the results. I have enclosed a brochure that provides more information about our sound barrier program.

Thank you again for your letter. If you should have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Hade of our Noise Abatement Team, who may be reached at (410) 545-8599 or, toll free, at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

Enclosure

cc: Mr. James D. Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration

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Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway
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Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, Landscape Architecture Division, State
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December 22, 1997

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Mr. Charles B. Adams
Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration
Office of Environmental Design

Re: Noise Abatement for Temple Hills
Community Adjacent to I-95/495

Dear Mr. Adams:

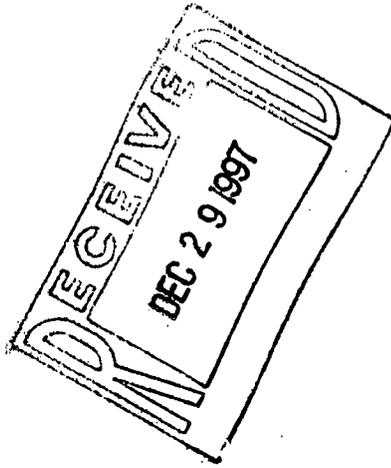
Your September 18 letter to me (with copies sent to Issac J. Gourdine, Mr. James D. Hade, and Mr. Charlie Watkins) was very encouraging. However, the conditions in our community have worsened and are steadily deteriorating. Since our original request for a sound barrier wall, the Jack Kent Cooke Stadium opened for business and after every major sports event there, motorists making their way back home across the Woodrow Wilson Bridge to Virginia clog the I-95 Highway (adjacent to our community) with traffic jams that last for hours. For a distance of 15 to 20 miles on the Maryland side of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, the noise and fumes generated by the Virginia traffic backed-up into our community make our life unbearable. This new stadium-related noise and pollution problem is in addition to the problems outlined in previous correspondence. We need relief and we need it immediately.

In the mean time, we are still waiting to obtain the results of the noise abatement study conducted by the State Highway Administration's Noise Abatement Team last Fall. Please let us know the results of that study as soon as possible. Assuming the results of that study are favorable to our community, we also need to know the time frame for constructing the sound/fume barrier wall and, thereby, alleviating these noise and pollution problems we are currently experiencing. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Ruth E. Royster
Spokesperson for Community

cc The Honorable Issac J. Gourdine, Member, Prince George's County Council
Mr. James D. Wade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
Mr. Charlie Watkins, District 3 Engineer, State Highway Administration



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from the desk of

CHARLIE ADAMS



TO: Jim/Ken DATE: 12/29

Did we promise them a copy of the results? If so, please prepare a transmittal letter for my signature.

Charlie

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November 13, 1998

Mr. Alfred L. Ryan
8508 Tallwood Road
Lutherville MD 21093

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Since the mid-1980s, you and other members of the Longford North community have been requesting that a sound barrier be built along southbound I-83 to provide relief from traffic noise. Although Longford North was not technically eligible for the State's retrofit sound barrier program, I recently learned that on two separate occasions your community received written notification from previous administrations that this sound wall would be built.

Construction of sound barriers is important to maintaining the quality of life in our established communities. My Administration has continually focused on projects that improve the quality of life for our citizens, and it is time to do what is right and deliver on this previous commitment. That is why I have directed the Maryland Department of Transportation to work with Baltimore County to determine a funding and construction schedule for this project. In conformity with existing statewide regulations, the County will need to adopt a local noise ordinance and will be required to pay 20 percent of the estimated \$1.5 million cost to install the barrier.

You and your neighbors in Longford North are to be commended for your persistence in pursuing this project. Keeping the earlier commitments is long overdue, and I am pleased that this barrier can now become a reality.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

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The Honorable Robert L. Frank, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Paula Colodny Hollinger, Member, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable Dan K. Morhaim, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
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The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation

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bcc: Ms. Valerie Burnette Edgar, Director, Office of Communications, State Highway Administration
Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway Administration
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Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. John M Lewis, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. Eric Madden, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. Dave J. Malkowski, District Engineer, State Highway Administration
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June 25, 1998

Mr. Alfred L. Ryan
8508 Tallwood Road
Lutherville MD 21093

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding a sound barrier for the Longford North community adjacent to I-83. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

We have received letters from a number of people in the community with a variety of questions. At the June 8 public meeting, a representative of the State Highway Administration (SHA) agreed to provide answers to questions raised. We are currently gathering information to respond to your requests. A response will be forwarded to you within the next several weeks.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

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Deputy Secretary

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September 9, 1998

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Ms. Carol A. Rykiel
35 Acorn Drive
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Ms. Rykiel:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding the funding for sound barriers at the Garden Farms community adjacent to US 50/301. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

As you pointed out in your letter, the issue of sound barriers for the Garden Farms area has been ongoing for quite some time. When US 50 was widened, sound barriers were not constructed with the widening because the criteria in place at that time were not met.

In the past two years, a committee of ten State legislators was convened to advise the Department on needed revisions to our sound barrier policy. A number of the eligibility criteria were broadened as a result of this review. As a result of these revisions, it has been determined that the neighborhoods north and south of US 50 between Ridgely Avenue and the Severn River now meet the requirements for barriers. Anne Arundel County also has enacted legislation to address the potential noise impact on proposed new residential development, and the County has also made the commitment to fund 20 percent of the cost of the barriers for the Garden Farms community. Now that these requirements are in place, let me assure you that your community's request for sound barriers will receive full consideration in the State's next budget cycle, which begins this Fall.

Ms. Carol Rykiel
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Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest, which prompted you to write. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



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Secretary

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June 23, 1998

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Ms. Carol A. Rykiel
35 Acorn Drive
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Ms. Rykiel:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening requesting that the funding for sound barriers for the Riverview and Lindamoore communities along US 50 be advanced. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

Now that Anne Arundel County has enacted laws to safeguard future homeowners from high noise levels and has expressed its willingness to provide 20 percent of the cost of barriers, the Riverview and Lindamoore communities meet all of the State's eligibility requirements. Unfortunately, the number of sound barrier needs exceeds our ability to fund them all at once. All of the funds in our current Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) for Fiscal Years 1998-2003 have been allocated to projects on which prior commitments had been made. We will give full consideration to funding the design and construction of the Riverview and Lindamoore barriers in the next CTP cycle, which begins this Fall.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

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Ms. Carol A. Rykiel
35 Acorn Drive
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Ms. Rykiel:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding noise levels in the Garden Farms community adjacent to US 50/301. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

There are two circumstances in which the State Highway Administration (SHA) considers the need for sound barriers. These are referred to as Type I and Type II. With the Type I program, sound barriers for identified existing communities, when warranted, are built in conjunction with new roadway construction or expansion of existing highways. When deciding where to build a barrier, an environmental analysis is performed during the highway planning phase to determine if noise impacts will occur and if they can be reduced for a reasonable cost.

Type II, or retrofit, sound barriers involve the construction of barriers for communities that predate the original highway. If existing noise levels equal or exceed the impact threshold, and an effective barrier can be built for a reasonable cost a community would be eligible for a barrier.

From an historical perspective, the Garden Farms area has been considered under both the Type I and Type II programs. It was identified and studied as far back as 1980-81, when the original Type I environmental impact studies were conducted for the now completed widening of US 50/301. Though the area was identified as potentially impacted and a possible candidate for noise abatement, the only commitment made at that time was to further consider the area during the final detailed design phase of the US 50/301 widening project. In the interim, SHA also worked to develop a formal policy on sound barriers, which would then serve as the basis for all barrier decisions. The original policy was formally adopted in April, 1987. In the Type I design reanalysis report also completed in 1987, the Garden Farms communities on both sides of US 50/301, east of Ridgeley Avenue were considered. However, based on the policy criteria in effect at the time, sound barriers were not included as part of the widening because the increase in noise resulting from the widening was predicted to be negligible compared to the condition in which no improvements were made. In addition, the costs for sound barriers associated with the project were above the prevailing limits at the time.

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Subsequent analysis determined that the area should be reconsidered under the Type II program as the result of revisions to the policy. However, due to funding constraints, we could not make any commitments to detailed studies of new sound barrier projects until such time as projects in the original program were completed or underway. In fact until the most recent announcement, our records indicate no formal commitments to funding of sound barriers in this area have ever been made. If, as you indicate, you have in your possession evidence to the contrary, we would be most interested to review it.

Since its original issuance in 1987, our policy on sound barriers has undergone several revisions, which have resulted in reconsideration, and ultimately, approval of a number of new projects, including Garden Farms. I want to assure you that we will work for the earliest possible completion of this project.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

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August 19, 1998

The Honorable Parris Glendening
Governor
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

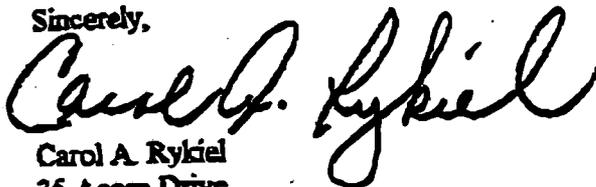
Dear Governor Glendening:

As a resident of Garden Farms, I am more than anxious to know what you can do to help our neighborhood. I have enclosed an article from the Capital, dated April 3, 1998, that deals with funding for a noise barrier for our community. I waited this long to see if an injustice was put right before I contacted you concerning this dilemma, but as you will see nothing has been done.

My family and I live right off of Route 50. You can see the signs and lights from many rooms in our home. When we bought the property we did consider the noise and thought we would be able to tolerate the noise once we were accustomed to it. **NOT TRUE!** In our home we have to adjust the volume on the television on high to hear it because of the noise from the highway. To be able to hear someone talking to you in our yard is impossible unless you are right next to them. We did buy this home with our eyes wide open, but we were not aware of 71 or more decibels of noise level. This neighborhood was allocated the funds for sound barrier walls many years ago and there is documentation to substantiate this fact. I can not understand how this has gone on for so long with no one being held accountable for not getting the walls up when they were promised and also budgeted. I know that Delegates Michael Busch and Phillip Bissett have been involved in this matter and we have even received a letter from the Highway Department saying we have been approved and will be considered in the next 4 years to see if funds can be appropriated at that time. Excuse me Governor, but the funds were appropriated long ago and still no wall. What happened and why? No one seems to be the least concerned about this error and I feel this is a great concern. The County is in agreement that a wall is called for because of the high volume of noise. I don't think I am out of line in saying just who does one have to know to keep your hearing intact. This should have been grandfathered in during this past session and I see no reason why it was not. Walls are going up everywhere and are the noise decibels as high as they are in our community?

I await your response and thank you in advance for any intervention that you can make that will enable us to have a wall and once again be able to hear without straining in our own home.

Sincerely,



Carol A. Rykiel
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Annapolis, MD 21401
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FRIDAY
April 9, 1984

State delays noise wall funding

By LESLIE CHOOK
Staff Writer

Residents of an Annapolis-area neighborhood say the state has turned a deaf ear to their complaints of dangerous noise levels coming from Route 60 just east of the Severn River.

The State Highway Administration isn't planning to pay for the walls for three to five years, despite the fact that the county rushed through zoning changes to qualify for the money earlier this year.

"We're being put off by one person after another," said Beverly Creighton, who has spent much of her life at Garden Farms.

"The county did their part, the state should do theirs, but every body seems to be able to find a problem and it's not fair."

The County Council imposed

through new laws Feb. 2 requiring developers to build new homes farther from busy highways. The change was necessary before the state would fund noise abatement walls for existing neighborhoods, including those represented by the Garden Farms Community Association.

The neighborhood runs along both sides of Route 60 between Howe Boulevard and the Severn River Bridge. Some homes are within 100 feet of the highway, and noise has increased in recent years as the highway has been widened and traffic has multiplied.

"The vast majority of these homes were built before there was a road," said Del. Michael S. Busch, D-Annapolis.

Some lawmakers and residents said they were led to believe that the new law would result in a new

wall. "We were under the impression the funds would be available soon," said Karen Cook, legislative aide to County Councilman Bill Mulford, R-Annapolis.

But SHA spokesman Ross Kuhlmann said no funding is available until sometime after 1984. Mr. Busch said the budget for noise wall construction appears set through 1988.

"This bill they're all down and do the deeds. They bill us the project (lined up) have qualified," said Jim Sizer. "This project has qualified all along but has been overlooked and should be grandfathered in."

"They have shown interest in trying to move us up on the funding list. There is no question this project should be funded in a timely and immediate fashion."

Mr. Busch said he's knocked on every door from the governor on down and will continue to do so until something is done.

But every day's some like an eternity to frustrated Garden Farms residents. They have watched as new homes were built and sound barriers were constructed to protect them, while they continue to be bombarded by highway noise.

The noise levels have become dangerous at the Creightons' house, where community association president Lyle Creighton said SHA studies found a noise level of 71 decibels. The maximum acceptable level under state standards is 60.

"The noise is worse at many of their neighbors' homes, according to the Creightons."

"When you hit 60, according to the data, you begin to get damage to



Sound barriers requested

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RE-WRITE

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Donna Austin
SHA

FROM: Judy Weeks
MDOT

DATE: August 31, 1998

SUBJECT: Noise Barrier letter - serial 9364 (Carol Rykiel)

Please see Dale's note on the attached letter -- paragraph two.

I guess it should be rewritten?????

Mr. Rob Schott
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Ms. Carol A. Rykiel
35 Acorn Drive
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Ms. Rykiel:

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As you pointed out in your letter, the issue of sound barriers for the Garden Farms area has been ongoing for quite some time. When US 50 was widened, the requirements for sound barriers were not met and, as a result, barriers were not constructed. With recent revisions to our statewide sound barrier policy, it has been determined that the neighborhoods north and south of US 50 between Ridgely Avenue and the Severn River now meet the requirements for barriers. Anne Arundel County also has enacted legislation to address the potential noise impact on proposed new residential development, and the County has also made the commitment to fund 20 percent of the cost of the barriers for the Garden Farms community. Now that these requirements are in place, let me assure you that your community's request for sound barriers will receive full consideration in the State's next budget cycle, which begins this Fall.

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In the past two years, a committee of ten State legislators was convened to advise the Department on needed revisions to our sound barrier policy. A number of the eligibility criteria were broadened as a result of the policy review. As a result of these revisions, it has been determined that the neighborhoods north and south of US 50 between Ridgely Avenue and the Severn River now meet the requirements for barriers. Anne Arundel County also has enacted legislation to address the potential noise impact on proposed new residential development, and the County has also made the commitment to fund 20 percent of the cost of the barriers for the Garden Farms community. Now that these requirements are in place, let me assure you that your community's request for sound barriers will receive full consideration in the State's next budget cycle, which begins this Fall.



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June 29, 1998

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Ms. Christian Rykiel
35 B Acorn Drive
Annapolis MD 21401

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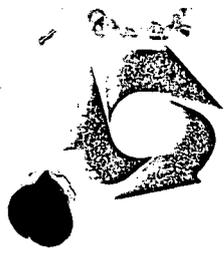
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Mr. Walter M. Rykiel
16 Acorn Drive
Annapolis MD 21401

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November 9, 1998

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Mr. Richard Rynd
8570 Leisure Hill Drive
Baltimore MD 21208

Dear Mr. Rynd:

Thank you for your letter to Mr. Jack Luskin, State Roads Commissioner, requesting a sound barrier for the Woodholme Avenue community along I-695. Your letter was forwarded to me. I appreciate the opportunity to address your request.

The Woodholme Avenue community is being evaluated to determine if it meets the requirements for a sound barrier. This evaluation will determine if the following technical criteria are met:

- the majority of the affected homes predate the highway;
- the existing noise levels equal or exceed the 66 decibel impact threshold; and
- an effective barrier can be built for a reasonable cost.

If these criteria are met, Baltimore County must enact a local noise-control ordinance to address noise impacts on new development. Assuming such an ordinance is enacted, the County must also commit to pay 20 percent of the barrier cost before the State will consider funding such a barrier.

The technical analysis should be completed by the end of January. Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, and his staff will share the results with you as soon as they are available. Enclosed for your use in the meantime is a copy of the State's Sound Barrier Policy and a Community Resource Guide.

My telephone number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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Thank you again for your letter. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth L. Homer, Deputy
for Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Michael J. Finifter, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
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The Honorable Paula Colodny Hollinger, Member, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable Jack Luskin, Member, State Roads Commission
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870 LINDSAY HILL DRIVE
BALTIMORE, MD 21286-1340

FAX -- 1 page
To: Jack Luskin
From: Bonnie Ford
40-545-5566

October 15, 1998

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Mr. Jack Luskin
c/o Bonnie Ford (C-610)
State Highway Administration
PO Box 717
Baltimore, MD 21203-0717

Dear Rick:

I hope this letter finds you and your family in the best of health. We briefly talked about the area along route 695 from Reisterstown Road South, the outer loop of the beltway. There has never been a sound barrier. Those sound barriers should have been put up when Route 695 was being constructed. We noticed now, that other barriers are going up where the new construction for the widening of the beltway is being done. A perfect example is on route 70, where sound barriers are being put up, but route 70 is not being widened. The area along Woodholme Avenue, needs these sound barriers. There are about four or five homes there, one of which is an Assisted Living Center, that have been on this road prior to the construction of route 695. The neighbors on this street see no reason why they couldn't have the same noise protection that others have that are along the beltway.

I would appreciate it very much if you could look into this, as a Member of the State Road Commission. If at any time, you would like me to meet with the people of the Department of Transportation, I would be happy to do so. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Richard Rynd

JACK LUSKIN
2022 Greenspring Valley Road
Stevenson, Maryland 21153
(410) 290-1111

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October 26, 1998

Mr. Parker Williams
State Highway Administration
707 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Dear Parker,

I know that the sound barrier discussions have reached epic proportions as evidenced by our last meeting in Anne Arundel County.

However, I am attaching herewith a letter from one of our constituents in Baltimore County as to his need for possible sound barrier.

After review, you can contact me so that I can advise Mr. Rynd of the status of his request.

Best personal regards,

Jack Luskin
Jack Luskin

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Attachment

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**Maryland Department of Transportation
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August 13, 1998

Parris N. Glendening
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Dr. Martin R. Schiller
6518 North Point Road
Edgemere MD 21219

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Dear Dr. Schiller:

This letter is a follow up to your recent telephone conversations with my Special Assistant, Natalie Hardy, requesting a sound barrier for your community adjacent to MD 20 (North Point Road). I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your inquiry.

Our sound barrier program only applies to highways that have full control of access, i.e. those highways that allow access to and from the highway at interchanges. The Baltimore Beltway is such a facility. North Point Road (MD 20) is not a controlled access highway and we are unable to consider a sound barrier. The main reason that our program does not apply to highways such as MD 20 centers on the fact that with the presence of numerous access points (driveways, side streets, etc.) a sound barrier is not feasible. Sound barriers need to be continuous to be effective and breaks in a barrier for access to adjacent properties would eliminate the effectiveness of a barrier.

You also requested that the State Highway Administration perform noise measures for your community. When it is determined that a community is not eligible for our program, no further analysis including noise measurements is undertaken. To do so, would raise expectations that could not be met.

Thank you again for your interest and I regret that I could not give you a more positive response to your inquiry. If you should have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Hardy who may be reached at (410) 545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams

Director

Office of Environmental Design

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The Honorable Joseph J. Minnick, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Jake Mohorovic, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
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July 30, 1998

Dr. Martin R. Schiller
6518 North Point Road
Edgemere MD 21219

Dear Dr. Schiller:

Thank you for your recent inquiry requesting information about the State's Sound Barrier Program. In regards to your telephone call, enclosed are copies of the State's Sound Barrier Policy for you and the members of your community.

Thank you again for your interest. It was a pleasure to talk to you. If you should need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Natalie B. Hardy
Special Assistant to the Director
Office of Environmental Design

Enclosures

cc: Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration

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Dr. Martin R. Schiller
Ms. Noraisha I. Schiller
6518 North Point Road
Edgemere MD 21219

Dear Doctor and Ms. Schiller:

In your letter of May 28 you raised an number of issues related to the dualization of I-695, one of which involved sound barriers. I have been attempting to get in contact with you, however we could find no accurate telephone number for either of you or any of the co-signers of your letter.

I would like to discuss a letter with you to see if there are any area where we could offer some assistance. At your convenience, please call me at either 410-545-8600 or 1-800-446-5962.

Thank you again for you interest in the State's Sound Barrier program. I look forward to talking with you soon.

Sincerely,

Philip Troll
Noise Abatement Team

cc: Charles B. Adams, Director for Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. James D. Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, State Highway Administration
Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration
Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

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bcc: Ms. Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Landscape Architecture Division, State Highway
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June 22, 1998

Dr. Martin R. and Noraisha I. Schiller
6518 North Point Road
Edgemere MD 21219

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Dear Dr. and Mrs. Schiller:

Thank you for your recent letters regarding issues related to the dualization of I-695 near your home which you sent to the Maryland Public Service Commission and to Baltimore County's Fair Practices and Community Affairs Office. Since state roads are involved, both forwarded the letters to the State Highway Administration (SHA), and asked us to look into the issues you raised.

Although MD 20 (North Point Road), MD 151 (North Point Boulevard) and MD 158 (Bethlehem Boulevard) are State highways, the road project you mention in your letter is being constructed by the Maryland Transportation Authority (MdTA). I am forwarding your letter to Executive Secretary Thomas L. Osborne for him to respond to your questions and concerns related to the construction and the conduct of the contractor. Mr. Osborne can be reached at 410-288-8410.

The other concerns brought up in your letter are more appropriately addressed by the SHA. We would like to respond to them in the order set out in your letter, as follows:

1. **Truck Weight Restrictions.** A review of our files and video logs of the past six years does not indicate SHA had a truck restriction on the section of MD 20 in the Edgemere area. Although your letter noted that the sign in place prior to construction prohibited trucks over 1.5 tons, by law we cannot place a weight restriction of less than 5 tons on a state highway.
2. **Upgrade the Roadway.** We are planning to resurface MD 20, from MD 718 and the new connection to MD 151, which should provide a smoother roadway and, as a result, less vibration.. This is the section in front of your home.
3. **Enforce the Speed Limit.** Our District Traffic Engineers will evaluate the speed limit along MD 20, from the 6500 block to the 6900 block, to determine the existing travel speeds and then determine whether there is justification for changing the speed limit. Speed limits are based on speeds driven by the reasonable and prudent motorist and other criteria within that particular type of roadway. We expect to have the results of the evaluation by the end of July. We will contact you with the results and recommendations shortly afterward.

410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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4. **Speed Bumps.** SHA does not install speed bumps on state highways, because State highways are usually the main routes throughout the state, and the posted speeds on them are so high that speed bumps would be a hazard to the motoring public. Additionally, speed bumps would be likely to make any existing vibration worse because motorists would be negotiating them at a fairly high speed.
5. **Install a Traffic Signal.** There are numerous intersections along this section of MD 20, and it would not be feasible to conduct the necessary evaluations at all of them. If you believe a signal is needed at a specific location, please contact District Engineer David J. Malkowski, who can schedule an evaluation. These evaluations are necessary to determine whether certain requisite conditions exist suggesting a signal would be warranted.
6. **Sound Barriers:** A member of the Maryland State Highway Administration's Noise Abatement Team will contact you shortly to learn more about your situation.
7. **Divert Traffic.** In your letter, you noted that MD 20 in front of your home had a "much higher traffic level than before." A search of our files indicates the Average Daily Traffic along MD 20, between MD 718 and MD 151, was 12,500 in 1987, but only 11,925 in 1996. Although this is a slight reduction, it is an indication that the traffic level has been relatively consistent over the past ten years. As a result, we do not feel it is prudent to divert existing traffic. In fact, a majority of the traffic using this section of the road is commuter traffic generated by residents who live in the area and farther down the Patapsco Peninsula.

Thank you again for your letters. I hope this information adequately addresses your concerns. When I have the results of the evaluation of speeds along MD 20, I will let you know what we have decided. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact District Engineer David J. Malkowski at 410-321-2810, or 1-800-962-3077.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: The Honorable C.A. "Dutch" Ruppensberger, County Executive, Baltimore County
Mr. David J. Malkowski, District Engineer, State Highway Administration
Mr. Thomas L. Osborne, Executive Secretary, Maryland Transportation Authority
Mr. Joseph Williams, Utility Affairs Specialist, Maryland Public Service Commission

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bcc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA
Ms. Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Landscape Architecture Division, State Highway
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Ms. Winnie Carpenter, Baltimore County Executive's Office
Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway
Administration
Mr. James D. Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, State Highway Administration
Mr. David Ramsey, Assistant District Engineer for Maintenance, SHA
Mr. Randall Scott, Assistant District Engineer for Traffic, SHA
Mrs. Linda Singer, Community Liaison, SHA
Mr. Ron Smith, Engineering Division, MdTA
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

5/18/98

Dr. Martin R. Schiller
6518 North Point Rd.
Edgemere, Maryland 21219

Public Service Commission
6 St. Paul Centre
Baltimore, MD

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing on behalf of several single-family homes on North Point Road in Edgemere, MD. Construction on the beltway has caused damage to at least 6 homes on this block due to violent shaking caused by heavy construction machinery during October and November of 1997. Several of the residents in these homes (listed below) have lived here for more than 25 years. Although we are not experts, we all know that before the construction our houses did not shake like they do now, even when a light weight car passes on North Point Rd. Before construction there was a weight limit sign on this road restricting the weight limit on through traffic for trucks to 1.5 tons. We suspect this weight limit reflects the design of the road. We now have 18 wheel trucks carrying heavy loads passing by well above the speed limit and shaking our houses violently.

We realize with road construction and the rerouting of traffic not everyone will be happy, and we have obviously been on the sad side of this story. We all have damages to our homes that are likely to continue with the current daily shaking of our homes. I have noticed that several homes on this road are now for sale. We have difficulty getting in or out of our driveways, crossing the street on foot, getting our mail, and several accidents have already occurred in front of our homes creating an extremely unsafe situation for us, and the children in our neighborhood. We have a much higher traffic volume than before, high traffic noise, and our houses shake even when passenger cars pass, all a consequence of the recent and ongoing construction. We have attempted to resolve this matter with the state hired Cherry Hill Construction Company starting in October, 1997. After dragging their heels for six months they decided that they were in no way responsible for any damages. I can forward a letter to you upon request. Reading the underlying tone of their first letter in December an imbecile could have predicted this outcome.

We are good honest taxpaying citizens with reputable jobs contributing to the community in numerous ways including Steel mill operators, a principal at the local High School, and a brain tumor scientist at Johns Hopkins University. Please do any or all of the following as many of us are now considering moving even though we have lived here for a long time and love the area: 1. Put back the control the weight limit for trucks passing by. 2. upgrade the road so the trucks do not cause our houses to shake, 3. enforce the speed limit to reduce road noise, 4. install speed bumps to reduced the speed of traffic, 5. Install a traffic light, 6. Install walls on properties for noise reduction, 7. divert of some of the large traffic volume now passing through our street, and/or reimburse us for damages incurred by the road construction. We are asking that you stop further damage to our homes. This letter is a cry for help.

Sincerely,

Mart Schiller

Dr. Martin R. and Noraisba I. Schiller

*Hazel & John Kloock
George & Patricia Moran
Paul & Joyce Davis
Hesold & Dorothy Korman*

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December 10, 1998

Mr. Ken Schmid
Traffic Concepts
8528 Veterans Highway
Millersville MD 21108

Dear Mr. Schmid:

This is a follow-up to your recent telephone inquiry requesting a copy of Maryland's Sound Barrier Policy. Thank you for your interest. As discussed, enclosed is a copy of the Sound Barrier Policy. If you have any further questions, feel free to call me at 410-545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James D. Hade".

James D. Hade
Noise Abatement Team Leader

cc: Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, State Highway Administration

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Responding to letter dated: Telephone call 12/08/98

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From: Jim Hade
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Thanks

Jim

RE: Sturbridge

CC: NHardy



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April 6, 1998

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Mr. Paul Schroder
PO Box 27
Gunpowder Branch
APG, MD 21010

Dear Mr. Schroder:

Thank you for your recent phone call concerning a sound barrier for the Longford North community adjacent to I-83. As promised I have attached a copy of our Sound Barrier Policy and a Community Resource Guide.

As I noted during our conversation the Longford North community was part of a recent review of several communities to determine if they met the revised requirements of the State's Sound Barrier Policy. In addition to meeting other criteria which are designed to ensure State funded barriers are provided in the most equitable manner possible, a community must predate the system opening of the original highway. For I-83 we hold 1962 as the system opening date. Unfortunately, your community does not meet this criteria and is ineligible for a State funded barrier.

Again thank you for your interest in the State's sound barrier program. I regret that we cannot provide you with a more positive response to your inquiry. If you have any questions concerning the information provided, please call me at (401) 545-8598 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred Eisen".

Fred Eisen
Project Manager
Noise Abatement Team

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design
Mr. Jim Hade, Team Leader, Noise Abatement Team
Mr. Dave Malkowski, District Engineer

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bcc: Ms. Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Landscape Architecture Division
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, Office of Environmental Design

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November 13, 1998

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schroeder
8600 Valleyfield Road
Lutherville MD 21093

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder:

Since the mid-1980s, you and other members of the Longford North community have been requesting that a sound barrier be built along southbound I-83 to provide relief from traffic noise. Although Longford North was not technically eligible for the State's retrofit sound barrier program, I recently learned that on two separate occasions your community received written notification from previous administrations that this sound wall would be built.

Construction of sound barriers is important to maintaining the quality of life in our established communities. My Administration has continually focused on projects that improve the quality of life for our citizens, and it is time to do what is right and deliver on this previous commitment. That is why I have directed the Maryland Department of Transportation to work with Baltimore County to determine a funding and construction schedule for this project. In conformity with existing statewide regulations, the County will need to adopt a local noise ordinance and will be required to pay 20 percent of the estimated \$1.5 million cost to install the barrier.

You and your neighbors in Longford North are to be commended for your persistence in pursuing this project. Keeping the earlier commitments is long overdue, and I am pleased that this barrier can now become a reality.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

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Mr. Eric Madden, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation
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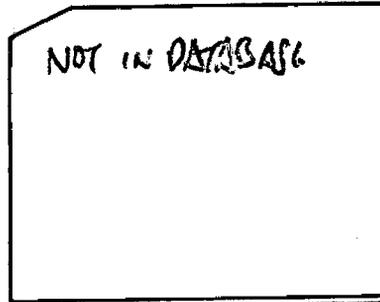
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Lutherville MD 21093



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June 29, 1998

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Mr. Fred W. Schroeter
8610 Valleyfield Road
Lutherville MD 21093

Dear Mr. Schroeter:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding a sound barrier for the Longford North community adjacent to I-83. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

A number of people in the community have written with a variety of questions. At the public meeting of June 8, a representative of the State Highway Administration (SHA) agreed to provide answers to the questions which have been raised. We are currently gathering information to respond to your request. A response will be forwarded to you within the next several weeks.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

- cc: The Honorable F. Vernon Boozer, Member, Senate of Maryland
- The Honorable A. Wade Kach, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
- The Honorable Martha S. Klima, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
- Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
- Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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August 4, 1998

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Ms. Susan D. Schwarten
8578 Autumn Harvest Court
Ellicott City MD 21043

Dear Ms. Schwarten:

Senator Edward Kasemeyer sent me your recent letter to him regarding noise related to changes resulting from the MD 100 highway project, and I am responding at his request. I appreciate the opportunity to address the specific questions raised in your letter, which I will address in the order he listed them.

The analysis of potential future noise impacts was based upon the latest alignment of MD 100, including the new westbound highway, which will indeed be closer to your home than the existing highway is. A review of the previous environmental impact study done in July 1989 and the supplemental environmental impact statement from 1994 shows that the alignment proposed then is the same as the one now under construction. Originally, MD 100 at this location was built as a single two-lane roadway and opened to two-way traffic in 1994. The location of this roadway when it was completed essentially fixed the ultimate alignment of MD 100 in this area when it becomes a four-lane highway. The original road will serve as the two eastbound lanes of the dualized highway.

Predicted future noise levels are based on projections of future traffic volumes that would produce the highest hourly noise levels, which would be noise generated during peak traffic hours, in the year 2020. The forecast noise levels are average levels for a one-hour period. Based upon our past noise measurements, the only instances in which the noise levels for your location exceed 66 decibels (dBA) from MD 100 are those associated with individual loud vehicles passing by the area. These are maximum instantaneous levels, not average levels, and are thus not suitable for comparison. The noise analysis predicted the 2020 average noise level to be 57 dBA at your home and 60 dBA at your neighbor's home closest to the highway.

Only homes anticipated either to have average noise levels in excess of the 66 decibel impact threshold, or to experience an increase in the average noise level of 10 decibels or more will be considered for noise abatement. Homes that do not meet either of these criteria will not be considered for a sound barrier.

My telephone number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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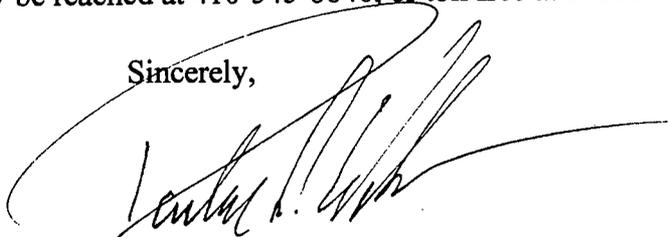
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In Columbia Hills, the home closest to MD 100 is 250 feet from the edge of the nearest travel lane. On Autumn Harvest Court, the shortest distance from the nearest home after the dualization of MD 100 will be 425 feet. Because of this difference in the distance, the future average noise levels at Columbia Hills were forecast to exceed the 66 decibel impact threshold, and noise levels at Autumn Harvest Court were not forecast to exceed the impact threshold.

The termination points of the berms and barrier were designed to protect the projected areas of noise impact: Brampton Hills and Wheatfields. The two sections of earth berms were not connected because the area between them was determined not to be impacted. A berm or barrier in that location would provide very little benefit to you because the distance between the highway and the community is too great. In addition, if a berm were built in this area, wetland impacts to the adjacent stream and associated floodplain would cause serious environmental concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify our position on the issues you have raised. I trust this information has been helpful. I am sorry that we cannot offer a more positive response. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles Adams, Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640, or toll free at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: The Honorable Elizabeth Bobo, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
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Responding to letter dated: July 14, 1998 from Senator Kasemeyer, In a 7/22/98 call to his office, Charlene asked that we respond directly to Schwarten and CC him. She faxed the Schwarten letter to us for our information and use.

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8578 Autumn Harvest
Ellicott City, MD 21043

June 15, 1998

RE: MD 100 Noise Levels

The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer
309 James Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Senator Kasemeyer,

I apologize for the delay in pursuing this issue but I have had some health problems.

Enclosed are copies of all of the correspondence I have received to date. The most recent letter from Secretary Winsted includes a copy of a study that is apparently the basis for his denial of any additional consideration. The study is based on an estimate generated by a computer model of the PROBABLE increase in noise level due to the highway construction.

Mr. Pulcuk, the individual who visited my home and conducted a noise level study, described the computer model to me. I had asked for a synopsis of the basis of the assumptions built into the model. I had also requested that the noise level study be re-done upon the completion of MD 100 and during a peak traffic time, not at 2 P.M. on a weekday.

I am very concerned about the notation on the map that accompanies the letter from Mr. Winsted in that it appears to not include my property with the dwellings of the correct Homeowners' Association. Those dwellings do and will continue to enjoy not only an earth berm but a noise wall due to the construction of MD 100 while my immediate neighbors, who are all members of the same Association, are subjected to increasing noise levels based on an estimate that is obviously inaccurate.

I am very pleased with both the tone and the manner of the responses I have received from the Department of Transportation personnel. I am not pleased with the content. Most of the issues I raised in my letter dated July 10, 1997 were not addressed. Specifically:

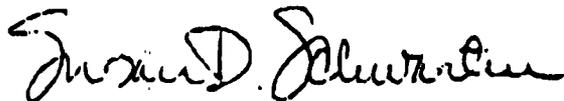
1. The location of MD 100 was NOT established at the time of our dwelling's construction. There were multiple public meetings concerning the "S" curve proposal, most of them due to complaints on the part of property owners in Columbia Hills. The road is closer to my dwelling now than in the original proposal. Was this considered in the estimate?
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I am very concerned that the issues I have raised will not be addressed before construction on MD 100 is completed and there are four lanes of car and truck traffic that reduces my property value as well as the quality of life my neighbors and I now enjoy.

I would ask that you look into this issue and advise me as to my options. Do I have any legal recourse? Who else can I contact?

Respectfully,

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Susan D. Schwartz

cc: David L. Winsted, Secretary, Department of Transportation
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COMMENTS: Per our phone conversation.
Charles Spindler

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Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director
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Charlie
Dear Mr. Adams:

As you may be aware, I have received a letter dated June 15, 1998 from Susan D. Schwarten of 8578 Autumn Harvest, Ellicott City, MD 21043, copied to David L. Winsted, Secretary, Department of Transportation.

I commend the prompt, courteous response that your agency has shown in responding to Mrs. Schwarten's concerns, but in reviewing my files, I cannot find answers to the questions raised in her latest letter, namely;

1. The location of MD 100 was NOT established at the time of our dwelling's construction. There were multiple public meetings concerning the "S" curve proposal, most of them due to complaints on the part of property owners in Columbia Hills. The road is closer to my dwelling now than in the original proposal. Was this considered in the estimate?
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I believe you will agree with me that these are viable concerns that should be addressed. If you have not already done so, I would appreciate it if you would directly respond to these issues to Mrs. Schwarten with a copy to me. I am hoping that a satisfactory resolution exists for those living in this area.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Kasemeyer
State Senator

EJK:acs
cc: Mrs. Susan D. Schwarten

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Ms. Susan D. Schwarten
8578 Autumn Harvest Court
Ellicott City MD 21043

Dear Ms. Schwarten:

I am responding to your recent letter to Senator Edward Kasemeyer regarding noise as it relates to the MD 100 highway project. I appreciate the opportunity to address the specific questions raised in your letter. I will address them in order as you have listed them.

Regarding the actual location of the MD 100 roadway, the analysis of potential future noise impacts was based upon the latest alignment, including the new westbound roadway that will indeed be closer to your home than the existing roadway. A review of the previous environmental impact study dating back to July 1989 and the supplemental environmental impact statement from 1994, shows that the proposed alignment is the same as that which is now under construction. The original roadway was built as a single two-lane roadway and opened to two-way traffic in 1994. The completion of this roadway essentially fixed the ultimate alignment of dualized MD 100 in this area. The original roadway will serve as the eastbound road of the dualized facility.

Regarding the issue of peak traffic times and noise, the predicted future noise levels are based future traffic volumes that would produce the highest hourly noise levels in the year 2020. The forecast noise levels are average levels for a one-hour period (also called the "equivalent sound level" or Leq). Based upon our past noise measurements, the only instances where the noise levels exceed 66 decibels from MD 100 for your location are those associated with individual loud vehicles passing by the area. These are the maximum instantaneous levels, or Lmax, not average levels and are thus, not suitable for comparison. Also, the noise analysis predicted the 2020 average noise level to be 57 dBA at your home and 60 dBA at your neighbor's home closest to the highway.

Only homes that were anticipated to have Leq noise levels either 1) in excess of the 66 decibel impact threshold, or 2) that will experience an increase in the average noise level of 10 decibels or more would be considered for noise abatement. Homes that do not meet either of these criteria would not be considered for a sound barrier.

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Regarding the Columbia Hills community, the closest home is 250 feet from the edge of the closest travel lane. With the dualization of MD 100, which does bring the highway closer to your community, the closet distance will be 425 feet from the nearest home on Autumn Harvest Court. Because of this differential in the distance, the future average noise levels at Columbia Hills were forecast to exceed the 66 decibel impact threshold and Autumn Harvest Court was not forecast to exceed the impact threshold.

The termination points of the berms and barrier were designed to protect the projected areas of noise impact: Brampton Hills, and Wheatfields. The two sections of earth berms were not connected because the area in between was not determined to be impacted. A berm, or barrier, in that location would also provide very little benefit because of the large distance between the highway and your community. The associated cost could not be justified for an area that would not be impacted. Also, additional wetland impacts to the adjacent stream and associated floodplain would occur if a berm were to be built in this area and this cannot be justified for so little benefit.

I appreciate this opportunity to clarify the issues you have raised, and trust this information has been helpful. I am sorry that we cannot offer a more positive response. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles Adams, Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at (410)545-8640, or toll free at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer, Member, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable Elizabeth Bobo, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
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Administration

Ms. Susan D Schwarten
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Responding to letter dated: July 14, 1998 from Senator Kasemeyer, In a 7/22/98 call to his office, Charlene asked that we respond directly to Schwarten and CC him. She faxed the Schwarten letter to us for our information and use.

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November 20, 1998

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Mr. Paul Schwartz
P.O. Box 246
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

Thank you for your recent letter to Mr. James Hade of this office regarding your request for a sound barrier adjacent to MD 140. I appreciate this opportunity to respond to your questions.

The presence of noise levels of 66 decibels or greater is only one of the criteria that have to be in the consideration of eligibility for a sound barrier. The General Eligibility Criteria, on the back panel of the 'Community Resource Guide', are in addition to the Type I, or Type II Criteria. I am sorry if there was confusion on how the criteria are applied. If the noise level criterion is met, the affected homes have to predate the highway for consideration under the Type II or retrofit component of our program. Since the homes in your community all postdate the original construction of MD 140 we cannot consider a barrier under the Type II provisions.

The most recent changes to MD 140 in 1994, added a truck climbing lane to the southbound roadway and added a median and the traffic signals that you referred to. The purpose of these improvements was to address safety issues along this section of the highway. The Type I aspect of our sound barrier program applies where through traffic capacity increase improvements are proposed. This would include the addition of more lanes to handle increases in traffic, such as expanding from four lanes to six lanes. The addition of the truck-climbing lane does not provide for an increase in through capacity to the highway, and therefore we did not consider sound barriers in conjunction with those improvements.

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Thank you again for your letter. I am sorry that we cannot give you a more positive response to your request. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Hade at 410-545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



Charles B. Adams
Director
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Mr. Paul Schwartz
P.O. Box 246
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Dear Mr. Schwartz:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your request for a sound barrier adjacent to MD 140. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your questions.

There are two circumstances in which the State Highway Administration (SHA) considers the need for sound barriers. These are referred to as Type I and Type II. Type I sound barriers are considered in conjunction with new highway construction or the expansion of existing highways where through capacity is added. An environmental analysis is performed during the highway planning phase to determine if future noise levels will equal or exceed the impact threshold of 67 decibels (dBA) and, if so, whether they can be reduced for a reasonable cost. Affected homes must predate the approval date of the highway improvements for a barrier to be considered.

Note for reviewer

100% State funds, No Environmental documents available.

Maryland Route 140 was constructed between 1918 and 1947, before environmental analyses were required for highway development. In 1994 a truck climbing lane was added to the southbound roadway with the other safety improvements that you referred to. The truck climbing lane does not provide for an increase in through capacity to the highway, and therefore is not considered eligible for Type I consideration. An example of a through capacity improvement would be the addition of a continuous lane from MD 91 to I-795.

Type II, or retrofit, sound barriers involve the construction of noise barriers for communities that predate the original highway. The intent of this program is to address areas of noise impact along highways that were built before environmental analysis became a part of the highway development process. The following technical criteria must be met for a barrier to be approved:

- the community must predate the highway,
- existing noise levels must equal or exceed the 66 decibel impact threshold, and
- An effective barrier must be able to be built for a reasonable cost.

If these criteria are met the County in which the community is located must have a local noise control ordinance to address noise impact upon new development, and the County must agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost. The General Eligibility Criteria, on the back panel of the 'Community Resource Guide', are in addition to the Type I, or Type II Criteria. I am sorry if there was confusion on how the criteria are applied.

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Because the Woodleaf community did not predate the original construction of MD 140, we cannot consider a Type II sound barrier. I have enclosed a copy of the Sound Barrier Policy for your use.

Thank you again for your letter. I regret that I cannot give you a more positive response to your request. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

James D. Hade, RLA
Team Leader for Noise Abatement

enclosure

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November 6, 1998

Mr. James Hade
State Highway Administration
Noise Abatement Team
PO Box 717
Baltimore, MD 21203

Dear Mr. Hade:

I have received a letter from Charles B. Adams dated November 4, 1998 in response to my request for a sound barrier for our communities (see my letter to Phillip Troll dated September 21, 1998, attached) (a copy of Mr. Adams' letter was sent to you). A brochure, "Sound Barriers—A Community Resource Guide," was enclosed with Mr. Adams' letter.

Mr. Adams rejects our request for a barrier, stating that since the majority of the homes in our community (all of them, actually) were built after the construction of Route 140, we do not qualify for the Type II program. However, I call your attention to the back panel of the brochure. There it implies that communities would be eligible for a barrier if "noise levels exceed 66 decibels." Additionally, on the second page of the brochure it states that Type I sound barriers are for "new construction, or reconstruction of a state highway." I must point out that Route 140 in this area was reconstructed, and that this was done well after most of the homes were already extant. This reconstruction widened the highway by one lane, divided it, and added two traffic signals.

I believe that we do qualify for a noise barrier under these criteria. I do not agree with Mr. Adam's statement that "no further studies are needed." Your department should send someone out here to measure the noise levels and observe what the reconstruction of Route 140 has done to increase the traffic flow in this area. If we do not receive a response from your department, we will be forced to retain legal counsel to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,


Paul Schwartz

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September 21, 1998

Mr. Philip Troll
State Highway Administration
Room 303
707 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Mr. Troll:

I have tried to reach you by phone but have been unsuccessful, so I am writing to you instead. I and the other residents of the Woodleaf and Woodridge neighborhoods on Route 140 north of Reisterstown are concerned about the dreadful increase in traffic noise, especially from heavy trucks, that is diminishing the quality of our lives. We would like to petition the State to look into correcting this matter. How do we go about doing this? Please call, fax, or write to me at the numbers above.

Sincerely,


Paul Schwartz



**Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration**

November 4, 1998

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Mr. Paul Schwartz
P.O. Box 246
8 Brian Daniel Court
Reisterstown MD 21136

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Dear Mr. Schwartz:

Thank you for your recent inquiry requesting a sound barrier for the Woodleaf and Woodridge communities along MD 140. I appreciate your interest in this issue.

An evaluation of your request was made under our Type II, or retrofit program. This program involves the construction of noise barriers for communities that predate the original highway. The intent of this program is to address those communities built before environmental analysis became a part of the highway development process. The first criterion that must be met for consideration of a barrier is the community must predate the highway. Our research indicates that the majority of residences in Woodleaf and Woodridge were built after MD 140 and therefore do not qualify for a Type II sound barrier. I have enclosed a copy of the State Highway Administration's Community Resource Guide for your use.

Under our Sound Barrier Policy, an increase in traffic volume would not be the sole justification for considering a community for sound barriers. Once it is determined that a community does not meet the qualifications for a sound barrier, no further studies are performed. If other studies are performed it would raise false expectations which could not be met.

Thank you again for your interest. I regret that I can not offer you a more positive response. If you should have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Hade of our Noise Abatement Team, who may be reached at (410) 545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

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Enclosure

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I-83	Baltimore-Harrisburg Expressway		1962
I-95			1962
I-95 / I-495	Capital Beltway	Capital Beltway to Baltimore Beltway Woodrow Wilson Bridge to I-95 / I-495 Interchange (Prince George's County)	1971 1964
I-97			
I-195	Metropolitan Boulevard	I-95 to Baltimore/Washington International Airport	1987
I-270		Spur junction to I-70	1988
I-270 (E)	East Spur		1964
I-270 (W)	West Spur		1964
I-495	Capital Beltway	I-95 / I-495 Interchange to American Legion Memorial Bridge (Prince George's and Montgomery Counties)	1964
I-695	Baltimore Beltway		1962
I-695	Windlass Freeway		1970
I-795	Northwest Expressway		1984
I-895	Harbor Tunnel Throughway (Toll)		1956
MD 10			1988
MD 32		US 29 to MD 295	1984
MD 100			1965
MD 100		US 29 to I-95	1999
MD 295	Baltimore-Washington Parkway	Capital Beltway to Baltimore Beltway	1952
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US 29		MD 198 to I-70	1971
US 50 / 301			1954
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September 6, 1995

Ms. Ashita Patel
2 Amy Brent Way
Reisterstown, Maryland 21136

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Dear Ms. Patel:

Thank you for your telephone call to our office regarding the noise situation at your home located adjacent to MD 140 near the I-795 interchange.

To determine where noise barriers are constructed we follow a set of criteria. One of these is that the homes in the study area must pre-date the construction of the highway. Our records indicate that the area in which you live was constructed after completion of the I-795/MD 140 interchange. Based upon this information, we cannot consider the area eligible for noise abatement consideration.

I regret that I am unable to offer a more positive response to your request. However, if you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (410) 333-8063.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

cc: ✓ Jim Hade
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Deputy Secretary

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May 20, 1998

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sebastiano
1687 Sam Ryder Road
Arnold MD 21012

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sebastiano:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding your concern over the impact of traffic noise on the Sturbridge community adjacent to US 50. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

Thank you also for sharing your research regarding the zoning for the Sturbridge community. Unfortunately, the zoning date of a community is not one of the criteria that is considered in determining the community's eligibility for a sound barrier. Rather, the date of the construction of the homes is the operative factor. In short, to qualify for a retrofit barrier under the State's Sound Barrier Program, a community must predate the highway and experience noise levels which equal or exceed the impact threshold of 66 decibels, and the cost of providing an effective barrier must be less than \$50,000 per benefited residence.

Our research indicates the Sturbridge community was developed after the most recent improvements to US 50 were planned and approved. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the improvements to US 50 in the vicinity of your community was approved and adopted in 1981. The approval of the plats for this community occurred between 1985 and 1990. Our records indicate the majority of homes in the sections of the Sturbridge community closest to US 50 were constructed between 1992 and 1994. As a result, the Sturbridge community does not meet the date criterion and is ineligible for a State-funded barrier.

Our past monitoring efforts in this area were in response to citizens' appeals for technical assistance. The State Highway Administration (SHA) collected noise-level data in response to this appeal, as well as for future reference. I am sorry you felt misled, and I have called your concern to the attention of the SHA staff who work with the various communities on sound barrier issues.

My telephone number is (410)- 865-1000

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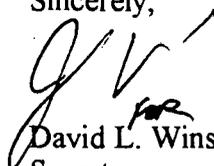


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Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest, which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

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The Honorable Phillip D. Bissett, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Virginia P. Clagett, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
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1687 Sam Ryder Road
Arnold, Maryland 21012
May 1, 1998

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Governor Parris Glendening
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Dear Governor Glendening:

We have a problem for which we need your assistance.

Our family resides in Anne Arundel County in the community of Sturbridge. Roughly two years ago, we attended a meeting for the purpose of discussing the Route 50 expansion with representatives of the Maryland State Highway Administration.

At the meeting we were provided with the details of the construction along with the potential affects it would have on our community. Since our home borders Route 50, we were already experiencing obtrusive levels of noise from the highway. Therefore we would be the most adversely impacted and obviously were most interested in their report.

From the onset, we made certain that representatives from the Highway Administration were made keenly aware that we already were victims of sound pollution and that we felt the new traffic patterns created by the construction would only increase the noise level. Our rationale was, and remains to this day, that prior to construction the lane closest to our lot had been used only for exiting traffic on to Route 2. The majority of traffic on Route 50 used the two through lanes farthest from our property. The new traffic patterns created by the construction now encourages vehicles, particularly slow moving trucks, to use the right lane closest to our home which formerly was used by a small percentage of the total traffic on Route 50.

In spite of bringing this to their attention at that first meeting, we were disappointed to discover that the Highway Administration had no intention of installing a sound wall for our community. Nevertheless, we were encouraged by their initial desire to investigate our problem. Subsequently two studies were conducted to monitor the decibel levels on our home. One was completed prior to the new construction and one after. The two tests confirmed the fact that between 5:00 a.m. until about 8:00 p.m. the noise level is above the impact threshold. In fact, the second test proved that the noise level did increase significantly and is well above the impact threshold as a result of opening the third lane.

Since the initial meeting and the completion of construction, the noise level is even more unbearable. Pictures, lighting fixtures and windows constantly vibrate from the noise. When traffic becomes bottlenecked behind our house, we are victims of the horrible noise

from the trucks down shifting. And on a daily basis, we are faced with the obtrusive noise created by trucks without adequate mufflers and gunning engines of motorcycles.

We feel that we have being placated by the Highway Administration with their promises of reviewing our plight. We feel that they never had any intention of helping us in spite of the fact that our development was zoned residential roughly ten years prior to the decision and approval to expand Route 50. This is why we are appealing to you. We are hoping that you can provide us with the desperately needed assistance and some definite answers to remedy this situation.

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We would be happy to meet with you to discuss this situation further and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Jim & Georgia Sebastiano
Jim & Georgia Sebastiano



Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration



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Administrator

February 3, 1998

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Mr. & Mrs. Jim Sebastiano
1687 Sam Ryder Road
Arnold MD 21012

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Sebastiano:

I am writing to you to report the results of our follow-up highway traffic noise measurements conducted in the Sturbridge community adjacent to US 50/301. The measurement studies were conducted for a 24-hour period at two locations simultaneously (your home and 49 Old Sturbridge Road).

The two locations used in the study were the same as were tested in 1996 when the adjacent highway construction was not yet completed. Noise levels were measured in continuous 15-minute intervals for 24-hours. The 15-minute noise levels were then combined into an average **hourly** level, all of which are shown in Exhibits 1 and 2. In addition to the tabulation, a graph of the results is shown at the bottom of each exhibit. It shows that at the 1687 Sam Ryder Road location, the hourly noise levels reached or exceeded the impact threshold level of 66 decibels (dBA) for all but 4 hours out of 24. The noise level at 49 Old Sturbridge Road was just below the impact threshold. It also shows that the noise level is highest during the morning rush hour period (7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.).

Exhibit 3 is provided to show graphically the noise level difference between the two testing locations. The noise level at you home was found to be approximately 5-7 dBA higher than at 49 Old Sturbridge Road. This is to be expected given that your home is closer to the highway than your neighbor's.

Exhibits 4 and 5 show a comparison of the noise levels obtained in 1996 with the latest results. The "before" test results from 1996 (supplied in a letter report to you dated September 12, 1996) are also attached for your information (see Exhibit 6). These comparisons show that noise levels in the recent 1997 tests were approximately 1-4 dBA higher than in 1996. Exhibit 5 (for 49 Old Sturbridge Rd.) shows a few exceptions where data from 1996 was higher than in 1997. This can be explained partially by the fact that when the overall level is lower, "local" noise from sources other than the highway can increase the overall level above what it may be if only highway traffic were present. Also, because traffic conditions such as the number and types of vehicles and their speed are quite variable over time, these translate readily into variations in the noise level. In comparing noise levels from different years, such anomalies do occur, however the **overall** trend of increased noise over time is shown.

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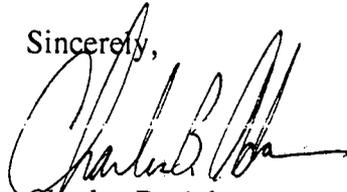
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As was mentioned in my September 12, 1996 letter, your community is not eligible for a noise barrier because the homes were built after the original construction of US 50, and also after the date of approval for the recently completed highway improvements. This a basic requirement for noise abatement eligibility.

You also inquired in past discussions with my staff, regarding how barriers were approved for other communities along US 50 in Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties. In each case, the communities met the date requirements, meaning that they were either under construction or had approved subdivision plans prior to approval of the adjacent highway improvements. Under such circumstances, the communities would be eligible for noise barriers.

I regret that we cannot offer a more positive response relative to your community. Should you have any questions regarding the technical data presented, please feel free to call Mr. Ken Polcak of my staff at (410) 545-8601, or (800) 446-5962 (from within MD.).

Sincerely,



Charles B. Adams

Director

Office of Environmental Design

Attachments

cc: Ken Polcak
file #1127

Noise Abatement Team

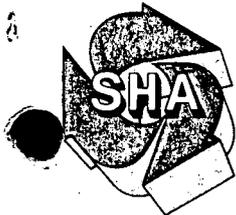
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bcc: Mr. Paul Armstrong, District 5

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**Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration**

November 17, 1998

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

David L. Winstead
Secretary

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Mr. John Seddon
9647 Hingston Drive
Columbia MD 21046

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Dear Mr. Seddon:

This is a follow up to your conversation with Ms. Natalie Hardy of my office regarding a sound barrier for the Eagle Passages community along US 50. I appreciate the opportunity to explain the State's Sound Barrier Program.

There are two circumstances in which a community may qualify for a barrier. The first occurs when new highway construction or expansion of an existing highway is proposed, Type I. The second circumstance is when a community was built before the construction of the original highway, Type II or retrofit. The Type II component of our program does not apply to the Eagle Passages community because the majority of homes were built after US 50.

Eligibility of the Eagle Passages area for a sound barrier was addressed in the March 22, 1982, Final Environmental Impact Statement for the widening of US 50 from the Capital Beltway to east of the South River Bridge. The environmental analysis examined the potential effects of noise on the communities adjacent to the highway through this area. This analysis was performed to determine if future noise levels would equal or exceed the impact threshold of 67 decibels (dBA). This impact threshold is the minimum noise level a community must experience to be considered for a sound barrier. The analysis also assessed whether the widening of the highway would cause a substantial increase in noise over the levels, which would be expected if the highway were not widened and, if so whether an effective sound barrier could be built for a reasonable cost. The analysis determined that future noise levels, for homes built at the time of the analysis, in the Eagles Passages area would not equal or exceed the 67 dBA impact threshold as a result of the improvements to the roadway. Because noise levels were not predicted to exceed the impact threshold, a sound barrier was not considered for this area.

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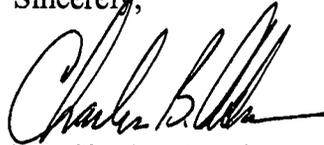
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Thank you for your inquiry. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Hardy at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



Mr. Charles B. Adams

Director

Office of Environmental Design

cc: Mr. James D. Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant, State Highway Administration

Mr. John Seddon

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Bcc: Mr. Paul Armstrong, District Engineer, State Highway Administration
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

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July 2, 1998

Mr. Seebode
19230 Liberty Heights Lane
Germantown MD 20874

Dear Mr. Seebode:

Thank you for your recent inquiry requesting information about the State's Sound Barrier Program. Enclosed is a copy of our sound barrier policy and a copy of the State Highway Administration's Sound Barriers, a Community Resource Guide for your information.

Thank you again for your interest in our sound barrier program. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call me or Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Charles B. Adams'.

Charles B. Adams, Director
Office of Environmental Design

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, State Highway Administration

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January 7, 1998

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Mr. Frank Seinsheimer
9504 Brooke Drive
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Mr. Seinsheimer:

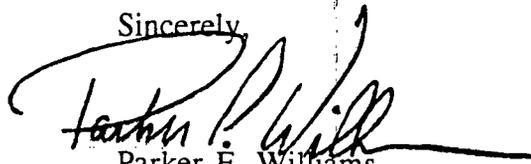
Thank you for your recent letters to Governor Glendening and Transportation Secretary Winstead supporting the construction of sound barriers on I-495, east of the I-270 Spur. The Governor and Secretary asked me to respond on their behalves.

Funding decisions for highway improvements, including sound barriers, are made annually and are presented in the Department's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP). This document includes planning, design and construction projects for the upcoming six years and is updated each January. The 1998-2003 CTP is being finalized, and new sound barriers are being evaluated. We have noted your request that a sound barrier for the Longwood community be designed and constructed.

You expressed concern about a potential 500 foot gap west of Greentree Road. The final end points of a barrier for the Longwood area will not be determined until the design phase. Our intent will be to design a barrier which will protect homes that are eligible under the provisions of our noise policy. I have enclosed a copy of a brochure that provides more information about the policy, as well as a copy of the policy itself.

Again, thank you for your letter. The Governor and Secretary appreciate hearing from you, and on their behalves, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or, toll-free in Maryland, at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,


Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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Enclosures

- cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
- Ms. Barbara Snider, Office Director to the Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation

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bcc: Ms. Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Landscape Architecture Division, State Highway Administration
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Ms. Leslie Frelow, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, Maryland Department of Transportation
Ms. Rhoda Washington, Special Assistant to the District Engineer, State Highway Administration

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Secretary

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Deputy Secretary

February 9, 1998

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Mr. Joe Shannon
9005 Quintana Drive
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Mr. Shannon:

This letter is sent to update you on your request for a sound barrier for the Burning Tree Estates area along I-495 between Bradley Boulevard and River Road. I appreciate your patience while we considered this community's request for noise abatement.

You will be pleased to know we have determined that the Burning Tree community does meet the requirements for a sound barrier. Although funding for design and construction has not yet been identified, we are looking at the funding needs for this barrier and will keep you informed of our progress.

Several construction feasibility issues also need to be resolved. In one location, the homes are approximately 50 feet above the Beltway, and it is questionable whether they can be protected. A stream runs parallel to the Beltway along another portion of the area, and there are associated floodplain issues that will need to be addressed. Further engineering is required to resolve these technical issues, and I have asked State Highway Administration (SHA) staff to provide you with the results once a determination has been made.

Thank you again for your interest in the State's sound barrier program and your support for a barrier for the Burning Tree community. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

SHANNON cc

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, MDOT (Serial No. 10821 also)
Ms. Rhoda Washington, Special Assistant to the District Engineer, State Highway Administration
Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

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Parris N. Glendening
Governor
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Administrator

January 27, 1998

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Mr. Joe Shannon
9005 Quintana Drive
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Mr. Shannon:

Thank you for your recent letter to Transportation Secretary Winstead regarding a sound barrier along I-495 for the Burning Tree Estates area. The Secretary shares your concerns over highway noise and asked me to update you on the status of the request for a sound barrier for your area.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) is finalizing a comprehensive review of the section of the beltway between Bradley Boulevard and River Road to determine if the area meets the requirements for a sound barrier based upon our revised noise policy. We expect to have the results of our reanalysis soon and, once a determination has been made, we will contact you with the results. A copy of a brochure about our sound barrier policy is enclosed for your information.

Thank you again for your letter. The Secretary appreciates hearing from you and, on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or, toll free, at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth L. Homer, Deputy

for Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA
The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of
Transportation

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Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, SHA
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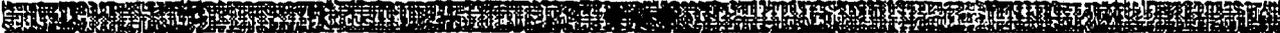
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Dear Secretary Winstead,

I'm writing you today in hopes that you will do everything in your power to approve the construction of sound barriers for the outer loop of I-495 between Bradley and River Road. When we moved here in 1978, we didn't notice that we were near the Beltway, we could hardly hear any Beltway noise. Today as I sit in my office, the house all closed up-I am aware and offended by the relentless roar from I-495. Please help us get relief, push the sound barriers! We will be eternally grateful.

Thanks for helping us achieve our goals!

Sincerely,

Joe Shannon



Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration

David L. Winstead
Secretary

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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February 23, 1998

Mr. John Sheehan
9609 Culver Street
Kensington MD 20895

Dear Mr. Sheehan:

As we recently discussed by telephone, I have enclosed a copy of the Maryland State Highway Administration's Noise Policy. It should provide you with information supplemental to that provided in the Community Resource Guide on sound barriers.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or need more information. I can be reached at (410) 545-8601, or toll free at 1 (800) 446-5962.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Kenneth D. Polcak'.

Kenneth D. Polcak
Noise Abatement Design and Analysis Team
Office of Environmental Design

Enclosure

cc: Mr. James D. Hade
Noise Abatement Team

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Parris N. Glendening
Governor

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Administrator

July 30, 1998

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Mr. Herb Sheppard
1211 Village Lake Drive
Davidsonville MD 21035

Dear Mr. Sheppard:

Thank you for your interest in the State Highway Administrations noise abatement program. As you requested I am providing you with relevant sections of the Final Environmental Statement. The document was approved on March 22, 1982. You will note that the roads in your neighborhood do not appear on the mapping. This is due to the mapping being prepared prior to the three homes being built between 1981 and 1982. Noise impacts were studied on either side of your community. The two study points are N-47 and N-51. The attached chart indicates that for Sunny Acres Farm (N-47) that future noise levels would increase two decibels (dBA) to 57 dBA. The human ear can not detect an increase in sound less than 3 dBA. At a private residence east of Rutland Road and directly adjacent to US 50/301 the future noise level would increase by 4 dBA to 66 dBA. At the time of the study our Noise Policy's noise impact level was 67 dBA. If an impact level were to have been realized, a barrier would have cost \$238,176 and the home would not have qualified due to our maximum cost per residence criteria of \$40,000.

Again thank you for your interest, should you have any additional questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me at 410- 545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely;

James D. Hade RLA
Team Leader
Noise Abatement Team

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cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams

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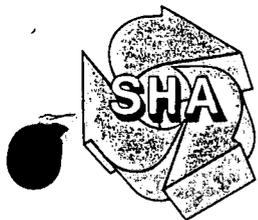
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May 8, 1998

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Mr. Herb Sheppard
Chairperson, Special Committee
Lake of the Pines Community Association
P.O. Box 57
Davidsonville MD 21035

Dear Mr. Sheppard:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding Transportation Secretary Winstead's December 19, 1997 correspondence concerning the ineligibility of the Lake of the Pines community for a sound barrier. Thank you for taking the time to bring your concerns to my attention. As requested, enclosed is a graphic depiction of the State Highway Administration's (SHA) date research for Lake of the Pines community.

The Lake of the Pines community was part of a recent review of communities to determine if they met the requirements of the State's sound barrier policy. In addition to meeting other criteria which are designed to ensure barriers are provided in the most equitable manner possible, a community must predate the system opening of the original highway. For US 50 we hold 1954 as the system opening date. Unfortunately, your community does not meet this criterion and is ineligible for a barrier.

With regard to the previous Type I analysis, as you stated in your letter, the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) was signed on March 30, 1982. Under our Type I Eligibility Criteria the impacted homes must have existed prior to the date of approval of the proposed highway improvements. At the time the study was underway there were no homes noted in your community. A site immediately to the east of the current community and closer to US 50 was studied and was found not to meet the noise level criteria. It is this same date of March 30, 1982 that we use as the Record of Decision of approval of improvements. Only six properties are shown in the tax records as of 1982. Of these properties, none were predicted to receive a significant increase in highway noise of 5 dBA or greater in the "design year" of 2005 when compared to the predicted noise levels in the alternative of not constructing the improvements. If a significant change of 5 dBA or greater were predicted for these properties, a wall to protect them would cost approximately \$148,860 per residence which is well beyond our previous policy limit of \$40,000 per residence.

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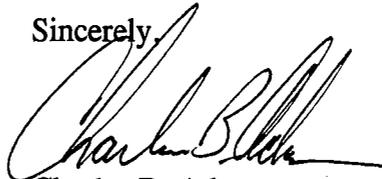
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Thank you again for your interest in the State's sound barrier program. I regret whatever confusion the typographical error of mis-stated County names in the December 19, 1997 letter might have caused. I also regret that we cannot provide you with a more positive response to your inquiry. If you should have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Hade of our Noise Abatement Team, who may be reached at (410) 545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Robert C. Baldwin, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Janet Greenip, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Robert R. Neall, Member, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable Marsha S. Perry, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
Mr. James D. Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration

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bcc: Mr. Paul Armstrong, District Engineer, State Highway Administration
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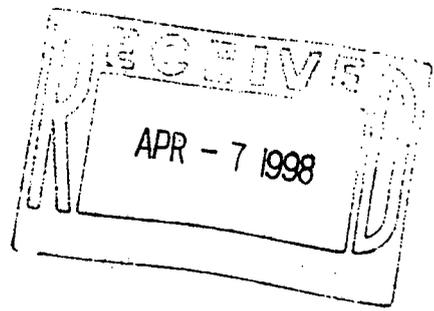
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March 31, 1998



Mr. Charles B. Adams
Director of Environmental Design
State Highway Administration
707 North Calvert Street, Mailstop C-303
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. Adams:

It was good to see you at the Anne Arundel County Council Meeting in Annapolis. I am sure that you were pleased that Bill No. 5-98 was brought to a vote and passed. I believe my presentation to the council helped swing Councilman Klocko's vote in favor of a vote and passage of this bill. His line of questioning clearly indicated that he was undecided and quite possibly against this measure!

I am writing this letter as a follow up to our phone conversation regarding the letter from Secretary Winstead to Stell Congdon dated December 19, 1997. In that letter he indicates that the Lake of the Pines community is ineligible for sound mitigation due to the fact that "the majority of the impacted homes in your community post-date approval of the work on US 50 and therefore do not qualify for sound barriers."

I was disappointed in the Secretary's response for several reasons and am somewhat suspect of the level of investigation in developing the stated conclusion.

First of all Lake of the Pines is not located in Prince George's County! This obvious error causes me to doubt the level of inquiry in this matter because if plats and other documentation were reviewed they would have had to be reviewed in the Anne Arundel County records and not Prince George's.

Secondly the date of the approval relative to the construction of the impacted homes in Lake of the Pines was one of the key points for our appeal as outlined in our letter of November 26, 1997. The widening of Route 50 adjacent to Lake of the Pines was not completed until approximately 1990. Most of the impacted homes on Village Lake Drive were built in the mid 80's after the Final Environmental Impact Document was signed on March 30, 1982 which by SHA's own stated policy do not and could not have taken these houses into account.

On behalf of all the residents of Lake of the Pines community we are formally requesting a breakdown by your office as to the specific residences and dates by which Secretary Winstead and your office "determined" that Lake of the Pines was not eligible for sound barriers.

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Please feel free to contact me at your at your earliest opportunity should there be any questions in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Herb Sheppard
Chairperson
Special Committee
Lake of the Pines
Community Association
P.O. Box 57
Davidsonville, MD 21035

cc: Stell Congdon, President of Lake of the Pines

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give to Jim.
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Charlie



**Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration**

Parris N. Glendening
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Secretary

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Administrator

August 28, 1998

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Mr. Raymond Simms
7421 Arrowood Road
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Mr. Simms:

Councilmember Betty Ann Krahnke forwarded us a copy of her letter to you and asked that we respond to you regarding some questions on the special tax district that had been set up in your area of Montgomery County relating to the sound barrier built several years ago. Specifically you want to know: 1) Why are you and your neighbors paying for a sound barrier as part of your annual real estate taxes, when all other county residents are getting them at no cost? 2) Why does your annual payment vary significantly from year to year? and 3) How long will these annual payments be required? Of these questions, I can only respond to the first. The other two would have to be addressed by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

During the planning phase for the last widening of I-495, adjacent to your community, it was determined that the cost of a sound barrier to protect the homes in your community would exceed the \$40,000 per home cost criterion in our noise policy. The Citizen's Against Beltway Noise (CABN) organization which represented the neighborhoods along the beltway south of Bradley Boulevard sought to identify options to provide sound barriers along this section of the beltway. They were interested in identifying ways to fund the amount over and above the maximum amount the State could contribute to the construction.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) agreed to fund up to our maximum if the balance needed were provided from another source. SHA, CABN and Montgomery County worked together to develop a solution to provide the additional funds. Residents in two of the communities agreed to fund the additional barrier cost themselves if the County would provide the necessary funds up front for the construction of the barriers. Special taxation districts were created by Montgomery County for the purposes of recovering the funds through increased property taxes.

Since the creation of this funding mechanism, we have not had any other situations in Montgomery County or any other county where a community was interested in pursuing this cost sharing option when the cost of a sound barrier exceeded the State's maximum. All of the other sound barriers built in Montgomery County met the cost/residence criterion.

My telephone number is _____

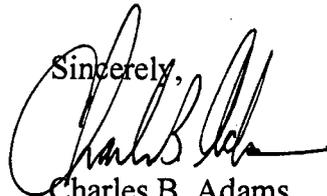
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Thank you again for your interest. If you should have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Hade of our Noise Abatement Team, who may be reached at (410) 545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,


Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

cc: The Honorable Brian E. Frosh, Member, Senate of Maryland
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The Honorable Betty Ann Krahnke, Member, Montgomery County Council
Mr. James D. Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration

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Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, State Highway Administration
Mr. John M. Lewis, Jr., State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. Eric G. Madden, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation
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Mr. Charles K. Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

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Responding to letter dated: August 5, 1998 from Ms. Krahnke to Mr. Simms, cc'd to Charlie Adams

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6/22/98

Ms. Betty Ann Krahnke
Montgomery County Council
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Ms. Krahnke:

Your letter of May 18, did not answer any of the three questions I have been asking my county government for nearly nine months. They are: 1) why am I (and my neighbors) paying for sound barriers as part of our annual real estate tax, when all other county residents are getting them at no cost? 2) why does my annual payment vary significantly from year to year? and 3) how long will these annual payments be required?

When I raised these questions of the Dept. of Finance, they bucked it to the Dept. of Environmental Protection, who bucked it to the County Council staff from whom I received no response. Finally, I had to write you twice before getting a response that answers none of my questions. I expect better from my elected representative than the suggestion that I pursue the matter with the state government bureaucracy, especially when the issue is a County tax. If it sounds like I am getting a runaround, it's because I am. As a long time resident and taxpayer, I think I deserve better.

My questions are reasonable, and I expect you to get the answers for me. May I remind you that this is an election year.

Very truly yours,


Raymond A. Simms



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

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BETTY ANN KRAHNKE

August 5, 1998

Mr. Raymond A. Simms
7421 Arrowood Road
Bethesda, MD 20817

Dear Mr. Simms:

I am sorry you have not gotten satisfactory answers to your questions.

To address some points you raise: The noise wall levy is not a "county tax" in the usual sense. It was agreed to by the community as part of a court settlement when the state proposed backing out of building noise walls altogether.

As I noted in my last letter, the 1997 policy provides that, when the State constructs noise walls, they require local jurisdictions to fund 20% of the cost. In this instance the county floated bonds for this project *at the request of your community*. The special tax levy is to repay the county for the purpose of retiring these bonds. This did not qualify under the 1991 criteria, and it was hard to find the upfront money.

Some areas can get noise walls "for free" when they meet certain standards. For example, when I-270 was widened, houses already there were impacted substantially by the enlargement. They just recently got noise walls they had requested for many years.

In other cases communities continue to wait for noise barriers to be constructed by the state even when they meet the criteria. Some neighborhoods still do not meet the new criteria. I will ask Charles Adams, Director of Environmental Design at the State Highway Administration to provide you with information. His phone is 1-410-545-8640, and his address is 707 North Calvert Street, C-303, Baltimore, MD 21202.

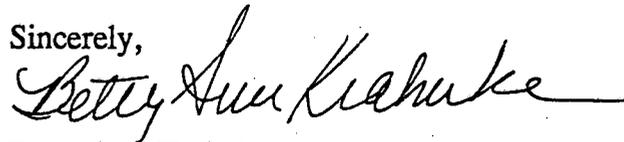
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As is true with other property taxes, this assessment is collected by the State of Maryland. I'm afraid I cannot answer the question as to why the payment varies from year to year, unless the assessable base has changed. I will send a copy of this correspondence to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation and ask them to respond directly to you. they may need to have identification of your specific property to answer the questions. Their local office is at 51 Monroe, Rockville, MD 20850; Phone: 301-279-1355.

Sincerely,



Betty Ann Krahnke
Councilmember

BAK/jm

CC: Charles Adams, SHA
State Department of Assessments and Taxation



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Parris N. Glendening
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January 29, 1998

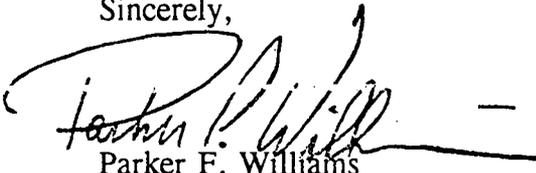
Mr. Edward K. Smith
Ms. Mary Smith
7608 Shadywood Drive
Bethesda MD 20817-2067

Dear Mr. and Ms. Smith:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding a sound barrier along I-495 for the Burning Tree Estates area. The Governor also shares your concern over highway noise and asked me to update you on the status of a barrier for your area.

By this time, you may already have received the letter I sent you on January 20 on behalf of Mr. David L. Winstead, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation. I trust I addressed your immediate concerns in that letter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or, toll free, at 1-800-446-5962.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Adams at one of the numbers above.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA

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January 20, 1998

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Mr. Edward K. Smith
Ms. Mary Smith
7608 Shadywood Drive
Bethesda MD 20817-2067

Dear Mr. and Ms. Smith:

Thank you for your recent letter to Transportation Secretary David L. Winstead regarding a sound barrier along I-495 for the Burning Tree Estates area. The Secretary shares your concern over highway noise and asked me to update you on the status of a barrier for your area.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) is finalizing a comprehensive review of the section of the beltway between Bradley Boulevard and River Road to determine if the area meets the requirements for a sound barrier based upon our revised noise policy. We expect to have the results of our reanalysis soon and, once a determination has been made, we will contact you with the results. A copy of a brochure about our sound barrier policy is enclosed for your information.

Thank you again for your letter. The Secretary appreciates hearing from you and, on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or, toll free, at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

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September 29, 1998

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Reverend William Snook
Church Administrator
Trinity Assembly of God
2122 West Joppa Road
Lutherville MD 21093

Dear Reverend Snook:

Thank you for your recent letter transmitting cost information about the installation of security lighting for your church parking lot. As we had previously discussed, the State Highway Administration is willing to have this lighting installed. I have asked that the necessary steps be taken to have this work performed as a part of the current sound barrier project. I also understand that you have recently spoken to Mr. Charles Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, and that arrangements will be made to follow through on pruning and selective removal of vegetation within our right of way beyond the western terminus of the sound barrier adjacent to the church property. Mr. Adams's office will contact you directly to outline the work to be done.

Thank you again for your letter and for your willingness to work with us to resolve these issues. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640 or 1-888-375-1975.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Parker F. Williams', written over a horizontal line.

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

My telephone number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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Reverend William Snook
December 15, 1998
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Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, State Highway Administration
Mr. Dave Malkowski, District Engineer, State Highway Administration
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Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

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THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE
 MDOT - SHERRY VARNER - MS 255
 REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF GOVERNOR'S CORRESPONDENCE

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LOG DATE: 03/11/98 /jaw SERIAL#: 8038
 DATE: 03/11/98

TO: WILLIAMS

FROM: SOLLOCK, RONALD 03/02/98

RE: THANK YOU FOR RESPONDING TO THE REQUEST FOR NOISE BARRIERS

RESPOND BY: 03/19/98

- [] PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE
- [X] PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE ON BEHALF OF GOVERNOR (Note Governor as cc)
- [] REPLY DIRECTLY, ACKNOWLEDGING SECRETARY'S RECEIPT, SHOW CC TO SECRETARY
- [] PREPARE RESPONSE FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE
- [] PLEASE HANDLE AS APPROPRIATE

FOR USE BY RESPONSIBLE UNIT

3/12 by 2:00

ASSIGNED TO: Charlie Adamo
 TO BE RETURNED TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE BY: 3-18-98
 SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

DATE: 3-11-98

FOR USE BY ASSIGNED AREA

RESPONSE PREPARED BY: _____
 (Name / Telephone / Date)

TYPED BY: _____
 PROOFREAD BY: _____

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 ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

RECORD OF INTERIM TELEPHONE RESPONSE

(You can buy yourself some additional time in preparing a written reply by telephoning the constituent, explaining what's happening, and indicating when he/she may expect a formal reply. Please fill this portion and mail back the green sheet to obtain an extension on your reply deadline.)

Name of Person Called: _____ Date: _____
 Written follow-up will be prepared by: _____

TO SHERRY VARNER MS-255

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR MAIL FORM

INSTRUCTIONS: Please investigate the attached and take whatever action is necessary to respond to our constituent concerns. When completed, please forward the response, the original letter and any back-up to the unit indicated below. Also, if there are any questions as to how to respond, please call the unit listed below.

LID: 53190

Receive Date: 3/6/1998

Assign Date: 3/2/1998

Deadline Date: 3/20/1998

Name: Ronald Sollock
7501 Glennon Drive
Bethesda, MD 20817

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Subject: SOUND BARRIER REQUES Description: Thank you for responding to the request for noise barriers.

Agency: MDCT

Unit: DSI

RE-DIRECT INFORMATION

If the response to this correspondence should be handled by another agency, please complete the following information and forward the completed form and the correspondence to the proper agency. Also, copy the completed form and send the copy to the unit indicated above.

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Date: _____



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July 28, 1998

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Mr. John J. Spano
Vice President
Maplewood Park Place
9707 Old Georgetown Road
Bethesda MD 20814

Dear Mr. Spano:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding reconsideration of a sound barrier for the Maplewood Park Place community adjacent to I-495. It gives me an opportunity to let you know how our Sound Barrier Program applies to your community.

The Maplewood Park Place community was reviewed for our Type II program. In addition to meeting other criteria which are designed to ensure that barriers are provided in the most equitable manner possible, a community must predate the system opening of the original highway. For I-495, that date was 1964. Our research indicates that the Maplewood Park Place community was built in 1996. Unfortunately, this community is ineligible for consideration under the State's Type II Sound Barrier Program. Under our Sound Barrier Policy, an increase in traffic volume would not be the sole justification for considering a community for sound barriers.

When it is determined that a community does not meet the eligibility date criterion, no further analysis, including noise readings, is undertaken, because to do so could raise expectations which can not be met. If your community would like to be given the names of independent consultant engineering firms that provide these services, please contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who can be reached at (410) 545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

The concern about sound reflecting off a sound barrier and impacting a community directly opposite is more a matter of perceived impact than an actual acoustical impact. Research conducted by the Federal Highway Administration and others has shown that reflections under such circumstances have an imperceptible effect on the overall noise level in general, no more than approximately a decibel (dBA).

My telephone number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) provide one effective way to manage the current and forecasted traffic volumes on the Capital Beltway. As part of researching the feasibility of HOV lanes, an environmental impact assessment will be performed. This assessment will take into account all the criteria in the 1998 Sound Barrier Policy for a Type I study of all adjacent communities. I have enclosed a copy of the State's Sound Barrier Policy for your use.

Thank you again for your letter and your interest in this issue. A representative from our Office of Environmental Design will arrange a meeting to discuss your concerns. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Adams.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

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Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, Maryland Department of Transportation
Serial #98JUL19
Mr. Charles K. Watkins, District 3 Engineer, State Highway Administration

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Responding to letter dated: Undated

Drafted by: Mr. Philip Troll OED/LAD/NAT - July 20, 1998

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Maplewood Park Place

NOISE ABATEMENT TEAM

Memo of Telephone Conversation or Verbal Discussion & Direction

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TO: Office of the VP - Mr. Spaw
FROM: Philip Troll

Date: July 24th 318

Project: _____

Office/Agency/RC: _____ Telephone #: 301-564-5102

Residential Community: _____

Subject: Copy of Mr. Ogle "Mont C+S" Report

Message:
Montgomery County Environmental Protection Department
301-217-2177 - Noise Control

Tom Ogle
Brief survey of the Marriott managed retirement community
Performed as a constituent service
When ??

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Douglas M. Duncan
County Executive

James A. Caldwell
Director

Division of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Fax (301) 217-2386

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Mr. Phil Troll
Name

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Department/Division/Section

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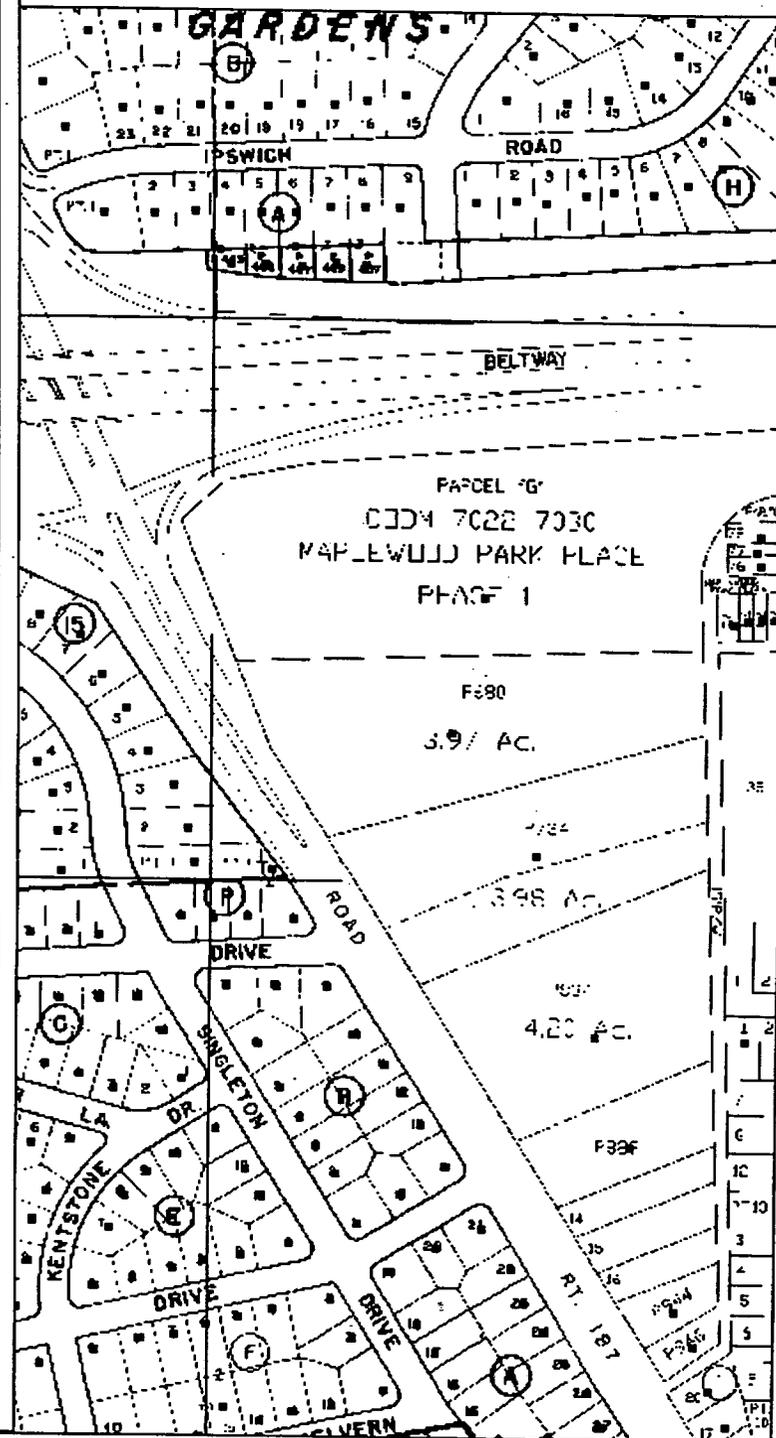
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Douglas M. Duncan
County Executive

James A. Caldwell
Director

May 8, 1998

To: John Spano
Maplewood Park Place
9707 Old Georgetown Road, #2308
Bethesda

From: Tom Ogle, Noise Program Director *Tom Ogle*
Division of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Sound level Measurements

Following are the results of the sound level measurements made from your condominium unit and the terrace of the building's dining room. I apologize for the delay in reporting. I put it aside to deal with a pressing issue. Your recent telephone message was a tactful reminder that I needed to respond.

March 27, 1998, Measurements commenced at 1015 hours.

Instrument was a B&K 2236 Precision Sound Level Meter, properly factory and field calibrated.

Measurement location was at an open window of the sun room, facing I-270, approximately 100 yards from the near guardrail.

Weather was clear with dry pavement. Steady, moderate traffic at high speed.

12 minute period: $L(eq) = 72.4$ dBA, $L(min.) = 62.8$ dBA, $L(max.) = 80.7$ dBA.

$L(90) = 68.0$ dBA, $L(50) = 71.5$ dBA, $L(10) = 74.5$ dBA.

With the window closed, the interior level in the sun room was 42 - 46 dBA.

Measured levels remained fairly consistent throughout period and are, more than likely, typical for the time of day and traffic volume.

Definition of terms:

dBA represents A-weighted decibels, an electronic approximation of what the human ear hears. It is the common metric used in community noise measurement.

L(eq) stands for the Equivalent Sound Level. This metric represents fluctuating sound levels over a specified time period as a single number (roughly similar to "averaging").

L(min) & **L(max)** are the instantaneous minimum and maximum levels recorded, in dBA, during the measurement period. Note that the instrument response time is faster than the human ear, so that the maximum may not be perceived as being as loud as the measured level suggests.

L(n), where n is the percentage of time during the measurement period that a particular sound level, L, was exceeded. For example, an **L(90)** of 68.0 dBA means that 68.0 dBA was exceeded 90% of the time. In lieu of other data, it is safe to assume that the **L(90)** is the ambient background for a particular area with a fluctuating sound field.

The measurements taken on the dining room terrace and in the dining room with the doors closed were almost identical to the levels described above.

While the County is pre-empted by State Law from applying its Noise Ordinance to motor vehicles on highways, the Ordinance standards for residential areas of 65 dBA, daytime, and 55 dBA, nighttime, provides guidance as to what is minimally acceptable for an outdoor environment. As a point of reference, ambient levels of approximately 63 dBA and above cause interference with normal human speech, with the speaker and listener about three feet apart.

There are no statutory standards for interior noise levels, other than in an industrial environment. For reference, the former Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) required a level of 45 dBA or less for housing built with Federal subsidies. Levels of 35 to 40 dBA for living areas and less than 35 dBA for sleeping areas are generally regarded as desirable.

I hope the above is useful to you. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (301) 217-2060.

Maplewood Park Place

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A LIFECARE COMMUNITY MANAGED BY  Marriott

Parker F. Williams, Administrator
State Highway Administration
Maryland Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 717
Baltimore, MD 212203-0717

Dear Mr. Williams:

On behalf of the 300 residents of Maplewood Park Place, I am requesting further consideration from your department for relief from the intolerable highway noise generated by the Capital Beltway. I have enclosed a report prepared by Mr. Tom Ogle, Director of Montgomery County's noise control office, describing the noise levels at different places in the Marriot-managed retirement community. While his office has no jurisdiction in this matter, Mr. Ogle was kind enough to do this brief survey, at my request, as a constituent service.

I can personally attest that the noise levels described in the report remain constant, or even more intrusive, 24 hours a day. This situation makes this building almost unlivable for the elderly residents on the north side, including people in our Healthcare Center, when they choose to open windows during pleasant weather. Even when windows are closed the levels are higher than acceptable standards, either day or night.

In the past, I have corresponded with Mr. Charles Adams of your Environmental Design Office. I appreciate his prompt and courteous response but I was disappointed with the policy content of his reply. Mr. Adams agreed that having sound barriers erected only on the north side of Maplewood Park Place, would increase the decibel level, but observed that it would be "insignificant." On the basis of personal experience, I believe the increase in noise since the barriers were installed on the north side of the roadway has been increased at least five decibels, especially in the winter when the leaves of trees no longer are there to serve as a buffer. My request to have your Department test the noise levels went unheeded, hence my appeal to Mr. Ogle.

Another factor could be contributing to our unsuccessful attempts to enlist your department in helping alleviate the problem. There is some reason to believe that your staff may not be fully aware of the extent to which recent building development has changed the character of this area. The area around the intersection of Old Georgetown Road and the Beltway (Hwy. 495) are in transition with much more building in progress and attendant traffic increase. Traffic continues to increase at an alarming rate, which can only make the noise progressively worse. Moreover, I keep reading in the newspaper that there is a move afoot to build additional HOV lanes. From almost any perspective, this is ill advised, but from a noise perspective alone, it would be devastating to communities like ours on or near the highway.

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Someone must assume responsibility for preventing the degradation of the quality of life in our area. And I am hopeful that you and your staff will determine to look into ways to minimize this problem, whether it might be installation of noise barriers or other solutions. May I suggest that after studying the problem you or your staff may find it advisable to meet with representatives of Maplewood Park Place.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



John J. Spano
Vice President
Maplewood Park Place CHC

Enclosure:

- CC: Councilmember Betty Ann Krahnke
- Montgomery County Executive Douglas M. Duncan
- Chairman William Hussman, Montgomery County Planning Board
- Senator Brian Frosh, Sixteen District Delegation
- Thomas S. Ogle, Director, County Noise Control Program
- Sue Fryer Ward, Director, Maryland Office on Aging



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The Secretary's Office

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David L. Winstead
Secretary

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Deputy Secretary

February 9, 1998

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Mr. Joseph M. Spina
Burning Tree Estates
Noise Barrier Task Force
7706 Cindy Lane
Bethesda MD 20817

Joe
Dear Mr. Spina:

This letter is sent to update you on your request for a sound barrier for the Burning Tree Estates area along I-495 between Bradley Boulevard and River Road. I appreciate your patience while we considered this community's request for noise abatement.

You will be pleased to know we have determined that the Burning Tree community does meet the requirements for a sound barrier. Although funding for design and construction has not yet been identified, we are looking at the funding needs for this barrier and will keep you informed of our progress.

Several construction feasibility issues also need to be resolved. In one location, the homes are approximately 50 feet above the Beltway, and it is questionable whether they can be protected. A stream runs parallel to the Beltway along another portion of the area, and there are associated floodplain issues that will need to be addressed. Further engineering is required to resolve these technical issues, and I have asked State Highway Administration (SHA) staff to provide you with the results once a determination has been made.

Thank you again for your interest in the State's sound barrier program and your support for a barrier for the Burning Tree community. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

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cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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Mr. Joseph M. Spina
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Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway Administration
Ms. Leslie Frelow, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, MDOT (Serial No. 10821 also)
Ms. Rhoda Washington, Special Assistant to the District Engineer, State Highway Administration
Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

Drafted by: Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT – February 3, 1998 Revised: JD Hade 2/4/98
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Executive Board Members
Burning Tree Estates
Noise Barrier Task Force
7501 Glennon Drive
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Mesdames and Messrs.:

Thank you for your recent letter, as well as your continued support for a sound barrier for the Burning Tree Estates area along I-495 between Bradley Boulevard and River Road. I appreciate your willingness to work with us to facilitate the barrier.

The time required to design and build a sound barrier varies with its complexity. In any situation, right-of-way and construction easements may need to be acquired, and such acquisitions entail negotiations with the affected landowners. Analyses will have to be performed to determine whether special structures, such as retaining walls or foundations, are needed so the barrier can be located where it will provide optimum protection or have the least impact on wetlands. Specific engineering issues may also need to be addressed. In your community, these include avoidance of wetland impacts to the Thomas Branch and noise abatement challenges resulting from extreme changes in elevation. Each of these issues must be thoroughly and appropriately explored before design of the actual barrier can proceed.

Your offer of assistance during the design and construction of this noise barrier is very much appreciated. I have asked Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, to have a member of his Noise Team meet with you to discuss the specifics of the project once some of the preliminary issues have been addressed and a timetable has been established.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, SHA

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Ms. Rhoda Washington, Special Assistant to the District Engineer, State Highway Administration
Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District 3 Engineer, State Highway Administration

Drafted by: James Hade, OED/LAD/NAT March 12, 1998
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**BURNING TREE ESTATES
NOISE BARRIER TASK FORCE**
7501 Glennon Drive
Bethesda, MD 20817
(301)469-7842

March 2, 1998

The Honorable Parris Glendening
Office of the Governor
100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401

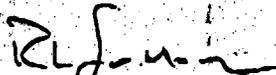
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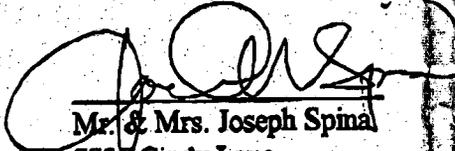
On behalf of the Burning Tree Estates community, we the undersigned on the Executive Board of this Task Force, would like to extend our most sincere gratitude to you for responding favorably to our plea for noise barriers. We understand we have been approved for funding and are on the same timetable for barrier construction as our neighbors along 1495 (Wildwood area). We would appreciate it if someone from the Transportation Department could provide us with specifics about the time table of this project as well as with any expectations from us as residents of the community in question. We would like to be of as much assistance as possible to ensure the smooth operation of this project.

Please know that your decision to assist us with the acquisition of these so much needed barriers is an indication to us that you, as a public official, is actively responding to our needs. This is the type of action we appreciate and expect of our elected officials.

Sincerely,

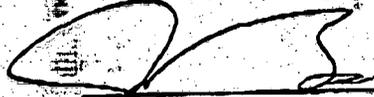
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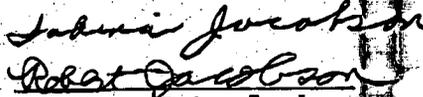

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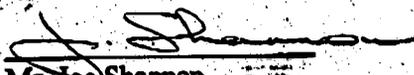

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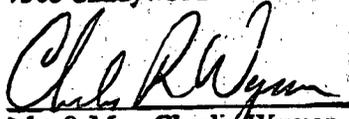

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Burning Tree Estates Noise Task Force

Dear Task Force:

Thank you for your presentation at the December 3, meeting at the Potomac Community Center. At the meeting you requested a copy of all environmental documents relating to improvements on I-495. You also requested a copy of the document providing justification of other barriers constructed in the area. Attached please find a copy of the following

Environmental Assessment for I-495 From N. Of MD 190 (River Road) to Virginia 193 (Georgetown Pike) approved on December 20, 1984

Finding of No Significant Impact for I-495 from N. Of MD 190 (River Road) to Virginia 193 (Georgetown Pike) Approved on July 20, 1988

Finding of No Significant Impact for I-270 West Spur . Approved on January 31, 1989

Noise Assessment and Abatement Report for I-495 from MD 190 (River Road) to the C&O Canal. Produced in May, 1986 (This is the document justifying the construction of the noise barriers in the area)

Summary of Noise Barrier Decisions on I-495 From Bradley Boulevard to the Potomac River in Montgomery County Maryland. Attached to this document is a copy of an agreement between "Citizen Against Beltway Noise" (CABN). The agreement states that the communities receiving the barrier will fund the portion of the barrier that was above the prevailing \$40,000 cost per residence.

State Highway Administration Noise Policy. Approved April 27, 1987. (This policy was in effect at the time of the agreement with "CABN")

Thank you for your interest in our Noise Abatement Program. If you need additional information or have questions concerning the documentation provided please contact me at (410) 545-8599.

Sincerely;

James D. Hade, ASLA
Team Leader
Noise Abatement Team

cc: Ms. Ronda Washington Special Assistant to Mr. Watkins w/attachments
Mr. Charles B. Adams Director Office of Environmental Design
Mr. Philip Troll
Ms. Sharon Blankenship
Noise Abatement Team

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Spisz
9217 West Stayman Drive
Ellicott City MD 21042

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Spisz:

This letter is a follow-up to Mr. James Hade's November 17 letter to you regarding a sound barrier for the Orchards community. The State Highway Administration (SHA) has completed its review of the Orchards area to determine if it meets the requirements for a sound barrier.

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Orchards community meets the technical eligibility requirements for our Type II or retrofit sound barrier program. This pertains to those homes that were built prior to the construction of I-70. Those homes that were built after the construction of I-70 do not qualify for consideration. One of the requirements of our Type II program is that the local jurisdiction fund 20 percent of the barrier costs. Once Howard County agrees to the local match, we will determine when funds are available in the State's capital budget for design and construction. I have asked State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of our progress as we work through the funding process.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigation. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who can be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: The Honorable Christopher J. McCabe, Member, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable Robert L. Flanagan, Member, House of Delegates
The Honorable Robert H. Kittleman, Member, House of Delegates
The Honorable James N. Robey, County Executive, Howard County
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
Administration
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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bcc: Mr. Robert Fisher, District Engineer, State Highway Administration
Ms. Leslie A. Frelow, Assistant Director, Office of Administrative Services, Maryland
Department of Transportation
Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, State Highway Administration
Mr. Eric G. Madden, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of
Transportation
Mr. John Petty, Assistant to the Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. Ted Severe, Correspondence Assistant, Highway Administrator
Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, Maryland Department of Transportation

Serial #: None

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Noise Customer #: 1267

Responding to letter dated: Nov. 17, 1998 interim response letter of James Hade

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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Administrator

November 17, 1998

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Spisz
9217 West Stayman Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Spisz:

This is a follow up to your telephone conversation with Mr. Fred Eisen of our Noise Abatement Team, regarding a sound barrier for the Orchards community which is located along I-70 at US 29 in Howard County. I would like to update you on the status of this information.

As discussed with Mr. Eisen, enclosed is a copy of the noise measurements that were taken in your community and, a copy of the State's Sound Barrier Policy. We are finalizing our analysis to determine if your area meets the requirements for a sound barrier. It has taken us longer than we originally anticipated to complete this work and we now expect to have the results of our analysis by the end of December. Once a determination has been made, we will contact you with the results. You may expect to hear from us before the middle of January.

Thank you for your patience while we continue to conduct our investigation. If you should have any questions on this matter, please contact Mr. Eisen at 410-545-8598 or 1-800-446-4126.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James D. Hade".

James D. Hade, RLA
Noise Abatement Team Leader
Office of Environmental Design

cc: Mr. Fred Eisen, Project Manager, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration
Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, State Highway Administration

My telephone number is _____

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1-800-735-2258 Statewide Toll Free

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Street Address: 707 North Calvert Street • Baltimore, Maryland 21202

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bcc: Mr. Phil Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

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Noise Customer #: 1267

Responding to letter dated: Interim Transmittal of noise information

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Mr. Thomas S. Spisz
9217 W. Stayman Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21042-1835

Dear Mr. Spisz:

Thank you for your letter of November 18, concerning noise from I-70 affecting the Orchards community in Howard County. Our database indicates that this is the first inquiry concerning noise from your community. Due to not having any inquiries we have not performed any noise measurements to determine how much of the community is effected by highway noise. We are currently scheduling a consultant to perform noise measurements. Weather permitting we should be able to complete these measurements by the end of this year. In order to take accurate noise measurements the wind needs to be less than 15 m.p.h. and there can not be any precipitation. Once we have determined which properties best represent the community we will notify the owner of our intent to take the noise measurements.

I hope this letter addresses some of you concerns. We will supply you with the results of the noise measurements once they are complete. Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call me at (410) 545-8598.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James D. Hade".

James D. Hade
Team Leader
Noise Abatement Team

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Deputy Secretary

November 16, 1998

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Ms. Maria Staab
berniejy@email.man.com

Dear Ms. Staab:

Thank you for your recent e-mail to Governor Glendening regarding Maryland's Sound Barrier Program. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

There are two situations in which we consider installing a sound barrier. Type I barriers are considered either when a new highway is constructed or when an existing highway is expanded. The State's Type II, or retrofit, program addresses communities along highways that were built before an environmental analysis became a part of the highway planning process. The Type II program thus provides noise mitigation for certain older communities. In the case of this segment of I-95, some of the communities predate the highway and others will be protected by sound barriers where future expansion is being planned. The barriers that will be built are in areas where the provisions of our policy are met.

If you would like more information, the State's Sound Barrier Policy and Community Resource Guide appear on SHA's web page. You can access this information on the internet through <http://www.sha.state.md.us>. When you access the web page, go to Programs and Policies. If you prefer a hard copy of the policy, please forward your mailing address, and we will be pleased to send you a copy.

Thank you again for your e-mail. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretarycc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Faysal Thameen, Director of Engineering, Maryland Transportation Authority
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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bcc: Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway
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Ms. Leslie A. Frelow, Assistant Director of Administrative Services, Maryland
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Mr. James D. Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway
Administration
Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, State Highway
Administration
Mr. Dale Hilliard, Assistant to the Secretary, Maryland Department of
Transportation
Mr. Eric G. Madden, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of
Transportation
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration
Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, Maryland Department of
Transportation #9552

Drafted by: OED/LAD/NAT - November 1, 1998
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In response to email dated: October 26, 1998
Noise customer ID #1714

From: "berniejy" <berniejy@email.mon.com>
To: OGMD.OGANN(governor)
Date: 10/25/98 7:19:08 PM
Subject: Sound barriers??????



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Dear Governor Glendening,

I am a registered republican and although I would like to see a republican governor, feel that you have done a good job and was planning to vote for you 11/3.

I heard something today that may have changed my mind. My husband and I took my parents and mother-in-law to visit our son at Mt. St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, MD (along with a ride through our beautiful mountains between Frederick and Emmitsburg on a beautiful fall afternoon). On our ride my parents mentioned that their community association recently had won approval from YOU regarding sound barriers along a stretch of interstate 95 through Rosedale in Baltimore County. They admitted that they had fought hard to get this barrier approved.

Having grown up in that area and knowing that 90% of these homes are 50 to 100 ft. above the road level, find it hard to believe that you would approve spending such a large amount of funds, not to mention the traffic problems this will cause on this dangerous stretch of roadway. Also, these homes were built after the Kennedy Highway was already there. Everyone who built those homes, my parents included, knew what to expect.

I was surprised to see how much the State of Maryland has been spending on erecting barriers around the Baltimore beltway. Most of these homes were built after the beltway - people knew what to expect. I realize that the traffic has increased over the years, but it would probably cost less to buy these people out, as most of the homes are small, older development style homes.

My parents admitted to me that they will not be affected by the barrier being erected as they are well over 100 ft. above the road level and back one road, but fought anyway for the few homes that are just above road level. Somehow they are under the mistaken impression that these barriers won't cost them anything.

The reason I am writing you is because you caved in. I am disappointed. I understand that their community association knows they took advantage of this being an election year. I am sorry to hear that. I am disappointed in you.

Maria Staab

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THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE
MDOT - SHERRY VARNER - MS 255
REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF GOVERNOR'S CORRESPONDENCE

LOG DATE: 10/27/98 /slv SERIAL#: 9552

TO: WILLIAMS

DATE: 10/27/98

FROM: Staab, Maria 10/25/98

RE: COMMENTS ON HOW THE STATE GOT OVER THE COMMUNITY RESPOND BY: 11/02/98
ASSOCIATION REGARDING SOUND BARRIERS

- PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE
- PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE ON BEHALF OF GOVERNOR (Note Governor as cc.)
- REPLY DIRECTLY, ACKNOWLEDGING SECRETARY'S RECEIPT, SHOW CC TO SECRETARY
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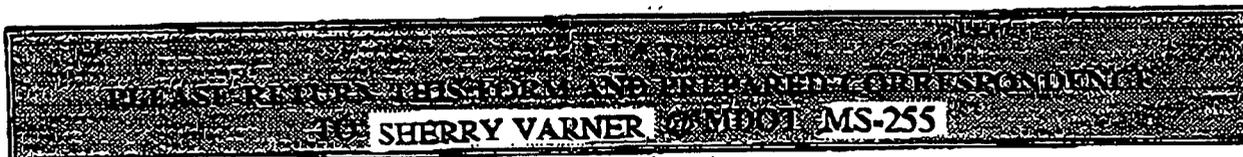
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INSTRUCTIONS: Please investigate the attached and take whatever action is necessary to respond to our constituent's concerns. When completed, please forward the response, the original letter and any back-up to the unit indicated below. Also, if there are any questions as to how to respond, please call the unit listed below.

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Receive Date: 10/26/1998
Letter Date: 10/25/1998
Deadline Date: 11/09/1998

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Name: Ms. Maria Staab

Subject: MISCELLANEOUS

Description: Comments on how the State got over on the community association regarding sound barriers.

Agency: MDOT

UNIT: DSI

CC: NOCPD.GWIA("mdot.state.md.us.jweeks@gov.state.md.u...



**Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration**

August 3, 1998

Phil
Parris N. Glendening
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Secretary
Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Mr. Michael Staiano
Staiano Engineering, Inc.
1923 Stanley Avenue
Rockville, MD 20851-2225

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Dear Mr. Staiano:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding review of the noise impact and mitigation evaluation for the proposed Eastridge development (Enyart property) adjacent to US 50/30 in Anne Arundel County. I appreciate the opportunity to clarify the issues and points brought up in our July 8, 1998 memorandum.

Regarding the traffic assumptions, a review of the original FEIS (dated 1981) for this section of US 50/301 finds that the current ADT is greater than the design year forecast. Our intent is to base decisions on location of new development on the ultimate worst case noise levels, assuming the highway capacity remains unchanged (i.e. no lane additions, etc.). There is a theoretical limit to the noise level based on the capacity of the roadway and the associated travel speeds. Once traffic nears capacity, speeds will then begin to drop along with noise levels. It seems most appropriate to provide mitigation based on the "near-capacity" scenario rather than existing conditions. Any mitigation provided should take into account the maximum noise producing capability of the current highway.

The "mitigation design goal" would still be 66 dBA, but would be based on the "near-capacity" traffic, not current volume. In this approach, the initial levels with mitigation may be below 66 dBA, but as traffic increased over time to near-capacity, 66 dBA would be the highest level reached. This essentially puts a "cap" on the residential exposure at 66 dBA, as would be desirable. If existing conditions were used only, 66 dBA would eventually be exceeded. The actual insertion loss would need to be somewhat greater using higher traffic numbers, but the goal would be for noise levels to remain below 66 dBA, unless the capacity of the highway is increased. Under that situation, SHA would then be required to assess the impact on the subject community from the proposed improvements under the NEPA process.

Finally, we agree in general with your comments regarding actual noise measurements, in that the ultimate impact assessment is based on predictions. It is recognized also that the subject development site will often undergo significant grading and other alterations that could make "before" measurements of questionable value, beyond a purely baseline reference. However, it was our assumption that knowing the existing level generally would be useful by possibly reducing the overestimation of the noise level. This could certainly be favorable to the developer in some cases. Ultimately, we are not proposing a requirement that measurements be done.

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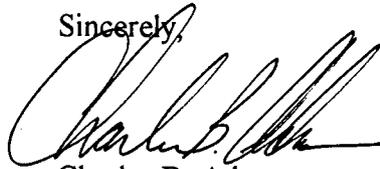
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Mr. Michael Staiano
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I hope this information clarifies the points made in our initial comments. If you would like to meet to discuss this information, please feel free to contact me at 410-545-8640.

Sincerely,



Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

cc: Mr. Jim Hade
Mr. Ken Polcak

Mr. Michael Staiano
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Administrator

April 2, 1998

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Mr. Scott C. Stallard
8119 Sheffield Court
Jessup MD 20794

Dear Mr. Stallard:

Thank you for your recent phone call regarding noise issues along Route 32 in the Asbury Park area of Howard County. I share your concern over the impact of highway noise on your community and appreciate the opportunity to be of some assistance in your search for alternative solutions to this problem. Your three questions are:

Question #1:

Any information your team could provide concerning a range of costs for construction of sound barriers would be helpful. If different grades (i.e. different sound dampening qualities) exist, please give me an idea of approximate cost variances.

Answer:

Concrete is the material of choice for sound barriers constructed by the State Highway Administration (SHA). In a limited number of cases early on we experimented with wood and we have used steel for barriers only on bridges that cannot carry a heavy concrete panel. Steel is primarily used for noise abatement on bridges. Both steel and wooden barriers have proven costly to maintain. Steel has less aesthetic possibilities and is generally considered not attractive by the public. Concrete has superior noise abatement qualities as well as excellent aesthetic treatment possibilities. With an average cost of \$16.50 per square foot for posts, panels and foundations, concrete is the fiscally responsible choice.

While the State of Maryland cannot endorse a specific product, you may find the Woodcrete wall system to be worthy of investigating. This system might well be able to provide your community with not only an aesthetically pleasing, but a cost effective solution. There are a number of manufacturers of alternative barrier systems. Another barrier manufacturer, Carsonite, produces a barrier composed of recycled tire fiber, encased in vinyl and stacked in a horizontal board-like configuration. Industrial Acoustics manufactures steel or aluminum panels filled with fiberglass batting. There are also other experimental systems such as US Gypsum which is a Styrofoam center sandwiched between two cement/gypsum boards.

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You can find out more about the Woodcrete system by contacting Superior Concrete Fence of Texas, Inc. at the following address.

Mr. Todd Sternfeld, V.P.
Superior Concrete Fence of Texas, Inc.
P. O. Box 201625
Arlington TX 76006
(800) 942-WALL

Question #2:

Provide any alternative methods (even interim) for reducing the noise.

Answer:

The most realistic alternative method that a community would consider would be to construct an earthen berm. Storm windows, insulation or air conditioning are several ways that individual homeowners could take steps to minimize the impact of external noise.

Question #3:

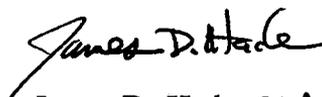
I have recently heard on the news about programs in both Howard and Montgomery counties which recently set aside additional funding for erecting sound barriers throughout both counties. Will any of these programs affect my neighborhood? Is there anything that can be done to make Asbury Woods part of the plan?

Answer:

Unfortunately, no. These programs will not affect your neighborhood. Under the revised Noise Policy the Asbury Woods community still does not meet the basic date criteria of our Type II noise policy and is therefore currently ineligible for sound barriers from SHA. While your community does not meet the qualifications for a State-funded barrier, you might be interested in pursuing tax increment financing of a barrier through Howard County. There is existing precedent for this, in another County. If you would like additional information about this possibility, please contact the office of Mr. James M. Irvin, who is the Director of Public Works for Howard County. You may reach him at 410-313-4401.

Thank you again for your interest. Once again I apologize for the delay in responding to your inquiry. If you should need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (410) 545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



James D. Hade, RLA
Team Leader
Noise Abatement Team

cc: Mr. James M. Irvin

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Scott C. Stallard
8119 Sheffield Court
Jessup, Maryland 20794

October 21, 1997

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Mr. James Hade
Maryland State Highway Administration
Office of Environmental Design, Mail Stop 303
707 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: Noise Abatement - Sound Barrier on MD Rte. 32

Dear Mr. Hade,

As you may recall, I was referred to you by Philip Troll via e-mail on August 6, 1997 on which you were copied.

My townhouse backs to a section of Rt. 32 which lies between Interstate 95 and US Rt. 1. I inquired in 1995 about constructing a sound barrier between my neighborhood (Asbury Woods) and Rt. 32. I received the attached response, dated August 29, 1995, from Mr. Adams. This letter makes it clear that technically the State does not have an obligation to construct a sound barrier based on the dates of the Rt. 32 expansion and construction of Asbury Woods. I understand this response and the policy behind it. Unfortunately, the noise problem still remains.

I am interested in exploring various noise abatement alternatives; not to exclude the possibility of private funding for all or a portion of a barrier. I am looking to your team to provide any information or guidance that may assist my efforts. Please review the following items:

- 1) Any information your team could provide concerning a range of costs for construction of sound barriers would be helpful. If different grades (i.e. different sound dampening qualities) exist, please give me an idea of approximate cost variances.
- 2) Provide any alternative methods (even interim) for reducing the noise.
- 3) I have recently heard on the news about programs in both Howard and Montgomery counties which recently set aside additional funding for erecting sound barriers throughout both counties. Will any of these programs affect my neighborhood? Is there anything that can be done to make Asbury Woods part of the plan?

Please respond at your earliest convenience to the above items.

Sincerely,


Scott C. Stallard

H (301) 776-5611
W (301) 214-9547

cc: Charles Adams



**Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration**

David L. Winstead
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Hal Kassoff
Administrator

August 29, 1995

Mr. Scott Stallord
8119 Sheffield Court
Jessup, Maryland 20794

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Dear Mr. Stallord:

Thank you for your telephone call to our office regarding the noise situation at your residence, located adjacent to MD 32 between Route 1 and I-95 in Howard county.

To determine where noise barriers are constructed, we follow a set criteria, one of which is that the homes must be built before the existing highway. Our records indicate that the homes in your community were constructed after completion of MD 32. Therefore, we cannot consider the area for noise abatement.

I regret that I am unable to offer a more positive response to your request. However, if you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please don't hesitate to contact me at (410) 333-8063.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

cc: Jim Hade
Ken Polcak
Shawn Newson

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January 22, 1998

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Mr. James E. Stem
7117 Thomas Branch Drive
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Mr. Stem:

Thank you for your recent internet message regarding the status of a sound barrier for the Wildwood Hills community bordering the West Spur of I-270. I appreciate this opportunity to update you on the progress of our work on this issue.

Funding needs for highway projects for the period of 1998-2003 are now being finalized. This includes a range of needs from bridge repairs, safety and paving projects and sound barriers. Once these decisions are made, the projects will be included in the Department's Consolidated Transportation Plan (CTP). The Wildwood Hills area meets all of our eligibility requirements and we understand the support for this project from the community and your local and State elected representatives. Once a final decision has been made on new sound barrier funding, we will be back in contact with you.

Thank you again for your internet message and your continued support and patience as we work through the funding issue. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or, toll free, at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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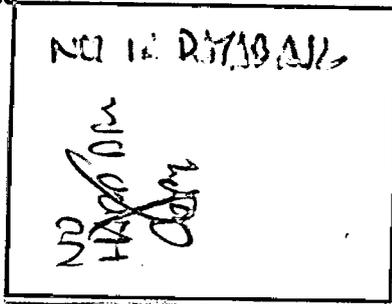
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August 11, 1998

Mr. Mallon F. Stilwell
646 Ridgely Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Stilwell:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding a sound barrier for your community along US 50 between the Severn River Bridge and Rowe Boulevard. The Governor has received a number of letters on this issue and he appreciates your bringing this matter to his attention. He asked me to respond on his behalf.

Since Governor Glendening took office in 1995, this Administration has placed an increased emphasis on quality of life issues, such as sound barriers. In the past three years, we have developed a new Sound Barrier Policy that has made communities such as yours eligible to receive these much needed projects. To handle the increased number of eligible communities, we also have nearly tripled the budget for sound barriers. In 1995, \$22 million was earmarked for sound barriers, but since then, the Governor has increased that figure to \$60 million. Regrettably, the number of eligible communities still surpasses our ability to fund them as quickly as we would like.

With the enactment of a sound ordinance by Anne Arundel County and the 20 percent commitment to funding by County Executive Gary earlier this year, I was pleased to learn that your community now meets all the requirements to receive a sound barrier. Unfortunately, these last two actions taken by the County occurred after the Department of Transportation had submitted its budget to the General Assembly for the upcoming year.

STILWELL, M.F.

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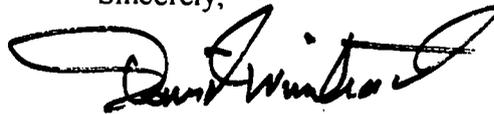
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Now that your community has met the eligibility requirements, let me assure you that your community's request for construction of a sound barrier will receive full consideration for inclusion in the Department's budget for next year. Your continued patience is greatly appreciated.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
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Dear Governor Glendening;



We Need Relief!

Please aid us in updating funds for noise barriers on Rte 50 in Annapolis from the Severn River Bridge to Rowe Blvd. Though approved in 1981, SHA has bypassed the Weems Creek Neighborhood while constructing noise walls around us.

Twenty-five years is too long to wait.

Help us secure funds now.

Malton F. Stelmach

I am a registered voter

646 Ridgely Ave., Annapolis, MD 21401

My address is

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August 11, 1998

Ms. Zehue Stilwell
646 Ridgely Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Ms. Stilwell:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding a sound barrier for your community along US 50 between the Severn River Bridge and Rowe Boulevard. The Governor has received a number of letters on this issue and he appreciates your bringing this matter to his attention. He asked me to respond on his behalf.

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Sincerely,



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July 15, 1998

Mr. Austin T. Storm
1 Pafel Road
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Austin:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening expressing your annoyance with the traffic noise along US 50 between the Severn River Bridge and Rowe Boulevard. The Governor has received many letters about this issue and appreciates your interest in writing to him. He has asked me to respond on his behalf.

Since Governor Glendening took office in 1995, his Administration has placed an increased emphasis on improving the quality of life enjoyed by our fellow citizens. In the past three-years, we have changed our Sound Barrier Policy to enable more communities to benefit from these walls. These changes have almost tripled the number of communities, similar to yours, that are now eligible for sound barriers. Almost \$60 million has been set aside to bring sound barriers to eligible communities. Even with \$60 million, we still do not have enough money to fund and build sound barriers as quickly as we would like. I have enclosed a copy of "Sound Barrier Brochure" for your information.

As a result of the recent changes to our Sound Barrier Policy, your community is now included with those areas eligible for sound barriers. Unfortunately, the money to build a barrier to protect your community, including your home, is just not available at this time. You can be sure, Austin, that as soon as the money is available we will do our best to get your sound wall built as quickly as possible.



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Thank you again for sharing your concerns and taking the time to write. We will continue to look for funds to build these sound barriers as early as possible. You have shown a keen sense of responsibility and I encourage you to continue this attribute in all of your future endeavors.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

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1 Pafel Road
Annapolis, MD 21401-1115

June 30, 1998

Governor Glendening
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Governor Glendening,

I am a thirteen year old and I live on the outskirts of Annapolis near Route 50 and Ridgley Avenue.

Route 50 is a great annoyance to me. My bedroom overlooks Rt. 50. It is difficult to fall asleep with the windows open at night, to do my schoolwork, and to hold conversations with friends in the backyard. When I travel to the east side of the Severn River Bridge, I notice that they have noise walls. I know our community is waiting to find out when we will get our walls. If we have to wait another five years, I will be eighteen and the walls will be no use to me, because I will be in college.

Please help us get the noise walls we need soon - in 1999.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Austin T. Storm

Austin T. Storm
410-841-6949

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**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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INSTRUCTIONS: Please investigate the attached and take whatever action is necessary to respond to our constituent's concerns. When completed, please forward the response, the original letter and any back-up to the unit indicated below. Also, if there are any questions as to how to respond, please call the unit listed below.

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Letter Date: 07/02/1998
Deadline Date: 07/20/1998

Name: Mr. Austin Storm
1 Pafel Road
Annapolis, MD 21401

Subject: NOISE BARRIERS

Description: Requests noise barriers for neighborhood. (Rte 50 and Ridgley Avenue)

Agency: MDOT

UNIT: DSI

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Miss Miriam Storm
1 Pafel Road
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Miriam:

Thank you for your recent letter telling me how the traffic noise from US 50 bothers you and that you would like a sound barrier. Many of your neighbors have also asked for a sound barrier and have sent me letters too. I appreciate that you and they wrote to me about this matter.

Since 1995 when I became governor, we have tried to find ways to improve the neighborhoods where people live. We even changed our sound barrier policy to allow more communities, like yours, to get sound walls. Almost \$60 million has been set aside for this purpose. This is nearly three times the amount available just three years ago. Still, we do not have enough money to build sound barriers as soon as we would like.

Miriam, your community has been identified as eligible for sound barriers. Money to build them is just not available at this time. When we get the money, you have my promise that we will work fast to get your sound barrier built. At this time, I can only ask you to be patient.

Thank you again for writing to me. It makes me happy to see young people like yourself show concern for your community and an interest in how government might help. I wish you the best of luck and success in everything you do in the future.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

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Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

Example of
A previous draft John's sister

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Miss Emily Storm
1 Pafel Road
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Emily:

Thank you for your recent letter describing how traffic noise from US 50 affects your daily life. Your wish for a sound barrier is shared by many of your neighbors. They have also sent me letters expressing their concern and I appreciate you and them bringing this matter to my attention.

Since I became governor in 1995, my Administration has worked hard to improve the conditions where people live. In the past three years, we have changed our sound barrier policy to allow more communities, including yours, to benefit from these walls. This change nearly tripled the number of communities eligible for sound barriers and amounts to almost \$60 million. Even so, we do not have the ability to fund them as quickly as we would like.

Emily, the good news is that your community is eligible for sound barriers. The bad news is that money to build them is not available at this time. Let me assure you that when money is available, we will move quickly to get your sound barrier built. I truly appreciate your patience in this regard.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention. You have shown true citizenship and responsibility in writing to me with your concerns. May you enjoy continued success in your schooling and I wish you the best in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR



July 6, 1998

Miss Emily Storm
1 Pafel Road
Annapolis MD 21401

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Dear Emily:

Thank you for your recent letter describing how traffic noise from US 50 affects your daily life. Your wish for a sound barrier is shared by many of your neighbors. They have also sent me letters expressing their concern, and I appreciate your bringing this matter to my attention.

Since I became Governor in 1995, my Administration has worked hard to improve the conditions where people live. In the past three years, we have changed our Sound Barrier Policy to allow more communities, including yours, to benefit from these walls. This change nearly tripled the number of communities eligible for sound barriers and amounts to almost \$60 million. Even so, we do not have the ability to fund them as quickly as we would like.

Emily, your community is eligible for sound barriers, unfortunately, the money to build them is not available at this time. Let me assure you that when money is available, we will move quickly to get your sound barrier built. I truly appreciate your patience in this regard.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention. You have shown true citizenship and responsibility in writing to me with your concerns. May you enjoy continued success in your schooling and I wish you the best in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

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July 17, 1998

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Mr. Erik Storm
1 Pafel Road
Annapolis MD 21401



Dear Erik:

Thank you for writing to Governor Glendening to tell him how noisy it is at your house next to US 50. The Governor is happy that you wrote. You are one of the youngest people he has ever received a letter from. He asked me to write back to you to answer your question about getting a sound wall. The Governor appointed me to be in charge of Maryland's airport, the sea port of Baltimore, bus and rail services, and building roads. Soundwalls are built by the same people who build the state's roads.

The Governor really cares about the traffic noise on state roads throughout Maryland. He has worked hard to have sound walls built for more neighborhoods than ever before. Right now there is just not enough money to build all the walls that are needed. As soon as we have more money we will build a wall where you live.

Erik, it is great that you like your house and that you enjoy swimming in your pool. I can certainly understand why you do not want to move. In the meantime, please try to be patient and before you know it, your sound wall will be here.

Thank you again for sending the Governor a letter about how you feel. It is wonderful to have young people like you write to Governor Glendening about things that are important. I hope everything goes well for you in the future, and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

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1 Pafel Rd.
Annapolis, MD 21401

July 13, 1998

Dear Gov. Glendening,

I am seven years old
and I live next to Rt. 50.
It is rather noisy here
and we don't want to move
because it is a perfect house.
It has a pool and we all like
to swim in it. Could you
please raise some money to
get us noise walls soon!

Erik Storm

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X-Mailer: Novell GroupWise 4.1
Date: Tue, 07 Jul 1998 12:49:31 -0400
From: "OGMD.API.corrgw" <corrgw@gov.state.md.us>
To: winstead@clark.net
Subject: Gov. Corr. - Storm - Letter ID 61680

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INSTRUCTIONS: Please investigate the attached and take whatever action is necessary to respond to our constituent's concerns. When completed, please forward the response, the original letter and any back-up to the unit indicated below. Also, if there are any questions as to how to respond, please call the unit listed below.

LID: 61680
Receive Date: 07/07/1998

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Letter Date: 07/03/1998
Deadline Date: 07/21/1998

Name: Mr. Erik Storm
1 Pafel Rd.
Annapolis, MD 21401

Subject: STUDENT LETTER

Description: Student letter - regarding the noise barriers for Route 50.

Agency: MDOT

UNIT: DSI

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Miss Miriam Storm
1 Pafel Road
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Miriam:

Thank you for your recent letter telling me how the traffic noise from US 50 bothers you and that you would like a sound barrier. Many of your neighbors have also asked for a sound barrier and have sent me letters, too. I appreciate that you wrote to me about this.

Since 1995, when I became Governor, we have tried to find ways to improve the neighborhoods where people live. We even changed our Sound Barrier Policy to allow more communities, like yours, to get sound walls. Almost \$60 million has been set aside for this purpose. This is nearly three times the amount available just three years ago. Still, we do not have enough money to build sound barriers as soon as we would like.

Miriam, your community has been identified to be eligible for sound barriers. Money to build them is just not available yet. When we get the money, you have my promise that we will work fast to get your sound barrier built. At this time, I can only ask you to be patient.

Thank you again for writing to me. It makes me happy to see young people like yourself show concern for your community and an interest in how government might help. I wish you the best of luck and success in everything you do in the future.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening
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Governor

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Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, Maryland Department of Transportation, **Serial #9161**

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PAMELA STORM

From: Irene Heline
To: SHAADM.DAustin, MDOHQPD.ELMRDPO1.jweeks
Date: 11/18/98 1:57pm
Subject: Serial #9609

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Judy & Donna,

I spoke to Charlie about this one. Charlie says that we do not need to respond to this one. It is the letter from Mrs. Pamela R. Storm regarding noise barriers at route 50 in Annapolis. She wrote to the Governor to thank him for the funding that was approved for her community. Please let me know if this is taken off of the system.

If you have any questions, you can call me at 410-545-8641.

Thank you,

Irene

CC: CAdams, NHardy, JHade, PTroll

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THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE
MDOT - SHERRY VARNER - MS 255
REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF GOVERNOR'S CORRESPONDENCE

LOG DATE: 11/18/98 /slv SERIAL#: 9609

TO: WILLIAMS

DATE: 11/18/98

FROM: Storm, Pamela 11/07/98

RE: THANK YOU LETTER REGARDING SOUND BARRIERS FOR WEEMS CREEKS

RESPOND BY: 11/24/98

- PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE
- PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE ON BEHALF OF GOVERNOR (Note Governor as cc)
- REPLY DIRECTLY, ACKNOWLEDGING SECRETARY'S RECEIPT, SHOW CC TO SECRETARY
- PREPARE RESPONSE FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE
- PLEASE HANDLE AS APPROPRIATE

FOR USE BY RESPONSIBLE UNIT

ASSIGNED TO: Charlie Adams DATE: 11-18-98
TO BE RETURNED TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE BY: 11-20-98
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

FOR USE BY ASSIGNED AREA

RESPONSE PREPARED BY: _____
(Name / Telephone / Date)
TYPED BY: _____
PROOFREAD BY: _____

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RECORD OF INTERIM TELEPHONE RESPONSE

(You can buy yourself some additional time in preparing a written reply by telephoning the constituent, explaining what's happening, and indicating when he/she may expect a formal reply. Please fill this portion and mail back the green sheet to obtain an extension on your reply deadline.)

Name of Person Called: _____ Date: _____
Written follow-up will be prepared by: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND PREPARED CORRESPONDENCE TO SHERRY VARNER @ MDOT MS-255

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WEEMS CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD FEDERATION

**1 Pafel Road
Annapolis, Maryland 21401**

November 7, 1998

RE: Noise Barriers Rt. 50 Annapolis

**The Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401**

Dear Governor Glendening:

Thank you for your letter dated October 30, 1998, stating that funding for sound barriers along Rt. 50 near the Lindamoor/Riverview communities will be included in the final budget of the Department of Transportation which will be presented to the General Assembly in January.

As you stated twenty years - two decades - is a long time to pursue completion of a project that should have been done with the expansion of Rt. 50 in 1981. We trust, now, that the construction of these barriers will be done as soon as possible - perhaps 2000 or 2001. We appreciate your continued assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Pamela R. Storm

(Mrs.) Pamela R. Storm
410-341-6949

prs

cc: Delegate Michael Busch



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July 23, 1998

Mrs. Pamela R. Storm
1 Pafel Road
Annapolis MD 21401-1115

Dear Mrs. Storm:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding sound barriers for your community along US 50 between the Severn River Bridge and Rowe Boulevard. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf, and I am also answering your letter to the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, Mr. Charles B. Adams.

Since Governor Glendening took office in 1995, his Administration has placed an increased emphasis on quality of life issues and solutions, such as sound barriers. In the past three years, we have developed a new Sound Barrier Policy that has made communities such as yours eligible to receive these much-needed projects. To handle the increased number of eligible communities, we have also nearly tripled the budget for sound barriers. Now that it has been determined that your community meets the requirements for barriers and that we have the continued support from Anne Arundel County, funding is the final issue to be addressed. Funding for this and many other needed transportation projects will be reviewed when the Department's next Capital Program Consolidated Transportation Plan (CTP) is developed beginning this Fall. Please be assured that we will give funding for this project every consideration. The strong support from Anne Arundel County will be important.

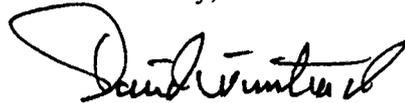
You had asked when the CTP meeting for Anne Arundel County will be held. This meeting is scheduled for 3 p.m., on Monday, October 19, in the Council Hearing Room of the Arundel Center in Annapolis.

Mrs. Pamela R. Storm
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Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for your continued patience. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Adams, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

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WEEMS CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD FEDERATION

July 10, 1998

**1 Pafel Road
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1115**

**RE: Noise Walls Rt. 50 Annapolis
Rowe Blvd. to Severn River Bridge**

**The Honorable Governor Parris Glendening
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401**

Dear Governor Glendening:

We were encouraged to hear from County Executive Gary and Senator Neall that they had met with Secretary Winstead on June 23, 1998, regarding priority SHA projects for Anne Arundel County. We were very encouraged to have the support of these men for the inclusion of the above mentioned noise walls in the budget to be presented to the General Assembly in January 1999. I have enclosed a copy of that recommendation for your reading.

We are looking to you to improve our quality of life by endorsing this project for 1999. Can you help us?

Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Pamela R. Storm

(Mrs.) Pamela R. Storm
Secretary/Treasurer
410-841-6949

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ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT

June 24, 1998

Mr. Douglas H. Simmonds, Chief
Regional and Intermodal Planning Division
Maryland State Highway Administration
707 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. Simmonds: *Doug*

I just received a copy of the 1998 Revision of the Highway Needs Inventory (HNI) to review. I was pleased to see a comprehensive revision to this important document since, I believe, the last complete revision occurred prior to the enactment of the original "ISTEA" legislation. However, in order for the HNI to truly be a comprehensive document that addresses highway needs as part of a total transportation concept, I would suggest that other types of "non traditional highway improvements" be incorporated in the document. Specifically, noise barriers should be included in the document. A countywide comprehensive study of the need for noise barriers could be accomplished in a similar manner to other projects in the Inventory.

Anne Arundel County would like to propose two noise barrier projects for inclusion in the HNI. The first runs along US 50/301 between the Rowe Boulevard exit and the Severn River Bridge. Exclusive of the necessary barriers at the interchange, at least 6,500 feet would be required to protect homes on both sides of US 50/301. Officials from the Maryland Department of Environmental Design, including Charles Adams, have met with the community and are aware of the need for the protective barriers.

The second project that should be funded by the State would close the approximately 800 foot unprotected section that exists on the north side of US 40/301 adjacent to the Greenwood Arms subdivision with a protective noise barrier. Senator Robert Neall's office has been in contact with our office about this problem.

Other "non traditional highway improvements" that could be considered for inclusion in the HNI are bicycle and pedestrian facilities, street scenes (similar to what is proposed for MD 70) and rest stops.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, I can be reached at 410-222-7432.

Sincerely,

Harvey Gold
Harvey Gold
Senior Transportation Planner

cc: Neil Pedersen
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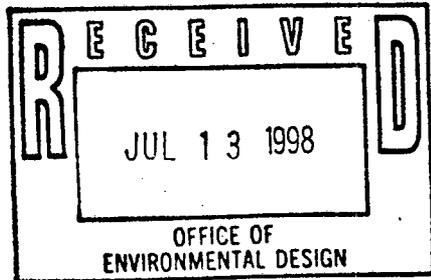
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July 10, 1998

1 Pafel Road
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1115

RE: Noise Walls Rt. 50 Annapolis
Severn River Bridge to Rowe Blvd.

Mr. Charlie Adams, Director
Environmental Design
Maryland State Highway Administration
707 N. Calvert St.
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. Adams:

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I have enclosed a copy of the official request that was sent to Mr. Douglas Simmonds.

We would appreciate knowing when the "road show" will be held for Anne Arundel County so that our communities may inform their residents to attend.

Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely,

Pamela R. Storm
(Mrs.) Pamela R. Storm
Secretary/Treasurer
410-841-6949

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Mrs. Pamela R. Storm
1B Pafel Road
Annapolis MD 21401-1115

Dear Mrs. Storm:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening requesting that the funding for sound barriers for the Riverview and Lindamoore communities along US 50 be advanced. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

Now that Anne Arundel County has enacted laws to safeguard future homeowners from high noise levels and has expressed its willingness to provide 20 percent of the cost of barriers, the Riverview and Lindamoore communities meet all of the State's eligibility requirements. Unfortunately, the number of sound barrier needs exceeds our ability to fund them all at once. All of the funds in our current Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) for Fiscal Years 1998-2003 have been allocated to projects on which prior commitments had been made. We will give full consideration to funding the design and construction of the Riverview and Lindamoore barriers in the next CTP cycle, which begins this Fall.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration
Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, MDOT, **Serial #9050**

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Drafted by: Natalie Hardy, OED/LAD/NAT --June 5, 1998
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Deputy Secretary

February 26, 1998

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Mrs. Pamela R. Storm
Secretary/Treasurer
Garden Farms Community Association
c/o 1 Pafel Road
Annapolis MD 21401-1115

Dear Mrs. Storm:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening as well as your active support for a sound barrier along US 50 between the Severn River Bridge and Ridgely Avenue. The Governor and I appreciate your continuing interest and efforts on behalf of the Wellsview Neighborhood Federation, and he has asked me to respond on his behalf.

Anne Arundel County's vote to enact local noise controls is welcome news. In taking this action, Anne Arundel joins Howard, Prince George's and Montgomery Counties in helping the State take steps to enhance their citizens' quality of life. In particular, the County's action means that your community now meets all of the eligibility requirements for a sound barrier. Although funds for design and construction have not yet been identified, we will pursue funding for this barrier and will keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you again for your letter and your interest in the State's sound barrier program. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest that prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design for the State Highway Administration. Mr. Adams can be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

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Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration
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Drafted by: Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT -- February 17 1998

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June 23, 1998

Mr. Thomas L. Storm
1B Pafel Road
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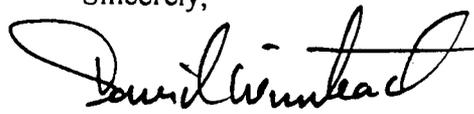
Dear Mr. Storm:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening requesting that the funding for sound barriers for the Riverview and Lindamoore communities along US 50 be advanced. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

Now that Anne Arundel County has enacted laws to safeguard future homeowners from high noise levels and has expressed its willingness to provide 20 percent of the cost of barriers, the Riverview and Lindamoore communities meet all of the State's eligibility requirements. Unfortunately, the number of sound barrier needs exceeds our ability to fund them all at once. All of the funds in our current Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) for Fiscal Years 1998-2003 have been allocated to projects on which prior commitments had been made. We will give full consideration to funding the design and construction of the Riverview and Lindamoore barriers in the next CTP cycle, which begins this Fall.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: The Honorable John C. Astle, Member, Senate of Maryland
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Ms. Leslie Frelow, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of
Transportation
Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, State Highway Administration
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration
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Serial # 9042

Drafted by: Natalie Hardy, OED/LAD/NAT - June 5, 1998
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October 30, 1998

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Storm
1 Pafel Road
Annapolis MD 21401-1115

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Storm:

For more than two decades, your community has been working to have sound barriers installed along US 50 and your homes. With the passage earlier this year of a noise ordinance by the Anne Arundel County government, the Lindamoore community fully met the State's criteria for a sound barrier. While funding for this barrier was not included in the Maryland Department of Transportation's draft capital budget, I am pleased that, after discussions with the Department, funding for the barriers will be included in its final budget, which will be presented to the General Assembly in January.

Construction of sound barriers is important to maintaining the quality of life in our established communities. My Administration has continually focused on projects that improve the quality of life for our citizens, and I am glad that we will be able to fund these much needed sound barriers.

You and your neighbors in Lindamoore are to be commended for your persistence in pursuing this project. Thank you for becoming actively involved in improving your community, and I am pleased that we were able to be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

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March 10, 1998

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Dr. and Mrs. Carl Strawberry
1841 Cove Point Road
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Strawberry:

Thank you for your recent letter, as well as your active support for a sound barrier for your community. I appreciate your patience while we considered this community's request for a sound barrier.

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Lindamoore community does meet the eligibility requirements for a sound barrier. While funding for the design and construction of a barrier has not yet been identified, we will be considering funding in future capital program updates. I have directed State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you again for your letter and your interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. I appreciate hearing from you. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
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June 29, 1998

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Mr. Bob Sutton
2 Pafel Road
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Sutton:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding a sound barrier for your community along US 50 between the Severn River Bridge and Rowe Boulevard. The Governor has received a number of letters on this issue from your neighbors, and appreciates you bringing this matter to his attention. He asked me to respond on his behalf.

Since Governor Glendening took office in 1995, this Administration has placed an increased emphasis on quality of life solutions, such as sound barriers. In the past three years, we have developed a new Sound Barrier Policy that has made communities such as yours eligible to receive these much needed projects. To handle the increased number of eligible communities, we have also nearly tripled the budget for sound barriers. In 1995, only \$22 million was earmarked for sound barriers, but since then, we have increased that figure to \$60 million. Regrettably, the number of eligible communities still surpasses our ability to fund them as quickly as we would like.

Earlier this year, Anne Arundel County enacted a sound ordinance, and County Executive Gary made a commitment to fund 20 percent of the cost of sound barriers. You will be pleased to learn that your community now meets all the requirements to receive a sound barrier. Unfortunately, these actions taken by the County occurred after the Department of Transportation had submitted its budget for the coming year to the General Assembly.

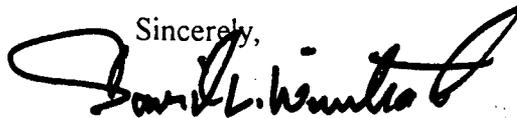
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Now that your community has met the eligibility requirements, I am pleased to assure you that your community's request for construction of a sound barrier will receive full consideration for inclusion in the Department's budget for next year.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest, which prompted you to write. Your continued patience is greatly appreciated. Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

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Administrator

August 26, 1998

Ms. Susan S. Swift, DPA
Susan S. Swift, Ltd.
#37B
400 East 84th Street
New York NY 10028

Dear Ms. Swift:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding sound barrier construction and landscaping adjacent to your home at 11 Greenlea Drive. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with an update.

The construction for sound barriers by your community is scheduled for mid October to November of this year. The foundations and posts are already in place. We anticipate that the construction will be complete by late November, weather permitting, and the landscaping project will begin in the Spring. We would be interested in discussing landscaping opportunities with you with regards to your property. It may be productive to meet with you at the site to review the possibilities. Mr. James D. Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader will contact you within the next two weeks to coordinate this.

Thank you again for your interest. If you should have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Hade of our Noise Abatement Team, who may be reached at (410) 545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams

Director

Office of Environmental Design

cc: Mr. James D. Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration

My telephone number is _____

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1-800-735-2258 Statewide Toll Free

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Transportation
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

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Responding to letter dated: August 6, 1998

Drafted by: Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT – August 20, 1998

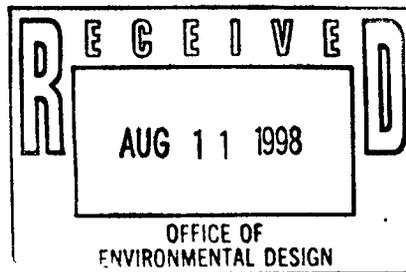
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400 East 84th Street, #37B, New York, N.Y. 10028

August 6, 1998



Charles Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design
Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration
707 North Calvert
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Mr. Adams:

Sometime ago, I had a conversation with Ms. Linda Singer about the negative impact the Beltway, and more recently, the widening of the Beltway, have had on our property at 11 Greenlea Drive in Brooklandville (Pikesville). Much of our conversation is outlined in the attached letter to her.

Our hope is that the barriers will greatly decrease the noise and disguise the green sign that is currently so visible from our yard and living room. We also hope that your office will consider undertaking some landscaping once the barriers are in to disguise them as well. This might help enhance how our property looks -- it once looked really beautiful -- and enable us to sell it eventually. It is just so sad to see how awful it is to drive down our driveway now. While we fully expect the barriers to make a great difference, they will never look like graceful big trees. Any help you can give us will be most appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Susan S. Swift, DPA
(Mrs. Michael A. Berman)

cc: Ms. Linda I. Singer

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400 East 84th Street, #37B, New York, N.Y. 10028

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August 6, 1998

Linda I. Singer
Special Assistant to the District Engineer/Community Liaison
Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration
P.O. Box 717 Baltimore, MD 21203-0717

Dear Ms. Singer:

Several months ago I spoke with you regarding my home at 11 Greenlea Drive in Brooklandville (Pikesville). At that time I talked with you about the dilemma facing us -- that my husband had taken a job in New York City; that we had put our house on the market months before; that no one would consider buying our home until the barriers went up and that the value of our home had dropped considerably because of the Beltway widening and increasing noise. When we spoke, some of the foliage had been removed, so it was possible to see the Beltway in a couple of places, as well as hear it, and we discussed the huge green sign that had been put up in November which was so clearly visible from my living room. The Beltway is now in full view and volume -- not a nice way to try and sell a home in the Spring and Summer.

Realtors, their clients and people we know who are looking for homes love our house. It is beautiful and has been well-maintained. We have been told consistently that if this same home were two-three blocks away today the value would be at least \$125-150,000 more. Less than one year ago, it appraised for \$250,000 more than it is currently listed for

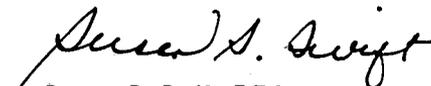
The noise has increased dramatically over recent years, as you know. I know the barriers are going in, but the value of our home continues to drop. Virtually all of the big trees that stood near our property line where have been taken out since I last spoke with you. At the time we spoke, I did not realize that more would be taken out.

My concerns are several, but they boil down to how do I get this house sold without losing much more of our investment. We've dropped the price \$150,000, but still no takers. The realtors say price is not the issue.

It is August. Do you have a specific date when you expect the barriers for Greenlea to be started? Given the removal of the rest of the trees and foliage along our property, what is the likelihood that the State Highway Department will be willing to landscape the area to enhance the appearance of the barriers?

I am enclosing a copy of the letter I am sending to Charles Adams. Anything you can do will be most appreciated.

Sincerely,


Susan S. Swift, DPA

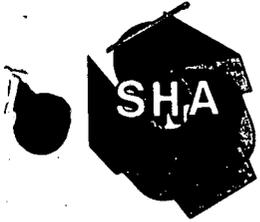
cc: Charles Adams

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Parris N. Glendening
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PLEASE REPLY TO:
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2323 WEST JOPPA ROAD
BROOKLANDVILLE, MARYLAND 21022
1-800-962-3077

May 28, 1998

Ms. Susan Swift
400 East 84th Street, Apt. 37B
New York, NY 10028

Dear Ms. Swift:

I am pleased to forward the enclosed plan sheet as promised in our recent telephone conversation. As we discussed, construction on the noise barrier is anticipated to begin in late July and take a couple of months to complete. We also anticipate the entire beltway widening project will be completed this fall.

The plan sheet shows your home at 11 Greenlea Drive and the proximity to the new noise barrier. I have taken the liberty of also having some additional distances marked off to show that the barrier is actually 20 feet beyond the existing fence. The barrier itself is 20 feet high. In reviewing this material, it is important to understand that sophisticated computer models are used to design the barriers, their placement and height so that they achieve the maximum noise reduction possible. This also takes into account the typography, thus while the barrier is lower than your home, its design and location account for this.

In researching the issue of the new sign, we wish to point out that there was not a sign in this location (approximately 250 feet east of your home) before construction began. However, in designing this project we upgraded all the signing to current industry standards and federal requirements. The top of the sign in question is approximately 40 feet above the roadway. While the noise barrier is 20 feet tall, it rests on ground approximately 20 feet higher than the beltway. Assuming the ground on the beltway by your home and at the sign location are the same, then the top of the sign and the barrier are approximately equal. We can only determine if it will be visible over the barrier once construction is completed. In any case, it cannot be moved.

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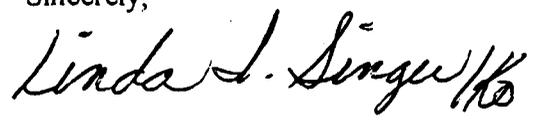
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Certainly the noise barrier has been designed to reduce roadway noise by your home under present and projected traffic conditions. We hope this information is useful in understand the relationship of the two. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (410) 321-2812.

Sincerely,



Linda I. Singer
Special Assistant to the District Engineer/
Community Liaison

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Enclosure
cc: Mr. Charles Adams
Mr. Philip Troll ✓
Mr. John Zanetti

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From: Philip Troll
To: NHardy
Date: May 28, 1998 (Thursday) 2:12pm
Subject: SUSAN SWIFT - GREENLEA DRIVE - 410-486-6728 - Reply - Reply - Forwarded

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Hey Natalie,

Here is the conversational background on Mrs. Swift (Dr. Edward Berman's wife) issues involving the positioning of the wall and the location of a sign. Mrs. Swift is a neighbor of our mutual friend, Mr. Katzenberg.

Philip

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May 11th, 1998

Good morning Linda,

I received a call from a person in your District, at #11 Greenlea Drive. Her name is Susan Swift. Her husbands name is Dr. Michael Berman and I can't say for sure, but I think she is a Doctor as well.

The Berman/Swifts are neighbors to our mutual friend Mr. Katzenberg. However, the Berman/Swifts WANT the wall -- and they want it in a big way. They are trying to sell their house and have had it on the market for long enough that they have already had to drop the price \$100,000 down to \$400,000.

While her first concern is when the wall will go up and how tall/long it will be -- She has a secondary concern that doesn't necessarily fall in our area of expertise. She is very concerned about a large green sign that was recently erected on the highway, right by her house. Do you know of the appropriate person to discuss this "sign affair" with her? She is only in Baltimore on Wed, Thurs and Fri. Once again, her name is Susan Swift -- #11 Greenlea Drive -- Tel: #410.486.6728.

Thanks again for the help, as usual hon,
Philip

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I've been trying to contact Susan swift of greenlea drive for a couple of days. I have some info for her. I've left messages. if she for some reason calls you, send her my way.

by the by, I'm going to Seattle and the pacific northwest this summer for vacation -- home of starbucks and really good java I'm told. after the red eye, do you think it will help?

linda
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Hey, hey Java-chick,

Had some really killer Ethiopian down the ocean this weekend. Thought of you, the Barista was a transplanted New Yorker searching for the Ocean-life.

Here is the deal with Susan Swift...

The NYC #: 212-452-2802

Mrs Swift is married to Dr. Michael Berman -- The Berman/Swift's are (from what I can gather) the neighbors of our mutual friend Mr. Katzenberg. Mr. K doesn't want the wall, the Bern\man/Swifts DO want the wall. They are trying to sell the house, and had to drop the price \$100,000 down to \$300,000. She said to call the NYC number anytime and leave a message. NYC will, most likely, be the best place to get in touch with her. When she is in B'more, it's really hit and miss.

Mrs. Swift is usually up to NYC for most of the time. She occasionally gets back down here to Mobtown on Thursdays and Fridays (sometimes Wednesdays as well). She is very amenable to working with us, to the point of working to coordinate whatever schedules that need to be manipulated to meet with SHA folk. She is very anxious to meet with someone to discuss the new sign, as well as the planned wall. A major concern is where will it begin and how high it will be (to perhaps obscure the new sign?)

Jim Hade and Gene Miller are supposed to meet with Mr. Katzenberg some time soon. Mrs. Swift was sot of interested in meeting with them as well. At last conversation she didn't care if she met with all of them together -- or just with the SHA folks, separate from Mr. Katzenberg. Her big issue is where the wall will begin and what can be done about the sign -- She doesn't really care about Katzenberg.

As is always the case, just let me know what I can do to grease whatever rails necessary to bring us all onto one page together with Mrs. Swift. I envy the Pac/NW extravaganza -- Sounds like fun and ultra-relaxing. But then again, don't we all have to make the sacred pilgrimages once in our lives to the shrines in Seattle and Bogata? I thought I read it in the manual somewhere...

Talk to you later hon,
Philip

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phil-

spoke to Mrs. swift yesterday at length.

told her there is really nothing that can be done about the sign. aashto, fhwa and other guidelines pretty much dictate location, dependent of course on topography, road geometry, speeds, etc.

as to her concern about the wall and the visibility of the sign from her living room, I offered to send a simplified plan showing proximity to the wall, its location, (20 feet high by the way), etc. etc. I also offered to identify a location a Realtor could use to show how much noise attenuation was achieved from a wall in similar topographical and other conditions. IE let the Realtor show a perspective buyer how much quieter it would be. I think, personally, she is getting screwed by the Realtor or at least doesn't have a real savvy Realtor it they can't use the construction of the barrier as a selling point. if it doesn't make an area quieter why in heavens name are we spending millions upon millions to build them all over! John Zanetti is getting me the info and I will forward it. I also told her if she thinks landscaping might help, she might contact Charlie on that one.

as for the trip, I tend to over plan and not relax. we are rethinking the itinerary, possibly not going to victoria with the car, but staying east of puget sound and then taking a day trip or overnight across from Vancouver to victoria by ferry and not worrying about getting the wheels on the boat. there are supposed to be some very beautiful islands in the sound we may want to explore and just not cover the same amount of territory. we are also including a few days in whistler which is a resort north of Vancouver. do you ever have that urge that you have to try to do and see

everything and then realize, hey, this is stupid?

I am also traveling with two kids (17 and 12). great travelers, fun to be with but still, kids, so those restful bed and breakfasts are out.

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May 19th, 1998

Hey Linda,

Thanks for the update regarding your recent conversation with Mrs. Swift. I'm glad you all had the opportunity to talk, draw comparisons and spell out our party line. I agree with you about the Real Estate situation. It is obvious that the wall is going in -- How could that not be construed as a positive influence and why would that not be a good marketing point of discussion? Glad you had a nice talk with her and that most everything is cool with her.

I liked very much your idea of identifying similar areas to get an idea for how the quality of life issues would be changing. The comparison as a way of envisioning the changes to occur in the near future was a very nice idea.

Zanetti is already providing you with information to detail to her the potential beginning point? If possible, if he uses some manner of graphic to illustrate this point -- could I get a copy of it to include with her file for future reference?

Once again, as always -- when would it be otherwise? Thanks for helping close the loop on this one.

I'd like to see the Puget Sound photos when you get back. Always wanted to see that area. Having an itinerary is a good idea but some of the most enjoyable vacations I've had just flowed and emanated from the idea of the moment. Which ever way you go, I can't imagine you not enjoying the lure of the road. Besides, when the little ones are in the hallowed halls of academia -- THEN, the B & B's will make a return appearance. But, there is a lot to be said for the intensity and confusion of kid traveling. Sort of intensifies the thrill of the new and undiscovered.

Hope you enjoy the Northwest and Canada, I know you will,
And thanks for the help in allaying Mrs. Swifts fears,
Philip

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CC: IHeline