VIII. Noise Wall Material Selection and Project Implementation

The noise barrier material shall be in keeping with the ODOT’s Aesthetic Initiative. Noise barriers shall have minimal step heights and a finished coping or sill treatment along the top. The ODOT will initially contact the benefited receptors and other community members and local officials and present information on the Noise Barrier Program and all approved material types. The local officials will be advised that if the municipality requests the noise barrier be constructed with approved standard material types (i.e concrete, fiberglass) no additional costs will be required from the local political authority. Use of alternative materials is determined on a project basis. If an earthen mound noise barrier is determined to be feasible and reasonable to construct, this alternative shall be considered the first option.

If the local political authority selects a non-approved material type the project plans will list all approved materials as the base bid option for the contractor and list the requested material as the alternate bid. The local officials will be advised the difference in cost between the base and alternate bid will be the responsibility of the local political authority. Federal funds shall not participate in payment of the premium of the alternate product.

If the local political authority selects a specific supplier the project plans will list all the approved material suppliers as the base bid and list the requested specific supplier as the alternate bid. The local officials will be advised that the difference in cost between the base and alternate bid will be their responsibility. Federal funds shall not participate in payment of the premium of the alternate product.

If the local political authority does not select any material type, the project plans will list all the approved material suppliers. In the case where a noise wall is to be constructed through two or more adjacent communities, the ODOT will make the material selection offer as above with the stipulation that only one material will be erected continuously between major intersections. The appropriate ODOT District will have the responsibility of conducting the Public Involvement Meeting after conferring with the local political authority(ies).