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ODOT TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL NOISE WALL

Affected residents along Western Avenue have vote in decision

LIMA (Friday, May 13, 2016) The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will conduct a public meeting to discuss a proposed noise wall which would potentially reduce highway noise along a section of Western Avenue in Findlay.

The meeting will be held Thursday, May 19, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Chamberlin Hill Intermediate School gymnasium, 600 West Yates Avenue, Findlay. The results of a noise analysis, conducted in August of 2015, and the noise wall process will be presented at the meeting.

The noise wall is being proposed at the request of residents in the area east of U.S. 68/Ohio 15, along Western Avenue. In response to the request, which was made in the summer of 2015, ODOT completed a noise analysis.

At the conclusion of the meeting, ODOT will provide affected property owners identified through the noise analysis the opportunity to vote in favor or against the construction of a noise wall. They will also be asked to provide their selection of color and texture of the wall, if it were to be constructed.

There are 72 residences, as well as the Chamberlin Hill School, identified through the analysis as noise receptors, meaning those who are currently experiencing highway noise and would potentially benefit from the placement of a noise wall. Only those identified as receptors will have a vote in the decision.

“We invite anyone interested in the issue to attend, but we need to emphasize that only those identified as receptors through the noise analysis will have a vote in determining if a wall is constructed or not,” said Kirk Slusher, Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 deputy director.

The proposed wall would be constructed from the Western Avenue intersection northward to West Lake Court near Lake Cascades.

Comments concerning the proposed noise wall will be accepted at the meeting. Comments may also be made to the following contact by phone, U.S. mail or email. All comments must be received by June 20, 2016:

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The noise analysis report can be found on ODOT’s website at the following location:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/D01/PlanningPrograms/Projects/Documents/NoiseAnalysis.pdf>

A flowchart showing ODOT's type II noise wall process can be found on ODOT's website at the following location:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/D01/PlanningPrograms/Projects/Documents/FlowChart.pdf>

ODOT's Highway Traffic Noise Analysis Manual is located at:

http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/Environment/NEPA_policy_issues/NOISE/Pages/NoiseManual.aspx

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The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by ODOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 11, 2015, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.

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