

# Project Background & Meeting Purpose

## Project Background

As part of the *I-75 Thru the Valley Project*, a traffic noise impact analysis was performed. This analysis determined that areas along the project corridor will experience sound-level impacts under design year (2030) traffic conditions.

A noise impact occurs when a predicted design year noise level **EXCEEDS** 66 decibels (dB) or if a substantial increase of 10 dB or greater is predicted for any noise sensitive areas.

Six (6) areas for this Phase (HAM-75-12.60) of the *I-75 Thru the Valley Project* qualify for noise abatement measures (Noise Barriers).

## Meeting Purpose

The purpose of today's meeting is to obtain public comments and input on:

1. Whether or not Noise Barriers should be constructed at the recommended locations?
2. Preferences for Noise Barrier Color and Texture.

ODOT Noise Policy also allows for the installation of Vegetative Screening instead of a Noise Barrier, where space is available. However, Vegetative Screening WILL NOT provide a noise reduction and only act as a visual barrier to the roadway.