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IS THIS PROJECT LIKELY TO INCREASE SOUND LEVELS?
e.g., New road, adding travel lanes, substantially modifying a roadway

YES, CONDUCT NOISE ANALYSIS

NO
Noise analysis and evaluation of noise abatement not required

We are here

1 IDENTIFY AREAS SENSITIVE TO TRAFFIC NOISE
e.g., Residences, parks, churches, schools




2 DETERMINE EXISTING AND FUTURE NOISE LEVELS USING TRAFFIC NOISE MODEL
Noise model analysis and software developed by Federal Highway Administration

3 DETERMINE TRAFFIC NOISE IMPACT
Traffic noise impacts are present when:
Noise levels are high enough to interfere with normal conversation
OR
Future noise levels substantially exceed existing noise level

ARE THERE NOISE IMPACTS?

YES




NO
No Noise Abatement

4 EVALUATE NOISE ABATEMENT MEASURES USING TRAFFIC NOISE MODEL
e.g., Noise barrier

5 DETERMINE IF NOISE ABATEMENT MEASURES ARE FEASIBLE AND REASONABLE
Based on ability to create appreciable reduction in noise, as well as viability and cost

ARE NOISE ABATEMENT MEASURES FEASIBLE AND REASONABLE?

NO
No Noise Abatement



6 DETERMINE PREFERENCE OF ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS THROUGH NOISE BALLOTING
Noise balloting will take place during funded design projects

ITD NOISE POLICY
50%+1 of property owners benefited* by noise wall are in favor


YES **NO**

75% of residents benefited* by noise wall are in favor

YES **NO**

DESIRED **NOT DESIRED**

*appreciable reduction in noise levels



INSTALL NOISE ABATEMENT MEASURE WITH FUNDED CONSTRUCTION PROJECT