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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Gregory A. Whirley
Commissioner

Date, 2013

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Re: Noise Barrier Opinion Survey for Interstate 66 Spot 3 Improvement: CNE 4
Project 0066-000-114, P101, UPC 78827
Northern Virginia District

Dear Property Owner or Resident:

In conjunction with the proposed I-66 Spot 3 Improvement Project, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is asking for your input concerning a proposed noise barrier along I-66 Westbound, between Utah Street and Stafford Street. The noise barrier under consideration is the best solution available to reduce predicted roadway noise impact at your property. This survey is being mailed only to owners and residents of the nearby properties that are affected by noise and would benefit from the noise barrier. A property is said to be "benefited" if it receives a minimum of 5 decibels of traffic noise reduction by the noise barrier.

The proposed noise barrier 4A would be located between the I-66 westbound lanes and the Custis Trail, from Utah Street to Stafford Street. It would be approximately 780 feet long and would range in height from 20 feet to 34 feet. The noise barrier would be located as shown on the attached graphic, along the north side of I-66, east of Utah Street. The precise location of the barrier may be shifted slightly to avoid utility conflicts. The barrier would be constructed of concrete with a sound-absorptive facing on the highway side at elevations below the existing Custis Trail. The portions of the barrier above the trail elevation would be constructed of an unbreakable transparent material. This transparent material is widely used for noise barriers, and is installed along the trail/sidewalk across the Woodrow Wilson Bridge on the southbound side of I-95 in Alexandria. The barrier would be constructed within state right of way. The barrier is predicted to provide a noise reduction of between 5 and 7 dBA to the benefited residential properties. Receptors on the Custis Trail would receive a greater degree of noise reduction due to the closer proximity and greater height of the barrier relative to the trail.

VDOT is providing the attached questionnaire to solicit and document your opinion concerning the proposed noise barrier. Please use the enclosed postage-paid envelope to return your completed questionnaire by **DATE, 2013**. Along with any associated comments, your

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vote and the votes of the other property owners benefited by this noise barrier will determine the final decision whether or not the noise barrier is carried through to construction.

Of the votes tallied, fifty percent (50%) or more of the respondents must be in favor of a proposed noise barrier in order for that noise barrier to be considered for construction.

Information on VDOT's noise abatement program is available on VDOT's Website, at: <http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/pr-noise-walls-about.asp>. The site provides information on VDOT's noise program and policies, noise walls, and a downloadable noise wall brochure.

Should you have any questions, I can be reached by phone at (804) 371-6766, or by e-mail at Paul.Kohler@VDOT.Virginia.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Kohler', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

Paul M. Kohler
Noise Abatement Program Manager

Attachments