



I-5 / 5th Ave NE to NE 92nd St Noise Wall Project Update

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Moving forward with noise wall design on the east side of I-5

WSDOT is moving forward with the design of a [proposed noise wall on the east side of I-5](#) (Stage 2). This proposed noise wall includes two segments: Wall 1-North, between NE 92nd Street and NE 85th Street, and Wall 1-South, between NE 85th Street and NE 80th Street.

This summer, we will begin a community polling process with property owners near the proposed wall in the Maple Leaf neighborhood. With community support, we plan to continue designing the noise wall over the next year, and anticipate beginning construction on the east side of I-5 in summer/fall of 2009. If a neighborhood majority does not want a wall, WSDOT will not build it.

The project team will continue to monitor Sound Transit's plans for the North Link light rail project that is proposed to be built in the same area.

WSDOT launches community poll and public outreach efforts

Our team has started preliminary design work and will involve the community in a polling process to determine support for the proposed noise wall on the east side of I-5. We will conduct separate polls for property owners near Wall 1-North (NE 92nd Street to NE 85th Street) and Wall 1-South (NE 85th Street to NE 80th Street).

We are involving the public in the design and decision making process because noise wall construction will affect neighbors in close proximity to I-5. The outreach process will include the following steps:

- **Step 1:** Share wall-specific project information with the community.
- **Step 2:** Facilitate neighborhood polls with property owners affected by the walls to gauge support for the project.
- **Step 3:** Tally polling results.
- **Step 4:** Share the results and next steps with the community.

Background information for new neighbors

Residents of Seattle's Maple Leaf, Licton Springs and north Green Lake neighborhoods who live near I-5 experience high noise levels. When we built I-5 in the 1960s, noise was less of a concern, largely because there was less traffic. Since then, noise levels increased significantly as traffic grew. Today, these neighborhoods are high priorities on our statewide priority list for noise reduction.

As part of the [I-5 / 5th Ave NE to NE 92nd St Noise Wall Project](#), we are building three noise walls on the west side of I-5 (Stage 1) and plan to build one noise wall on the east side of I-5 (Stage 2). Once constructed, the noise walls will noticeably reduce noise levels for residents near the freeway in the Green Lake, Licton Springs and Maple Leaf neighborhoods.

With community and legislative support in early 2007, WSDOT postponed the design and construction of the proposed noise wall on the east side of I-5 (Stage 2) due to potential schedule and location conflicts with Sound Transit's proposed North Link light rail. The light rail project was proposed as part of the November 2007 Roads & Transit ballot measure. Since this ballot measure failed, WSDOT has decided to move forward with design and construction of the proposed noise wall.

About this e-mail

Please forward this e-mail to others who might be interested. If you have questions about the project or would like to be added to the e-mail list, please send an e-mail to NWNoiseWalls@wsdot.wa.gov.

For questions about the proposed noise wall on the east side of I-5 (Stage 2), please contact Elizabeth Faulkner at 206-770-3633. For construction-related (Stage 1) questions, please call our construction hotline at 206-819-7230.

Visit our project Web site for more information:
www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/5thAveNEtoNE92ndNoiseWall.