

Notice: Noise wall construction starts in late December

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and its contractor, Flatiron Constructors, are currently working to complete improvements on I-405 between NE 6th Street in Bellevue and I-5 in Lynnwood. Improvements include adding one new lane in each direction between NE 6th Street and SR 522, building wider shoulders, installing new stormwater infrastructure, and constructing new noise walls. Crews will build a new noise wall near your home, as shown in the map below.

Beginning as early as the week of December 30, construction crews will remove trees and vegetation along the WSDOT right of way (ROW) to make room for the new wall. Once this preparatory work is complete, crews will begin earthwork and pouring concrete for the wall's foundation. Foundation work is tentatively scheduled to begin the week of January 27. Construction of the new noise wall will continue through winter and spring 2014.

See reverse side for details about what to expect during upcoming construction activities.

What is a noise wall?

A noise wall is a barrier constructed of concrete or earth that crews build between a neighborhood and a freeway to reduce traffic noise for nearby residents.

Why is my neighborhood receiving a new or relocated noise wall?

As part of a noise study completed for this project, WSDOT determined that your neighborhood met federal requirements to warrant constructing a noise wall.

How tall will the noise wall be?

The new noise wall will vary in height up to 24 feet above the existing ground elevation. The image on the reverse side shows a typical cross section of the noise wall in relation to nearby homes.

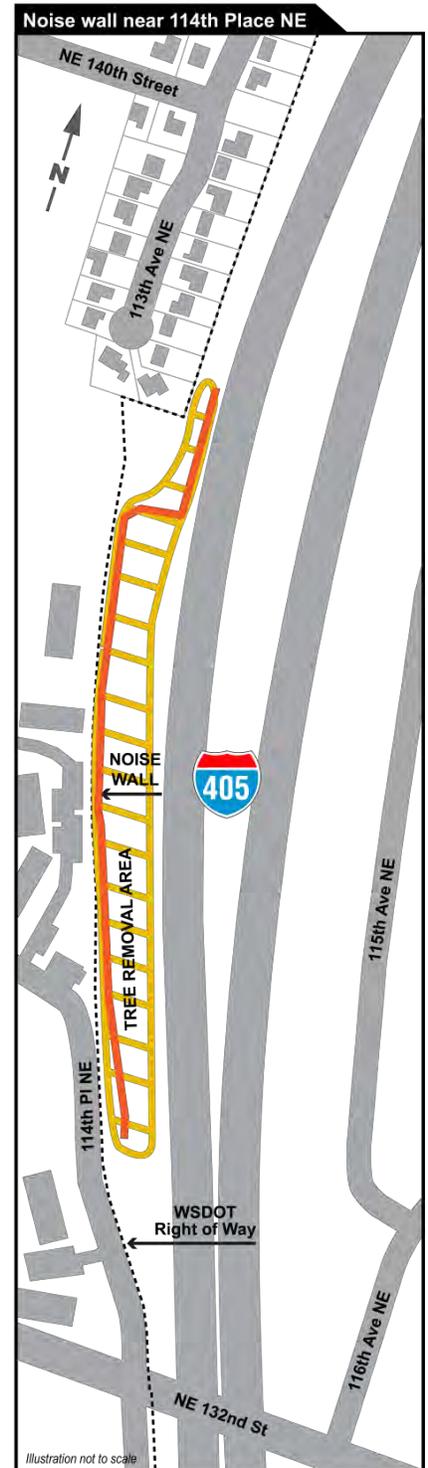
Where will the noise wall be built?

The new noise wall will be located within WSDOT property, approximately four to five feet east of the state property line, and will extend from just north of NE 132nd Street to just south of NE 140th Street (see map at right).

To accommodate the equipment needed for construction, crews will remove trees on WSDOT property along the wall alignment. Crews will replant new trees in accordance with the project planting plan before the Bellevue to Lynnwood project is complete in 2015.

What will the noise wall look like?

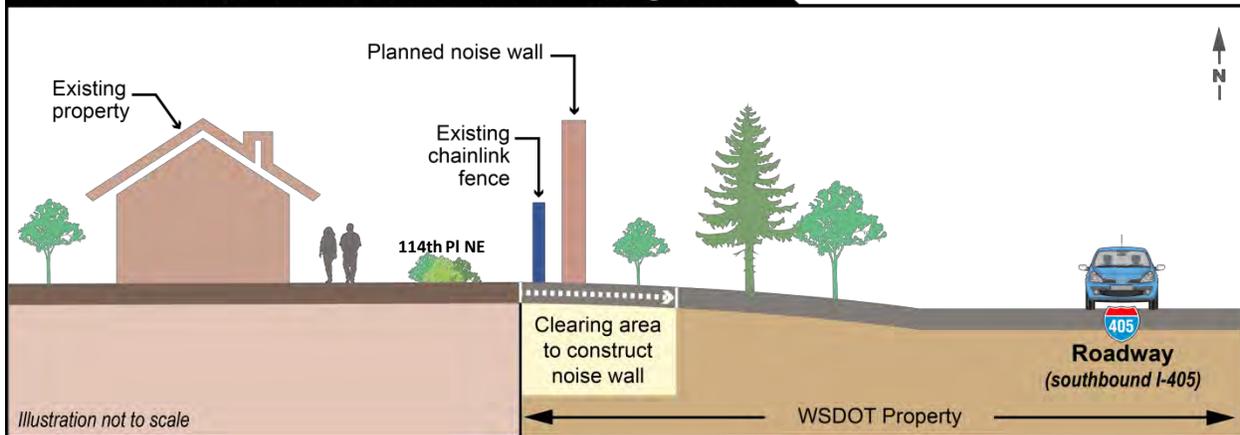
The noise wall will be made of concrete and have an ashlar stone finish, similar to the wall and pattern pictured on the reverse side.



How much noise reduction is expected from the new noise wall?

The amount of noise reduction neighbors may experience will depend on the height and length of the wall at their particular location, as well as the distance and elevation between homes and the wall. Neighbors closest to the noise wall will experience the greatest reductions in noise.

Cross section of noise wall and clearing area



What should I expect during construction activities?

Construction activities will take place during daytime and nighttime hours, Monday through Friday, depending on the type of work being completed. The current schedule does not call for weekend work, though weather conditions and schedule demands may require occasional work during these times.

Crews will work to minimize noise and other disruptions during work hours. However, neighbors can expect to hear noise and feel vibration during this work related to:

- Equipment used to cut down, chip and/or haul away the trees.
- Excavators, concrete trucks and cranes used to build the foundation and install the wall panels.
- Backup alarms on mobile equipment required for safety.
- Construction crews and equipment entering and exiting the work zone.



The noise wall will look similar to the wall pictured above.

Thank you for your patience during construction. Good news: This work will help to reduce noise from I-405 in your neighborhood.

How can I learn more?

For more information about the new noise wall, or if you would like a project representative to meet with you about upcoming construction, please contact the I-405 Communications Team at 206-369-5637.

Questions or comments?

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