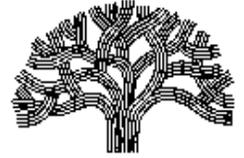


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Dear Property Owner,

As the owner of a property expected to benefit from the potential construction of freeway soundwalls in your area, you are eligible to sign an upcoming petition the City will use to determine whether or not to proceed with further study of the soundwalls. This letter is to advise you that supporters of the studies may be contacting you within the next year to ask you to sign this petition and that the petition is legitimate. The City neither endorses nor opposes the study, but is using the petition process to survey affected residents before investing funds in this effort.

Background

A 2009 study entitled, "State Route 24, Oakland, CA, Pre-Noise Barrier Scope Summary Report (NBSSR)" found that your property is one of 481 that could experience a minimum 5 decibel noise reduction if soundwalls were constructed at the following locations:

- Eastbound between Vicente Way and Broadway
- Westbound between Ross Street and Telegraph Avenue

In order to qualify for state soundwall construction funds, a full NBSSR is needed for these locations. As you may be aware, the City has conducted a process over the past couple of years that allows funding from the Fourth Bore Caldecott Tunnel Settlement Agreement with Caltrans to fund this study; however, these funds can also be used for capital projects, such as various intersection improvements on College Avenue and on Broadway.

Petition process

In order to determine if there is sufficient support for the ultimate construction of these soundwalls before investing in a larger sound study, the City has instituted a petition process. Soundwall advocates will have one year to collect signatures from at least two-thirds (321) of the 481 eligible property owners. If they are successful, the City will commission the NBSSR; if not, the funds that have been set aside for this study will be used to build additional projects from the Caldecott Settlement Agreement list.

For more information, please read the attached Q&A, visit www.fourthbore.org or contact the City's Caldecott project consultant, Victoria Eisen at victoria@eisenletunic.com or 510-525-0220.

Sincerely,

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