Traffic Noise Workshop and Meeting Summary

MoPac (State Loop 1) Intersections
From North of Slaughter Lane to South of La Crosse Avenue
CSJ: 3136-01-015
Travis County
December 2015

Texas Department of Transportation, Austin District

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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Introduction

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority) conducted a traffic noise workshop regarding the proposed inclusion of noise barriers on MoPac at the intersections of Slaughter Lane and La Crosse Avenue on Thursday, September 3, 2015. The purpose of the workshop was to inform and solicit a public vote of adjacent property owners on the proposed noise barriers. Two subsequent individual meetings were conducted with large property owners who had sole voting power on individual noise barriers, the Whitestone Property Group on September 16, 2015 (owners for Parkside Village commercial property) and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center on September 17, 2015. For more information about the project area, purpose and need, and the proposed improvements, please see the Final EA (December 2015).

Traffic Noise Workshop Information

Date and Location

A traffic noise workshop was held on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at the Circle C Community Center, 7817 La Crosse Avenue, Austin, TX 78739. The workshop began at 6:00 p.m. with a technical presentation at 6:30 p.m., followed by a voting/question and answer period from 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Notifications

Aug. 13, 2015	A workshop invitation packet was mailed to 42 property owners immediately adjacent to the proposed noise barriers in the Circle C Wildflower Park and Circle C on the Park neighbourhoods including: a letter, meeting location map, voting ballot, stamped and addressed return envelope, noise barrier map, and TxDOT's "*Building Barriers to Traffic Noise*" brochure.
Aug. 25, 2015	The Circle C Home Owners Association distributed an informational Eblast to 3,000 members to let them know about the workshop.
Aug. 26, 2015	A reminder letter was mailed requesting attendance at the workshop.
Sept. 11, 2015	A reminder postcard was mailed requesting that property owners complete their ballots by September 14, 2015.
Sept. 30, 2015	Re-balloting of four residential property owners adjacent to Noise Barrier 2c. Barrier. The barrier was shifted and lowered to 10 feet away from a stand of trees and at the homeowners' request.

These notifications are included in **Attachment A**.

Sign-in, Handouts, and Exhibits

Upon arrival at the workshop, attendees were asked to sign-in and were provided with a set of handouts that included:

- TxDOT brochure "Building Barriers to Traffic Noise"
- Duplicate Voting Ballot (for property owners adjacent to the proposed noise barrier)

Project display boards were exhibited to provide information about the proposed project. They included the following boards/maps:

- Project location
- Purpose and format of noise workshop – "Why Am I Here?"
- Project milestones
- Process and noise principles
- Traffic Noise Impacts - FHWA's Noise Abatement Criteria (NAC)
- What if there is a traffic noise impact? Feasibility and Reasonability goals
- Artistic rendering of Slaughter Lane at MoPac
- Artistic rendering of La Crosse Avenue at MoPac
- Artistic rendering of the proposed noise barrier aesthetic treatment – roadside view
- Artistic rendering of the proposed noise barrier aesthetic treatment – residential View
- Detailed noise barrier design of the panels, including color and texture palette
- Noise barrier advantages and disadvantages
- How to submit a ballot
- Preliminary layout of the Build Alternative showing the proposed noise barriers

The technical presentation and seating area was located on the southern wall of the community center. A balloting table was adjacent to the room exit to encourage public voting. A copy of the Draft EA was also provided for review.

Copies of the handout materials are included in **Attachment A.** Display boards and maps are included in **Attachment B.** The presentation slides are included in **Attachment C**. Photographs of the workshop are included in **Attachment D.** Sign-in sheets of the workshop are included in **Attachment E.**

Format

The workshop portion was held from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., during which time the public was able to review project display boards and discuss the proposed noise barriers with the Project Team.

A technical presentation began at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Andrew Cooper, from Jacobs Engineering, gave a brief overview of the project and provided a summary of the results of the traffic noise analysis with a detailed review of the proposed noise barriers. Mr. Cooper included discussion of the public approval process, including key dates and deadlines. After the presentation, Mr. Cooper opened

the question and answer session. Mr. Cooper closed the presentation by encouraging the audience to continue to review the project display boards and reminding the audience to submit their ballots by Monday, September 14, 2015.

Attendance

Eighteen (18) people signed in at the workshop. Meeting sign-in sheets are included in **Attachment E**.

Individual Noise Barrier Meetings

Individual meetings were held with two large property owners with a sole vote for an individual noise barrier.

Whitestone REIT

On September 16, 2015, the Project Team and Whitestone REIT, owners of the Parkside Village, a commercial property, met on-site to discuss a proposed noise barrier (labeled as Barrier 2a in **Attachment A**, page A-3 and A-59). In addition, the manager of the NXNW Restaurant and Brewery, a lessee in the Parkside Village, attended. The discussion included the location and height of the proposed noise barrier and the potential impact to a stand of trees adjacent to the NXNW Restaurant outdoor seating area. The proposed noise barrier was verbally declined by the Whitestone representatives based on potential impacts to ingress and egress to the development by pedestrians and bicyclists utilizing the shared-use path planned for the MoPac Intersections Project.

University of Texas at Austin Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Three meetings were held with the University of Texas at Austin Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center to discuss the proposed noise barrier. The first two meetings were at the Wildflower Center on May 4, 2015 and September 1, 2015. At these meetings, TxDOT presented the noise barrier layouts to the staff to hear any concerns they may have and to explain the voting process. The third meeting was held with the University of Texas at Austin Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and the Office of Campus Planning on September 17, 2015. The discussion focused on the proposed noise barrier (labeled as Barrier 4 in **Attachment A**, pages A-55 and A-59), adjacent to the Wildflower Center. During this meeting, representatives from the Wildflower Center voiced concerns related to the height and aesthetic treatment of the proposed barrier. The meeting adjourned with the Project Team's commitment to consider a lower barrier height that would still be reasonable and feasible and the Wildflower Center's commitment to suggest an aesthetic treatment for the noise barrier. The Wildflower Center later proposed a noise barrier design that is inconsistent with TxDOT's noise policy (see **Attachment F**, pages F-43 through F-49 for detailed correspondence.)

Balloting

Summary

The public balloting of the adjacent property owners was initiated with the mailing of workshop invitation packets on August 13, 2015 and concluded on September 14, 2015. Four residential property owners adjacent to Barrier 2c were re-balloted after a shift and lowering of the barrier on September 30, 2015. In total, forty-two ballots were distributed to adjacent property owners based on the five proposed noise barriers (**Table 1**). During engineering review, Barrier 2 was subdivided into three barriers (Barrier 2a-c) due to sight distance and proximity to the roadway.

Table 1: Noise Barrier Ballot Distribution

Proposed Noise Barrier	Adjacent Neighbourhood/Property	Number of Ballots
2a	Parkside Village - Commercial Property Owner	1
2b	Circle C Metro Park – City of Austin	1
2c	Circle C on the Park - Adjacent Property Owners	15
3	Circle C Wildflower Park - Adjacent Property Owners	24
4	University of Texas at Austin Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center	1

Ballot Results

Based on the returned ballots and correspondence, Barrier 2c and Barrier 3 have been incorporated into the final design of the MoPac Intersection Project. Barriers 2a, 2b and 4 were declined and will not be included in final design of the project. See **Table 2** for detailed information on the ballot results. Copies of all ballots received are included in **Attachment F.**

Table 2: Noise Barrier Ballot Results

Proposed Noise Barrier	Location	Total Ballots	Ballots Received	Votes		Percent		Barrier Decision
				For	Against	For	Against	
2a	Parkside Village	1	1	0	1	0%	100%	Declined
2b	Circle C Metro Park	1	1	0	1	0%	100%	Declined
2c	Circle C on the Park	15	13	13	0	87%	0	Approved
3	Circle C Wildflower Park	24	17	15	2	63%	8%	Approved
4	LBJ Wildflower Center	1	1	0	1	0%	100%	Declined

ATTACHMENT A: Notifications

Meeting Invitation Packet - Noise Barrier 2a

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August 13, 2015 Package - Whitestone Parkside Village South LLC.

Texas Department of Transportation

August 13, 2015

Rebecca Buchanan
Whitestone Parkside Village South LLC.
3801 North Capital of Texas Highway, Ste. E 120
Austin, TX 78746-1416

Voter ID #: P715485-2a
Parkside Village
Proposed Noise Barrier #2a

RE: Proposed noise barrier adjacent to Parkside Village

Dear Ms. Buchanan,

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority), has developed a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the MoPac Intersections Project. As part of the EA, a traffic noise analysis was conducted which resulted in noise impacts within Parkside Village. Based on an analysis of abatement measures, a noise barrier would effectively reduce noise levels at a reasonable cost. A map depicting the proposed noise barrier is attached to this letter.

In accordance with TxDOT's *Guidelines for Analysis and Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise (March 2011)*, the proposed noise barrier cannot be constructed without the approval of the owner of the property adjacent to the proposed barrier. The opportunity to vote "for" or "against" constructing the proposed noise barrier is limited to just the immediate adjacent property owner to the proposed barrier because this property would be most affected by the noise – as well as the very presence and appearance of the noise barrier. A brochure entitled *Building Barriers to Traffic Noise* has been included with this letter.

The proposed noise barrier is approximately 1,000 feet in length and between 11 to 12 feet in height. The aesthetics treatment for the noise barrier has been proposed by the Circle C Homeowner's Association to be consistent with new community walls and signs being designed for the area. For more information on the MoPac Intersections Traffic Noise Study, please refer to: http://www.mopacsouth.com/11_Traffic Noise TM_June 2015.pdf.

Enclosed is a ballot to vote "for" or "against" the proposed noise barrier. If you need additional information or would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Jon Geiselbrecht by calling (512) 832-7218. The final decision regarding the construction of the proposed noise barrier will be based on the outcome of your ballot and TxDOT's decision on the Environmental Assessment. Please complete the enclosed ballot by September 14, 2015 and return it by mail in the stamped, pre-addressed envelope which has been provided.

Sincerely,

Lucas J. Short, P.E.
MoPac Intersections Project Manager
Texas Department of Transportation
Austin District

Texas Department of Transportation

Voting Ballot
Vote for Proposed Noise Barrier 2a
(West side of MoPac, South of Slaughter Lane)
September 2015

Rebecca Buchanan
Whitestone Parkside Village South LLC.
3801 North Capital of Texas Highway, Ste. E 120
Austin, TX 78746-1416
Voter ID #: P715485-2a

Dear Property Owner,

Please check one box below "for" or "against" a proposed noise barrier in the proximity of your property. Only one vote is allowed for each property.

☐ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) _____ **DATE** _____

SIGNATURE (required) _____

Please mail this ballot in the stamped, pre-addressed envelope which has been provided.

The ballot must be mailed no later than September 14, 2015.

Please call Jon Geiselbrecht at 512-832-7218 or email at Jon.Geiselbrecht@txdot.gov at your earliest convince if you would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the proposed noise barrier #2a.

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Meeting Invitation Packet - Noise Barrier 2b

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August 13, 2015 Package – City of Austin.

Texas Department of Transportation

August 13, 2015

Robert J. Spillar, P.E. – Director
Austin Transportation Department
PO Box 1088
Austin, TX 78767-1088

Voter ID #: P338485-2b
Circle C Ranch Metro Park
Proposed Noise Barrier #2b

RE: Proposed noise barrier adjacent to Ciricle C Metro Park

Dear Mr. Spiller,

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority), has developed a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the MoPac Intersections Project. As part of the EA, a traffic noise analysis was conducted which resulted in noise impacts within Circle C Ranch Metro Park. Based on an analysis of abatement measures, a noise barrier would effectively reduce noise levels at a reasonable cost. A map depicting the proposed noise barrier is attached to this letter.

In accordance with TxDOT's *Guidelines for Analysis and Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise (March 2011)*, the proposed noise barrier cannot be constructed without the approval of the owner of the property adjacent to the proposed barrier. The opportunity to vote "for" or "against" constructing the proposed noise barrier is limited to just the immediate adjacent property owner to the proposed barrier because this property would be most affected by the noise – as well as the very presence and appearance of the noise barrier. A brochure entitled *Building Barriers to Traffic Noise* has been included with this letter.

The proposed noise barrier is approximately 1,625 feet in length and ranges from 10 to 12 feet in height. It would cross Slaughter Creek on structure and would be 10 foot in height on the bridge. The aesthetics treatment for the noise barrier has been proposed by the Circle C Homeowner's Association to be consistent with new community walls and signs being designed for the area. For more information on the MoPac Intersections Traffic Noise Study, please refer to: http://www.mopacsouth.com/11_Traffic Noise TM_June 2015.pdf.

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Lucas J. Short, P.E.
MoPac Intersections Project Manager
Texas Department of Transportation
Austin District

Texas Department of Transportation

Voting Ballot
Vote for Proposed Noise Barrier 2b
(West side of MoPac, North of La Crosse Avenue)
September 2015

City of Austin
Robert J. Spillar, P.E. – Director
Austin Transportation Department
PO Box 1088
Austin, TX 78767-1088
Voter ID #: P338485-3

Dear Property Owner,

Please check one box below "for" or "against" a proposed noise barrier in the proximity of your property. Only one vote is allowed for each property.

☐ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) _____ **DATE** _____

SIGNATURE (required) _____

Please mail this ballot in the stamped, pre-addressed envelope which has been provided.

Please call Jon Geiselbrecht at 512-832-7218 or email at Jon.Geiselbrecht@txdot.gov at your earliest convince if you would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the proposed noise barrier #2b.

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Workshop Invitation Packet - Noise Barrier 2c

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August 13, 2015 Package - Elizabeth V. & Denis J. Sugrue

Texas Department of Transportation

August 13, 2015

Elizabeth V. & Denis J. Sugrue
5205 Corrientes Cove
Austin, TX 78739-1720

Voter ID #: P380879-2c
Neighborhood: Circle C on the Park
Proposed Noise Barrier #2c

RE: Noise Workshop for proposed noise barriers on the MoPac Intersections Project

Dear Property Owner,

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority), is extending an offer for you to participate in an upcoming noise workshop on Thursday, September 3 from 6:00 to 8:00, for the MoPac Intersections Project and to vote if proposed noise barriers will be built, pending a recommended "Build" alternative from the Environmental Study. Your property has been identified as adjacent to the proposed noise barrier #2c in the neighborhood of Circle C on the Park.

In accordance with TxDOT's *Guidelines for Analysis and Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise (March 2011)*, the proposed noise barrier cannot be constructed without the approval of a majority of the owners of the properties adjacent to the proposed barrier. The opportunity to vote "for" or "against" constructing the proposed noise barrier is limited to the owners of properties immediately adjacent to the proposed barrier because these properties would be most affected by the noise – as well as the very presence and appearance of the noise barrier. A brochure entitled *Building Barriers to Traffic Noise* has been included with this letter. Proposed noise barriers for each neighborhood can be seen prior to the meeting at: http://www.mopacsouth.com/11_Traffic Noise TM_June 2015.pdf.

Materials at the workshop will focus on traffic noise generation, the noise analysis process, and the specific location, height, and appearance of the proposed noise barriers. Experts will also be available at the workshop to answer any questions you might have. The purpose of the workshop is to give you sufficient information to make an informed decision/vote.

At the conclusion of the workshop, owners that received ballots will be asked to vote "for" or "against" constructing the proposed noise barrier. Although the workshop will be open to the general public, only those attendees that receive a ballot will be allowed to vote. If you are unable to attend the workshop scheduled, you may vote by completing the enclosed ballot and returning it by mail in the stamped, pre-addressed envelope which has been provided. Ballots that are mailed must be postmarked no later than **Monday, September 14, 2015**. The final decision regarding the construction of the proposed noise barrier will be based on the outcome of the vote and a recommended "Build" alternative by the Environmental Study.

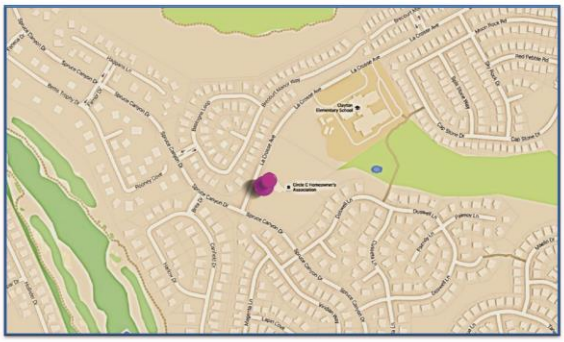
If you plan to vote at the meeting, please bring the ballot enclosed in this packet with you. Each ballot is pre-numbered for validation purposes. Each ballot must be signed by the property owner and have your name printed on it in order to count. If you should misplace this ballot, please contact us and we will provide a duplicate ballot with your number at the meeting.

Texas Department of Transportation

August 13, 2015

The meeting location information:

Thursday, September 3rd, 2015 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Circle C Community Center
7817 La Crosse Avenue
Austin, TX 78739
(Located at the corner of La Crosse Avenue & Spruce Canyon)



You can learn more about the MoPac Intersections Project by visiting the project website at: http://www.mopacsouth.com/intersections/. If you need additional information or for special communication or accommodation needs, please contact Jon Geiselbrecht in the Environmental Section of the Austin District of TxDOT by calling (512) 832-7218 or mailing your comments/questions to TxDOT – Austin District, ATTN: District Environmental Coordinator, P.O. Box 15426, Austin, Texas 78761-5426.

Sincerely,

Lucas J. Short, P.E.
MoPac Intersections Project Manager
Texas Department of Transportation
Austin District

P380879-2c - Sugrue

Texas Department of Transportation

Voting Ballot
Vote for Proposed Noise Barrier 2c
(West side of MoPac, North of La Crosse Avenue)
September 2015

Elizabeth V. & Denis J. Sugrue
5205 Corrientes Cove
Austin, TX 78739-1720
Voter ID #: P380879-2c

Dear Property Owner,

Please check one box below "for" or "against" a proposed noise barrier in the proximity of your property. Only one vote is allowed for each property.

☐ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) _____ **DATE** _____

SIGNATURE (required) _____

Please bring this ballot with you to **Circle C Community Center** on **September 4, 2015** at **6:00 – 8:00 pm** or mail this ballot in the stamped, pre-addressed envelope which has been provided.

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Questions? Please call Jon Geiselbrecht at 512-832-7218 or email at Jon.Geiselbrecht@txdot.gov.

August 13, 2015 Package - Matthew & Debra Bush

Texas Department of Transportation

August 13, 2015

Matthew & Debra Bush
5201 Corrientes Cove
Austin, TX 78739-1720

Voter ID #: P380880-2c
Neighborhood: Circle C on the Park
Proposed Noise Barrier #2c

RE: Noise Workshop for proposed noise barriers on the MoPac Intersections Project

Dear Property Owner,

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority), is extending an offer for you to participate in an upcoming noise workshop on Thursday, September 3 from 6:00 to 8:00, for the MoPac Intersections Project and to vote if proposed noise barriers will be built, pending a recommended "Build" alternative from the Environmental Study. Your property has been identified as adjacent to the proposed noise barrier #2c in the neighborhood of Circle C on the Park.

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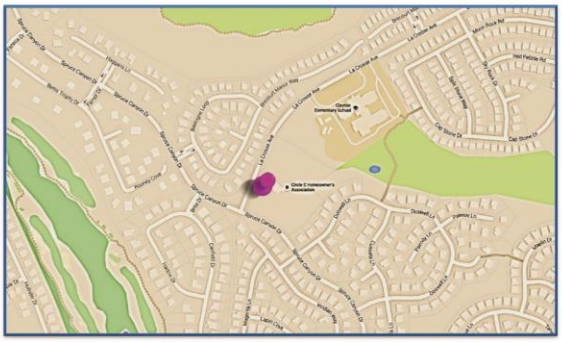

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Texas Department of Transportation
Austin District

P380880-2c - Bush

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Matthew & Debra Bush
5201 Corrientes Cove
Austin, TX 78739-1720
Voter ID #: P380880-2c

Dear Property Owner,

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☐ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) _____ **DATE** _____

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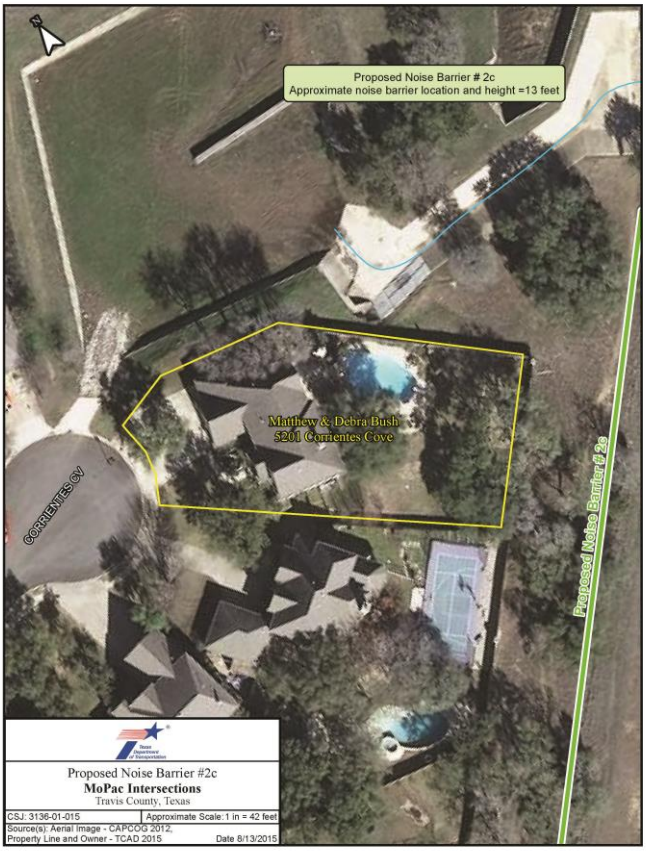

August 13, 2015 Package - Ricky Jay & Candice Rudolph

Texas Department of Transportation

August 13, 2015

Ricky Jay & Candice Rudolph
5246 Austral Loop
Austin, TX 78739-1717

Voter ID #: P447334-2c
Neighborhood: Circle C on the Park
Proposed Noise Barrier #2c

RE: Noise Workshop for proposed noise barriers on the MoPac Intersections Project

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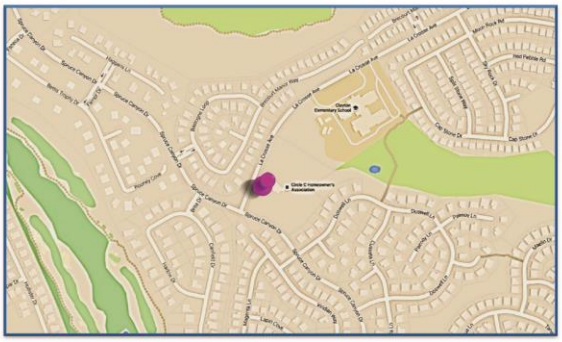

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Sincerely,

Lucas J. Short, P.E.
MoPac Intersections Project Manager
Texas Department of Transportation
Austin District

P447334-2c - Rudolph

Texas Department of Transportation

Voting Ballot
Vote for Proposed Noise Barrier 2c
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September 2015

Ricky Jay & Candice Rudolph
5246 Austral Loop
Austin, TX 78739-1717
Voter ID #: P447334-2c

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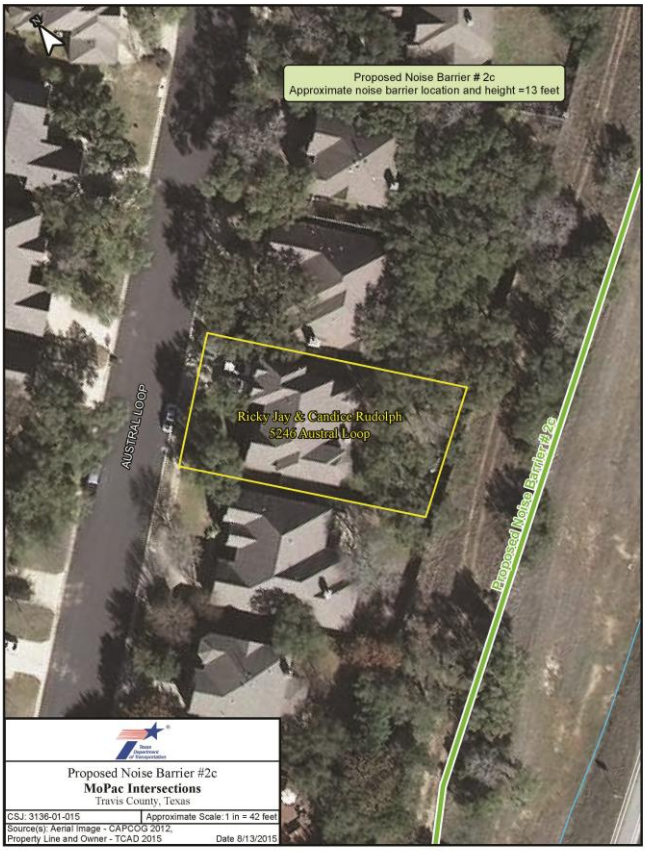

August 13, 2015 Package - Charles William Martin

Texas Department of Transportation

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5300 Austral Loop
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Voter ID #: P447335-2c
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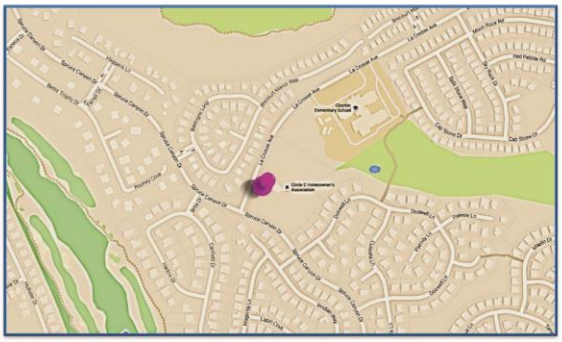

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5302 Austral Loop
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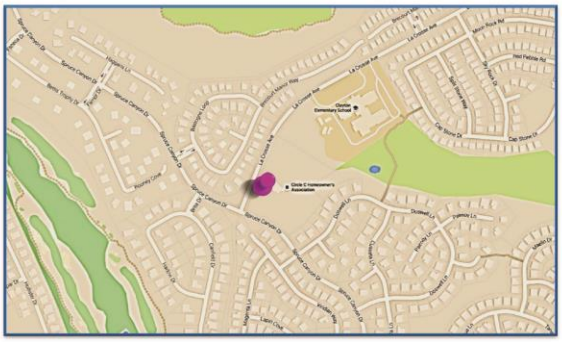

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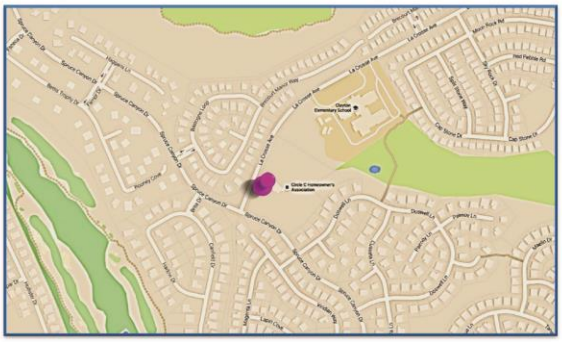

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10461 County Road 2460
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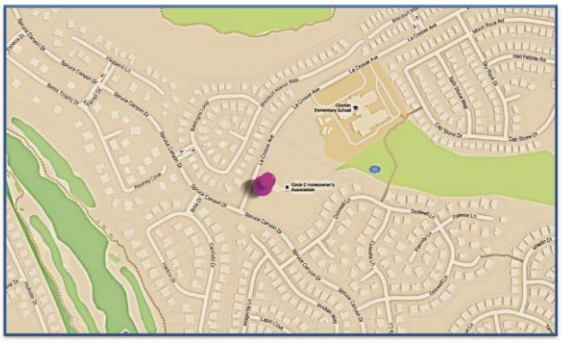

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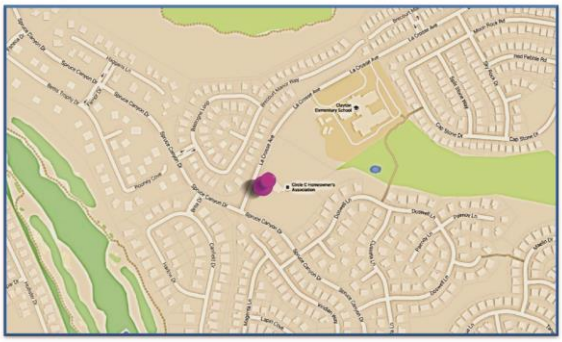

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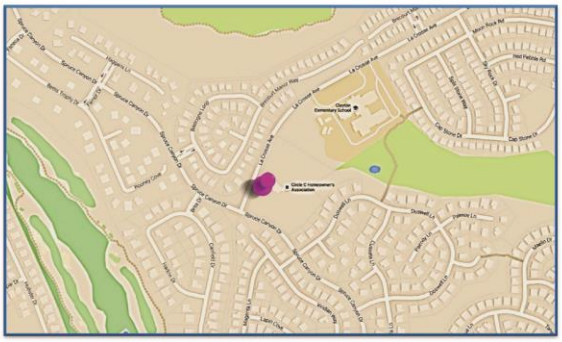

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August 13, 2015 Package - Larry E. Smith

Texas Department of Transportation

August 13, 2015

Larry E. Smith
5230 Austral Loop
Austin, TX 78739-1717

Voter ID #: P447385-2c
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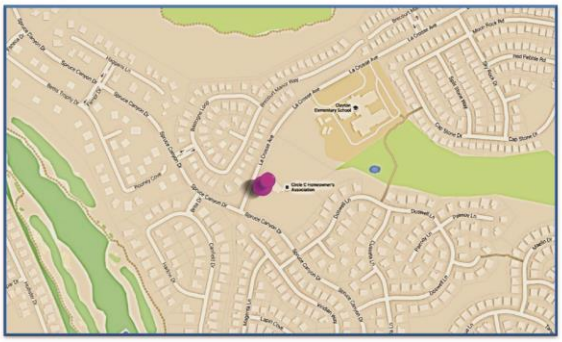

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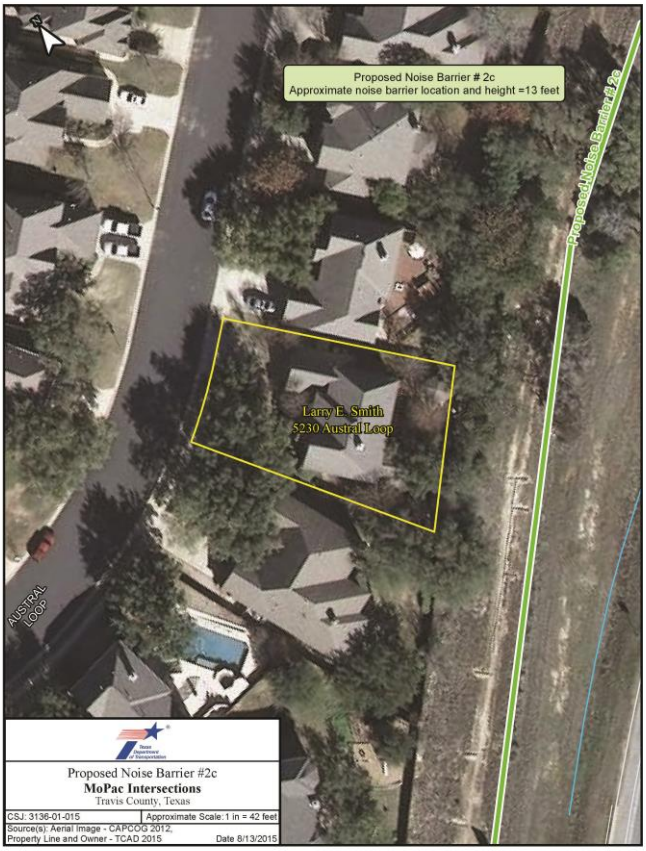

August 13, 2015 Package - Scott D. & Jewellyn G. Forrest

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5234 Austral Loop
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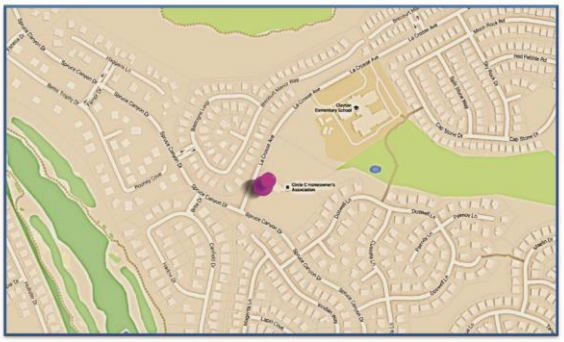

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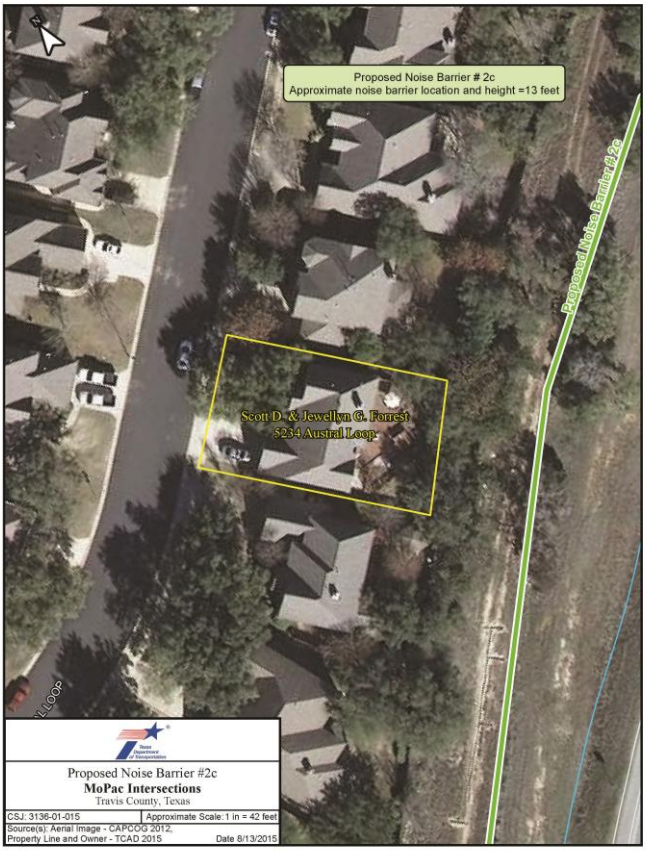

August 13, 2015 Package - Paul N. & Marla E. Franz

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10209 Malvinas Cove
Austin, TX 78739-1767

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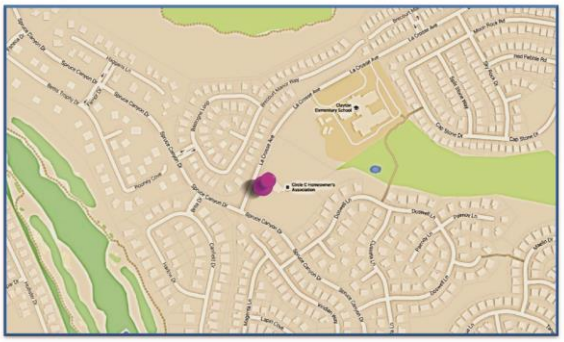

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5238 Austral Loop
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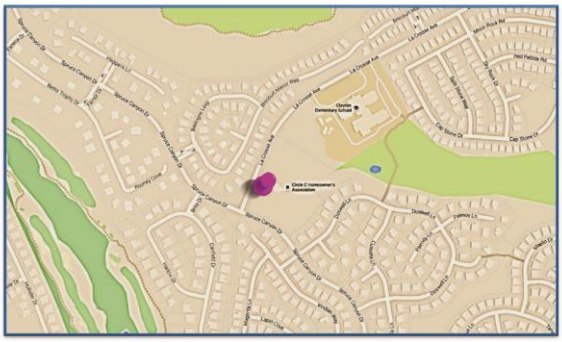

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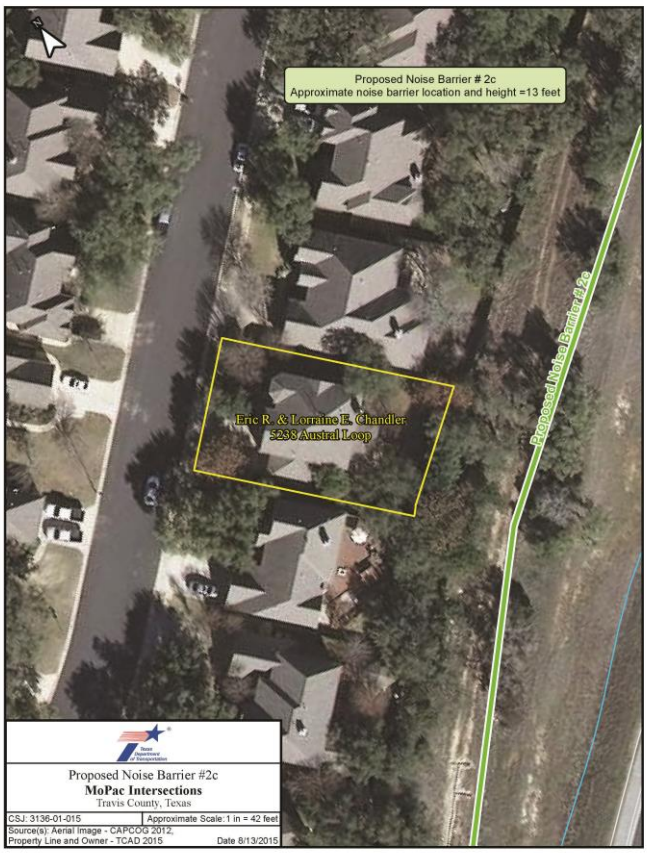

August 13, 2015 Package - Katherine Ann Rozier & Ryan Preston Fite

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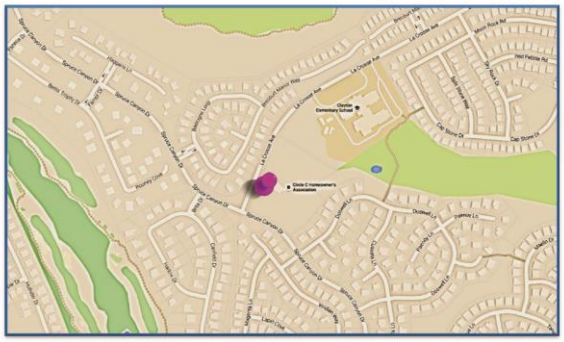

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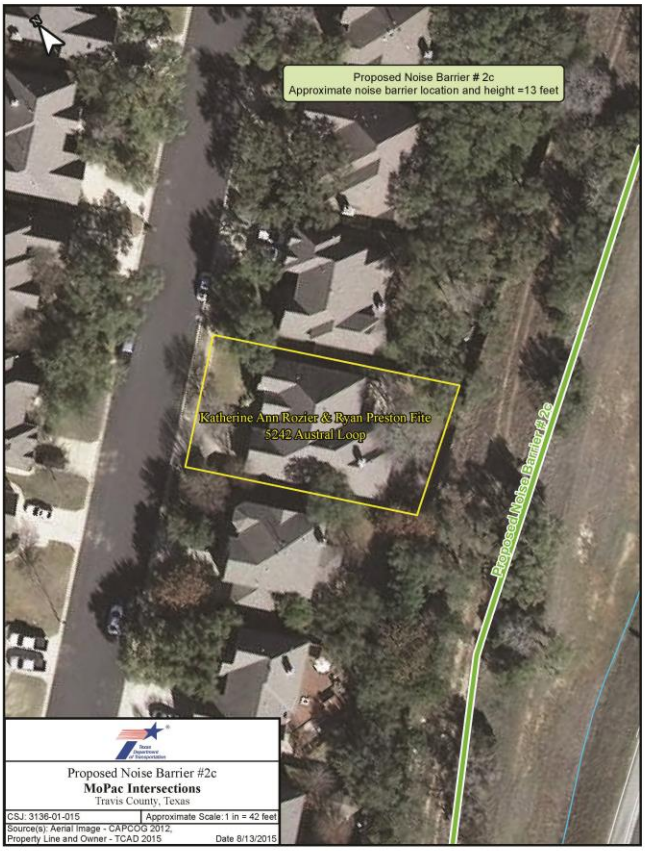

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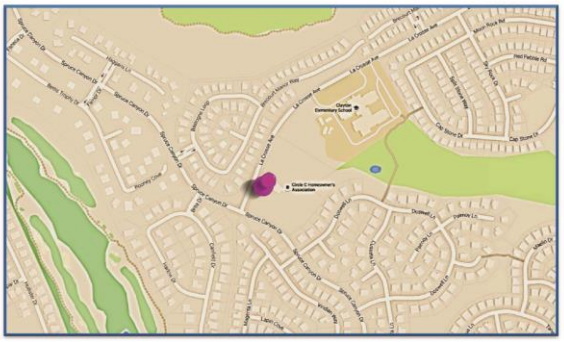

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MoPac Intersections Project Manager
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Austin District

P466287-2c - Baschnagel

Texas Department of Transportation

Voting Ballot
Vote for Proposed Noise Barrier 2c
(West side of MoPac, North of La Crosse Avenue)
September 2015

William B. & Cynthia L. Baschnagel
10205 Malvinas Cove
Austin, TX 78739-1767
Voter ID #: P466287-2c

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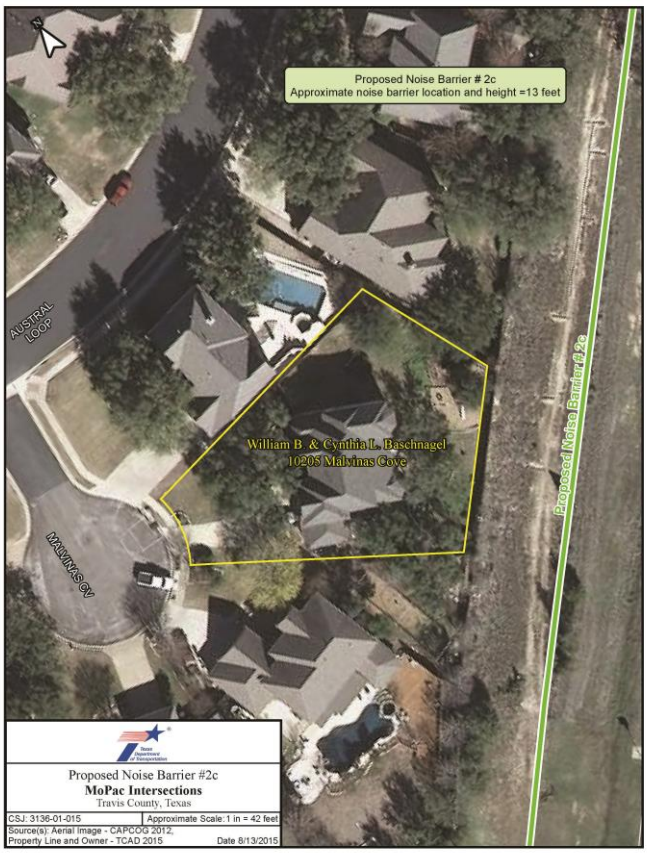

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Workshop Invitation Packet - Noise Barrier 3

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August 13, 2015 Package - John Archambeault

Texas Department of Transportation

August 13, 2015

John Archambeault
9913 Luvora Cove
Austin, TX 78739-1473

Voter ID #: P512431-3
Neighborhood: Circle C Wildflower Park
Proposed Noise Barrier #3

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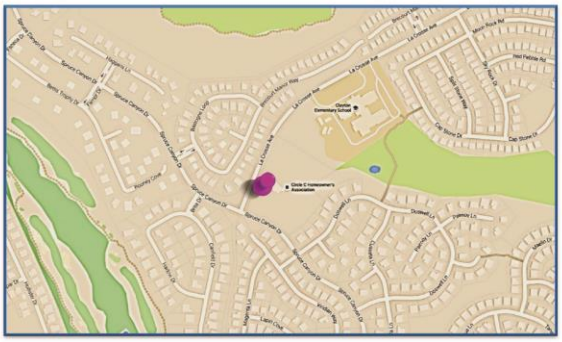

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Texas Department of Transportation

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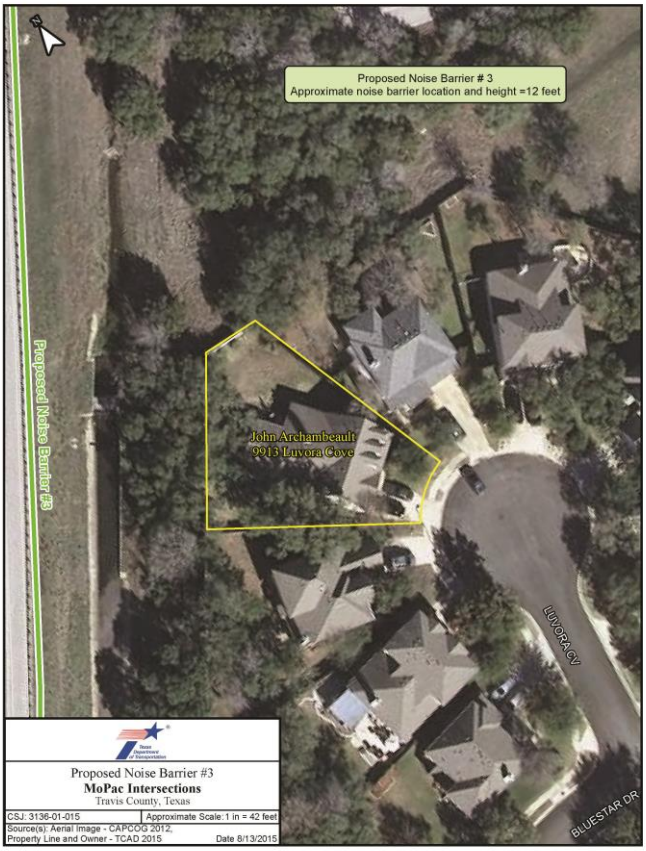

August 13, 2015 Package - Kevin & Monica Hoffman Lenahan

Texas Department of Transportation

August 13, 2015

Kevin & Monica Hoffman Lenahan
9909 Luvora Cove
Austin, TX 78739-1473

Voter ID #: P512432-3
Neighborhood: Circle C Wildflower Park
Proposed Noise Barrier #3

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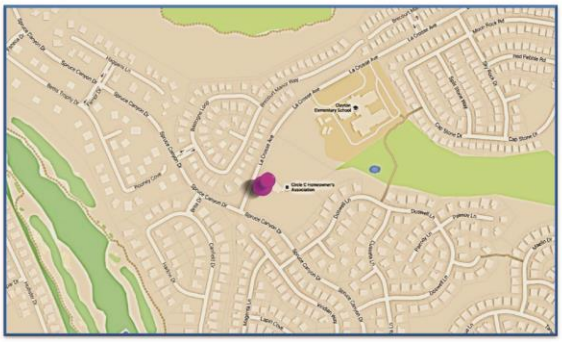

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Texas Department of Transportation

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John H. & Cheryl Fuller
5217 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1468

Voter ID #: P512435-3
Neighborhood: Circle C Wildflower Park
Proposed Noise Barrier #3

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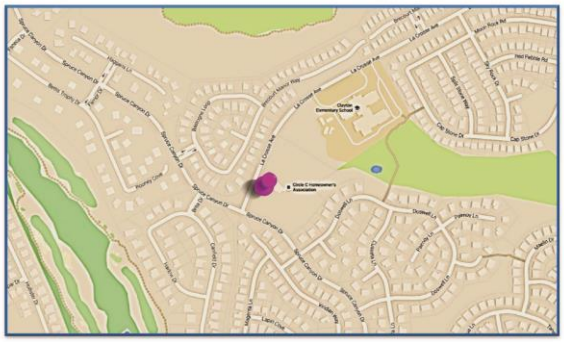

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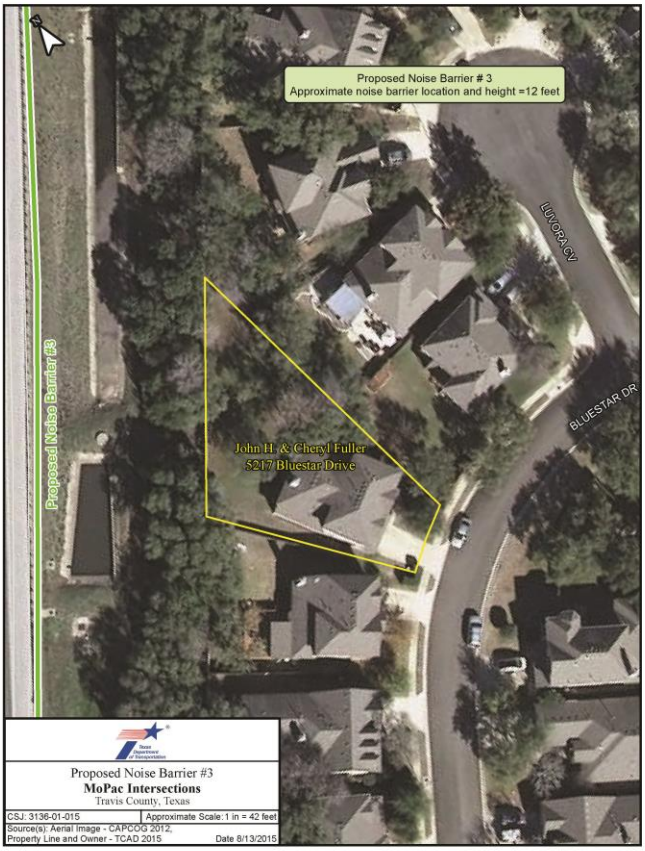

August 13, 2015 Package - Martin A. & Orlando C. De Los Santos

Texas Department of Transportation

August 13, 2015

Martin A. & Orlando C. De Los Santos
5213 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1468

Voter ID #: P512436-3
Neighborhood: Circle C Wildflower Park
Proposed Noise Barrier #3

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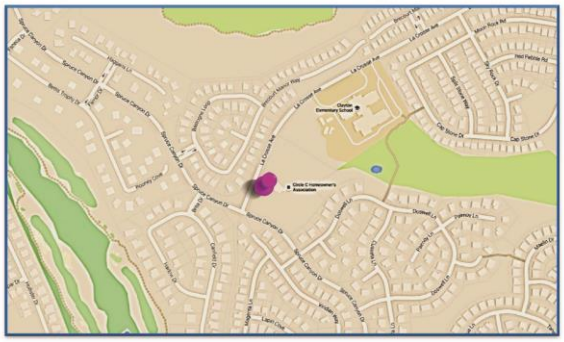

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P512436-3 - De Los Santos

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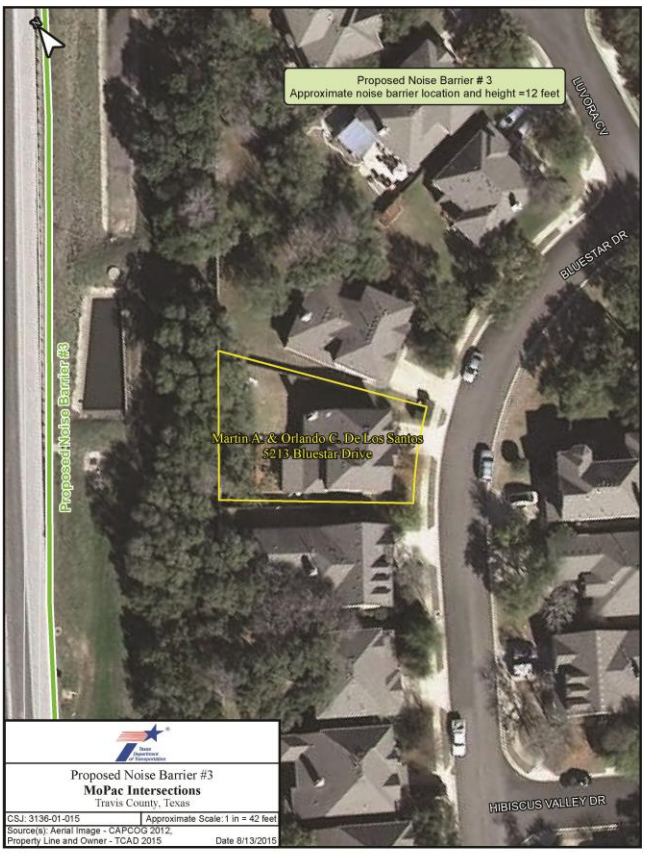

August 13, 2015 Package - Megan & Charles L. Trad

Texas Department of Transportation

August 13, 2015

Megan & Charles L. Trad
5209 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1468

Voter ID #: P512437-3
Neighborhood: Circle C Wildflower Park
Proposed Noise Barrier #3

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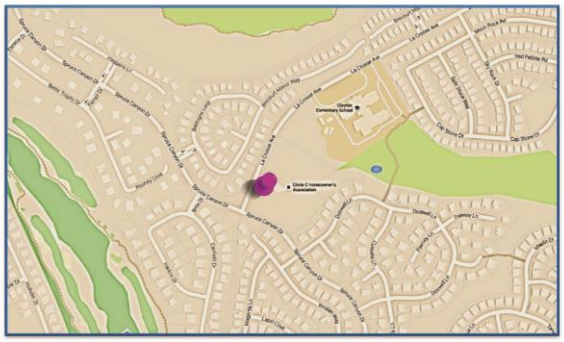

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August 13, 2015 Package - Daniel Garth Moss-Lee

Texas Department of Transportation

August 13, 2015

Daniel Garth Moss-Lee
5205 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1468

Voter ID #: P512438-3
Neighborhood: Circle C Wildflower Park
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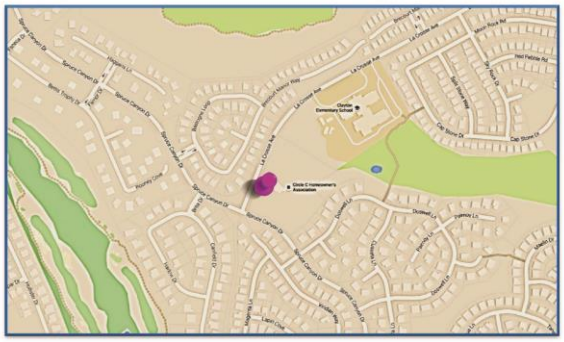

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P512438-3 - Moss-Lee

Texas Department of Transportation

Voting Ballot
Vote for Proposed Noise Barrier 3
(East side of MoPac, North of La Crosse Avenue)
September 2015

Daniel Garth Moss-Lee
5205 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1468
Voter ID #: P512438-3

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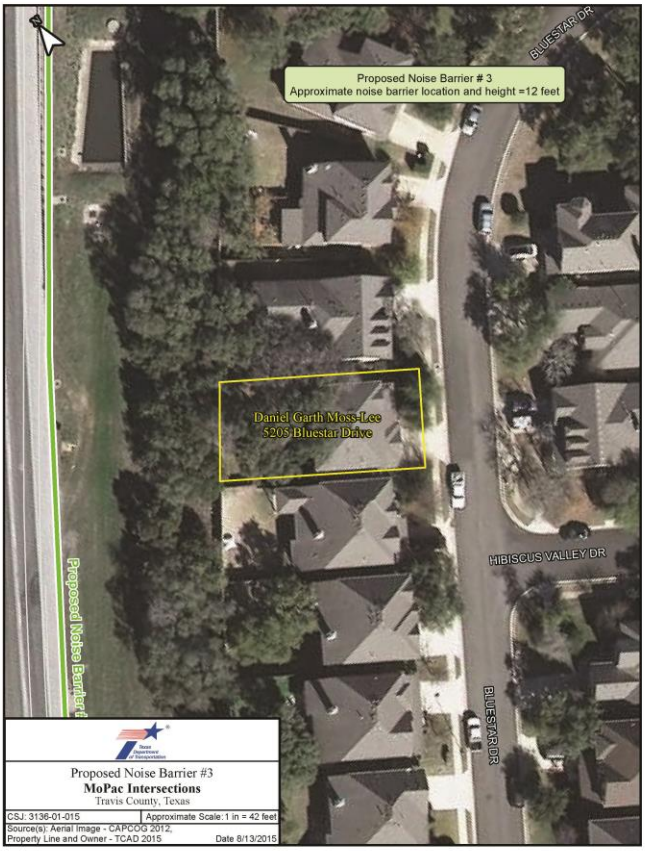

August 13, 2015 Package - Kimberly Ann & Charles Robert Watson-Hemphill

Texas Department of Transportation

August 13, 2015

Kimberly Ann & Charles Robert Watson-Hemphill
5201 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1468

Voter ID #: P512439-3
Neighborhood: Circle C Wildflower Park
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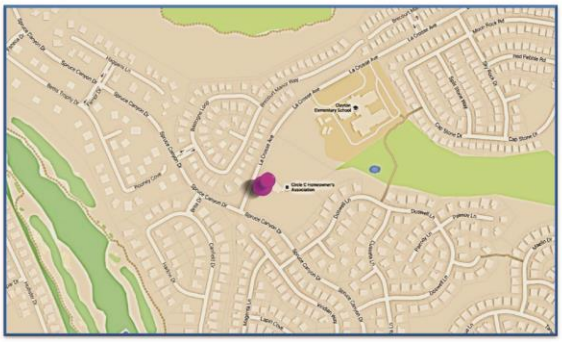

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August 13, 2015 Package - Claudia Chahin Morgan

Texas Department of Transportation

August 13, 2015

Claudia Chahin Morgan
5141 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1429

Voter ID #: P512440-3
Neighborhood: Circle C Wildflower Park
Proposed Noise Barrier #3

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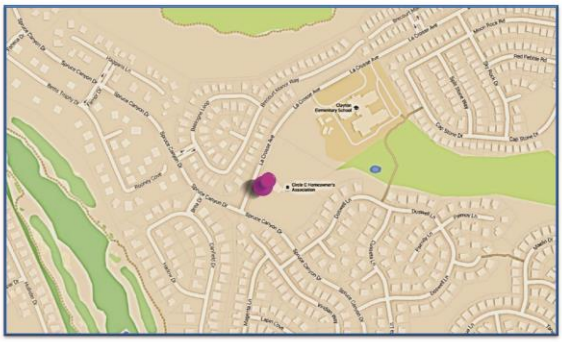

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P512440-3 - Morgan

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Claudia Chahin Morgan
5141 Bluestar Drive
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Voter ID #: P512440-3

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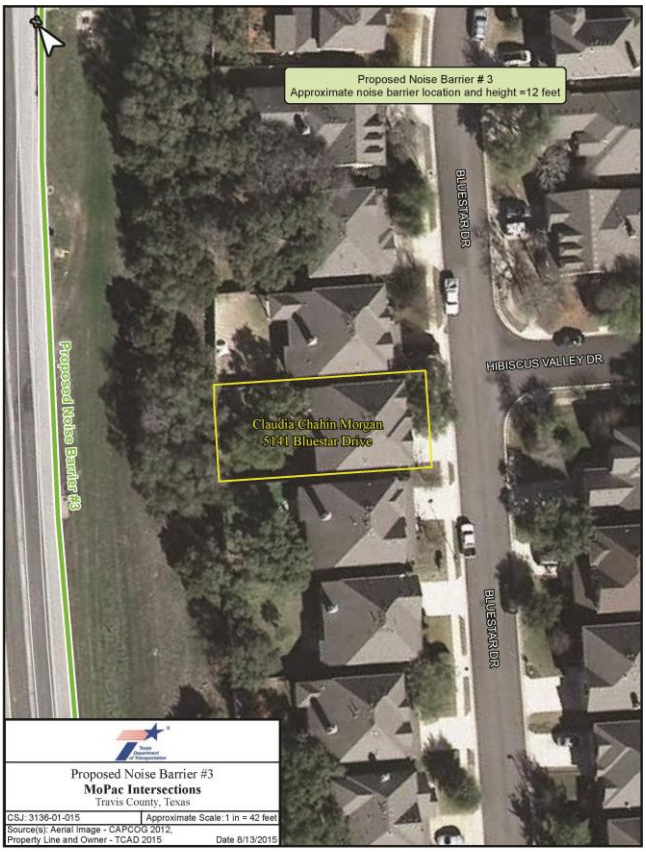

August 13, 2015 Package - Michael S. Rusinko

Texas Department of Transportation

August 13, 2015

Michael S. Rusinko
5137 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1429

Voter ID #: P512441-3
Neighborhood: Circle C Wildflower Park
Proposed Noise Barrier #3

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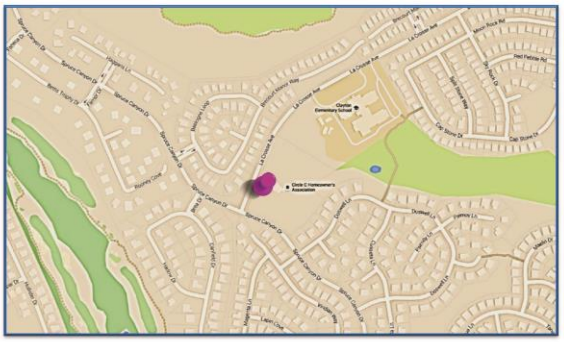

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P512441-3 - Rusinko

Texas Department of Transportation

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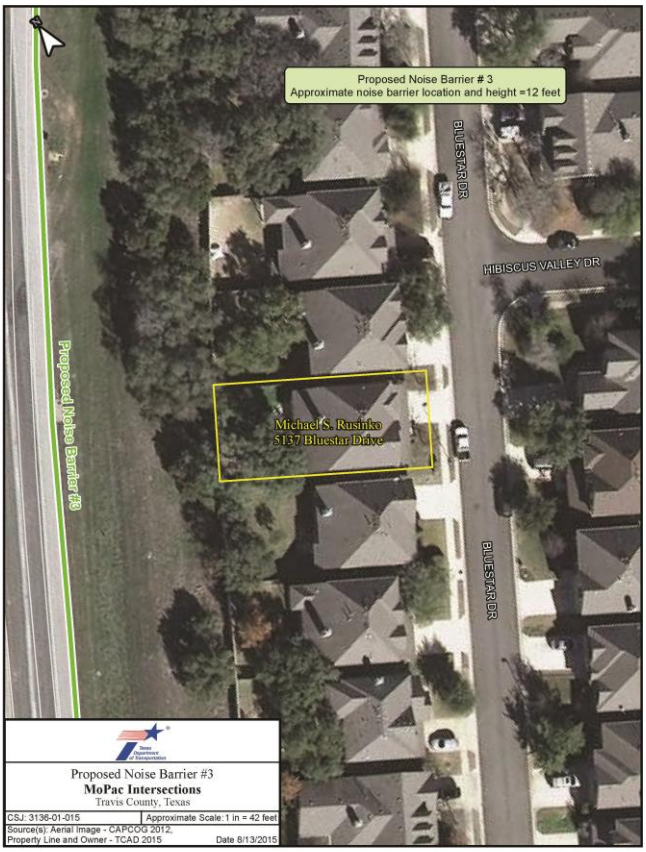

August 13, 2015 Package - Brett D. & Amy M. Spencer

Texas Department of Transportation

August 13, 2015

Brett D. & Amy M. Spencer
5133 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1429

Voter ID #: P512442-3
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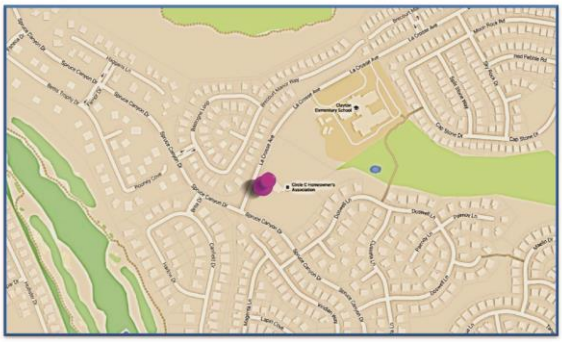

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P512442-3 - Spencer

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Brett D. & Amy M. Spencer
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August 13, 2015 Package - Arnold G. & Dahlinda D. Alaniz, Jr.

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Arnold G. & Dahlinda D. Alaniz, Jr.
5129 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1429

Voter ID #: P512443-3
Neighborhood: Circle C Wildflower Park
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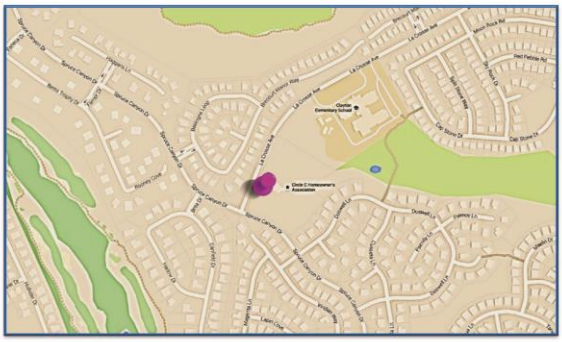

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P512443-3 - Alaniz, Jr.

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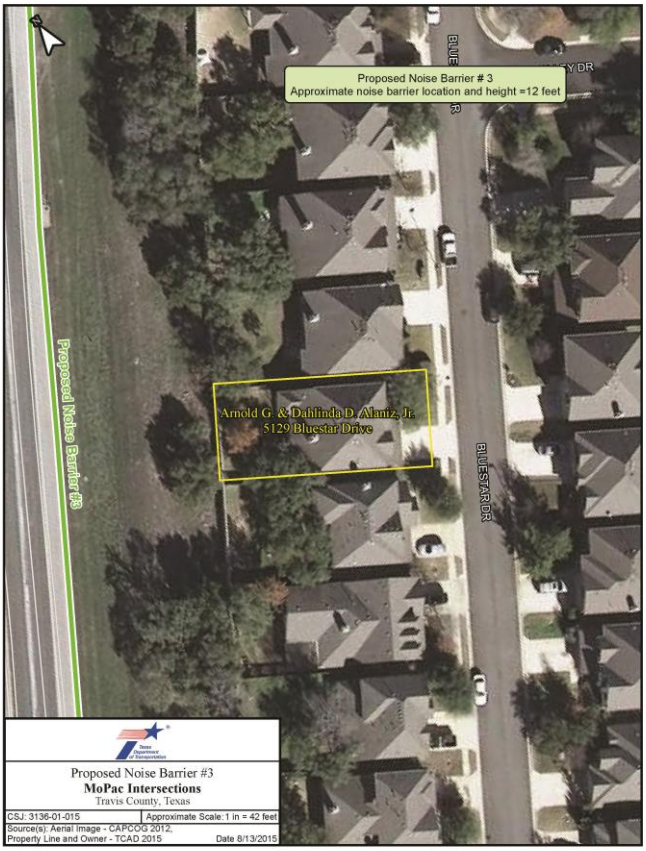

August 13, 2015 Package - Mary Lawrence Hughes

Texas Department of Transportation

August 13, 2015

Mary Lawrence Hughes
5125 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1429

Voter ID #: P512444-3
Neighborhood: Circle C Wildflower Park
Proposed Noise Barrier #3

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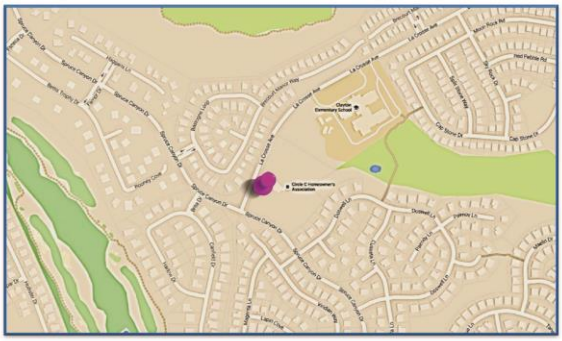

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P512444-3 - Hughes

Texas Department of Transportation

Voting Ballot
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(East side of MoPac, North of La Crosse Avenue)
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Texas Department of Transportation

August 13, 2015

Julia Cringle & Jason Trevor Freitag
5121 Bluestar Drive
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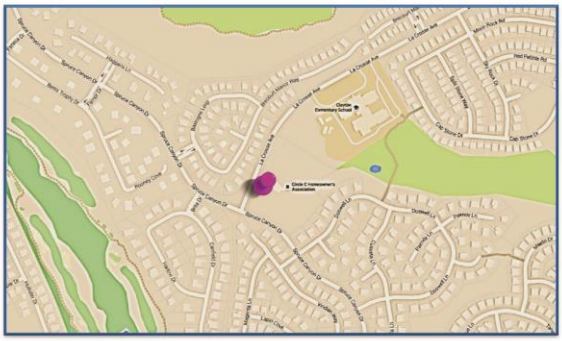

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5117 Bluestar Drive
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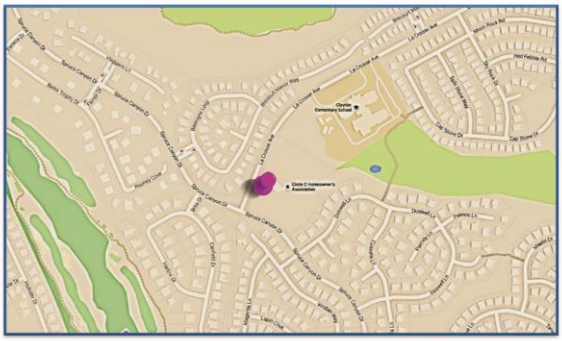

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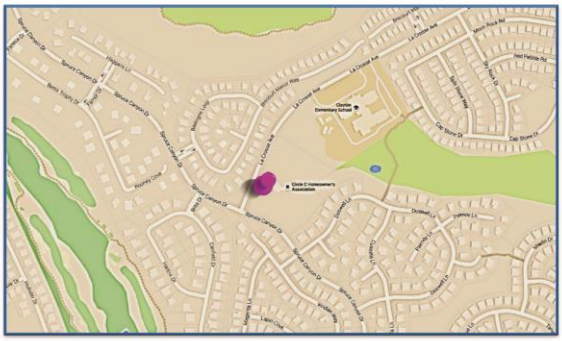

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August 13, 2015 Package - Rachel Hays

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Rachel Hays
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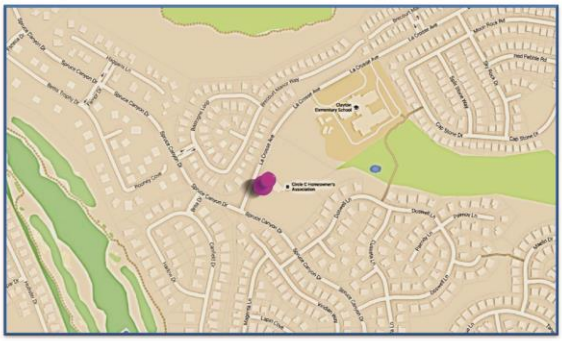

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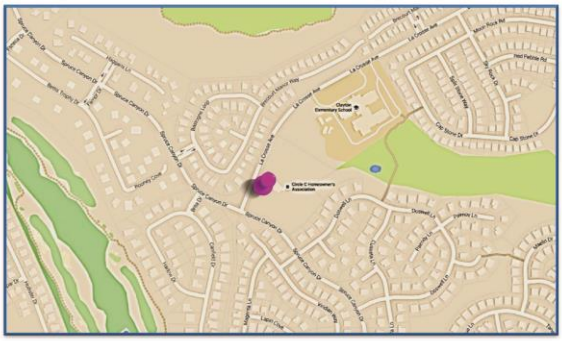

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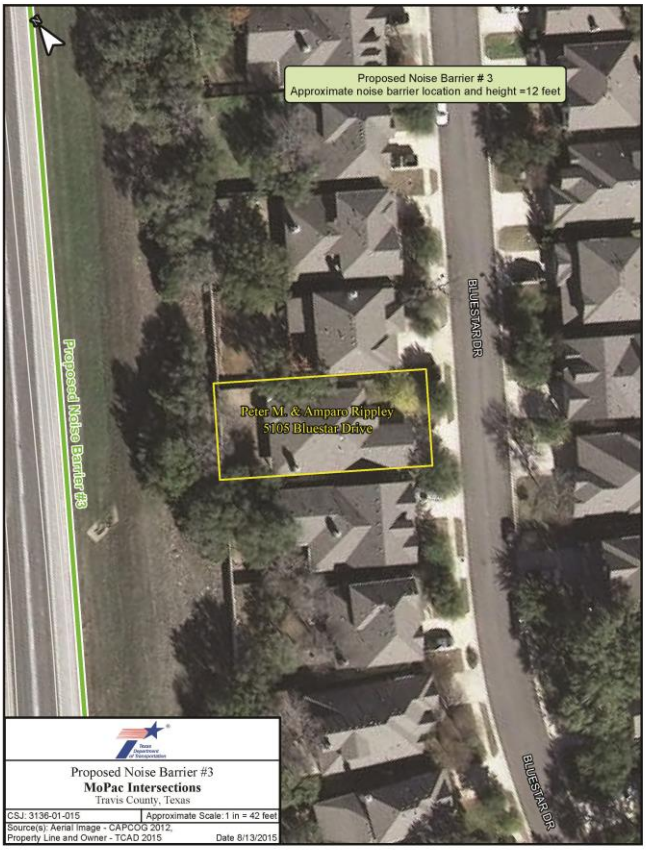

August 13, 2015 Package - Eric R. Rodriguez & Amanda McMahan

Texas Department of Transportation

August 13, 2015

Eric R. Rodriguez & Amanda Mcmahan
5101 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-

Voter ID #: P512684-3
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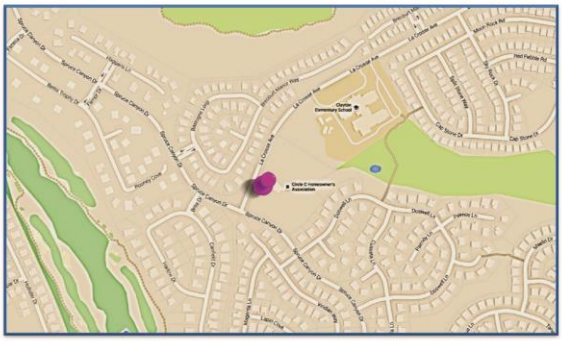

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P512684-3 - Mcmahan

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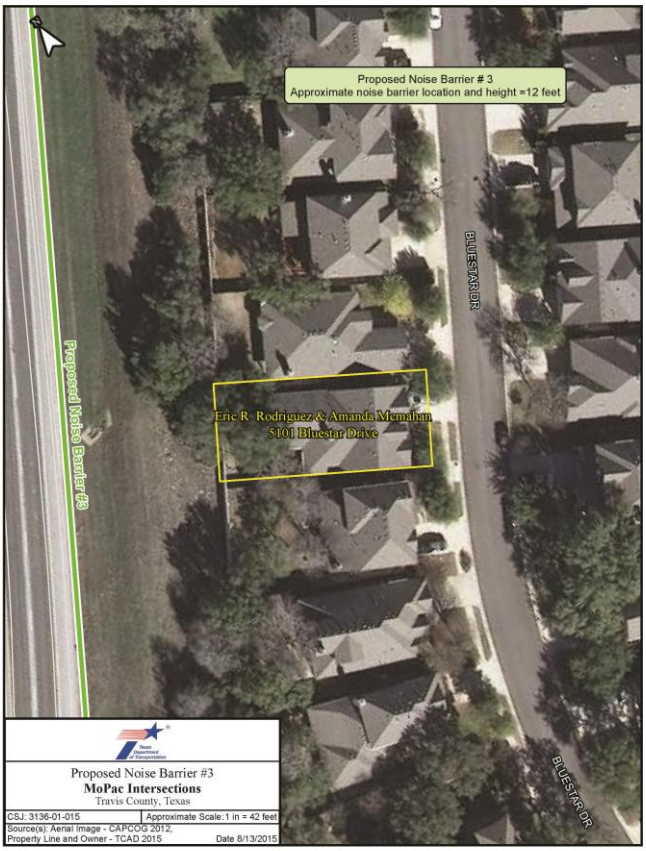

August 13, 2015 Package - Eugene James& Kay L. Hester, Jr.

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Eugene James& Kay L. Hester, Jr.
5039 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1428

Voter ID #: P512685-3
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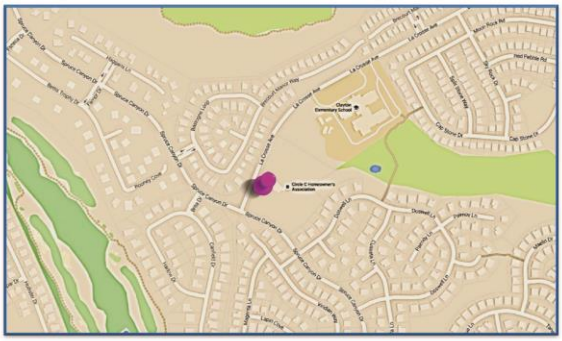

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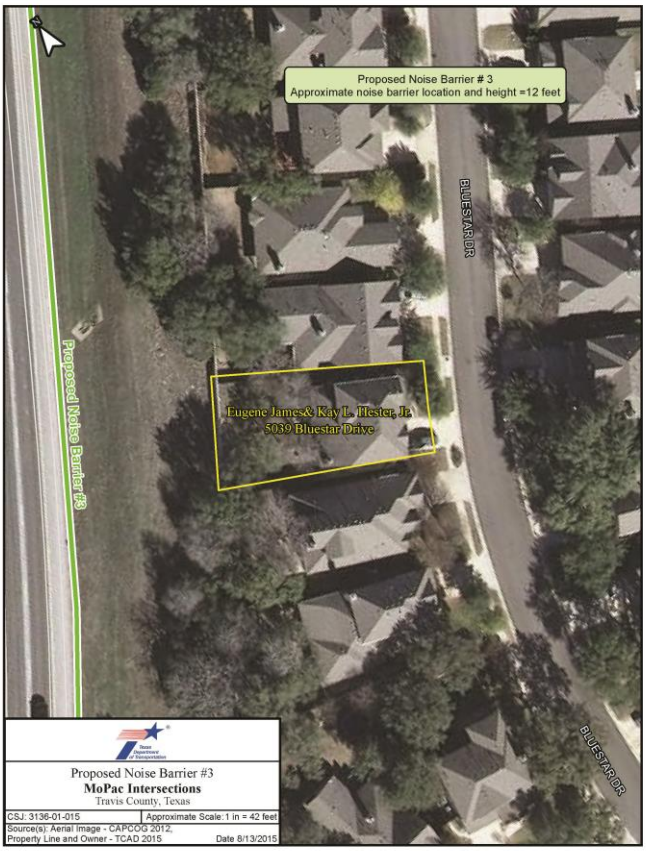

August 13, 2015 Package - Basil Fred & Gwen J. Berger

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5035 Bluestar Drive
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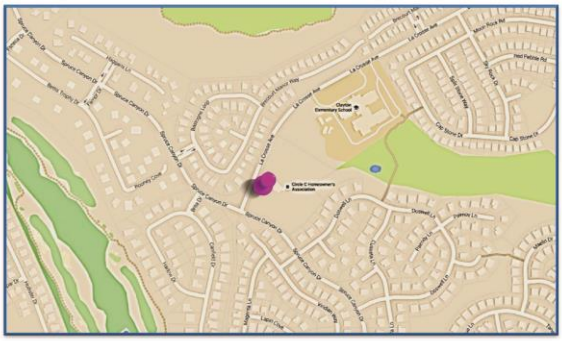

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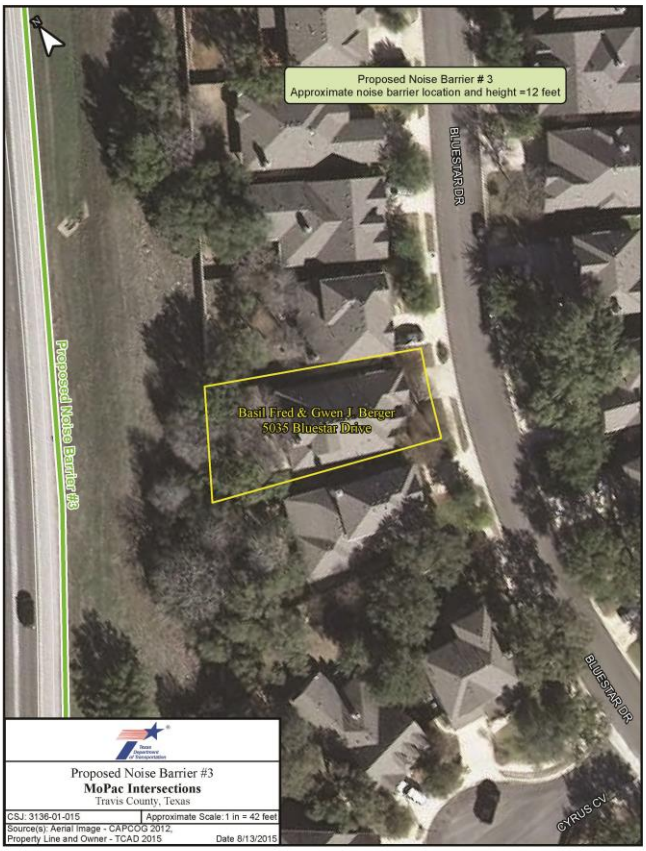

August 13, 2015 Package - Lee & Rebekah Maaz

Texas Department of Transportation

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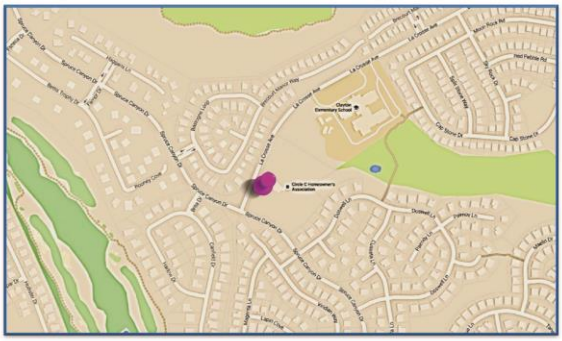

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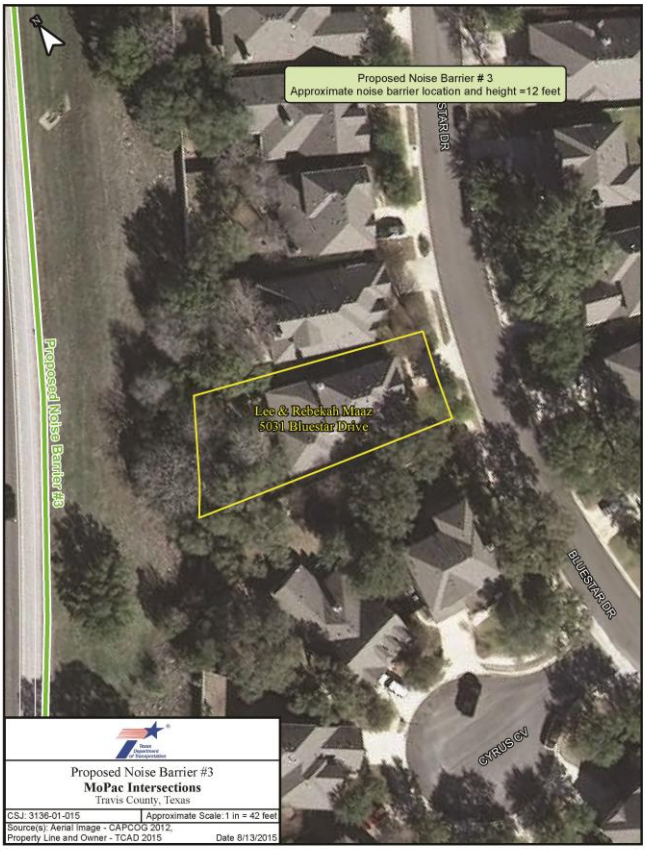

August 13, 2015 Package - Thomas E. Koehler

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Thomas E. Koehler
10304 Cyrus Cove
Austin, TX 78739-1470

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Neighborhood: Circle C Wildflower Park
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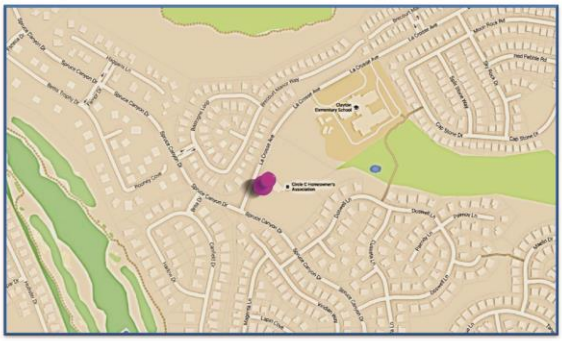

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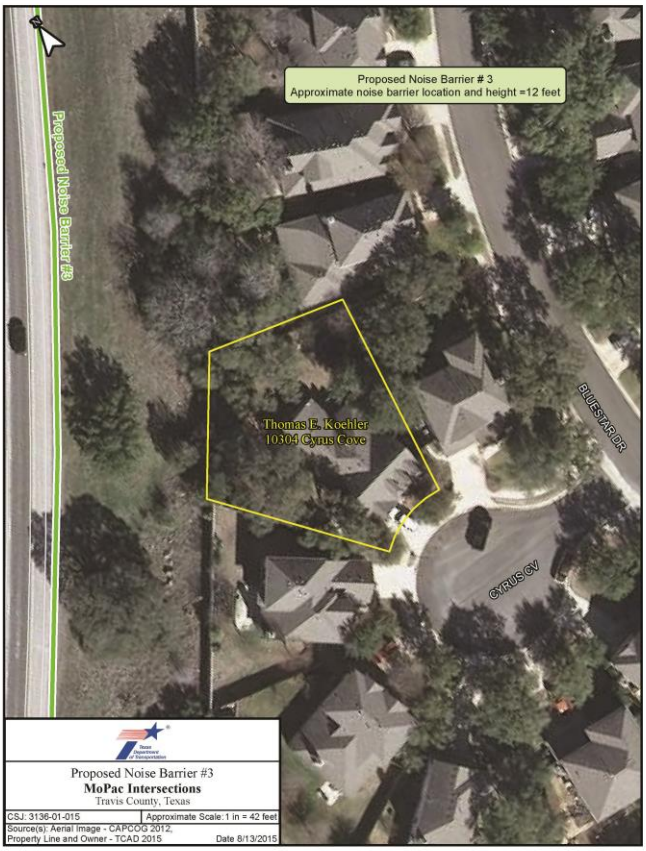

August 13, 2015 Package - James D. & Nicole Gatsche

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10308 Cyrus Cove
Austin, TX 78739-1470

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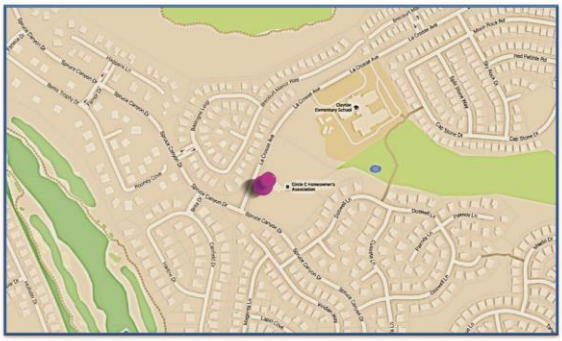
7817 La Crosse Avenue
Austin, TX 78739
(Located at the corner of La Crosse Avenue & Spruce Canyon)



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Sincerely,

Lucas J. Short, P.E.
MoPac Intersections Project Manager
Texas Department of Transportation
Austin District

P512690-3 - Gatsche

Texas Department of Transportation

Voting Ballot
Vote for Proposed Noise Barrier 3
(East side of MoPac, North of La Crosse Avenue)
September 2015

James D. & Nicole Gatsche
10308 Cyrus Cove
Austin, TX 78739-1470
Voter ID #: P512690-3

Dear Property Owner,

Please check one box below "for" or "against" a proposed noise barrier in the proximity of your property. Only one vote is allowed for each property.

☐ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

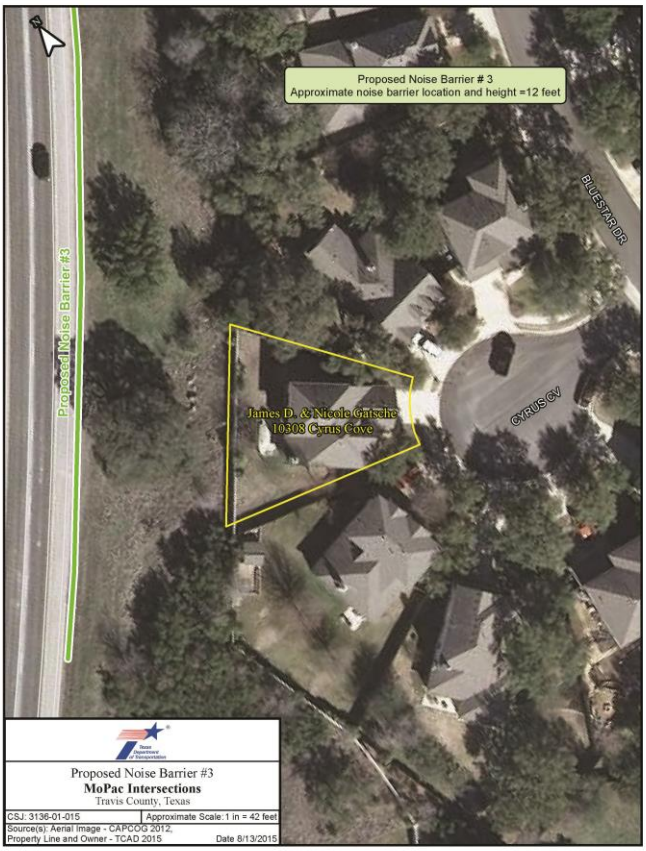
PRINTED NAME (required) _____ **DATE** _____

SIGNATURE (required) _____

Please bring this ballot with you to **Circle C Community Center** on **September 4, 2015** at **6:00 – 8:00 pm** or mail this ballot in the stamped, pre-addressed envelope which has been provided.

The ballot must be mailed no later than September 14, 2015.

Questions? Please call Jon Geiselbrecht at 512-832-7218 or email at Jon.Geiselbrecht@txdot.gov.



August 13, 2015 Package - Robert J. & Karen L. Hillard

Texas Department of Transportation

August 13, 2015

Robert J. & Karen L. Hillard
10312 Cyrus Cove
Austin, TX 78739-1470

Voter ID #: P512691-3
Neighborhood: Circle C Wildflower Park
Proposed Noise Barrier #3

RE: Noise Workshop for proposed noise barriers on the MoPac Intersections Project

Dear Property Owner,

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority), is extending an offer for you to participate in an upcoming noise workshop on Thursday, September 3 from 6:00 to 8:00, for the MoPac Intersections Project and to vote if proposed noise barriers will be built, pending a recommended "Build" alternative from the Environmental Study. Your property has been identified as adjacent to the proposed noise barrier #3 in the neighborhood of Circle C Wildflower Park.

In accordance with TxDOT's *Guidelines for Analysis and Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise (March 2011)*, the proposed noise barrier cannot be constructed without the approval of a majority of the owners of the properties adjacent to the proposed barrier. The opportunity to vote "for" or "against" constructing the proposed noise barrier is limited to the owners of properties immediately adjacent to the proposed barrier because these properties would be most affected by the noise – as well as the very presence and appearance of the noise barrier. A brochure entitled *Building Barriers to Traffic Noise* has been included with this letter. Proposed noise barriers for each neighborhood can be seen prior to the meeting at: http://www.mopacsouth.com/11_Traffic Noise TM_June 2015.pdf.

Materials at the workshop will focus on traffic noise generation, the noise analysis process, and the specific location, height, and appearance of the proposed noise barriers. Experts will also be available at the workshop to answer any questions you might have. The purpose of the workshop is to give you sufficient information to make an informed decision/vote.

At the conclusion of the workshop, owners that received ballots will be asked to vote "for" or "against" constructing the proposed noise barrier. Although the workshop will be open to the general public, only those attendees that receive a ballot will be allowed to vote. If you are unable to attend the workshop scheduled, you may vote by completing the enclosed ballot and returning it by mail in the stamped, pre-addressed envelope which has been provided. Ballots that are mailed must be postmarked no later than **Monday, September 14, 2015**. The final decision regarding the construction of the proposed noise barrier will be based on the outcome of the vote and a recommended "Build" alternative by the Environmental Study.

If you plan to vote at the meeting, please bring the ballot enclosed in this packet with you. Each ballot is pre-numbered for validation purposes. Each ballot must be signed by the property owner and have your name printed on it in order to count. If you should misplace this ballot, please contact us and we will provide a duplicate ballot with your number at the meeting.

Texas Department of Transportation

August 13, 2015

The meeting location information:

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Austin, TX 78739
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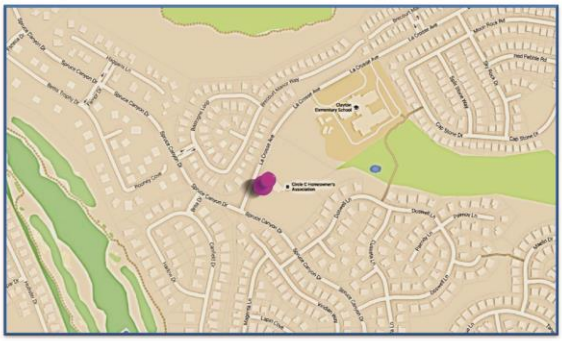

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Sincerely,

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MoPac Intersections Project Manager
Texas Department of Transportation
Austin District

P512691-3 - Hillard

Texas Department of Transportation

Voting Ballot
Vote for Proposed Noise Barrier 3
(East side of MoPac, North of La Crosse Avenue)
September 2015

Robert J. & Karen L. Hillard
10312 Cyrus Cove
Austin, TX 78739-1470
Voter ID #: P512691-3

Dear Property Owner,

Please check one box below "for" or "against" a proposed noise barrier in the proximity of your property. Only one vote is allowed for each property.

☐ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) _____ **DATE** _____

SIGNATURE (required) _____

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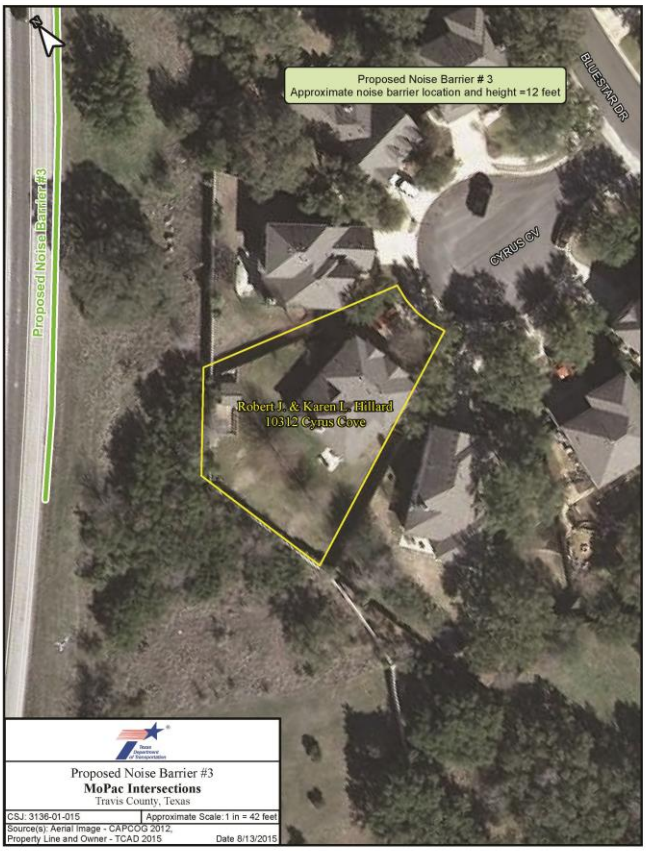

Meeting Invitation Packet - Noise Barrier 4

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Texas Department of Transportation

August 13, 2015

Amy Wanamaker
Campus Director of Real Estate
The University of Texas at Austin
1616 Guadalupe, Suite 2.508
Austin,TX 78701-1204

Voter ID #: P364857-4
Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
Proposed Noise Barrier #4

RE: Proposed noise barrier adjacent to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Dear Ms. Wanamaker,

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority), has developed a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the MoPac Intersections Project. As part of the EA, a traffic noise analysis was conducted which resulted in noise impacts within Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Based on an analysis of abatement measures, a noise barrier would effectively reduce noise levels at a reasonable cost. A map depicting the proposed noise barrier is attached to this letter.

In accordance with TxDOT's *Guidelines for Analysis and Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise (March 2011)*, the proposed noise barrier cannot be constructed without the approval of the owner of the property adjacent to the proposed barrier. The opportunity to vote "for" or "against" constructing the proposed noise barrier is limited to just the immediate adjacent property owner to the proposed barrier because this property would be most affected by the noise – as well as the very presence and appearance of the noise barrier. A brochure entitled *Building Barriers to Traffic Noise* has been included with this letter.

The proposed noise barrier is approximately 2,400 feet in length and 12 feet in height. The aesthetics treatment for the noise barrier has been proposed by the Circle C Homeowner's Association to be consistent with new community walls and signs being designed for the area. For more information on the MoPac Intersections Traffic Noise Study, please refer to: http://www.mopacsouth.com/11_Traffic Noise TM_June 2015.pdf.

Enclosed is a ballot to vote "for" or "against" the proposed noise barrier. If you need additional information or would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Jon Geiselbrecht by calling (512) 832-7218. The final decision regarding the construction of the proposed noise barrier will be based on the outcome of your ballot and TxDOT's decision on the Environmental Assessment. Please complete the enclosed ballot by September 14, 2015 and return it by mail in the stamped, pre-addressed envelope which has been provided.

Sincerely,

Lucas J. Short, P.E.
MoPac Intersections Project Manager
Texas Department of Transportation
Austin District

Texas Department of Transportation

Voting Ballot
Vote for Proposed Noise Barrier 4
(East side of MoPac, South of La Crosse Avenue)
September 2015

Amy Wanamaker
Campus Director of Real Estate
The University of Texas at Austin
1616 Guadalupe, Suite 2.508
Austin,TX 78701-1204
Austin, TX 78739-1702
Voter ID #: P364857-4

Dear Property Owner,

Please check one box below "for" or "against" a proposed noise barrier in the proximity of your property. Only one vote is allowed for each property.

☐ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) _____ **DATE** _____

SIGNATURE (required) _____

Please mail this ballot in the stamped, pre-addressed envelope which has been provided.

Please call Jon Geiselbrecht at 512-832-7218 or email at Jon.Geiselbrecht@txdot.gov at your earliest convince if you would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the proposed noise barrier #4.

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Items Included with Every Invitation Packet - August 13, 2015

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DAVIS LANE
Deer Park at Maple Run Preserve
Legacy at Western Oak Apartments
W. Slaughter Ln
Parkside Village
Proposed Noise Barrier #2a
Circle C Ranch Metro Park
Proposed Noise Barrier #2b
Proposed Noise Barrier #2c
The Veloway at Circle C Ranch Metro Park
Proposed Noise Barrier #3
Circle C on the Park
Circle C Wildflower Park
SLAUGHTER CREEK
La Crosse Ave
Proposed Noise Barrier #4
Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower center
Texas Department of Transportation
Proposed Noise Barrier Locations
MoPac Intersections
Travis County, Texas
CSJ: 3136-01-015
Scale: 1 in = 667 feet
Source(s): CAPCOG 2012
Date 8/10/2015
Note: Noise Barrier #1, adjacent to Legacy at Western Oak Apartments, was determined to not be acoustically feasible or reasonable for the proposed project.

Building Barriers to...

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Texas Department of Transportation

June 2011

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Noise Pollution

Pollution comes in many forms. We're most familiar with air, water and waste pollution, but noise is also a pollutant.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is concerned with noise, especially when it comes from traffic. Part of our mission is to ensure that programs are environmentally sensitive in the safe, effective and efficient movement of people and goods. This includes identifying and evaluating environmental impacts—including traffic noise—before transportation projects are ever built.

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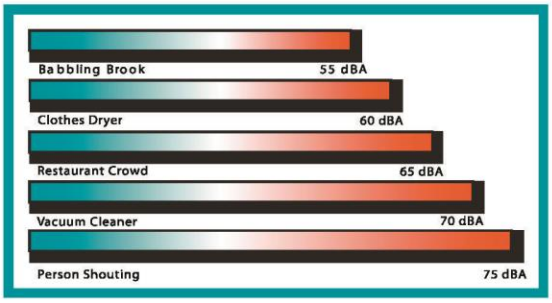

Traffic Sound

Sound produced by highway traffic comes mainly from the tires, engines and mufflers of cars and trucks. We measure traffic sound in decibels or "dB." The level of traffic sound can be determined either by a sound meter or a computer program. Its volume depends on the number and speed of vehicles, the slope of the nearby terrain and the distance between the highway and listener

Not all sound can be heard by the human ear. When we measure sound levels, our meters adjust the high and low frequencies of traffic sounds to match the way the average person hears them. This adjustment is called A-weighting and is expressed as "dBA."

Also, because traffic sound levels are never constant due to the changing number, type and speed of vehicles, a single value is used to represent the average or equivalent sound level or "Leq."

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Noise Analysis of Highway Projects

The Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) regulation on highway traffic noise requires that we conduct noise studies when building new highways or changing or expanding existing ones. The purpose of a noise study is to learn whether highway traffic sounds will have an impact on nearby outdoor areas frequently used by people.

A noise study:

- identifies land use activity areas that may be impacted by traffic noise
- determines existing noise levels
- predicts noise levels 20 years in the future
- identifies possible noise impacts
- examines and evaluates ways to reduce noise impacts (abatement measures)

Traffic Noise Impacts

FHWA has established Noise Abatement Criteria (NAC) to determine possible traffic noise impacts on various activity areas.

Noise Abatement Criteria

Activity Category	FHWA (dB(A) Leq)	**TxDOT (dB(A) Leq)**	Description of Land Use Activity Areas
A	57 (exterior)	**56 (exterior)**	Lands on which serenity and quiet are of extra-ordinary significance and serve an important public need and where the preservation of those qualities is essential if the area is to continue to serve its intended purpose.
B	67 (exterior)	**66 (exterior)**	Residential
C	67 (exterior)	**66 (exterior)**	Active sport areas, amphitheaters, auditoriums, campgrounds, cemeteries, day care centers, hospitals, libraries, medical facilities, parks, picnic areas, places of worship, playgrounds, public meeting rooms, public or nonprofit institutional structures, radio studios, recording studios, recreation areas, Section 4(f) sites, schools , television studios, trails, and trail crossings.
D	52 (interior)	**51 (interior)**	Auditoriums, day care centers, hospitals, libraries, medical facilities, places of worship, public meeting rooms, public or nonprofit institutional structures, radio studios, recording studios, schools, and television studios
E	72 (exterior)	**71 (exterior)**	Hotels, motels, offices, restaurants/bars, and other developed lands, properties, or activities not included in A-D or F.
F	--	--	Agricultural, airports, bus yards, emergency services, industrial, logging, maintenance facilities, manufacturing, mining, rail yards, retail facilities, shipyards, utilities (water resources, water treatment, electrical), and warehousing.
G	--	--	Undeveloped lands that are not permitted.

NOTE: Primary consideration is given to exterior areas (Category A, B, C, or E) where frequent human activity occurs. However, interior areas (Category D) are used if exterior areas are physically shielded from the roadway, or if there is little or no human activity in exterior areas adjacent to the roadway.

Traffic Noise Impacts

TxDOT decides that an impact occurs when **predicted noise levels** are:

1 dBA below, equal to or above the criteria for a specific activity area. For example, an impact occurs at a Category B residence at 66 dBA or above,

or

more than 10 dBA higher than existing levels in any activity area. For example, an impact occurs at a Category B residence when the existing level is 54 dBA and the predicted level is 65 dBA—an 11 dBA increase.

In either of the above situations, noise abatement is considered.

Noise Abatement Measures

A noise abatement measure is any positive action taken to reduce the impact of noise from highway traffic on an activity area.

The traffic noise abatement measure used most often is the construction of noise barriers. Other measures include managing traffic, moving the highway and acquiring undeveloped property to serve as a buffer zone between the highway and the area affected by traffic noise.

Noise barriers are normally solid wall-like structures built between the noise source (highway) and the impacted activity area to reduce noise levels. Although they are usually constructed of concrete or masonry, other materials such as wood, stucco and metal can also be used.

Barriers can also be formed from earth piled into a large mound or berm. Though natural in appearance, berms require a large area of right-of-way to reach the height required to be effective.

Vegetation such as trees, shrubs and grasses, though very natural and attractive in appearance, offer little reduction in noise levels.

TxDOT evaluates proposed noise barriers to determine whether they would effectively reduce noise at a reasonable cost.

Noise Barrier Design Considerations

Designing noise barriers is a very complex process that includes:

- appearance and ability to blend in with the surrounding environment
- highway features and distances between the highway and impacted activity areas
- number and category of impacted activity areas
- access to activity areas from the highway for routine and emergency traffic
- adequate visibility around noise barriers to ensure motorist and pedestrian safety
- ability of the noise barrier (height, length and material) to effectively reduce noise level
- reasonable cost of construction and maintenance
- avoidance of utilities and easements
- desires of the public

Although the purpose of a noise barrier is to reduce noise levels for people nearby, no barrier of any design can eliminate all traffic noise.

Noise barriers are meant to be a positive addition to a neighborhood and are normally well received. However, they are not always right for all people in all neighborhoods.

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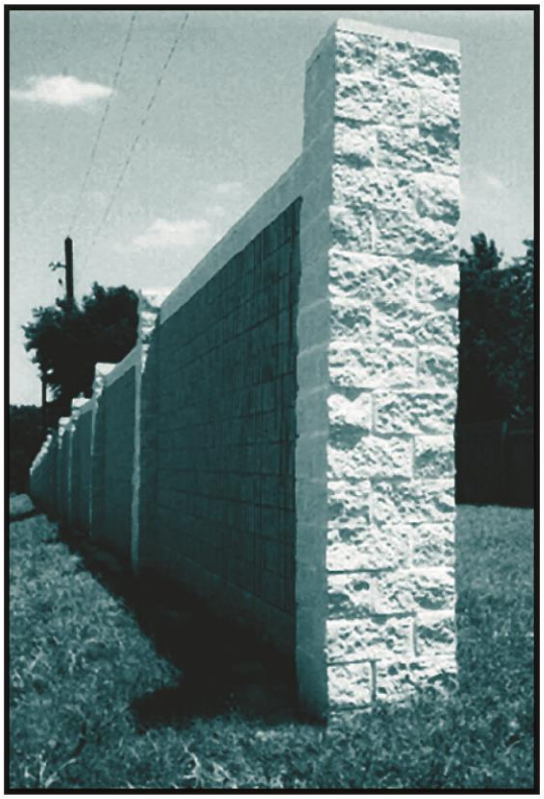

Noise barriers could result in:

- restricted views
- feelings of confinement
- loss of air circulation, sunlight and night lighting
- limited access to nearby streets

Also, noise barriers could present a serious problem for businesses by restricting views and access by customers.

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Public Involvement

We make our noise studies for highway projects available for review by the public and government officials.

People who live in areas affected by traffic noise are notified by mail when noise barriers are proposed for their areas. They are also informed about when and where a noise workshop will be held.

The opinions of those affected are vital to the construction of a noise barrier. Even if the noise study indicates that a noise barrier is feasible and reasonable, the final decision to build or not is by a simple majority vote.

Local officials are provided copies of the noise study and federal regulations on traffic noise to assist in future land-use planning that promotes harmony between land development and highways.

Noise Barriers Across Texas

TxDOT has constructed noise barriers all across the state, and many more are either under construction or in the planning stage.

Noise barriers are, and will continue to be, an important tool to reduce the impacts of traffic noise that result from the ongoing improvement of Texas highways.

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Circle C Homeowners Association EBlast – August 25, 2015

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Homeowners Association

CIRCLE C RANCH

Board Meeting Tonight

The Circle C HOA Board of Directors are meeting tonight, **Tuesday August 25th at 6:30pm,** at the Circle C Community Center (7817 La Crosse Avenue). The meeting agenda is posted in the "Board Meeting Agenda" folder under the "Resource Center".

Upcoming Scout Recruitment Rallies

Looking to be a part of a fun *and* local organization? Look no further! The Oak Hill Service Unit of Girl Scouts of Central Texas and our neighborhood's own Pack 12 Cub Scouts are looking for new members! Check out the links below to learn more information about these amazing groups!

Girl Scouts Recruitment Rally (Click here for more info)
When: Saturday August 29th
Where: Clayton, Kiker and Baldwin Elementary: 9:30am-11:30am
Mills, Oak Hill and Patton Elementary: 1:30pm-3:30pm

Pack 12 Cub Scouts Recruitment Rally (Click here for more info)
When: Tuesday September 1st 6:30pm-7:30pm
Where: Circle C Community Center (7817 La Crosse Avenue)

TxDOT Mopac Noise Barrier Workshop

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is hosting a noise barrier workshop on **Thursday, September 3, 2015 from 6 to 8 pm,** at the Circle C Community Center, 7817 La Crosse Avenue.

Residents of Circle C are invited to the workshop to learn more about the proposed noise barriers along MoPac. The workshop will also give property owners directly adjacent to the proposed wall(s) an opportunity to vote on whether they want a noise barrier to be constructed. These walls are proposed as part of the MoPac Intersections project, which is still pending an environmental decision.

The proposed noise barriers cannot be constructed without the approval of a simple majority of the adjacent property owners. The opportunity to vote "for" or "against" constructing the proposed noise barriers is limited to the owners of the properties immediately adjacent because these properties would be most affected by the noise — as well as by the very presence and appearance of the noise barrier. Proposed noise barriers locations can be seen prior to the meeting at: http://www.mopacsouth.com/11_Traffic Noise TM_June 2015.pdf.

Although the workshop will be open to all residents of Circle C, only those who receive a ballot will be allowed to vote. Ballots have been mailed to adjacent property owners.

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Reminder Letter – August 26, 2015

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Texas Department of Transportation

August 26, 2015

REMINDER: Thursday, September 3, 2015 - MoPac Intersections Noise Barrier Workshop

Dear Property Owner,

This is a reminder that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, has invited you to participate in an upcoming noise barrier workshop for the MoPac Intersections Project.

The workshop will be held:
Thursday, September 3
6:00 to 8:00 pm
Circle C Community Center
7817 La Crosse Avenue

Your property has been identified as adjacent to the proposed noise barrier and as a result, you will have an opportunity to vote on whether the proposed noise barrier will be built, pending a recommended "Build" alternative from the Environmental Study.

The opportunity to vote "for" or "against" constructing the proposed noise barrier is limited to the owners of properties adjacent to the proposed barrier because these properties would be most affected by the noise as well as the very presence and appearance of the noise barrier.

Materials at the workshop will focus on the noise analysis process and the location, height, and appearance of the proposed noise barriers. Experts will be available to answer any questions you might have. The purpose of the workshop is to give you sufficient information to make an informed decision/vote.

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If you are unable to attend the workshop, you may vote by completing the ballot and returning it in the stamped, pre-addressed envelope provided in the previous mailing. Ballots must be postmarked no later than Monday, September 14, 2015.

Sincerely,

Lucas J. Short, P.E.
MoPac Intersections Project Manager
Texas Department of Transportation
Austin District

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Reminder Postcard – September 11, 2015

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REMINDER!

September 11, 2015

If you have not already done so, please remember to mail your MoPac Intersections Noise Barrier ballot to:

Mr. Lucas J. Short, P.E.
MoPac Intersection Project Manager
Texas Department of Transportation Austin District
P.O. Drawer 15426
Austin, Texas 78761-5426

There was a return envelope for the ballot included in the certified mailing several weeks ago.

It needs to be postmarked by Monday, September 14.

Thanks again for your participation!

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Noise Barrier 2c – Re-Balloting Package – September 30, 2015

(Four residential properties re-balloted due to shift and reduction in barrier height)

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September 30, 2015 Re-Balloting Package - Ricky Jay & Candice Rudolph

Texas Department of Transportation

September 30, 2015

Ricky Jay & Candice Rudolph
5246 Austral Loop
Austin, TX 78739-1717

Voter ID #: P447334-2c
Neighborhood: Circle C on the Park
Revised Noise Barrier #2c

RE: Re-balloting of Noise Barrier #2c on the MoPac Intersections Project

Dear Property Owner,

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority), has made adjustments to the Noise Barrier #2c for the MoPac Intersections Project as originally shown on the August 11, 2015 ballot and at the Noise Workshop held on September 3, 2015. This change alters the location by moving the adjacent noise barrier further away from your property and lowering the height from 13 feet to approximately 10 feet.

TxDOT also analyzed a portion of (1,800 feet) the original Barrier #2, presented in the MoPac Intersections Noise Technical Memorandum, as an alternative to Barrier #2c. Barrier #2 in the Technical Memorandum was not able to reduce noise decibel levels for all of Circle C on the Park Neighborhood, but was able to provide reduced decibels for the impacted receptors in the neighborhood and areas north of the neighborhood, therefore Barrier #2 was a reasonable and feasible barrier in the Technical Memorandum. Analyzing the portion of Barrier #2 adjacent to the roadway in the Circle C on the Park Neighborhood area would have required a height of 19 feet and a length of 1,800 feet at an approximate cost of $615,600 or $41,040 per benefiting receptor to achieve feasibility requirements which exceeds the reasonability of a noise barrier.

Due to this change, we are re-balloting the adjacent property owners where the change occurred to record your vote "For" or "Against" the revised Noise Barrier #2c. Ballots must be postmarked no later than **Wednesday, October 7, 2015**. The final decision regarding the construction of the proposed noise barrier will be based on the outcome of the vote and a recommended "Build" alternative by the Environmental Study.

You can learn more about the MoPac Intersections Project by visiting the project website at: http://www.mopacsouth.com/intersections/. If you need additional information, please contact Jon Geiselbrecht in the Environmental Section of the Austin District of TxDOT by calling (512) 832-7218.

Sincerely,

Lucas J. Short, P.E.
MoPac Intersections Project Manager
Texas Department of Transportation
Austin District

Texas Department of Transportation

Voting Ballot
Vote for Proposed Noise Barrier 2c
(West side of MoPac, North of La Crosse Avenue)
September 30, 2015

Ricky Jay & Candice Rudolph
5246 Austral Loop
Austin, TX 78739-1717
Voter ID #: P447334-2c

Dear Property Owner,

Please check one box below "for" or "against" a proposed revised noise barrier in the proximity of your property. Only one vote is allowed for each property.

☐ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) _____ **DATE** _____

SIGNATURE (required) _____

Please mail this ballot in the stamped, pre-addressed envelope which has been provided.

The ballot must be mailed no later than October 7, 2015.

Questions? Please call Jon Geiselbrecht at 512-832-7218 or email at Jon.Geiselbrecht@txdot.gov.

September 30, 2015 Re-Balloting Package - Scott D. & Jewellyn G. Forrest

Texas Department of Transportation

September 30, 2015

Scott D. & Jewellyn G. Forrest
5234 Austral Loop
Austin, TX 78739-1717

Voter ID #: P447386-2c
Neighborhood: Circle C on the Park
Revised Noise Barrier #2c

RE: Re-balloting of Noise Barrier #2c on the MoPac Intersections Project

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MoPac Intersections Project Manager
Texas Department of Transportation
Austin District

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Voting Ballot
Vote for Proposed Noise Barrier 2c
(West side of MoPac, North of La Crosse Avenue)
September 30, 2015

Scott D. & Jewellyn G. Forrest
5234 Austral Loop
Austin, TX 78739-1717
Voter ID #: P447386-2c

Dear Property Owner,

Please check one box below "for" or "against" a proposed revised noise barrier in the proximity of your property. Only one vote is allowed for each property.

☐ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) _____ **DATE** _____

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September 30, 2015 Re-Balloting Package - Eric R. & Lorraine E. Chandler

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September 30, 2015

Eric R. & Lorraine E. Chandler
5238 Austral Loop
Austin, TX 78739-1717

Voter ID #: P466062-2c
Neighborhood: Circle C on the Park
Revised Noise Barrier #2c

RE: Re-balloting of Noise Barrier #2c on the MoPac Intersections Project

Dear Property Owner,

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority), has made adjustments to the Noise Barrier #2c for the MoPac Intersections Project as originally shown on the August 11, 2015 ballot and at the Noise Workshop held on September 3, 2015. This change alters the location by moving the adjacent noise barrier further away from your property and lowering the height from 13 feet to approximately 10 feet.

TxDOT also analyzed a portion of (1,800 feet) the original Barrier #2, presented in the MoPac Intersections Noise Technical Memorandum, as an alternative to Barrier #2c. Barrier #2 in the Technical Memorandum was not able to reduce noise decibel levels for all of Circle C on the Park Neighborhood, but was able to provide reduced decibels for the impacted receptors in the neighborhood and areas north of the neighborhood, therefore Barrier #2 was a reasonable and feasible barrier in the Technical Memorandum. Analyzing the portion of Barrier #2 adjacent to the roadway in the Circle C on the Park Neighborhood area would have required a height of 19 feet and a length of 1,800 feet at an approximate cost of $615,600 or $41,040 per benefiting receptor to achieve feasibility requirements which exceeds the reasonability of a noise barrier.

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You can learn more about the MoPac Intersections Project by visiting the project website at: http://www.mopacsouth.com/intersections/. If you need additional information, please contact Jon Geiselbrecht in the Environmental Section of the Austin District of TxDOT by calling (512) 832-7218.

Sincerely,

Lucas J. Short, P.E.
MoPac Intersections Project Manager
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September 30, 2015 Re-Balloting Package - Katherine Ann Rozier & Ryan Preston Fite

Texas Department of Transportation

September 30, 2015

Katherine Ann Rozier & Ryan Preston Fite
5242 Austral Loop
Austin, TX 78739-1717

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ATTACHMENT B: Display Boards and Maps

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PROJECT LOCATION

MOPAC INTERSECTIONS PROJECT

MoPac (Loop 1)

From: North of Slaughter Lane

To: South of La Crosse Avenue

Travis County, Texas

PURPOSE AND FORMAT OF NOISE WORKSHOP

WHY AM I HERE?

TO REVIEW, DISCUSS AND PROVIDE INPUT ON THE:

- Results of the Traffic Noise Analysis for the Draft Environmental Assessment
- Opportunity for adjacent property owners to vote For or Against on the proposed Noise Barriers

FORMAT

EVENT	WORKSHOP	PRESENTATION	VOTING
TIME (P.M.)	6-8 PM	6:30 PM	7-8 PM

PROJECT MILESTONES

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May 2013	Start of the Project
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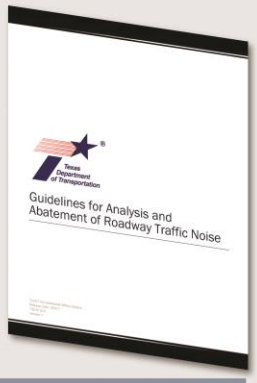
2016	Anticipated Construction Start (if environmentally approved)

ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION DURATION IS 2-3 YEARS.

PROCESS AND NOISE PRINCIPLES

- The Project follows TxDOT's *Guidelines for Analysis and Abatement of Roadway Traffic Noise* (2011)



- A-weighted decibel (dBA): measure of sound energy that closely represents human hearing

CHANGE IN DECIBELS	HUMAN PERCEPTION OF SOUND
1 dBA	not noticeable
3 dBA	barely perceptible
5 dBA	perceptible
10 dBA	similar to doubling or halving of noise

TRAFFIC NOISE IMPACTS

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has established Noise Abatement Criteria (NAC) to determine possible traffic noise impacts on various activity areas.

FHWA's Noise Abatement Criteria (NAC)		
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  or

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  - The MoPac Intersections Project would not result in an increase of 10 dBA or more

WHAT IF THERE IS A TRAFFIC NOISE IMPACT?

- Consideration of mitigation measures, which includes evaluating noise barriers
- Noise barrier construction decisions are based on a study of **feasibility** and **reasonability**
  - **"Feasibility"** is determined by physical and/or engineering constraints
    - —Could a noise barrier feasibly be constructed on the site
    - —Acoustic feasibility (greater than 50% of impacted receptors achieve a 5 dBA reduction)
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    - —TxDOT's cost-effectiveness criteria ($25,000/benefited receptor)
    - —Viewpoint of benefited adjacent property owners

SLAUGHTER LANE AT MOPAC

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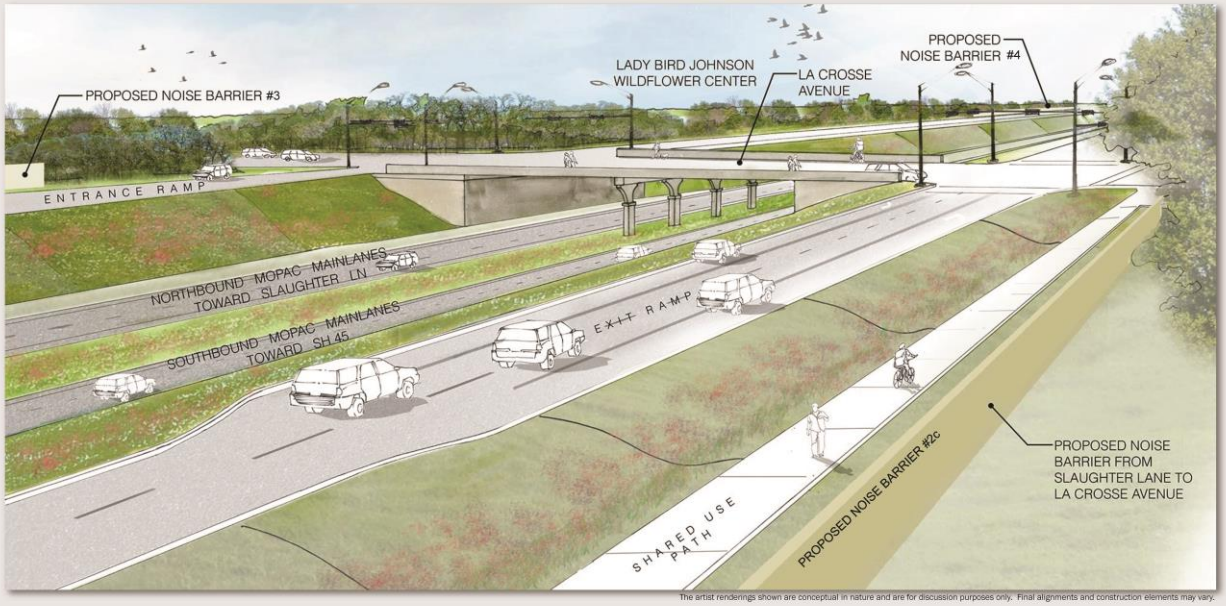
Looking West

MoPac Intersections Environmental Study

LA CROSSE AVENUE AT MOPAC



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Looking South

MoPac Intersections Environmental Study

WHAT WILL THE NOISE BARRIERS LOOK LIKE?

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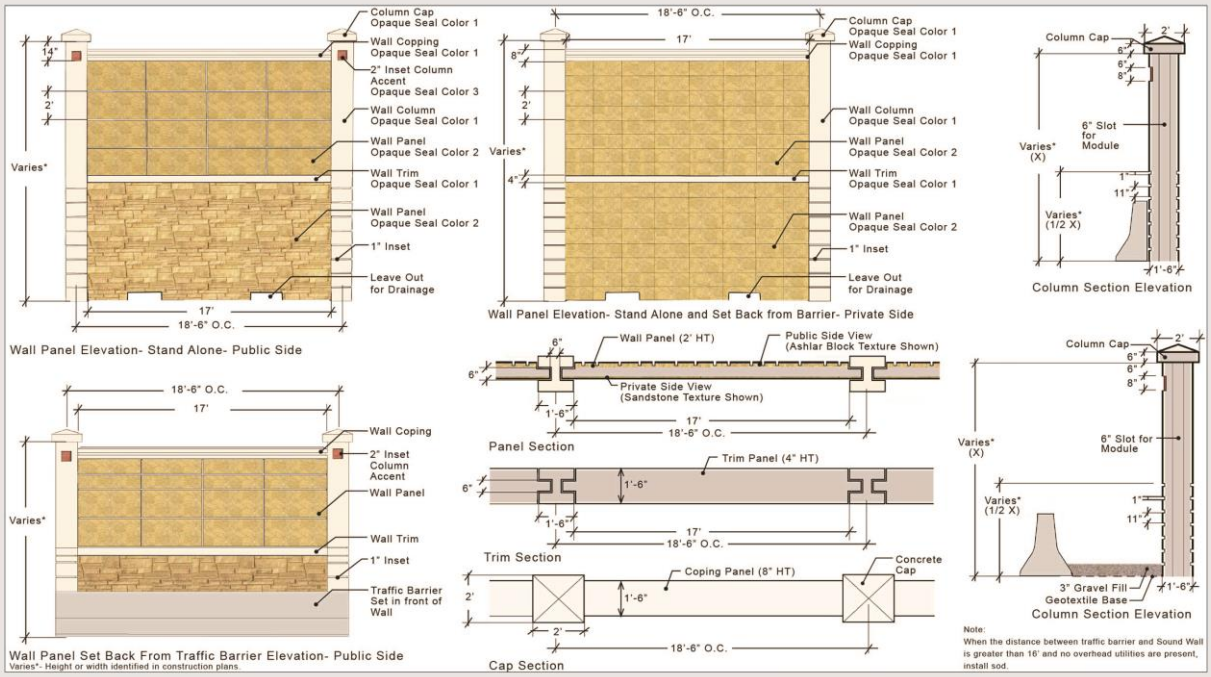

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WHAT ARE NOISE BARRIER ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES?

- Noise barrier advantages
  - Reduce (but not eliminate) traffic noise
  - Provide a sense of privacy
- Noise barrier disadvantages
  - Restrict views
  - Feeling of confinement
  - Potential loss of air circulation, sunlight and night light
  - Potential difficult growing grass, shrubs, or gardens adjacent to barrier

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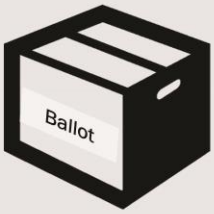
WHERE CAN I SUBMIT MY BALLOT?



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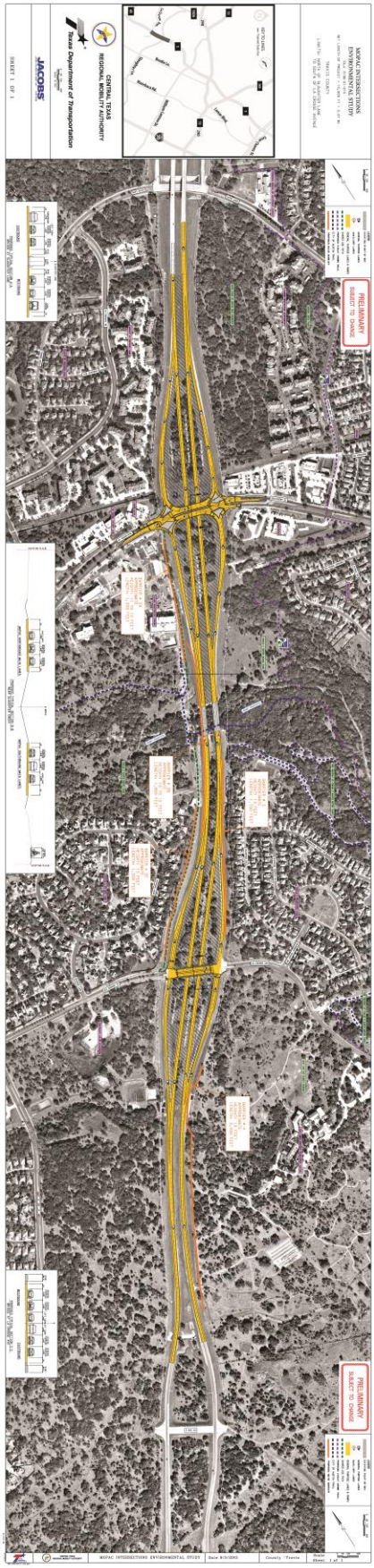
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County : Travis

ATTACHMENT C: Presentation

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MOPAC INTERSECTIONS ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

Noise Workshop – September 3, 2015

"The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT."

MOPAC INTERSECTIONS ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY NOISE WORKSHOP

1. WORKSHOP PURPOSE & FORMAT
2. PROJECT OVERVIEW
3. TRAFFIC NOISE
4. VOTING

MoPac Intersections Environmental Study Noise Workshop September 3, 2015 2

1. WORKSHOP PURPOSE & FORMAT

Why am I Here?

- To review, discuss and provide input on the results of the Traffic Noise Analysis for the Draft Environmental Assessment
- This is an opportunity for adjacent property owners to vote **For** or **Against** on the proposed Noise Barriers

Workshop	Presentation	Voting
6:00-8:00 pm	6:30 pm	7:00-8:00 pm

2. PROJECT OVERVIEW

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Anticipated construction duration is 2-3 years.

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3. TRAFFIC NOISE

What is the Process?

- A traffic noise analysis was initiated on this project by the addition of through-traffic lanes (the underpasses)

  [TxDOT's *Environmental Handbook – Traffic Noise* (January 2015)]

- The traffic noise process follows TxDOT's *Guidelines for Analysis and Abatement of Roadway Traffic Noise* (2011)
  - Identification of land use
  - Determination of existing noise levels
  - Prediction of future noise levels
  - Identification of possible noise impacts
  - Consideration and evaluation of measures to reduce noise impacts

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How Did We Evaluate Traffic Noise?

- Federal Highway Administration's Traffic Noise Model
  - Roadway Location (existing and proposed)
  - Traffic Information (speed, volume, vehicle type)
  - Noise receptor sites (44 sites modeled)

- Findings from the Model
  - 17 of the 44 noise receptor sites were impacted
    - Legacy at Western Oak Apartments
    - Parkside Village
    - Circle C Ranch Metro Park
    - Circle C on the Park
    - Circle C Wildflower Park
    - Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Traffic Noise Impact

- Consideration of noise abatement measures
  - 6 barriers were analyzed in the model
  - 5 were considered <u>Feasible</u> and <u>Reasonable</u>
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      - Could a noise barrier feasibly be constructed on the site
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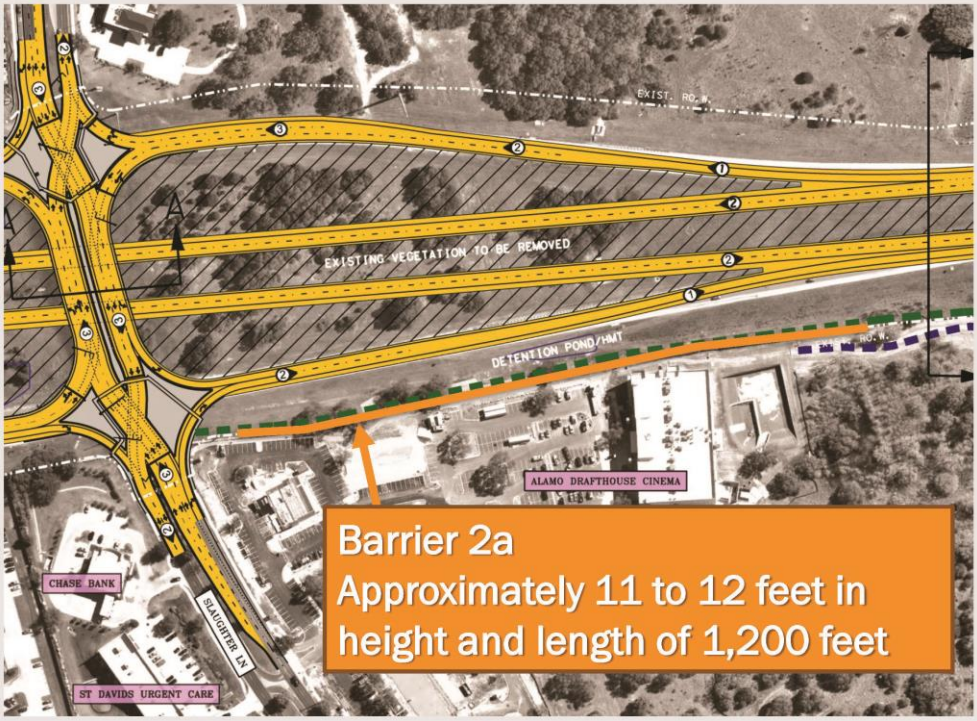
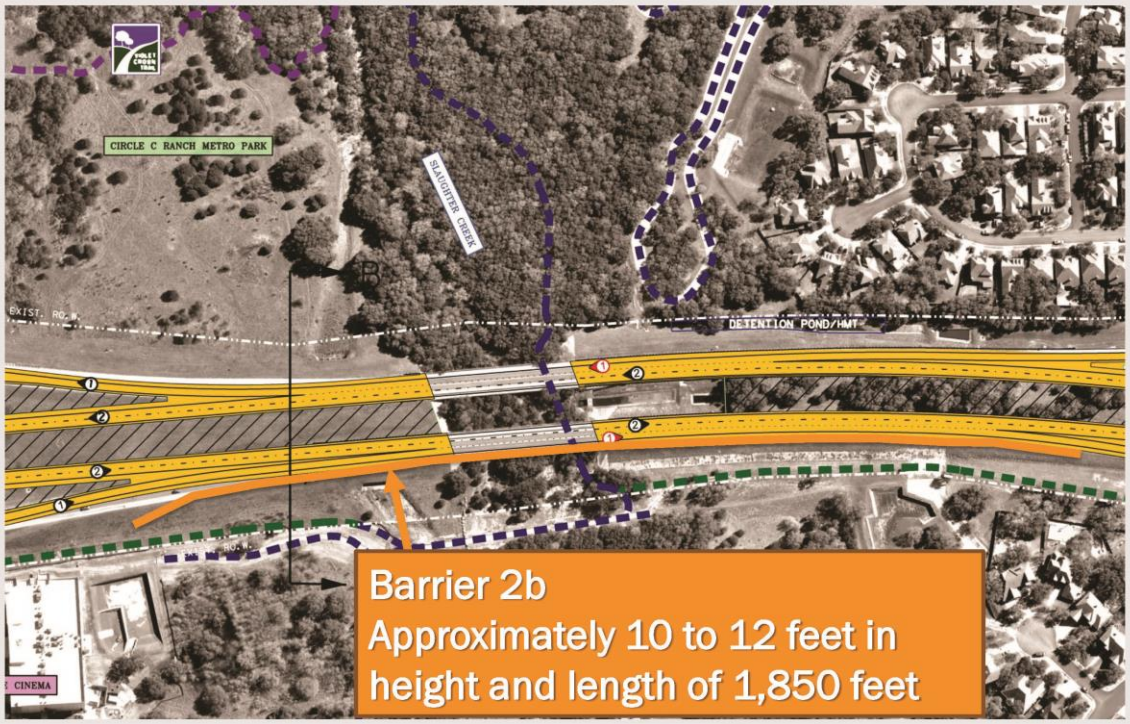
Where are the Feasible and Reasonable Noise Barriers?

Noise Barrier #2a



Where are the Feasible and Reasonable Noise Barriers?

Noise Barrier #2b



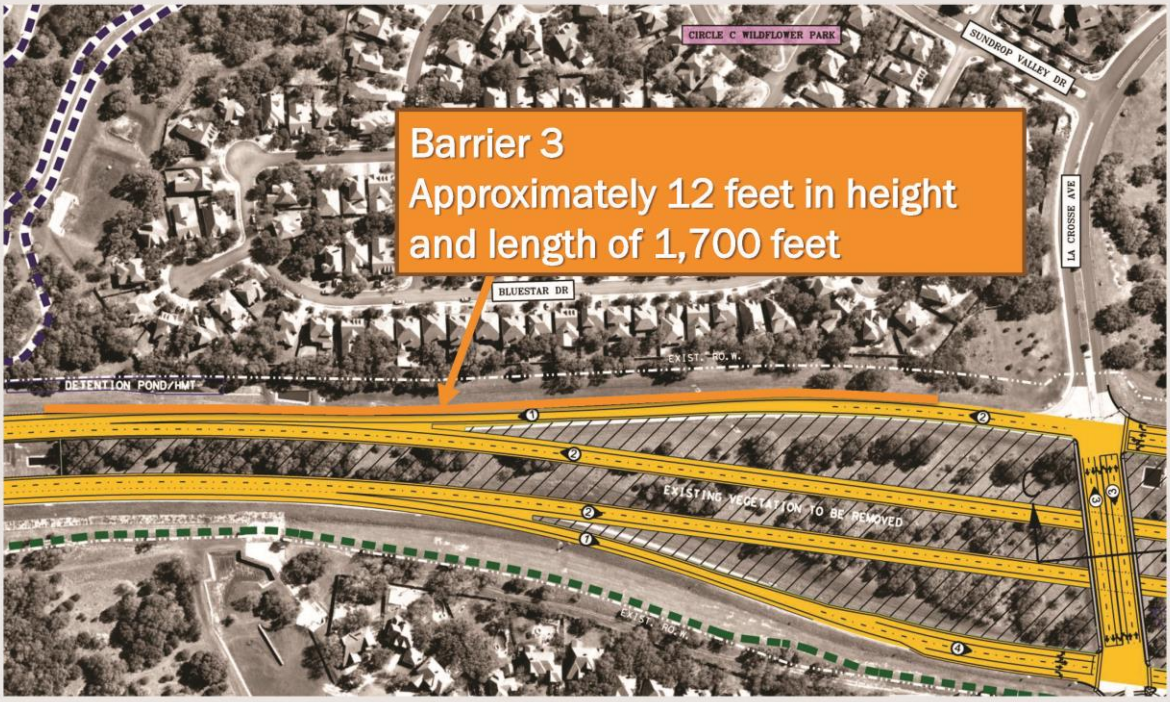
Where are the Feasible and Reasonable Noise Barriers?

Noise Barrier #2c

Barrier 2c
Approximately 13 feet in height and length of 1,500 feet

Where are the Feasible and Reasonable Noise Barriers?

Noise Barrier #3

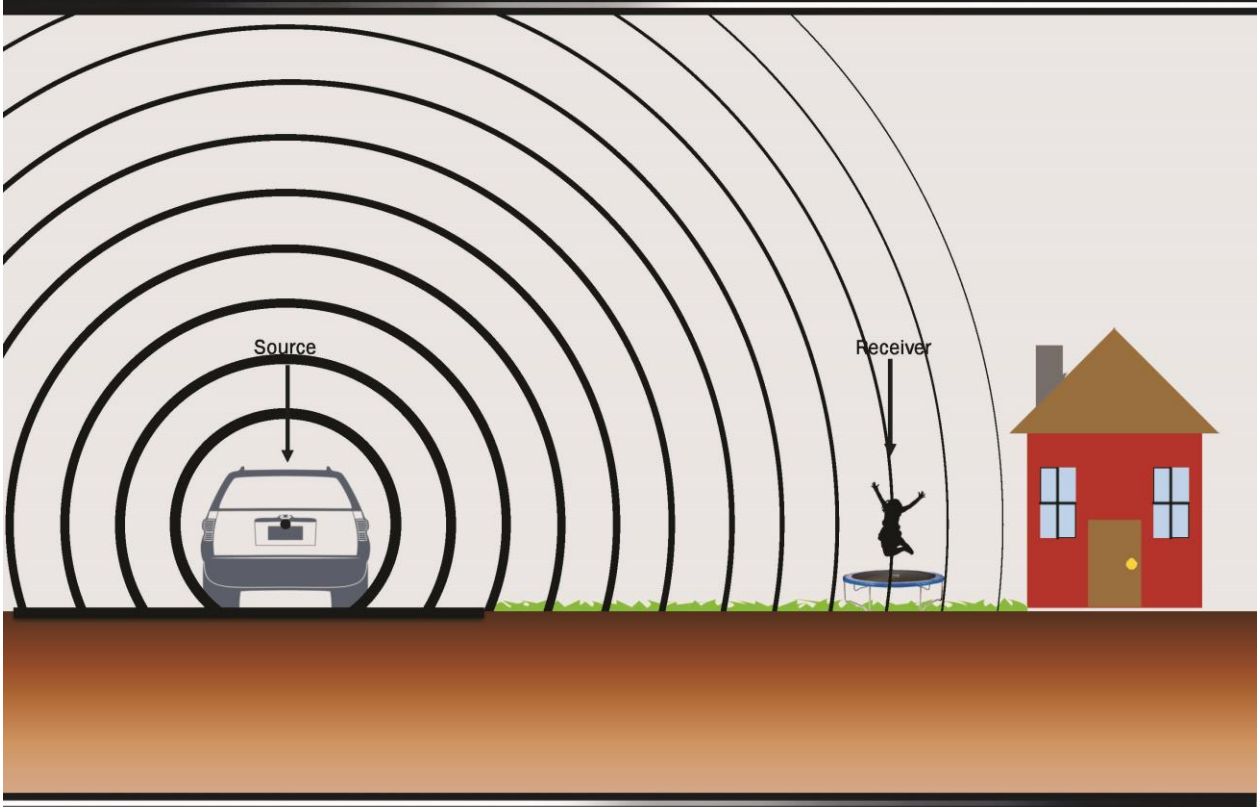


Barrier 3
Approximately 12 feet in height and length of 1,700 feet

Where are the Feasible and Reasonable Noise Barriers?

Noise Barrier #4

Why Noise Barriers?



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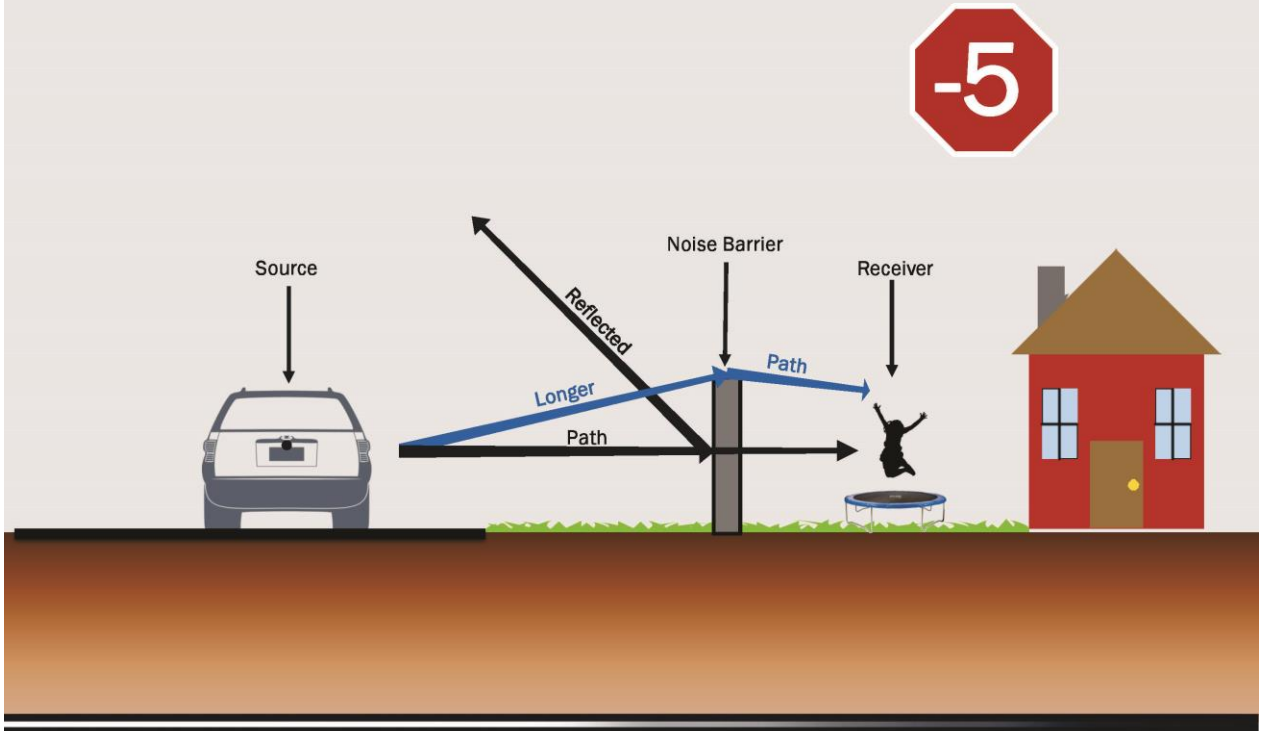
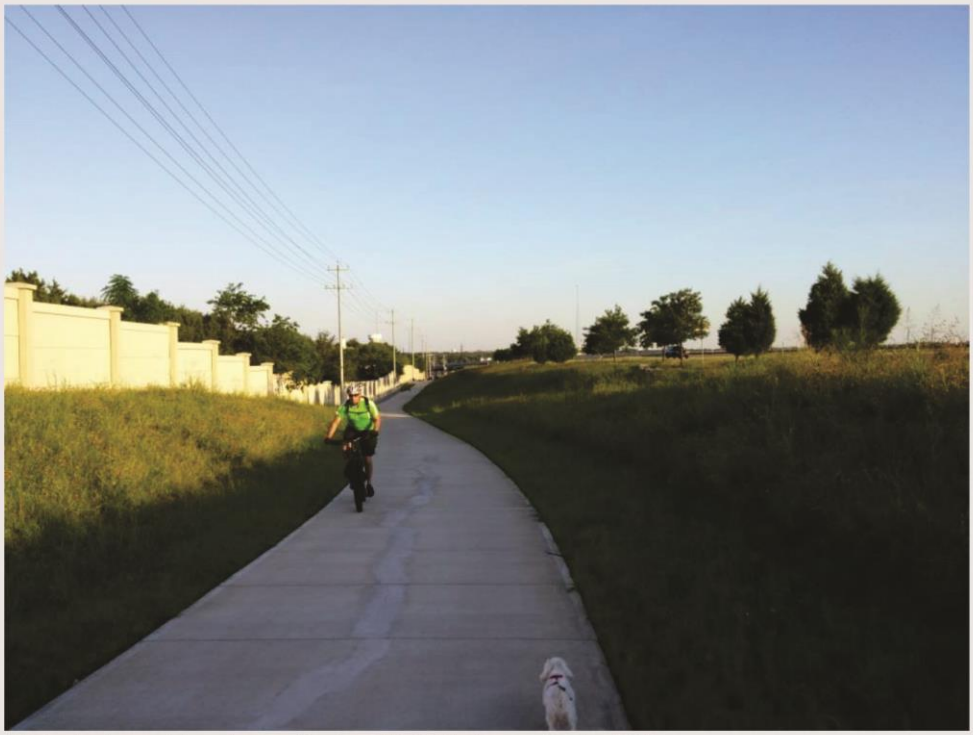


Typical Noise Barrier Section



Noise barrier and shared use path along US 183A. Source: Jacobs 2015

What will the Noise Barriers look like?

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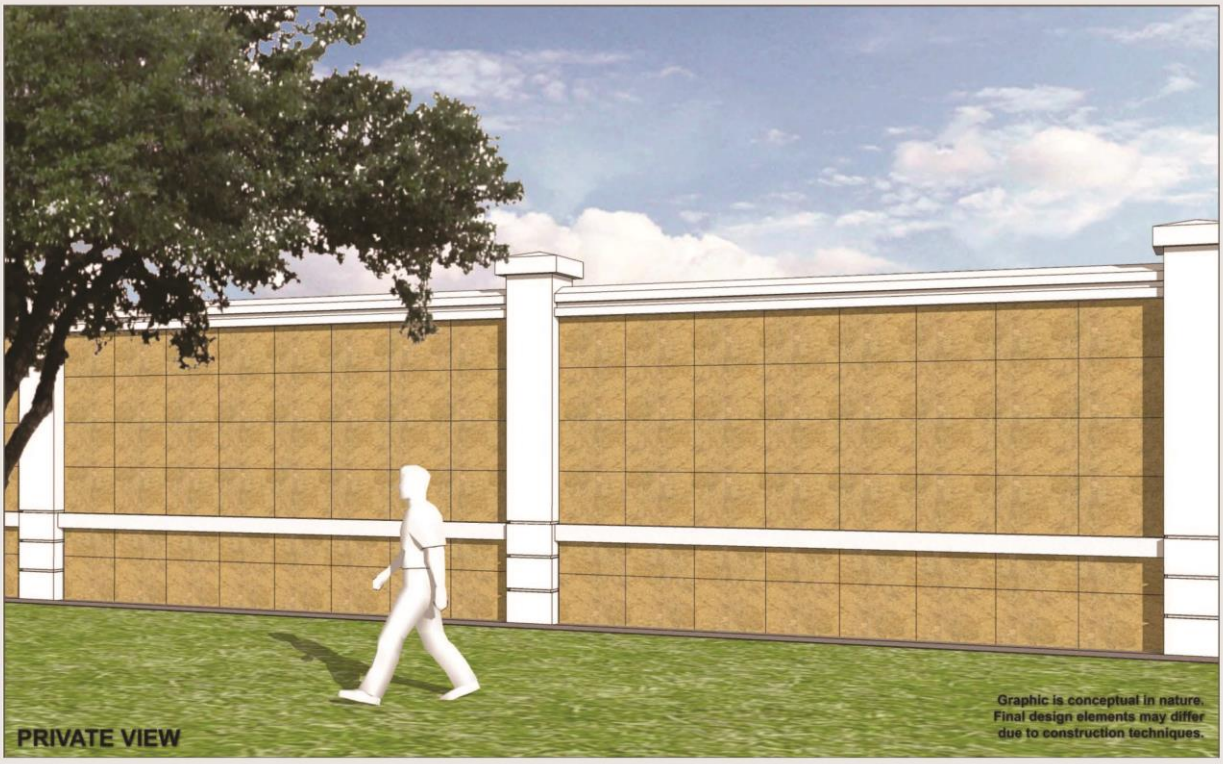

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What are Noise Barrier Advantages and Disadvantages?

Advantages	Disadvantages
Reduce (but not eliminate) traffic noise	Potential loss of air circulation, sunlight and night light
Provide a sense of privacy	Feeling of confinement
	Potential difficult to growing grass, shrubs, or gardens adjacent to wall
	Restrict views

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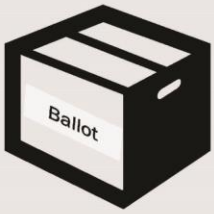
4. VOTING

What is the Ballot Process?

- Noise barriers will **not** be constructed without the approval, by majority vote of the adjacent property owners to the proposed noise barrier
- Each adjacent property owner is allowed one vote

Where Can I Submit My Ballot And Comments?



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Submit on or before September 14, 2015

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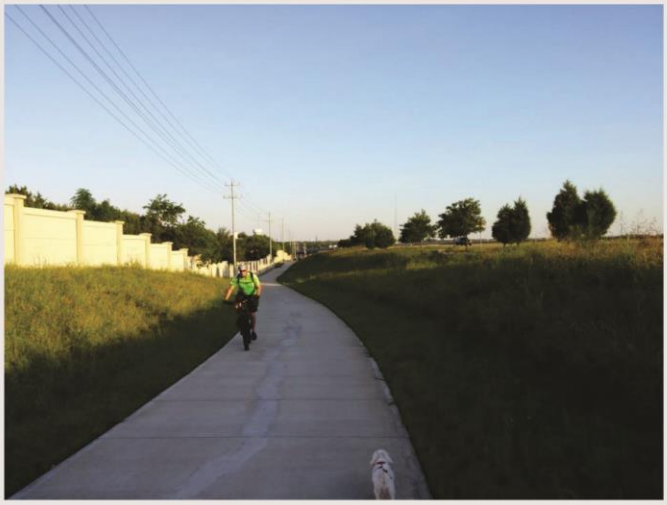

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ATTACHMENT D: Photographs

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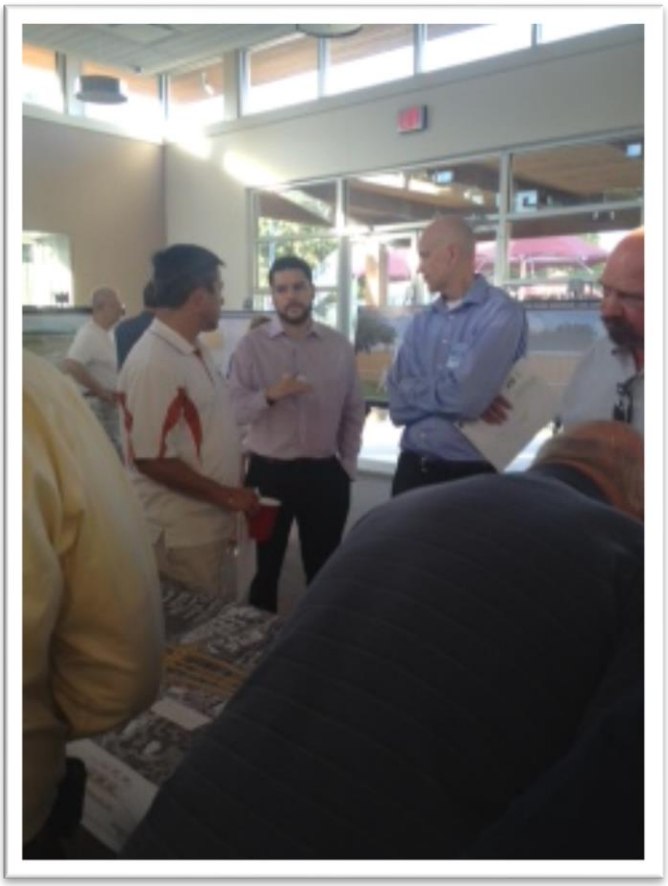

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ATTACHMENT E: Sign-in Sheets

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MoPac Intersections Noise Barrier Workshop

Circle C Community Center, 7817 La Crosse Ave.

Sept. 3, 2015

6-8 p.m.

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MoPac Intersections Noise Barrier Workshop

Circle C Community Center, 7817 La Crosse Ave.

Sept. 3, 2015 6-8 p.m.

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MATT & DEBRA BUSH	ddeebush@aol.com	78739
Jeff Walton	walton-jcw@yahoo.com	78739
Claudia Corum	precinct367@yahoo.com	78749
Frank Thiel	fthiel@austin.rr.com	78739
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ATTACHMENT F: Ballot/Letters Received

Noise Barrier 2b

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Voting Ballot
Vote for Proposed Noise Barrier 2b
(West side of MoPac, North of La Crosse Avenue)
September 2015

City of Austin
Robert J. Spillar, P.E. – Director
Austin Transportation Department
PO Box 1088
Austin, TX 78767-1088
Voter ID #: P338485-3

Dear Property Owner,

Please check one box below "for" or "against" a proposed noise barrier in the proximity of your property. Only one vote is allowed for each property.

☐ **For Noise Barrier** ☑ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) Ricardo G. Soliz **DATE** 9/4/15

SIGNATURE (required) _____

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Please call Jon Geiselbrecht at 512-832-7218 or email at Jon.Geiselbrecht@txdot.gov at your earliest convince if you would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the proposed noise barrier #2b.

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Noise Barrier 2c

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Voting Ballot
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William B. & Cynthia L. Baschnagel
10205 Malvinas Cove
Austin, TX 78739-1767
Voter ID #: P466287-2c

Dear Property Owner,

Please check one box below "for" or "against" a proposed noise barrier in the proximity of your property. Only one vote is allowed for each property.

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PRINTED NAME (required) William B Baschnagel **DATE** 8/19/15
SIGNATURE (required) William B Baschnagel

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Charles William Martin
5300 Austral Loop
Austin, TX 78739-1710
Voter ID #: P447335-2c

Dear Property Owner,

Please check one box below "for" or "against" a proposed noise barrier in the proximity of your property. Only one vote is allowed for each property.

☒ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) Charles W Martin **DATE** 8/18/15

SIGNATURE (required) Charles W Martin

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Larry E. Smith
5230 Austral Loop
Austin, TX 78739-1717
Voter ID #: P447385-2c

Dear Property Owner,

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[X] **For Noise Barrier** [ ] **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) LARRY E. SMITH **DATE** 8/28/15

SIGNATURE (required) Larry E. Smith

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Kirk & Wilma Ernst Hagler
10461 County Road 2460
Terrell, TX 75160-8628
Voter ID #: P447338-2c

Dear Property Owner,

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☑ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) KIRK HAGLER **DATE** 8-25-2015

SIGNATURE (required) Kirk Hagler

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Andrew & Ann Ballard Zinni
5302 Austral Loop
Austin, TX 78739-1710
Voter ID #: P447336-2c

Dear Property Owner,

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☒ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) ANDREW ZINNI **DATE** 8/30/15

SIGNATURE (required) Andrew Zinni

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Elizabeth V. & Denis J. Sugrue
5205 Corrientes Cove
Austin, TX 78739-1720
Voter ID #: P380879-2c

Dear Property Owner,

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☑ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) Elizabeth V. Sugrue **DATE** 8/31/15

SIGNATURE (required) Elizabeth V. S

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Matthew & Debra Bush
5201 Corrientes Cove
Austin, TX 78739-1720
Voter ID #: P380880-2c

Dear Property Owner,

Please check one box below "for" or "against" a proposed noise barrier in the proximity of your property. Only one vote is allowed for each property.

☑ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) MATT & DEBRA BUSH **DATE** 9-03-15

SIGNATURE (required) [signature]

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Charles K. & Rebecca T. Stephenson, Jr.
5310 Austral Loop
Austin, TX 78739-1710
Voter ID #: P447339-2c

Dear Property Owner,

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☑ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) C.K. Stephenson. **DATE** 9-5-2015

SIGNATURE (required) C.K. Stephenson Jr.

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Paul N. & Marla E. Franz
10209 Malvinas Cove
Austin, TX 78739-1767
Voter ID #: P447491-2c

Dear Property Owner,

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☒ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) Paul + Marla Franz **DATE** 8-31-15

SIGNATURE (required) Marla Franz

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Katherine Ann Rozier & Ryan Preston Fite
5242 Austral Loop
Austin, TX 78739-1717
Voter ID #: P466063-2c

Dear Property Owner,

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☐ **For Noise Barrier** ☒ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) Katherine Rozier Fite **DATE** 9/3/2015

SIGNATURE (required)

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Katherine Ann Rozier & Ryan Preston Fite
5242 Austral Loop
Austin, TX 78739-1717
Voter ID #: P466063-2c

Dear Property Owner,

Please check one box below "for" or "against" a proposed revised noise barrier in the proximity of your property. Only one vote is allowed for each property.

☒ For Noise Barrier ☐ Against Noise Barrier

PRINTED NAME (required) RYAN FITE DATE 10/6/15

SIGNATURE (required) R Fite

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Eric R. & Lorraine E. Chandler
5238 Austral Loop
Austin, TX 78739-1717
Voter ID #: P466062-2c

Dear Property Owner,

Please check one box below "for" or "against" a proposed noise barrier in the proximity of your property. Only one vote is allowed for each property.

☐ **For Noise Barrier** ☒ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) ERIC CHANDLER **DATE** 9/10/15

SIGNATURE (required) _____

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Eric R. & Lorraine E. Chandler
5238 Austral Loop
Austin, TX 78739-1717
Voter ID #: P466062-2c

Dear Property Owner,

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☑ For Noise Barrier ☐ Against Noise Barrier

PRINTED NAME (required) Lorraine Chandler DATE 10/7/15

SIGNATURE (required) [signature]

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Scott D. & Jewellyn G. Forrest
5234 Austral Loop
Austin, TX 78739-1717
Voter ID #: P447386-2c

Dear Property Owner,

Please check one box below "for" or "against" a proposed revised noise barrier in the proximity of your property. Only one vote is allowed for each property.

☑ For Noise Barrier ☐ Against Noise Barrier

PRINTED NAME (required) SCOTT FORREST DATE 10-6-15

SIGNATURE (required) [signature]

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Ricky Jay & Candice Rudolph
5246 Austral Loop
Austin, TX 78739-1717
Voter ID #: P447334-2c

Dear Property Owner,

Please check one box below "for" or "against" a proposed noise barrier in the proximity of your property. Only one vote is allowed for each property.

☐ **For Noise Barrier** ☒ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) Rick Rudolph Candice Rudolph **DATE** 9/13/2015

SIGNATURE (required) [illegible]

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Ricky Jay & Candice Rudolph
5246 Austral Loop
Austin, TX 78739-1717
Voter ID #: P447334-2c

Dear Property Owner,

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☑ For Noise Barrier ☐ Against Noise Barrier

PRINTED NAME (required) Candice Rudolph DATE 10/15/2015

SIGNATURE (required) CRudolph

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September 2015

James & Emma Osborne Nolan
5113 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1429
Voter ID #: P512447-3

Dear Property Owner,

Please check one box below "for" or "against" a proposed noise barrier in the proximity of your property. Only one vote is allowed for each property.

☒ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) James R Nolan Emma O Nolan **DATE** 15 Aug 15

SIGNATURE (required) [signature]

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Megan & Charles L. Trad
5209 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1468
Voter ID #: P512437-3

Dear Property Owner,

Please check one box below "for" or "against" a proposed noise barrier in the proximity of your property. Only one vote is allowed for each property.

☑ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) Megan Trad **DATE** 8.17.15

SIGNATURE (required) Megan Trad

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Mary Lawrence Hughes
5125 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1429
Voter ID #: P512444-3

Dear Property Owner,

Please check one box below "for" or "against" a proposed noise barrier in the proximity of your property. Only one vote is allowed for each property.

☑ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) MARY L. Hughes **DATE** 8-17-15

SIGNATURE (required) Mary L. Hughes

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Peter M. & Amparo Rippley
5105 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1429
Voter ID #: P512683-3

Dear Property Owner,

Please check one box below "for" or "against" a proposed noise barrier in the proximity of your property. Only one vote is allowed for each property.

☒ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) Peter Rippley **DATE** August 17, 2015

SIGNATURE (required) Peter Rippley

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Robert J. & Karen L. Hillard
10312 Cyrus Cove
Austin, TX 78739-1470
Voter ID #: P512691-3

Dear Property Owner,

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☑ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) ROBERT J. HILLARD **DATE** 8/16/15

SIGNATURE (required) Robert J. Hillard

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Daniel Garth Moss-Lee
5205 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1468
Voter ID #: P512438-3

Dear Property Owner,

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PRINTED NAME (required) Daniel moss-Lee **DATE** 8/24/15

SIGNATURE (required) [signature]

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Hilda G. Salinas
5117 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1429
Voter ID #: P512446-3

Dear Property Owner,

Please check one box below "for" or "against" a proposed noise barrier in the proximity of your property. Only one vote is allowed for each property.

☑ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) HILDA G. SALINAS **DATE** 8/15/15

SIGNATURE (required) Hilda G Salinas

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Julia Cringle & Jason Trevor Freitag
5121 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1429
Voter ID #: P512445-3

Dear Property Owner,

Please check one box below "for" or "against" a proposed noise barrier in the proximity of your property. Only one vote is allowed for each property.

☑ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) Julia Freitag **DATE** 9/2/15

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Kimberly Ann & Charles Robert Watson-Hemphill
5201 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1468
Voter ID #: P512439-3

Dear Property Owner,

Please check one box below "for" or "against" a proposed noise barrier in the proximity of your property. Only one vote is allowed for each property.

☑ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) CHARLES R WATSON-HEMPHILL KIMBERLY A WATSON-HEMPHILL **DATE** 8/31/15

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Lee & Rebekah Maaz
5031 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1428
Voter ID #: P512687-3

Dear Property Owner,

Please check one box below "for" or "against" a proposed noise barrier in the proximity of your property. Only one vote is allowed for each property.

☑ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) Lee Maaz **DATE** 9/12/15

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Basil Fred & Gwen J. Berger
5035 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1428
Voter ID #: P512686-3

Dear Property Owner,

Please check one box below "for" or "against" a proposed noise barrier in the proximity of your property. Only one vote is allowed for each property.

☑ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) Gwen Berger **DATE** 9/3/15

SIGNATURE (required) Gwen Berger

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Vote for Proposed Noise Barrier 3
(East side of MoPac, North of La Crosse Avenue)
September 2015

Brett D. & Amy M. Spencer
5133 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1429
Voter ID #: P512442-3

Dear Property Owner,

Please check one box below "for" or "against" a proposed noise barrier in the proximity of your property. Only one vote is allowed for each property.

☑ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) Brett Spencer **DATE** 9/5/15

SIGNATURE (required) [signature]

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Thomas E. Koehler
10304 Cyrus Cove
Austin, TX 78739-1470
Voter ID #: P512689-3

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Dear Property Owner,

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PRINTED NAME (required) THOMAS KOEHLER **DATE** 16 AUG 2015

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Michael S. Rusinko
5137 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1429
Voter ID #: P512441-3

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PRINTED NAME (required) MICHAEL RUSINKO **DATE** 9-1-15

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Martin A. & Orlando C. De Los Santos
5213 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1468
Voter ID #: P512436-3

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☐ **For Noise Barrier** ☑ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) Martin DeLos Santos **DATE** 9/12/15

SIGNATURE (required)

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Arnold G. & Dahlinda D. Alaniz, Jr.
5129 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1429
Voter ID #: P512443-3

Dear Property Owner,

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☑ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) ARNOLD G. ALANIZ JR **DATE** 09/13/2015

SIGNATURE (required) Arnold G. Alaniz Jr.

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John H. & Cheryl Fuller
5217 Bluestar Drive
Austin, TX 78739-1468
Voter ID #: P512435-3

Dear Property Owner,

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☑ **For Noise Barrier** ☐ **Against Noise Barrier**

PRINTED NAME (required) John H. Fuller **DATE** 8/29/15

SIGNATURE (required) [signature]

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Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center Noise Barrier Concepts - October 15, 2015

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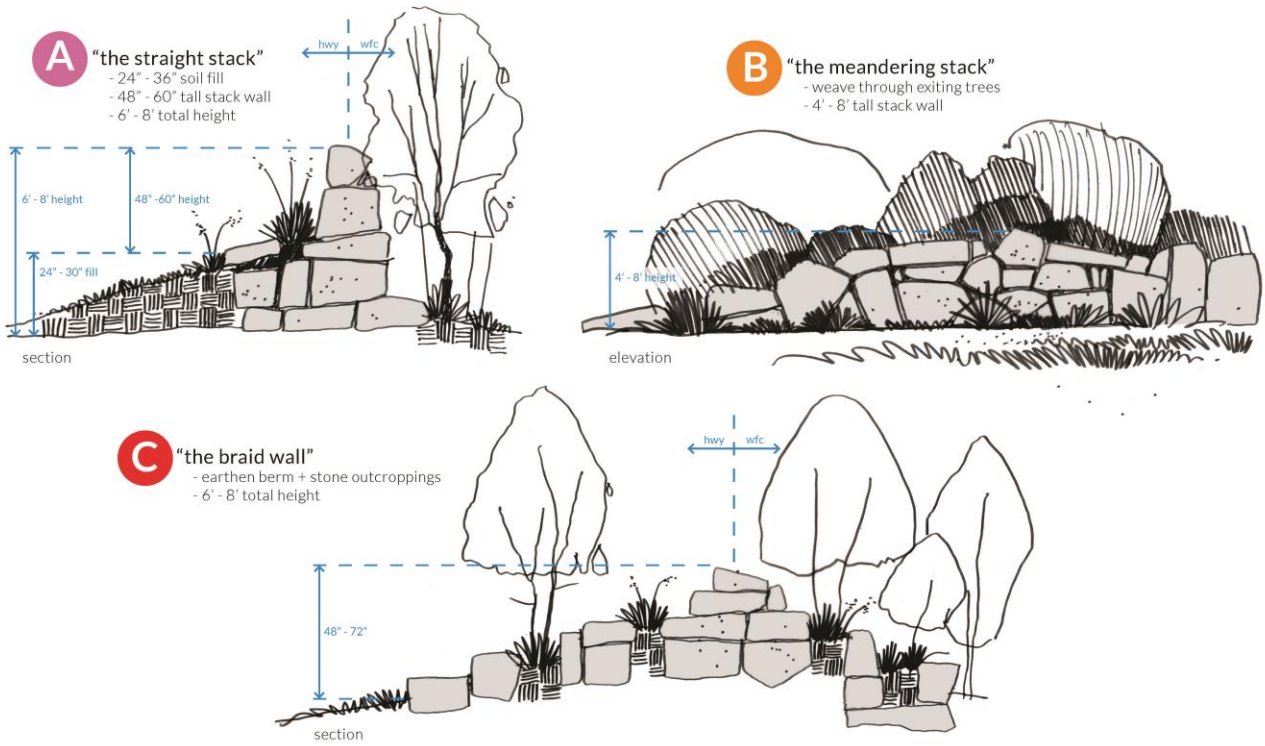

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November 16, 2015

Mr. Michael Abkowitz
Interim Executive Director
Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
4801 La Crosse Avenue
Austin, Texas 78739

Re: LBJ Wildflower Center Sound Barrier Concepts

Dear Mr. Abkowitz:

The Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Austin District, has forwarded to me the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center's proposed Sound Barrier Concepts for the Mopac Intersections project for review with statewide protocol for the construction and installation of noise barriers. While we very much appreciate your mission, TxDOT's "Guidelines for the Analysis and Abatement of Roadway Traffic Noise" (2011) contain specific guidance for roadway traffic noise analysis and abatement. This guidance describes TxDOT's implementation of the requirements of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Noise Standard at 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 772. This guidance was developed by TxDOT and reviewed and concurred with by the FHWA.

Before a wall can be proposed to abate a traffic noise impact it must be determined to be both feasible and reasonable. The walls proposed by the Center are not cost effective within our guidelines and would present an inconsistency in the application of TxDOT's noise policy. Furthermore, the gaps in height for concepts B and C would not provide a consistent noise-attenuating barrier and would not meet the feasibility requirement. Regretfully, we are unable to accommodate your request.

TxDOT remains committed to construct the noise wall as originally proposed that is cost effective and will substantially reduce noise in accordance within our guidelines. Your input into the aesthetic treatment of these walls will be solicited. In light of our partnership on this project and for future projects, we look forward to working with your staff on landscaping efforts to conserve, restore, and create healthy landscapes on our Texas highways.

Sincerely,

Carlos Swonke, P.G.
Director of Environmental Affairs Division

cc: Greg A. Malatek, P.E., Austin District Engineer

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December 3, 2015

Mr. Carlos Swonke, P.G.
Director of Environmental Affairs Division
Texas Department of Transportation
125 East 11th Street
Austin, TX 78701-2483

Dear Mr. Swonke:

I am writing in response to your November 16th letter regarding The University of Texas at Austin Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center's request that Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) consider alternative Sound Barrier Concepts for the Mopac Intersections Project. While we understand TxDOT's rationale for not pursuing this proposal any further, we are indeed disappointed that TxDOT is not willing to further explore alternatives to the traditional sound barrier walls.

It is our understanding that UT Austin and the Wildflower Center are again faced with the decision as to whether to accept construction of the sound barrier wall, as originally planned by TxDOT, or to decline the wall. After careful consideration of the wall's likely impact on noise experienced by Center visitors, its visual appearance, and consistency with the Center's mission and Lady Bird Johnson's vision for highway beautification, we respectfully decline the proposed wall adjacent to our property.

As you indicated in your letter, we also look forward to working with your staff on ecological roadside efforts to conserve, restore and create healthy landscapes on our Texas highways. In partnership, we have the opportunity to significantly impact these landscapes and to set a new standard for projects across Texas and the nation.

Sincerely,

Mike Abkowitz
Interim Executive Director

cc: Greg A. Malatek, P.E., Austin District Engineer
Lucas J. Short, P.E., Mopac Intersections Project Manager
Frederick Steiner, Ph.D., Dean, School of Architecture, University of Texas at Austin
David L. Rea, Associate Vice President for Campus Planning & Project Management
Gwen W. Grigsby, Associate Vice President for Governmental Relations

The mission of the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center is to conserve, restore and create healthy landscapes.

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