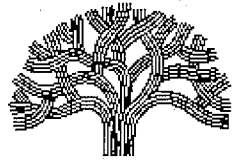


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Dear Property Owner,

As the owner of a property potentially impacted by the future construction of freeway soundwalls in your area, you are encouraged to attend the January 17, 2013 7:00pm Rockridge Community Planning Council Town Hall meeting at the Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Avenue at Manila.

Background

A 2009 study entitled, "State Route 24, Oakland, CA, Pre-Noise Barrier Scope Summary Report (NBSSR)" found that your property is one of 140 that could experience a minimum 5 decibel noise reduction if soundwalls were constructed at the following locations:

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

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

Petition process

In order to determine if there is sufficient support for the ultimate construction of these soundwalls before investing in a larger sound study, the City has instituted a petition process. Soundwall advocates will have one year to collect signatures from at least two-thirds (90) of the 135 eligible property owners. If they are successful, the City will commission the NBSSR; if not, the funds that have been set aside for this study will be used to build other projects from the Caldecott Settlement Agreement list (see past Rockridge News articles for the project list).

For more information, please read the attached Q&A, come to the January 17 meeting or contact the City's Caldecott project consultant, Victoria Eisen at victoria@eisenletunic.com or 510-525-0220.

Sincerely,

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Transportation Services Division Manager