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Sound Barrier Information Sheet

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is considering construction of a sound barrier between your property and Interstate 4 (I-4). The proposed sound barrier would be constructed within the existing FDOT right-of-way. The maintenance of the sound barrier would be the responsibility of the FDOT.

The FDOT is soliciting the opinion of adjacent property owners and residents regarding the construction of a sound barrier and would like you to consider the following information when making your decision.



Advantages and Disadvantages

A sound barrier is a permanent structure of significant height. For this reason, it is important that you understand the advantages and disadvantages of a sound barrier adjacent to your property.

Advantages

- Sound barriers, when designed at the proper height and length, can reduce the loudness of traffic noise by as much as half.
- Sound barriers can be visually pleasing in order to preserve aesthetic values and scenic vistas.
- Sound barriers provide privacy from passing motorists.
- Sound barrier construction is at no additional cost to residents, and only proceeds if it is cost-effective.

Disadvantages

- Sound barriers will reduce, but cannot fully eliminate, traffic noise.
- Sound barriers cast fairly large shadows, permanently shading some areas which may adversely impact nearby vegetation.
- Existing trees within the right-of-way must be removed to construct a sound barrier.
- Motorists' view of commercial or landmark signs may be blocked.



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