

Attendance Sheet

Noise Barrier Meeting

June 23rd, 2009

1:00 pm

at

Tremont West Development Corporation Office

for

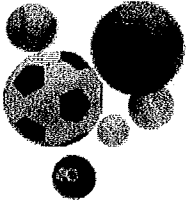
CUY-Cleveland Innerbelt Project (PID 77510)

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CUY-71-16.40 (PID 83713)

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Subject Cleveland Innerbelt & IR-71 : Noise Barrier

Councilmen Cummins, Santiago, and Cimperman and Mr. Garland:

I have researched the answer for the questions from the June 23rd meeting regarding noise barriers held at the Tremont West Development Corporation Office. I am copying everyone that was invited to the meeting by e-mail. There were a few residents that attended that I did not get an e-mail for, so please feel free to forward this information to your constituents.

I will be attending the Lincoln Heights Block Club Meeting on July 9th and the North of Literary Block Club Meeting on July 21st to present noise barrier options.

These meetings will be answering questions regarding the possible installation of noise barriers. ODOT will have the presentation on hand if anyone wants to see examples. For the Innerbelt project, ODOT plans on having one public meeting in late July or early August to determine 1) if noise barriers are wanted by the adjacent residents and 2) if so, what should they look like.

For the IR-71 project, Tom Sorge from our office will be presenting the noise barrier options at the Fulton Branch Library on July 22nd and at the Brooklyn Memorial Church on July 23rd.

I am attaching the figures of the noise barrier locations and the June 23rd attendance sheet. I will send the Noise Barrier Aesthetics Power Point presentation in a separate e-mail.



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Questions

1. Cost of Noise Barriers. I do need to make a correction from my statement of cost. The noise barriers on the west side of the Innerbelt (between Branch Avenue and Fairfield Avenue) are estimated to cost \$800,000 and are scheduled to be built under the first construction project of the new westbound bridge - Construction in 2011-2013. The noise barriers on the east side of the Innerbelt are estimated to cost \$1,200,000 and scheduled to be built under the second construction project, the replacement of the existing bridge - Construction in 2014-2016. The total cost estimate for noise barriers with the Innerbelt projects is \$2,000,000.

The IR-71 noise barriers between Denison Avenue and West 25th Street are estimated to cost \$3,000,000.

2. Landscaping instead of noise barriers. In accordance with ODOT's Standard Procedure for Analysis and Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise Policy, a vegetative screening can be chosen in lieu of a noise barrier. The Policy can be found at :

http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/TransSysDev/Environment/NEPA_policy_issues/NOISE/Documents/1484_001_Updated%20Version%20of%20the%20Noise%20Standard%20Procedure.pdf.

Page 17 of 35, 2nd paragraph states: "The ODOT meets with the affected residents when noise barriers are offered as noise abatement and provides the opportunity for them to indicate whether or not they want noise abatement. If noise abatement is desired, the affected residents may choose the aesthetic appearance of the residential side of the noise barrier. A neighborhood may alternatively choose vegetation in lieu of a noise barrier. Vegetation is not considered noise abatement and is offered as a visual barrier to the roadway. Spending for vegetation in lieu of a noise barrier is limited to not more than \$125 per lineal foot. This cost is inclusive of all project costs related to installation of vegetation in lieu of a noise barrier. In no case will ODOT spend more to install vegetation in lieu of a noise barrier than the estimated cost for a noise barrier."

Please be cautioned that landscaping/vegetative screening will be limited to the available space within the right-of-way. The Noise Analysis for the Innerbelt project recommended about 7700 linear feet of noise barrier. The Noise Analysis for IR-71 (Denison to West 25th) recommends about 9407 linear feet of noise barrier.

3. Heat created behind noise barriers. ODOT has not received complaints about increased heat behind noise barriers that have been constructed. I was not able to find information on this in other parts of the country, either. Unfortunately, there is no documented or scientific data identifying that noise barriers increase the temperature in adjacent areas. However, noise barriers will effect normal wind patterns and concrete does absorb energy from sunlight.

4. Lighting behind noise barriers. ODOT does not place lighting behind noise barriers. When the noise barriers are constructed within 5-feet of the right-of-way line, the limited access fence is removed. The adjacent property owners may incorporate the area up to the noise barrier into their yard. The strip of property behind the noise barrier will still be owned by ODOT and could be used for access to maintain/repair the noise barrier in the future. It is not possible for ODOT to get behind the noise barrier to maintain the property, i.e. mow lawn and trim trees. It would be the responsibility of the adjacent property owners to provide outside lighting of they choose to.

5. Maintenance of underpass areas. ODOT District 12 Highway Management department installed gates in the fence at Starkweather Avenue and Kenilworth Avenue. This was done to allow the residents access to maintain the area. In the past, paint was provided at no cost to the Block Club to paint over graffiti. ODOT has discontinued providing paint for the time being.

6. Permanent Innerbelt Truck Detour. IR-90 is on the Federal Highway System. All routes on the federal system are designed for interstate commerce and can not be restricted for any vehicle type that meets legal load limits. The Innerbelt Bridge will be repaired to accommodate heavy trucks and the new westbound bridge will be built to accommodate heavy trucks to meet these federal standards.

7. Request for signing - No Engine Brakes. Section 4917 of the United States Code is part of the Noise Control Act of 1972, and sets maximum noise emissions for motor carriers engaged in interstate commerce. According to an opinion issued by the Ohio Office of the Attorney General, local regulations restricting the use of engine brakes to control noise for motor carriers engaged in interstate commerce "may be inconsistent with federal law, and thus preempted and unenforceable." For this reason ODOT will not install NO ENGINE BRAKE signs (R16-H4) on the mainline and ramps of Interstate Routes.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (216) 584-2089 or by e-mail.

Thank you,

Mark Alan Carpenter, P.E.
District 12 Environmental Engineer
(216) 584-2089

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LINCOLN HEIGHTS/
SCRANTON-STARKWEATHER
BLOCK CLUB

SIGN IN SHEET - Member

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LINCOLN HEIGHTS/
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SIGN IN SHEET - Guest

DATE: 0709-09

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Subject Lincoln Heights Block Club Meeting 07-09-09

Hello Mark and Natalie,

I would like to sincerely thank you both along with Jim for attending our block club meeting. We look forward to future engagement along with our elected City officials in implementing a plan that could have strong consensus.

Hopefully other meetings will be just as productive. We will work on getting a letter from our block club out to you in the next 10 days.

I have scanned into PDF the combined sign in sheets from tonight. I am also sending them to TWDC and the Councilmen in attendance.

Thanks again.

Henry P. Senyak
Co-Chair Lincoln Heights Block Club
216-771-6620 Home

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Lincoln Heights Block Club Sign in sheets 07-09-09 001.pdf

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OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DISTRICT 12 * 5500 TRANSPORTATION BLVD * GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OH 44125 * (216) 581-2100
TED STRICKLAND, GOVERNOR * JOLENE MOLITORIS, DIRECTOR * BONITA G. TEEUWEN, P.E. DISTRICT DEPUTY DIRECTOR

August 12, 2009

Property owner
Mailing address
Parcel No.

**Re: CUY – Cleveland Innerbelt Project (PID 77510);
Noise Abatement Public Meeting**

Dear

The Ohio Department of Transportation invites you to an Open House Public Meeting to present noise abatement options for the Cleveland Innerbelt Project in the Tremont area of Cleveland. The public meeting will be:

Date: Thursday, August 27, 2009
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Place: Our Lady of Angels/ St. Joseph's Center
2346 West 14th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

There will be examples of noise barrier options and visual screening options available as well as ODOT staff to answer questions at the meeting. You can also find information at the following website:

http://www.dot.state.oh.us/projects/ClevelandUrbanCoreProjects/Innerbelt/CentralViaduct/Documents/Noisebarriers_compressed_webshow.pdf

By use of the enclosed Noise Abatement Questionnaire, ODOT seeks the opinion of the property owners adjacent to the Innerbelt to answer the following questions:

- 1) Do you want noise abatement in the form of noise barriers or a visual screening to be built?
- 2) If noise barriers are built, what material type, texture, and color would you prefer them to be?
- 3) If noise barriers are not built, would you prefer a visual screening such as a wooden fence or vegetation?

Noise barriers would provide between a 5 and 10 decibel reduction in noise at the adjacent homes. Noise barriers would be about 14-foot tall and located behind the guardrail at the top of the slope. In most areas, the existing chainlink fence would remain. Construction of the Innerbelt and noise barriers would require the removal of about 50% of the existing trees within ODOT right-of-way. Construction without noise barriers would only require removal of about 30% of the existing trees within ODOT rightof-way.

Visual screening will not provide noise reduction for the adjacent homes. Vegetative screening would include the replacement of as many trees as possible that are removed for construction. It is anticipated that about half the trees removed will be able to be replaced after construction is completed. Another visual screening option would be to replace the existing chainlink fence at the property line with a 6-foot high wooden fence. A wooden fence would not provide a noise reduction.

ODOT requests that you return the questionnaire at the August 27th Public Meeting or mail to our office in the addressed envelope provided by **September 4, 2009**. If a response is not received by September 4th, it will be considered that you have no opinion regarding noise abatement. A low response rate from the adjacent property owners is considered to demonstrate a lack of interest in getting noise abatement and may result in no noise abatement for this area.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (216) 584-2089 or by e-mail at Mark.carpenter@dot.state.oh.us.

Respectfully,

Mark Alan Carpenter, P.E.

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District Environmental Engineer
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c: PID 77510

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INNERBELT NOISE ABATEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Responses to this questionnaire will be used in the decision-making process about whether noise abatement should be built with the Innerbelt project and, if so, what it should look like. Please, confirm your location adjacent to the Innerbelt.

Name: Printed: _____ Signature: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Property Address within project area _____


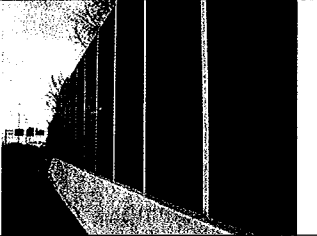
E-mail address (optional) _____ Telephone # (optional) _____

Please return the completed questionnaire either at the public meeting on August 27, 2009 or by mail, fax, or e-mail to the address on the reverse side. **The deadline for input is September 4, 2009.**

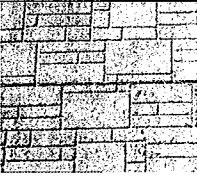


If we do not receive a response from you by the deadline, we will count that as having no opinion regarding construction of noise abatement. A low response rate from the adjacent property owners is considered to demonstrate a lack of interest in getting noise abatement and may result in no noise abatement for this location.

Do you live adjacent to the Innerbelt between I490/I90-West and the Cuyahoga River? _____ Yes _____ No
 Do you want noise abatement in the form of noise barriers to be built? _____ Yes _____ No
 Do you want visual screening without abatement (wood fence, vegetative screening)? _____ Yes _____ No

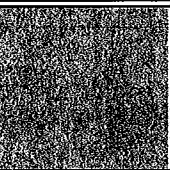
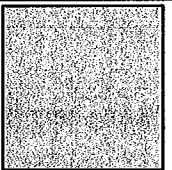
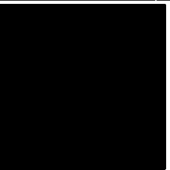

What type of noise abatement, i.e. noise barrier, would you prefer adjacent to your property? Please circle your choice. Also, please note your 1st and 2nd preference.

	
Concrete Noise Barrier	Aluminum Noise Barrier

If a concrete noise barrier is built, what texture would you prefer on the residents side of the noise barrier? Please circle your choice. Also please note your 1st and 2nd choice.

			
Ashlar Stone	Drystack Rock	Red Brick	Other (please specify)

If concrete or aluminum noise barriers are built, what color would you prefer on the residents side of the noise barrier? Please circle your choice. Also please note your 1st and 2nd choice.

				
Grey	Beige	Taupe	Red brick	Other (please specify)

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PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

The Ohio Department of Transportation will host
a Public Open House on:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27th

from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the

OUR LADY OF ANGELS/ST. JOSEPH'S CTR.,

230 West 14th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44113



ODOT
DISTRICT 12

PURPOSE:

The Ohio Department of Transportation invites you to discuss noise abatement options for the Cleveland Innerbelt Modernization Project. The Cleveland Innerbelt Modernization Project is focused on improving safety, reducing traffic delays and modernizing travel in Cleveland. For more information log-on to www.innerbelt.org.

For more information, please contact

Mark Carpenter at **216.584.2089** or mark.carpenter@dot.state.oh.us

INNERBELT NOISE ABATEMENT MEETING AUGUST 27, 2009

OUR LADY OF ANGELS/ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER

2346 West 14th Street 5:30PM - 7:30PM

Please Print Name and Address

Printed Name:	Address:
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Jane Malaker	622 Literary Rd.
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Bergmann H Frank	1627 Starkweather
Gertrude Semyak	2575 Scranton Rd.
PETER T. TOPINSES	1618 Branch Ave.
Henry P. Semyak	2575 SCRANTON RD
Roman Dowhanick	2531 SCRANTON RD
Scott Rosenstein	2406 Professor
Brooke Willis	2990 West 15 th St.

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TIM JENKINS	2464 W 5TH
Chuck Haven	Plain Press 2012 W. 25 th #500 44113
CHRIS PEKOE	1028 STARKWEATHER AVE. CLEVELAND, OH 44113
Chris Couled	TWC - 2406 Professor 44113
Kate Dupuis	3206 W 41 44109
Bob Bucklew	3151 W. 14 th 44109.



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September 8, 2009

Property owner
Mailing Address
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**Re: CUY – Cleveland Innerbelt Project (PID 77510);
Noise Abatement Questionnaire**

Dear

The Ohio Department of Transportation has determined that noise barriers are justified for the Tremont area between the IR90/71/490 Interchange and the Cuyahoga River for the subject Cleveland Innerbelt project. The enclosed Noise Abatement Questionnaire will be used to determine the desires of the residents that are impacted by highway noise and would benefit from a noise barrier. The initial request for the residents' preferences had a low response rate. The City asked that ODOT give the residents another opportunity to comment on noise barriers in this area. A decision on noise barriers will be made by ODOT based on all the responses received by September 25, 2009. If you already completed a questionnaire, you do not need to submit another questionnaire.

By use of the enclosed Noise Abatement Questionnaire, ODOT seeks the opinion of the property owners to the following questions:

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Respectfully,

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District Environmental Engineer

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LINCOLN HEIGHTS/SCRANTON-STARKWEATHER BLOCK CLUB

July 24, 2009

Mr. Mark Alan Carpenter, P.E.
ODOT District 12 Environmental Engineer
Ohio Department of Transportation
5500 Transportation Blvd.
Garfield Hts., Ohio 44125

Re: Northern Tremont Interstate Noise Barrier Wall Installation

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

Following the unanimous recommendation of our block club membership in attendance via a resolution passed on July 09, 2009 at our regularly scheduled block club meeting. We are writing the Ohio Department of Transportation to inform you that the Lincoln Heights/Scranton-Starkweather Block Club does not support Noise Barrier Walls as proposed.

Block club members with the assistance of Tremont West Development Corp. hand delivered meeting notices to over 225 residences and business owners in our service territory announcing that ODOT would make a presentation at our July block club meeting. TWDC also flyered the Auburn Block Club and invited them to attend either the LH/SS meeting or a future meeting of the North of Literary Block Club.

Our membership voted not to support Noise Barrier Walls as proposed but did vote to support "Green Alternatives". It is our understanding that significant funding can be used as an alternative instead of walls.

Since there are alternatives available in which up to \$962,000.00 can be spent based on ODOT's own project figures, project computations, and descriptions we would strongly urge the design and implementation of a "Green Alternative" in lieu of the installation of Noise Barrier Walls.

Our membership's vision is for ODOT to devise a long-term plan over a 5-7 year period that would include at first such things as the removal of all dead trees and vegetation, tree trimming, landscaping, litter abatement, and maintenance to drainage systems and catch basins. In the first year of the implementation, a plan for regeneration of trees must be developed in which the significant balance of the funds goes into the planting of new Eco-friendly trees. It is our hope eventually the new trees will grow into a strong noise buffer, but alternatively cut down on the pollution, and dust generated from the interstate. We are requesting that the funding be utilized in a way that no more than 50% will be used in the first year, and the balance of the funds to be divided over the next five years for yearly regeneration and maintenance.

Co-Chair: Henry P. Senyak

Co-Chair: Roman Dowhaniuk

Secretary: Nina Swerdlow

TWDC Ex-Officio: Tim Jenkins

The mission of the Lincoln Heights / Scranton-Starkweather Block Club is to maintain and improve the living, business and cultural conditions for the residents of the Lincoln Heights / Scranton-Starkweather area.

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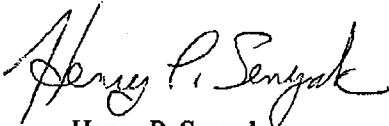
It is understood that our local elected representatives on at least the City of Cleveland level also support this concept and will advocate our position in this matter. We understand more input from other block clubs are yet to come, but we hope our opinion is used as a template in moving this project forward. We also would request that ODOT request bid proposals from Tremont area contractors and landscapers to keep our tax dollars in our community. This would also promote further community involvement and volunteerism in a new partnership with ODOT in providing the proper yearly maintenance we deserve.

We are hoping if a "Green Alternative" is chosen based on overall community support, and that if implemented over the long-term as suggested it could ease some of the concern over lack of proper maintenance our area has seen from ODOT over the past several years.

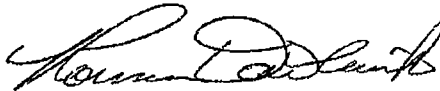
It is clear that there may be an occasional supporter of the Noise Barrier Wall project, and we respect everyone's opinion but it is obvious that the overwhelming opinion of the affected stakeholders poled want an alternative. We will continue to advocate for our membership in this matter relating to our position.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us relating to this matter.

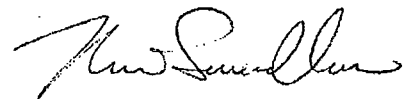
Sincerely,



Henry P. Senyak
Co-Chair



Roman Dowhaniuk
Co-Chair



Nina Swerdlow
Secretary

CC: Councilman Joe Santiago, Ward 14
Councilman Joe Cimperman, Ward 13
Councilman Brian Cummins, Ward 15
Robert Brown, Director City of Cleveland Planning Dept.
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U.S. Congressperson Dennis Kucinich
Chris Garland, Executive Director Tremont West Development Corp.
Auburn Block Club
North of Literary Block Club

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**Tremont: North of Literary Block Club
2406 Professor Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44113**

August 28, 2009

**Mr. Mark Carpenter
ODOT District 12 Environmental Engineer
Ohio Department of Transportation
5500 Transportation Blvd.
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125**

Re: Noise Barrier Wall(s)

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

At the July meeting of North of Literary Block Club, ODOT made a presentation concerning the issue of Noise Barrier Walls. The Block Club decided to wait until the August meeting to vote whereby giving the members a month to do further investigation, discuss the issue with neighbors and be able to give an informed vote.

On August 28, 2009, the Block Club met with the main agenda item being the Noise Barrier Issue. We had an unusually large attendance and a lively discussion ensued about the Noise Barriers. We understand that the people living adjacent to the proposed barriers would be most affected; however, we also strongly believe that all residents of Tremont would be affected to varying degrees and should have a voice on this issue. We also believe that it is unacceptable for anyone traveling this highway, in and out of the city of Cleveland, to be forced to look at the same unattractive walls with each trip. The Block Club is also extremely upset with the fact that beautiful, historical Tremont would disappear behind these walls.

There were three separate votes taken. Therefore, I must inform you that the North of Literary Block Club voted unanimously against any form of cement or solid Noise Barrier. The Block Club voted unanimously for the 'Green Alternative' such as trees and bushes. This would help to make the roadside more attractive and blend with the views of Tremont in the distance. The block Club also voted for the same amount of money to be spent for the 'Green Alternative' as for any other form of Noise Barrier. If the money is available, as it


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seems to be, we would choose to have it spent on something that would improve our environment as well as our view.

In addition, we ask why ODOT is so intent on building something so unattractive on a highway leading to our city, the same city so many people are trying to improve and beautify. We also ask why ODOT is so intent on building something that the majority of residents do not want, the people who live and travel our roads every day. It would be the people who live in and love Tremont who will be left with an eyesore, be responsible for clearing the gathering debris and watching as the walls begin to crumble and crack. We ask why ODOT would want to clear out trees and vegetation that now exist to construct a wall that invites graffiti. Who maintains this structure when ODOT has moved on. Why does ODOT appear to be forcing us to live with an expensive cement wall next to us?

Respectfully,


Susan Coy, Co-chair of North of Literary Block Club

Lorraine Thwaite, Co-Chair of North of Literary Block Club

Cc: Councilman Joe Cimperman, Cleveland Ward 13

Mr. Chris Garland, Executive Director, Tremont West Development Corp.

Mr. Sammy Cantania, Development Director, Tremont West Development Corp.

Mr. Scott Rosenstein, Community Organizer, Tremont West Development Corp.

Auburn Block Club

Lincoln Heights/Scranton/Starkweather Block Club

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**Tremont: Auburn Block Club
2406 Professor Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44113**

September 2, 2009

**Mr. Mark Carpenter
ODOT District 12 Environmental Engineer
Ohio Department of Transportation
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Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125**

Re: Noise Barrier Wall(s)

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

The members of Auburn Block Club were invited to two neighboring block clubs, Lincoln Heights and North of Literary, in July, 2009 for ODOT presentations on Noise Barriers. Following these presentations, at our August 13th, 2009 meeting, a discussion was held as residents felt compelled to discuss the issue at hand. Members discussed the pros and cons of both concrete noise barriers and natural “green alternative” barriers. After some discussion, a consensus emerged that the Auburn Block Club members are in favor of “green alternative” barriers that would consist of trees and bushes. Members strongly felt that concrete barriers would not be aesthetically pleasing and would be a target for vandalism such as graffiti.

The Auburn Block Club asks ODOT to please take into account the opinions of the Tremont community when making the decision regarding the Noise Barrier. Not only does the Auburn Block Club support “green alternative” barriers but our neighboring block clubs through which the highway passes do as well. Please Note: All three block club areas are directly impacted by the highway – and all three community groups oppose concrete barriers and support a green alternative of vegetation only.

Respectfully,

Sarah Lundeen / s.r.
Sarah Lundeen, Co-chair of Auburn Block Club

Frank Tackz, Co-Chair of Auburn Block Club

**Cc: Councilman Joe Cimperman, Cleveland Ward 13
Mr. Chris Garland, Executive Director, Tremont West Development Corp.
Mr. Sammy Catania, Development Director, Tremont West Development Corp.
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Auburn Block Club
Lincoln Heights/Scranton/Starkweather Block Club
North of Literary Block Club**

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September 4, 2009

Marc Carpenter, P. E.
Ohio Department of Housing
5500 Transportation Blvd.
Garfield Heights, OH 44125

Dear Mr. Carpenter,

Based on a resolution passed at the Tremont West Long Range Planning / Economic Development Committee we would like to express our support for all three of our affiliate constituent block clubs in opposition to the proposed noise barrier walls.

In review, the LRP/ED Committee based its decision to not support the noise barriers for several reasons.

- A) The position of opposition from the Lincoln Heights, Auburn, and North of Literary block clubs.
- B) The position of opposition from Councilmen Cimperman, Santiago, and Cummins.
- C) Noise Barrier walls are not consistent with the current TWDC Master Plan and Strategic Investment Initiative.
- D) The eastern walls are abutting a local landmark district and would affect the integrity of the historical identity of our community.

Our committee joins in unison the block clubs request for the vegetative alternative to noise barrier walls. TWDC is entrusted as the local community development corporation to market and promote the growth of the Tremont Community both economically and as a neighborhood of choice.

In review of the proposed noise barrier walls we conclude that installing the walls will further divide our community, deter the vitality of growth both commercially and residentially, make Tremont less visible, and erode the vibrancy we have worked so hard as a community to achieve.

Please expect further correspondence from TWDC regarding this matter, the Board of Directors of the organization will meet on September 17th, 2009 and the Board is expected to take an official position consistent with the LRP/ED committee's position.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact our Executive Director in regards to this matter.

Sincerely,

Katherine Bulava, 1st Vice President/Long Range Planning Committee Chair

Chris Garland, TWDC Executive Director



September 24, 2009

Marc Carpenter, P. E.
Ohio Department of Housing
5500 Transportation Blvd.
Garfield Heights, OH 44125

Dear Mr. Carpenter,

Based on a resolution passed at the Tremont West Development Corporation Board Meeting (September 17, 2009) we offer this letter as evidence of our opposition to the proposed noise barriers in the Tremont neighborhood. Please see the Resolution regarding this matter below:

H. Senyak made the motion that the TWDC Board support the position of the Committee in opposition to the noise barriers and that the Board submit a letter stating such to ODOT. K. Bulava seconded the motion. Discussion took place regarding the need for property owners adjacent to I-90 to submit letters regarding the same. The Board approved unanimously.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly (216) 575-0920.

Sincerely,

Chris Garland, TWDC Executive Director

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MARY SLONE, SECRETARY/TREASURER**

September 15, 2009

Marc Carpenter, P.E.
Ohio Department of Housing
5500 Transportation Boulevard
Garfield heights, Ohio 44125

In Re: Northern Tremont Interstate
Noise Barrier Walls

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

The Old South Side Community Coalition is a resident only organization which was created for the main purpose of assisting in the preservation of the quality of life for those it represents. Our membership is made up of many homeowners and renters throughout the Ward 13 and Ward 14 Tremont area including the Eastern location of the Northern Tremont Interstate designated for the installation of the sound barrier walls.

It is the understanding of our Founding Board Members that opinions, surveys and/or considerations for alternative sound reduction solutions were only taken from property owners directly adjacent to or in very near close proximity of where these obtrusive walls would be constructed.

This entire community has a vested interest in this project inasmuch as the revitalization of Tremont in it's entirety is being built on it's history, the beautiful churches, the diversity of it's people, new businesses coming into the area, movement in the art world, restaurants and other hospitality venues, the new homes being built, the re-construction of old homes, the work being done to add the towpath trail and connector trails to other parts of the city, the scenery, the old as well as the new and many more new projects in the edge of the future. In reality, Tremont as a whole should have been ask their thoughts on whether or not sound walls would be acceptable.

The sound barriers will have an effect of the sale of properties, will block the view of our community as motorists pass by and being a lover of travel, driving by beautiful cities is a must when you're on the road. It determines when and where you stop for fuel, to eat and shop and even view the sights. In essence, sound walls would effect the Tremont Community economically and in turn that directly effects their quality of life as a whole.

That being said, after hearing the voices of our membership and taking into consideration the substantial list of request for assistance by our members on this matter as well as reviewing informational materials provided by members of community block clubs, other residents, business owners even the voice of visitors and passing tourists, we, the founding members of the Old South Side Community Coalition unanimously voted in opposition of the sound barriers by way of sound walls and did vote unanimously in favor of vegetative greenspace. We also unanimously voted to support the Lincoln Heights/Scranton Starkweather, Auburn and North of Literary Block Clubs on their vote in opposition of these sound walls. Councilmans Cimperman, Santiage and Cummings has our support on this matter as well.

The consensus of this community is that creating a vegetative greenspace would not only suffice for the intended purpose but add to the beauty of nature in keeping with the intent and spirit of the current development as well as provide an up lifting to those who might be looking at these walls directly out their back door.


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We have the support of our Councilman, Joe Cimperman as well as Councilman Joe Santiago and Councilman Brian Cummings and that in itself should carry some weight when it comes to speaking on behalf of our community.

Thank you for your anticipated attention and consideration herein.

Sincerely,


Jerleen Justus, President
Old South Side Community Coalition

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CC: Joe Cimperman, Councilman Ward 13
Joe Santiago, Councilman Ward 14
Brian Cummings, Councilman Ward 15
Robert Brown, Director City of Cleveland, Planning Dept.
Shirley Smith, State Senator
Robin Belcher, State Representative, District 10
Marcia Fudge, U.S. Congressperson
Dennis Kucinich, U.S. Congressperson
Chris Garland, Executive Director, TWDC
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Joe Cimperman

Councilman, Ward 13

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October 14, 2009

Bonita G. Teeuwen, P.E.
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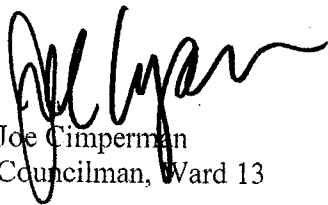
Dear Deputy Director Teeuwen,

This letter serves to inform you that neither I nor the Board of Tremont West nor the 200 + residents at our block club meetings and community dialogues support the concrete sound barriers you have proposed in Tremont as part of your Innerbelt reconstruction program. I do however support the vegetative screening to help defray the noise from the proposed highway.

In an effort to enhance stakeholder participation, may I suggest that the design and scope of such landscape elements be overseen by a committee to be formed by ODOT, consisting of Tremont West Development Corporation and block club membership.

Please respond to this letter so I know that you have received it.

Sincerely,



Joe Cimperman
Councilman, Ward 13