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<Insert Name and Address>

Re: Noise Contours for Land Use Planning

Dear <Insert Name>:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is concerned about traffic noise and its potential impacts on communities adjacent to our highways. Part of our mission is to ensure that transportation improvement projects are developed and constructed in an environmentally sensitive manner. For this reason, comprehensive environmental studies, including traffic noise analyses, are completed for all proposed major highway improvement projects.

The primary purpose of a traffic noise analysis is to determine if a proposed highway project would result in noise impacts in existing, developed land use activity areas. To avoid noise impacts that may result from future development adjacent to a proposed highway project, a traffic noise analysis typically includes predicted noise impact contours for currently undeveloped areas. These impact contours are intended as a general guide to assist local planning officials and developers plan and construct new activity areas far enough from the roadway so that noise-sensitive land uses would not experience traffic noise impacts.

It is important to note that TxDOT is no longer responsible for providing noise abatement for new development on the date of approval and/or clearance of an environmental document, including the traffic noise analysis, for a proposed highway project. Additionally, as TxDOT does not provide retroactive (retrofit) abatement (known as a Type II program), this project area would not be eligible for potential noise abatement until the next major highway improvement project.

The following project received environmental clearance by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated July 17, 2025, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT. Copies of the traffic noise analysis and supporting documentation are available for public inspection at <district or local sponsor office address>; and <include website information (optional)>. For further information, please contact <insert contact, title, phone number, and/or email address>.

Control: <CSJ>

Project: <Name>

From: <Limit> to: <Limit>

Sincerely,

<Name>
<Title>