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Dear Constituent:

I tried for ten years to work with our local highway district office of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to resolve the issue of increasing noise from New Circle Road. People, whose homes back up to this road, began complaining to me after I was first elected. After scheduling visits with district office transportation staff and citizens living in these zones, we were met with abject refusal remedy the problem.

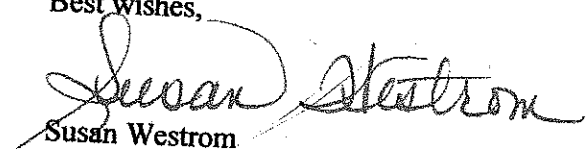
I was told that there were no dollars available to fund sound barriers, and that was final. I was also told that people who purchased homes at a discounted rate because of the noise level should expect to sell at a discounted rate. They would not acknowledge that the population of Lexington has grown four times since the road was built, resulting in unbearable noise levels. I began to personally visit neighborhoods to meet with my constituents and to experience the relentless volume that often interrupted our conversations while standing in their back yards.

Finally, I decided that I would no longer take their refusal for an answer and began working directly with the Office of the Secretary of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in Frankfort. If you are not yet aware of the outcome, I am pleased to confirm that sound barriers have now been funded near your home. The project includes four sets of sound barriers placed in four locations at the cost of \$5 million each, with one section completed each year from 2015 to 2019.

- 2015 - Sound barriers along outer loop of New Circle Rd. between Tates Creek Rd. and Nicholasville Rd.
- 2017 - Sound barriers along inner loop of New Circle Rd. between Tates Creek Rd. and Alumni Dr.
- 2018 - Sound Barriers along inner loop of New Circle Rd. between Tates Creek Rd. and Nicholasville Rd.
- 2019 - Sound barriers along the outer loop of New Circle Rd. between Tates Creek Rd. and Alumni Dr.

At this time, I do not have the details of the construction, but will be keeping you informed as this is determined by the Cabinet. I am pleased that our joined voices made a difference. It has been a pleasure serving you in Frankfort.

Best wishes,


Susan Westrom
State Representative

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