

SECTION C-2 ENVIRONMENTAL

NOISE ABATEMENT

In order that all factors are considered in reaching a decision on the installation of noise abatement, a joint committee comprised of members from the Federal Highway Administration and the Department will use the following flow chart in reaching decisions related to noise abatement features. During the development of the plans and the review of the noise abatement features by the Noise Committee, it will be the designer's responsibility to:

1. Provide cost for various walls as requested by the Committee.
2. Note on Right of Way plans that noise abatement is being considered affecting specific parcels and until final decision is reached, acquisition should be held in abeyance.
3. If the locations being considered for noise barriers are known prior to field inspection, they should be shown on the plans in the approximate location and be labeled possible noise barrier.

NOISE ABATEMENT DECISION FLOW PROCESS

PRELIMINARY PLAN REVIEW

The District environmental specialist participates in this preliminary plan review for the purpose of identifying noise sensitive activities in this early stage of project development where engineering solutions to potential noise problems may be possible.

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The Draft Environmental Impact Statement presents existing and future noise levels and identifies the potential need for noise abatement. Potential location and approximate geometry of noise abatement features are shown. Preliminary cost data for abatement features are submitted to the engineering divisions for incorporation into the total project cost.