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Leanne P. Redden, AICP
Chief of Planning
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority
2700 Ogden Avenue
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Re: Interstate 355 South Extension Noise Abatement

Dear Ms. Redden:

At the conclusion of our meeting on March 3, 2005, you promised to respond to the issues we raised regarding the installation of sound walls "in about three weeks". Given that two months has now passed since our meeting, I am concerned that the Toll Authority has lost sight of the following concerns raised by Woodridge:

- FHWA policies and procedures (23 CFR 772) were not adequately followed, specifically:
 - The traffic noise analysis shall include "identification of existing activities, developed lands, and *undeveloped lands for which development is planned, designed and programmed.*"
 - The views of the *impacted residents will be a major consideration* in reaching a decision on the reasonableness of abatement measure.
- IDOT's Noise Analysis Policy (section 26-6 in the IDOT Bureau of Design and Environmental Manual) provides that:

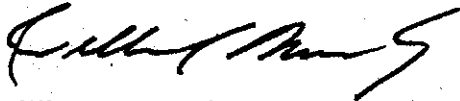
"...developed areas, and undeveloped areas for which development is planned, designed and programmed (i.e., for which a building permit has been granted, a plat plan has been filed, *or other similar action has occurred...*").
- *Vicente was platted and constructed* prior to 1999.
 - Vicente is on the north side of Interstate 55, directly across from a residential area on the south side that is slated to receive sound wall.

- Vicente lies closer to the proposed I355 improvement than portions of the residential area on the south side of I55 that is slated for sound wall.
- In 1989, the Village approved a regional planned unit development with Gallagher & Henry homes for the area directly adjacent to the northeast intersection of I355 and I55.
- Sound wall is to be constructed along the northwest intersection of I355 and I55 (Bolingbrook) for a considerable distance west and north despite a significant wetland buffer between the roadway and area residences
 - No such sound wall is proposed on the northeast intersection (Woodridge) despite the long-standing Gallagher & Henry plans for single-family subdivision development.

Woodridge continues to insist that construction of sound wall should be the responsibility of the Toll Authority on the north side of Interstate 55 east of Woodward Avenue. I look forward to your positive and timely response.

Sincerely,

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