



Village of Woodridge

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Honorable Congresswoman Biggert
6262 South Route 83, Suite 305
Willowbrook, IL 60527

RE: Proposed Woodridge Soundwall

Dear Honorable Congresswoman Biggert:

Thank you for the time your staff has provided to the Village to support our efforts to research funding options to construct a soundwall along the north side of I-55 between Woodward Avenue and Lemont Road in Woodridge.

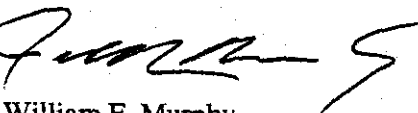
As you are aware the residents living in the adjacent neighborhood have expressed their strong desire to see a soundwall constructed which would mitigate traffic noise from I-55. The Illinois Toll Highway Authority (ITHA) is in the process of completing the design engineering for the proposed soundwall and will obtain a bid for the construction of the wall by an existing ITHA contractor, with an anticipated timeline of providing the cost for this work to the Village in mid-January.

ITHA and a local developer have committed to partially funding the soundwall construction. Based on the limited number of funding sources available, the Village respectfully requests your assistance in obtaining federal money that would pay the balance of the project cost, and which would play a critical role in making this a viable project.

Following receipt of the bid information from the Tollway, I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and/or your staff, Village staff, and representatives from the neighborhood group to discuss the actual project costs and what level of federal funding may be available. I will ask Village staff to contact your office and coordinate a convenient date to discuss the same. If you would like to further discuss this issue directly with me, please contact me at 630-719-4706. Should your staff have any questions, please have them contact Christopher Bethel, Acting Director of Public Works, at 630-719-4767. Thank you in advance for your time and assistance on this issue.

Sincerely,

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William F. Murphy
Mayor

cc. John Perry, Village Administrator
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