

Following two key meetings with Tollway officials and their consultants last week, several options are being explored in order to move forward with a soundwall along the north side of I-55 between Woodward Avenue and Lemont Road. In November 2006, the Woodridge Village Board directed staff to work with the Tollway and area residents to explore sound mitigation options that would be effective, but not put an unreasonable burden on area residents or Woodridge taxpayers.

Based on Tollway, Village and local developer commitments, there is \$1.67 million earmarked for a soundwall. Unfortunately, recent costs provided by the Tollway's contractor have placed the cost for a concrete wall around \$2.5 million. Working with the Tollway's engineering consultant, Wight & Company, the Village will explore material alternatives and project scope modifications in order to stay within the \$1.67 million budget.

It is anticipated that the process is expected to take several weeks. At that time, Village staff will provide an update on the collaborative efforts to find an affordable solution.