Where will Noise Walls be Located?

Noise walls have been approved following several studies at Garden Lakes, Westwood Gardens, Westwood Lakes, North Palm Beach Heights and Egrets Landing. There will be no other considerations for noise wall installation at this time.

What to expect?

The installation of noise walls will be part of the first phase of construction for both projects. It is estimated the noise walls should begin late 2008 between PGA Boulevard and south of Donald Ross Road and spring 2009 between Donald Ross Road and Indiantown Road.

Currently, the contractor is selectively clearing and grubbing the area in the FDOT right-ofway (ROW) for noise wall installation. Selective clearing and grubbing of vegetation refers to the removal of all exotic species. At the end of the project native Florida species will be planted. There will be higher levels of noise at the beginning of this project as vegetation adjacent to 1-95 in being removed, exposing homes to the interstate.

Once vegetation is removed surveyors will be staking out the area of the proposed noise walls. This will be done by placing stakes and markers where the future wall will be placed.

As noise wall construction begins, workers will be drilling foundations for the noise walls into the ground. An auger drills a large hole into the ground for posts to be placed and filled with concrete. Vibration levels will be monitored closely by the contractor during this phase.

The noise wall panels will then be installed between the placed posts. These panels will look very similar to the noise walls currently in place on I-95. They will have the same patterns and color as the current noise walls. There will be an anti-graffiti coating placed on these walls to deter vandalism. The front and back face of the walls will receive this coating.

When noise wall installation is complete, all prior fencing will be tied into the new wall. Chain link fencing will be maintained during the duration of construction.

Fire Access

As part of a new safety measure, noise walls are now constructed with easy access to fire hydrants to assist fire rescue crews. There will be small holes in the noise walls covered by a plastic material. On the side facing I-95, there will be a small sign (with a fire hydrant and street name) to advise fire rescue where the nearest hydrant can be located. This hole is very small and will not be a safety concern.

For More Information

For more information on these projects please log on to the project website at www.pbfdot.com/95Expansion.

For around-the-clock, real-time, traffic information within the tri-county area (Palm Beach, Broward and Miami Dade counties), travelers should call 511. For I-95 Palm Beach County traffic reports just say "I-95" or "Interstate 95". Information is also available online at www.511southflorida.com.

To view real-time video of I-95 in Palm Beach County, visit the FDOT I-95 Interim Traffic Management System (ITMS) website at www.palmbeachcotraffic. org. These free services are provided by FDOT and the SunGuide[™] Partners. For updated lane closure information, please refer to www.pbfdot.com.

Public Information

Should you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact the public information office around-the-clock at 561-718-4709.



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Project limits: Interstate 95 from PGA Boulevard to Donald Ross Road & Donald Ross Road to Indiantown Road

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Four Palm Beach Operations, has begun the Interstate 95 (I-95) HOV Expansion Projects in northern Palm Beach County, from PGA Boulevard to Indiantown Road. These projects are the last of several designed to ease congestion and improve mobility along the I-95 corridor in Palm Beach County. Work includes widening I-95 from six to 10 lanes; the addition of a High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction, new drainage, lighting, signs, traffic signals, modifications to the existing I-95 on and off ramps and noise wall construction.

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Map of Noise Wall Locations

