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Secretary of Transportation

June 17, 2010

The Honorable Frank R. Wolf
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
241 Canon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ref: Sound Wall

Subject: I-495 Capital Beltway HOT Lanes Project

Dear Congressman Wolf:

The Virginia Department of Transportation (Department) appreciates your continued support and involvement in the Virginia MegaProjects Program, especially regarding the I-495 HOT Lanes Project (Project). Your interest in the Project has assisted the Department in resolving many of the specific questions and concerns of your constituents and local citizens. While a number of topics have been of local interest, the construction of sound walls as part of the Project has been an important concern to the residents along the Capital Beltway.

As a result of the May 2008 Design Public Hearings conducted by the Department for the Project, many comments regarding sound walls were expressed by the public. One of these comments included constructing new sound walls adjacent to residential communities not currently proposed for the Project. The attached exhibits provide you with the locations of all the sound walls along the corridor adjacent to the residential communities, which provides protection for the majority of the communities along the corridor.

Per coordination and cooperation with my predecessor, former Secretary Pierce Homer, two new sound walls were included for construction (Barriers 13A and 13E) for the communities adjacent to the Capital Beltway between Old Dominion Drive and Georgetown Pike.

The Department can confirm that the design plans for Barriers 13A and 13E are currently contracted and are under design development and review. For these two sound walls, survey data collection, noise monitoring, underground utility location, preliminary geotechnical analysis, and refined acoustic analysis have been conducted. The Department is planning to complete the design of these two walls and have them constructed for the opening of the HOT Lanes on the Capital Beltway.

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To reiterate, the Department appreciates your continued support of the I-495 HOT Lanes Project and the Virginia MegaProjects Program.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

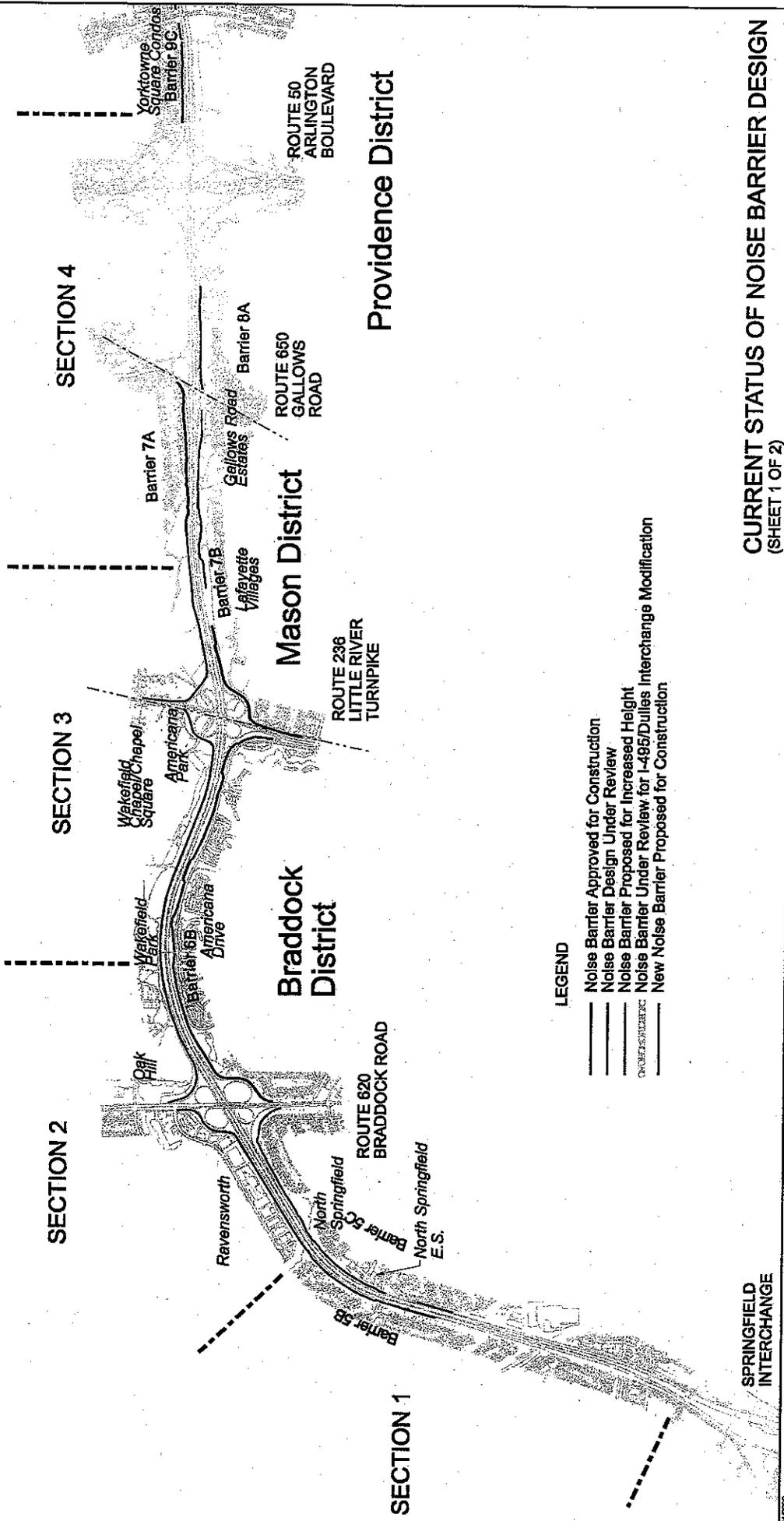
Sincerely,



Sean T. Connaughton

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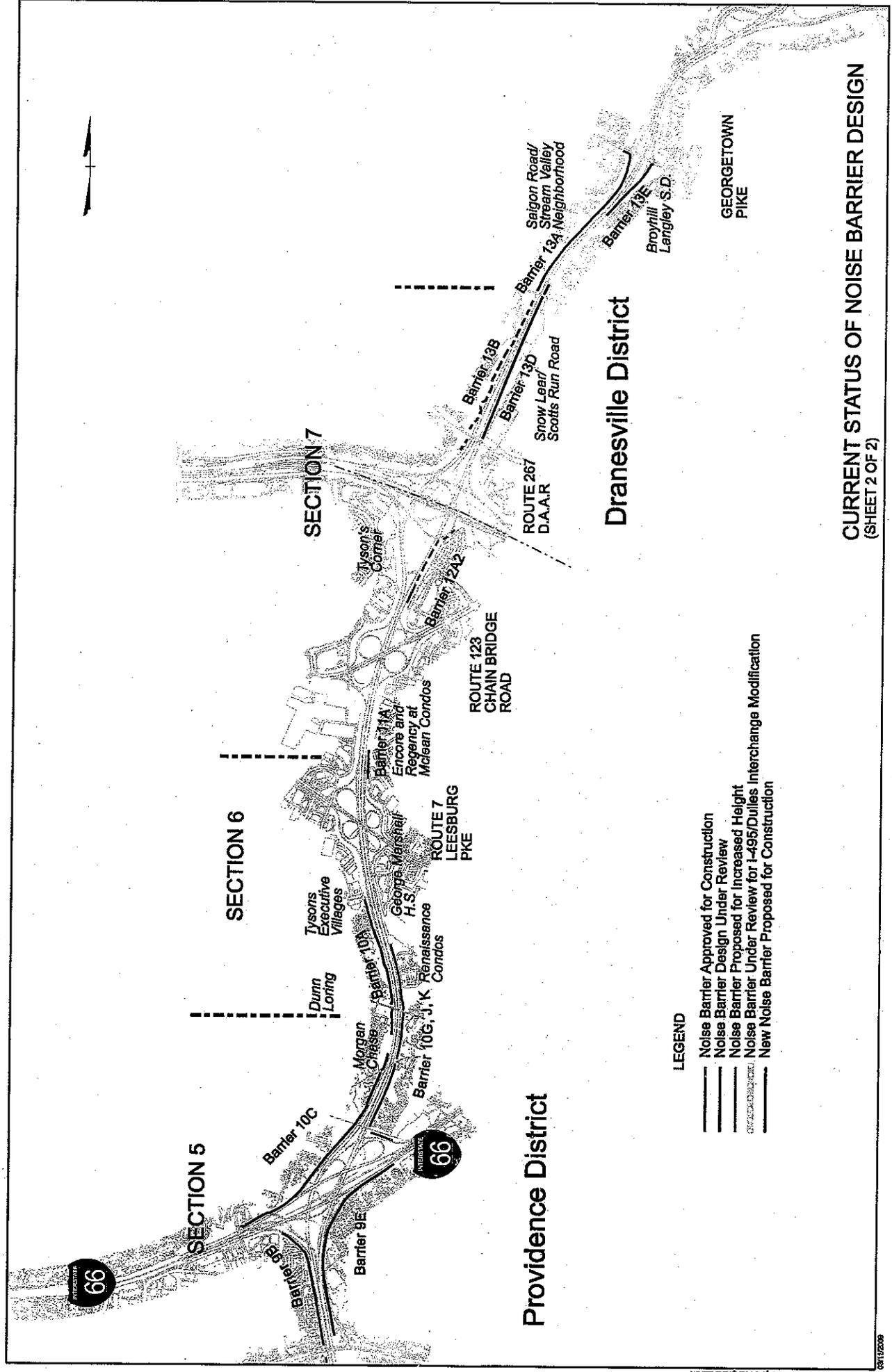


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