

## Notice: Noise wall construction beginning in June

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and its contractor, Flatiron Constructors, are currently working to complete improvements on I-405 between NE 6th Street in Bellevue and I-5. Improvements include adding one new lane in each direction between NE 6th Street and SR 522, building wider shoulders, installing new stormwater infrastructure, and constructing or replacing eight noise walls to reduce freeway noise for nearby neighbors.

Beginning as early as the week of June 23, construction crews will remove trees and vegetation along the WSDOT right of way (ROW) to make room for the new wall. Once this preparatory work is complete, crews will begin excavating and pouring concrete for the wall's foundation. Wall foundation construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in early-July, and installation of the noise wall panels is scheduled to begin in the fall.

*See reverse side for details about what to expect during upcoming construction activities.*



### What is a noise wall?

A noise wall is a barrier constructed of concrete that crews build between a neighborhood and a freeway to reduce traffic noise for nearby residents.

### Why is my neighborhood receiving a new or relocated noise wall?

As part of a noise study completed for this project, WSDOT determined that your neighborhood met federal requirements to warrant constructing a noise wall.

### Where will the noise wall be built?

The new noise wall will be located within the WSDOT ROW, just east of northbound I-405. The noise wall will extend from NE 80th Street and will run northward parallel to 118th Avenue Northeast (see map above).

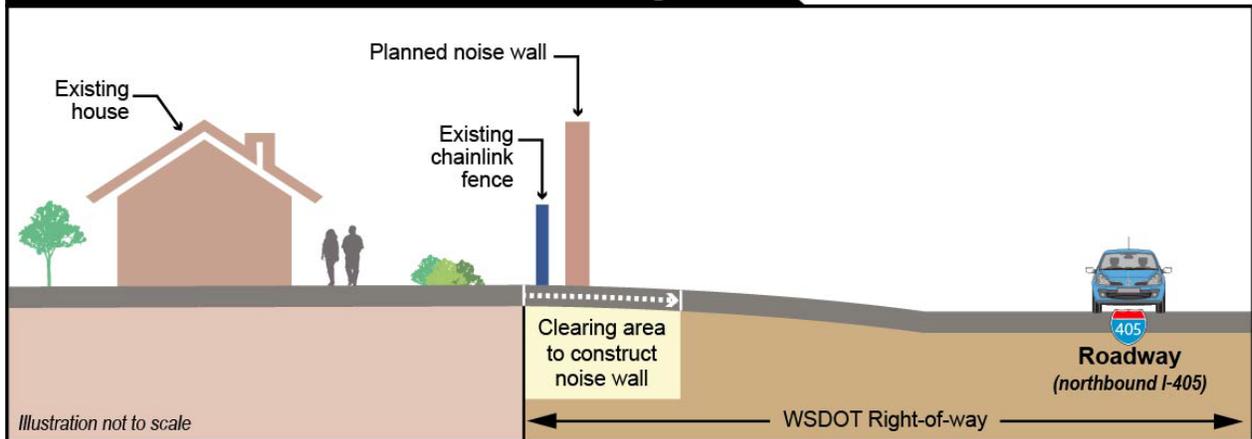
### How tall will the noise wall be?

The new noise wall will be approximately 20 feet in height when standing at the WSDOT ROW line (see cross section on reverse).

### How much noise reduction is expected from the new noise wall?

The amount of noise reduction neighbors may experience will depend on the height and length of the wall at their particular location, as well as the distance and elevation between homes and the wall. Neighbors closest to the noise wall will experience the greatest reductions in noise.

## Cross section of noise wall and clearing area



### What should I expect during construction activities?

Construction activities will take place during daytime and nighttime hours, Monday through Friday, depending on the type of work. Weekend work is not currently planned but may need to occur occasionally based on schedule demands. The majority of excavation work will take place during the day, while some activities, such as placing the prefabricated wall panels, may occur during the night.

Neighbors can expect to hear noise and feel vibration during this work related to:

- Equipment used to cut down, chip and/or haul away the trees.
- Excavators, concrete trucks and cranes used to build the foundation and install the wall.
- Backup alarms on mobile equipment required for safety.
- Construction crews and equipment entering and exiting the work zone.



*The noise wall will look similar to the wall pictured above.*

***Thank you for your patience during construction. There's good news: this work will help reduce noise from I-405 in your neighborhood.***

### How can I learn more?

For more information about the new noise wall, or if you would like a project representative to meet with you about upcoming construction, please contact the I-405 Communications Team at 206-369-5637.

#### Questions or comments?

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