



Bloomfield Township

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August 16, 2016

Rob Morosi,
MDOT Office of Communications
Michigan Department of Transportation Region Office
18101 West Nine Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48075

**RE: I-75 Reconstruction Project, Segment Between
Adams Road and South Boulevard in Bloomfield Township**

Dear Mr. Morosi:

We have received notice that MDOT will be hosting an open house to review the plans for the referenced project in Troy on August 10, 2016. In June, an informational meeting was held at the Township where concerns were raised over noise abatement for properties with frontage to I-75. Over the years the dramatic growth in traffic volume has led to increased noise levels for residents in the area.

At that meeting in June, residents were assured the proper noise studies were conducted in the area and that noise mitigation did not qualify for the upcoming work. Recently we have learned that originally there was no noise analysis done in the Bloomfield Township area due to a long standing MDOT policy that does not allow for noise studies in communities where homes were developed after the freeway existed. Only after residents living in the Adam Woods and Heathers communities had expressed concerns that MDOT eventually conducted a limited noise study in 2014. The study, based on brief findings, concluded that there was no reason for noise mitigation.

Although the Township allowed homes to be developed along this freeway after the original construction of the freeway in the 1960s, since then, the freeway has been widened and traffic has increased. Furthermore, the residential housing was developed adjacent to natural forested land that buffered the noise of the less traveled freeway. Most recently, MDOT has destroyed the forest land for the upcoming project and therefore MDOT has further reduced the natural noise barrier that was once in place when the residential homes were first developed. Additionally, the new construction work is more than just reconstructing the existing freeway, whereas a new freeway is being constructed

at a different location and at an elevation greater than the existing freeway. Based on these reasons, a more comprehensive noise analysis is justified for all residential areas fronting the project.

Finally, MDOT chose to bid this segment of the project as a design –build contract. Therefore, MDOT does not know in advance to what the design will be for the freeway construction, or what the impact will be with to respect to noise after construction based on this final design. Bloomfield Township fully supports the residents' contention that noise relief is necessary. We request action from MDOT to address the noise mitigation necessary based on the conditions since the deforestation of the land and with the final design of the new freeway to be constructed.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at 248-433-7700.
Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leo Savoie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a trailing end.

Leo Savoie
Township Supervisor

CC: Shelley Taub, County Commissioner
Mike McCreedy, State Representative
Sander Levin, Congressman
L. Brooks Patterson, County Executive
David Trott, Congressman