



*Florida Department of Transportation*

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INTERIM SECRETARY

May 3, 2017

Re: Proposed Noise Barrier Survey – Tara Preserve  
I-75 at SR 70 Interchange Design, Manatee County  
Financial Project Number: 201032-2-32-01

Dear Property Owner or Resident:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is currently designing improvements to Interstate 75 (I-75) in the vicinity of the State Road (SR) 70 interchange in Manatee County. The improvements will increase the number of lanes on I-75 in the vicinity of your community from a six lane facility to an eight lane facility and also include a redesigned interchange at SR 70. A traffic noise evaluation has determined that a noise barrier in the vicinity of your community is a potentially cost reasonable and feasible measure to reduce traffic noise at residences near I-75. Therefore, as part of the project, the FDOT is considering construction of a noise barrier in the vicinity of your community along I-75. If constructed, the noise barrier would be completely funded by the FDOT and located within the FDOT right-of-way.

The FDOT will be seeking input from you, an affected property owner and/or resident, to verify your support for or opposition to construction of the proposed noise barrier within the FDOT right-of-way. **Within the next week you will be sent a packet via certified mail transmitting a survey form and additional information regarding the potential noise barrier. This survey is to be used to document your position in support of or opposition to construction of the proposed noise barrier, as well as your preference for the color and texture of the residential side of the noise barrier.** The final decision to construct the noise barrier will be based upon the support or opposition provided by you and other affected individuals owning property or residing adjacent to the barrier location. However, the final decision regarding any aspect of the noise barrier will rest solely with the FDOT.

FDOT will hold an informational workshop specifically for those residents/property owners receiving this letter that are most affected by traffic noise and in close proximity to the potential noise barrier. The meeting for Tara Preserve will be held on May 18, 2017 between 6 – 7:30 PM at Manatee Technical College's Wagner Auditorium, 6305 SR 70 East, approximately 1.5 miles west of I-75. There will be a brief presentation followed by the opportunity to ask questions regarding the proposed noise barrier. You are invited to come to this workshop, learn more about the proposed noise barrier, meet with project staff, learn about the survey, and ask questions about the project.

Please contact me at (863) 519-2625 or by email at [Jeffrey.James@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Jeffrey.James@dot.state.fl.us) if you have any questions or wish to further discuss the proposed noise barrier.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey W. James", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeffrey W. James  
District Noise Specialist