



I-295/I-64—western Henrico

Sound walls

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What sound walls are planned for this project?

The project calls for two sound walls. One along I-64 east, west of Pouncey Tract Road between I-64 and the Reflections at West Creek complex. The second sound wall will be between northbound I-295 towards I-64 and the Twin Hickory neighborhoods of Waters Edge, Cobblestone Landing and Parsons Walk. This sound wall does not extend westbound past the Pouncey Tract Road bridge.

How high will the sound wall be between I-295 and Twin Hickory?

The sound wall ranges in height from 12-24 feet tall.

Will the sound wall be high enough to block sound from the 35 foot high flyover bridge?

The barrier's height will reduce noise energy from all interchange roadways so that the traffic noise levels will remain below "impact level" through at least the year 2026.

Why isn't the sound wall being extended farther west down I-64?

Those properties in Twin Hickory that were predicted to be impacted by traffic noise levels will receive sufficient noise reduction (more than 5 decibels). If the wall's length would have needed to be longer, the noise impact study would have revealed the need for a longer sound wall. Also, the fact that one can hear the traffic noise doesn't mean that it's an "impact" level that must be mitigated.

What time of day will the sound wall be constructed?

Approximately 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., during daylight hours.

Will any trees be planted near the sound wall to replace trees removed for construction?

Yes, trees will be planted on the traffic side of the wall. There are also some "tree save" areas on the traffic side of the wall as well. Due to space limitations, trees will not be planted between the sound wall and the housing developments.

When is the sound wall scheduled to be completed?

Due to the flyover construction, the sound wall will be built in two phases. Depending on the contractor's schedule, the first phase should be built prior to the opening of the flyover. The contractor has scheduled to build as much of the sound wall as possible during phase one. The second phase will be built after traffic is put onto the new flyover bridge.

Currently, the first phase of the sound wall begins where the ramp leaves I-295 north toward I-64 west (behind Cobblestone Landing) and ends near Pouncey Tract Road (behind Parsons Walk)--see construction map under "Maps and Pictures" at www.i295flyover.com. In late January, crews will begin mobilizing for phase 1 of the sound wall at Twin Hickory. Phase 1 should be completed by summer 2007. We encountered some complications with rock formations at the soundwall along I-64 east (behind the Reflections at West Creek complex) resulting in a delay in phase 1.

The second phase is behind Cobblestone Landing and Waters Edge along I-295 north. Phase 2 will begin in fall/winter 2008 and is expected to be completed in early 2009.

The sound wall behind the Reflections at West Creek should be completed in early 2007.

Where can I go for more information?

Project Web site: www.i295flyover.com

General noise wall information:

<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/pr-noise-walls-about.asp>

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