

Hi Evan,

This weekend I came across an application for the City's Noise Barrier Retrofit Program. I was very surprised to find on page 3 the following under the section "Sound attenuation walls are constructed in three ways" . . . and then (2) "If the City upgrades a roadway adjacent to existing residential development, the need for sound attenuation is reviewed, and provided, when found warranted." (slightly altered online version of the document is here:

<http://www.calgary.ca/Transportation/TP/Pages/Environment/Noise-Barrier-Retrofit-Program-FAQ.aspx#4>

This language was surprising to me because it sounds like the default policy is to review and improve sound attenuation when a roadway is upgraded. Surely the plans for the Crowchild Corridor Study would constitute an upgrade. And yet, this sound attenuation policy was never mentioned in the process. Instead, the planning group stated that sound attenuation was not normally part of a corridor study, and made the members of our communities asking about sound attenuation feel that we were asking for some special exception or unusual request.

As you know, we have made our case at the SPC meeting as well as to individual councillors that our needs for sound attenuation have not been addressed in the final recommendations, which at last review, had inconsistent plans for sound attenuation and not on both sides of Crowchild. To have participated in all phases of engagement, asking for the sound attenuation that should have been reviewed and likely improved from the outset as a matter of this noise policy, is beyond frustrating. I hope that as our councillor you will advocate for our needs tomorrow. I plan to attend if you have any questions to ask of me then.

Many thanks,

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