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NOISE BARRIER UPDATE

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The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is beginning an I-894 noise barrier project. Information on the project is available on the project website and in this mailer.

The noise barriers are being considered as part of a \$9.1 million line item included in the 2025-27 State Budget. The project study area is I-894 from Beloit Road to 35th Street. Barriers under consideration are:

- South of I-894 from 84th Street to Forest Home Avenue; and from Loomis Road to 35th Street
- North of I-894 from 76th Street to 68th Street; and from 68th Street to 60th Street

A noise analysis was completed in 2024 and updated in 2026. Cost estimates were developed and further design is being completed to develop more precise information to share with the public. Your property is near the proposed barrier locations under study (map below).

A public involvement meeting and voting process will be held in late summer/early fall once more detailed information is developed.

WILL ALL BARRIERS UNDER STUDY BE BUILT?

The Department **does not** have the funds necessary to build all four barriers under consideration. The outreach and voting process for all four barriers will take place in the event that any barrier does not have the support of the benefited receptors. **The illustration below shows the priority of the barriers, based on cost per benefited receptors.**

NOTE: this noise barrier project is separate from the current noise barriers under construction along I-894.

DECISION PROCESS

After determining which barriers are most cost effective, benefited receptors will be given the opportunity to vote on the barrier which benefits their property.

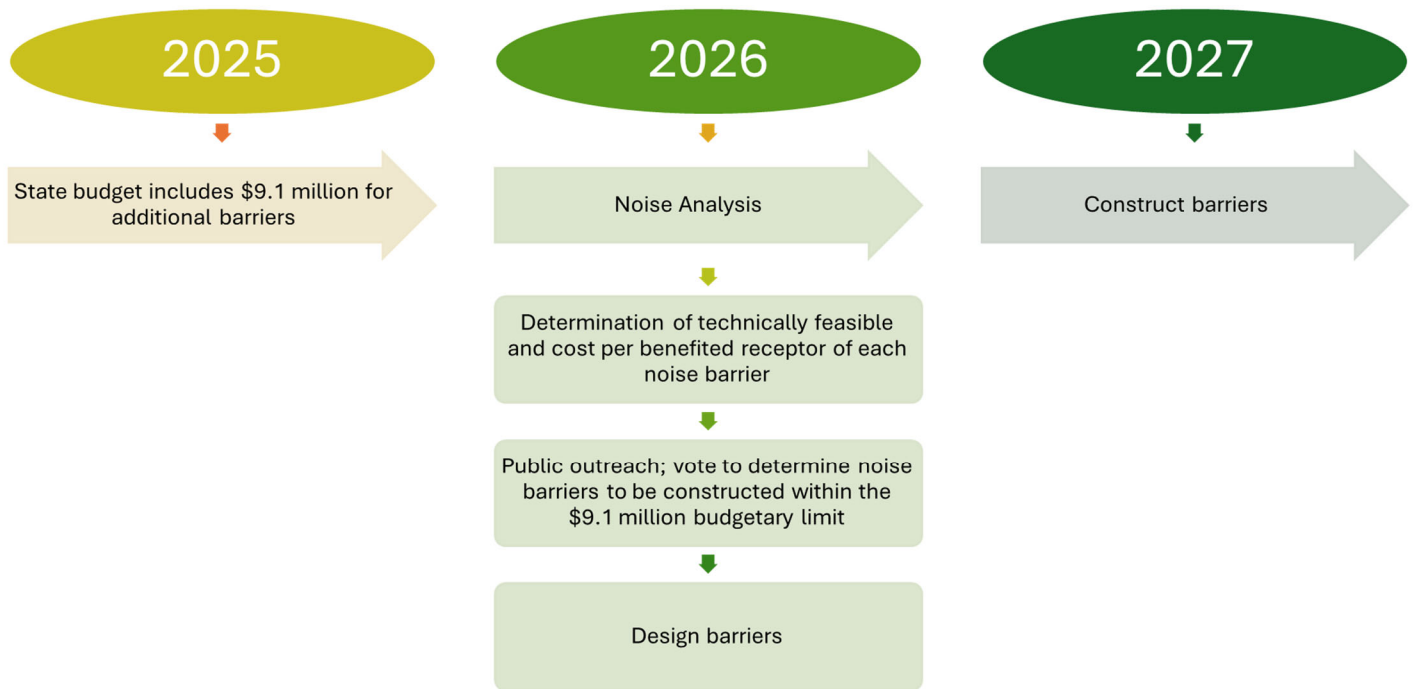
The barrier must receive a vote of support from a simple majority of all votes cast by the adjacent landowners and residents of "benefited receptors". **To qualify as a benefited receptor, the property must have an eight decibel reduction from the noise barrier.**

If a proposed noise barrier receives a vote of support from a simple majority of all votes cast by the benefited receptors, and the Department does not exceed the \$9.1M budget, the noise barrier will be constructed. "Priority will be given to the barriers with the lowest cost per benefited receptor."

Number indicates budget priority



ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE



PROCESS



STATE LEGISLATURE DIRECTS WISDOT TO STUDY AND BUILD I-894 NOISE BARRIERS
(\$9.1 million allocation of funds in 2025-27 budget)



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WISDOT DETERMINES COST PER BENEFITED* RECEPTOR OF EACH NOISE BARRIER



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WISDOT OFFERS TO BUILD THE NOISE BARRIERS WHICH ARE MOST COST EFFECTIVE WHILE STAYING WITHIN THE BUDGET ALLOCATION



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A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF BENEFITED RECEPTORS VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE BARRIER**



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BARRIER CONSTRUCTION OCCURS UP TO THE \$9.1M BUDGET LIMIT

PROPOSED NOISE BARRIER DESIGN



*Benefited is defined as a receptor receiving a minimum eight (8) decibels reduction in sound level as a result of the proposed abatement measure

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SCAN FOR THE PROJECT WEBSITE



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