



FDM 23-50-1 General

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Undeveloped lands lying adjacent to a proposed highway improvement project pose no *immediate* problem concerning traffic noise impacts. However, at some future date, these lands may be developed and sold to persons unaware of the traffic noise. This same type of situation can arise to a limited degree in developed areas as a result of changes in land use.

Problems of this type can be forestalled by cooperation between WisDOT and local planning and zoning agencies. One means is for WisDOT to provide, and local agencies to use, future traffic sound level information concerning highway improvement projects to prevent development from occurring within noise impacted areas. Another vehicle for doing the same thing where there is no highway improvement planned is the plat review process.

FDM 23-50-5 Information To Local Officials – Environmental Document

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23 CFR 772.17 requires that certain information be provided to local officials related to future traffic noise impacts on currently undeveloped lands. The intent is to have the transportation agency work with the planning or zoning agency to prevent incompatibility from arising between future traffic sound levels and future development.

Correspondence providing future traffic sound level information to local officials is required for all Type I projects for which a detailed traffic noise analysis was prepared and undeveloped lands that are not permitted are sited adjacent to the roadway. It is the responsibility of the WisDOT Regional Office to provide this information regardless of project sponsorship.

5.1 No Noise Impact Identified

The final environmental document for a Type I project where a determination has been made that sound levels will not approach or exceed the Noise Level Criteria outside the right of way will suffice as the mechanism for providing information to local officials.

5.2 Noise Impact Identified

For a Type I project where a determination has been made that sound levels will result in a noise impact outside the right of way, [Attachment 5.1](#) should be used as a form letter template to provide the requisite information to local officials.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment 5.1](#) Form Letter Template for Noise Notification to Local Officials

FDM 23-50-10 Information To Local Officials - Plat Review

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The Statutes require WisDOT to review all plats abutting state trunk highways and connecting streets. However, by informal agreement with the Department of Administration Plat Review Team, all plats (abutting and nonabutting) are forwarded to WisDOT for review. Nonabutting plats are reviewed informally, primarily for street widths.

Ideally, then, for each plat reviewed it would be desirable to include noise information specific to the plat. Unfortunately, WisDOT has neither the time nor the resources to predict future noise levels for each plat based on the number of plats and statutory time allotted for each review.

If noise data for a project has already been provided to local authorities, there is no need to review adjacent plats for this matter, since this is a local responsibility. However, if noise data for a route has been collected, but not yet provided to the local authorities, then the data should be added to the review of adjacent plats for information purposes only.

A copy of the plat review comments and information should be sent to any local zoning agencies having jurisdiction.