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Paul Kardos
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Dear Mr. Kardos:

Thank you for your letter regarding the status of the re-evaluation of the current New Jersey noise barrier policy. I appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance.

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is aware of the requirement to re-evaluate its noise policy, which became effective July 2011. In response to your question regarding limits to our "eligibility for Federal funds", the NJDOT has no Federal funding set aside specifically for Type II noise walls. As noted in the link below, Type II projects compete directly with projects to improve safety on our roads, reduce congestion, and repair aging bridges and roadways. Noise barriers, when warranted, are only constructed for projects that involve major construction, i.e., widening, total reconstruction etc. In these instances, funding is included in the overall project cost as mitigation.

We appreciate your offer of help in the re-evaluation of the NJDOT noise policy; however, the Department is working closely with our FHWA partners in this process.

Further information on NJDOT's Noise Policy can be accessed on the Department's web site at: <http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/eng/documents/env/pdf/TrafficNoisePolicy.pdf>

I hope this information is helpful and thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John M. Case".

John M. Case
Assistant Commissioner
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