

I-5
Willamette River
Bridge
Eugene & Springfield



January 26, 2010

Dear Laurel Hill Valley neighbor,

The Oregon Department of Transportation will build a sound wall adjacent to the Laurel Hill Valley neighborhood as part of the Interstate 5 Willamette River Bridge replacement. The sound wall will reduce noise expected from projected traffic increases on I-5 over the next 20 years.

ODOT has developed design enhancements for the highway-facing and neighborhood-facing sides of the sound wall, shown in the attached graphic. The design concept creates a rolling, pixilated representation of a sound wave as it travels from the foothills to the valley floor, constructed from different colored split face concrete masonry unit blocks. Page 1 of the attached graphic depicts a representative section of how the wall will appear on the highway-facing side.

Through a survey last year of Laurel Hill Valley residents, an overwhelming majority told us they prefer a sculpted concrete design enhancement inspired by local geologic forms, such as Judkins Point, Coburg Hills, Mount Pisgah and the Laurel Hill area. Page 2 depicts a representative section of how the wall will appear in the most visible areas on the neighborhood-facing side. Sculpted concrete elements will be utilized in the most highly visible areas that are not covered with vegetation. Construction of the sound wall could begin this summer.

The project team will attend the February 18 neighborhood meeting to present these concepts and answer questions you may have about the design and bridge construction. Information about the proposed sound wall including maps, design concepts and sound levels, can be viewed at www.willamettebridge.org.

If you wish to discuss this matter with me or if you desire additional information, please call me at 503-986-3477.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dick Upton'.

Dick Upton, Project Manager
Oregon Department of Transportation

Cc: Carole Newvine