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Hi Bruce,

There could be an option to build the wall within MnDOT's ROW. But I think the preference would be for the wall to be on the private property, especially if there is still an opportunity for the developer to build the wall as part of a new development. Here's the official language:

If a municipality wishes to construct a barrier on MnDOT's right of way, they must submit plans certified by a registered engineer or landscape architect to be reviewed by MnDOT before constructing. Per State Statute 429.021 subdivision 1, the municipalities are given the power to make these improvements.

I'm not aware of any funding availability for this type of work. Residential developments must be built prior to 1997 in order to be eligible for the Metro Standalone Noise Wall Program (aka retrofit program/ranking list), so a new development wouldn't be eligible for program funding. The only other time MnDOT would analyze noise abatement for this area is if we had a Type 1 federally-funded project on TH 47 that expanded capacity or significantly shifted the roadway.

Just to clarify – I don't think that either of the walls you mentioned are MnDOT noise walls, correct? I'm not seeing any MnDOT-owned assets along this stretch of TH 47 in our asset database. The older wall looks like it could be on MnDOT property but it doesn't look like our typical noise wall design: <https://www.google.com/maps/@45.234705,-93.3998485,3a,75y,125.04h,75.4t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1sAlTVzXq8Gsdfdz4QllpBRQ!2e0!7i13312!8i6656>

Thanks!

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Natalie:

Some residents are asking for the noisewall that was constructed along Highway 47 north of Xkimo Street as part of the Ramsey Villas North development this spring/summer to connect to the existing wall located over 900-feet north of Xkimo Street. I am wondering if MnDOT would allow the wall to be constructed within their right-of-way, or whether the wall would need to be constructed on private property. Also, are you aware of any funding that might exist for such work?

Thanks, Bruce



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