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Mr. Philip Shewchuk
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Dear Mr. *Philip* Shewchuk:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding noise attenuation along Anthony Henday Drive near the Wedgewood Community.

As stated in previous meetings and correspondence between the Wedgewood Ravine Owners Association and Alberta Transportation staff, consultants and your M.L.A., the province has, from the very beginning of the Edmonton Ring Road project, committed to meet the same noise attenuation standards as the City of Edmonton. Both the city and the province will consider noise attenuation if levels exceed 65 decibels averaged over 24 hours. If noise levels were to exceed 65 decibels, the goal would be to reduce them to 60 decibels. The noise levels at Wedgewood are currently at 57.2 decibels (*Environmental Noise Survey and Computer Modeling for Southeast Anthony Henday Drive October 2, 2007*) and therefore, in accordance with our noise policy, the installation of noise attenuation is not warranted. A copy of the report can be found at the following web link:
<http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/Content/docType353/Production/AHDSENoiseReport.pdf>.

The province is committed to a noise attenuation standard equal to that of the City of Edmonton to ensure equitable treatment of all citizens within the city boundaries. Because Anthony Henday Drive is within the city boundaries, your suggestion that the province set a different noise standard is not something we will pursue.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely yours,

Ed Stelmach

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cc: Honourable Luke Ouellette, Minister of Transportation
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