

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS
RELATED TO DVRPC BOARD ACTION ITEMS

April 23, 2020

Comments to the Board

From: Alice Wright-Bailey

County: Delaware

Zip Code: N/A

Date Received: 04/15/2020

Comment/Question: Any updates on highway, bridge and I-95 sound barriers improvements in Chester City, Delaware county.

Response: Thank you for your comment. Your original comment was forwarded to the DVRPC Board, DVRPC's Capital Programs, and PennDOT.

The I-95 Noise Abatement effort in Chester City requires several steps to be ready for construction. According to PennDOT, the first step which is noise monitoring of existing conditions along I-95 from SR 476 to SR 322 (Conchester Highway) is complete for both the I-476 HSR (MPMS #104821: SR 0476, Section HSR) and I-95 Noise Abatement/I-95 Section CNA (MPMS #108910: SR 0095, Section CNA) projects. The project design for the part time shoulder use and its impacts on SB I-95 are currently in the design phase and various options have been laid out. Traffic data collection is complete and a traffic model for the corridor(s) is in the process of being set up. Later this year, once the proposed traffic numbers are determined and a preferred design layout is complete, the proposed noise levels can be determined and exact locations of reasonable, feasible and prudent sound barrier locations can be designed based on PennDOT criteria.

From: Rev. Glen Benson

County: Delaware

Zip Code: N/A

Date Received: 04/22/2020

Comment/Question: I respectfully request PennDot to cut and maintain the lot owned by PennDot next to 1210 Kerlin Street, Chester, Pa., 19013. My Home.
Thank you.





The jpg are pictures of the overgrown grass and trash in the lot next to my home owned by PennDot.

I also asked about funding to repair the damage to my home being caused by the heavy truck and car traffic violent vibrations from the close proximity of the I-95 to my house-(less than 30 feet). As I pointed out to the Board today, the huge cracks throughout my home caused by the violent vibrations of I-95 traffic are getting bigger and more dangerous everyday. I thank the DVRPC Board in advance for their assistance in this matter.

Response: Thank you for your comment. Your original comment was forwarded to the DVRPC Board, DVRPC Office of Capital Programs, and PennDOT.

Regarding the concern from Reverend Glen Benson about the lot adjacent to his home at 1210 Kerlin Street, at this time all non-life sustaining roadside activities by PennDOT were suspended as of March 15, 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic and Governor's orders. Since that time PennDOT has only been addressing items critical to the safety of the motoring public. When activities are approved to resume, the area in question will be addressed according to a plan developed when Rev. Benson originally brought his concern forward; however, regular bi-weekly mowing will not occur at this site, as it is limited-access right-of-way and not typical of our roadside activities on limited access.

In June of 2018, a comprehensive site reclamation took place in response to Rev. Benson's original concern. The reclamation included removing all woody brush and hydroseeding with DOT formula L seed mix. This seed mix is designed to be a low maintenance mix requiring infrequent mowing and the site was expected to be maintained going forward with EPA approved herbicide to control invasive species. Due to the aforementioned suspension of activities, our herbicide application has not yet

taken place this season and as a result, we will perform a periodic mowing when services can resume until herbicide material can be applied.

Should you require additional information, please contact Owen Wilcox, Highway Maintenance Manager, at 610.205.6869 or owilcox@pa.gov.

PennDOT has corresponded with Reverend Benson several times in the last few years regarding the condition of his house. PennDOT prepared a report to assess the condition of 1210 Kerlin Street in Chester, PA, and whether the visible damage was caused in some way by vibrations from I-95 vehicles, and provided the report to Reverend Benson. The report states the conditions that are visible cannot be attributed to the proximity of I-95 to the residence, but are due to the original construction of the structure.