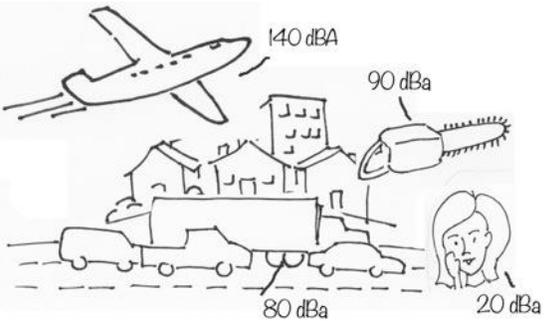
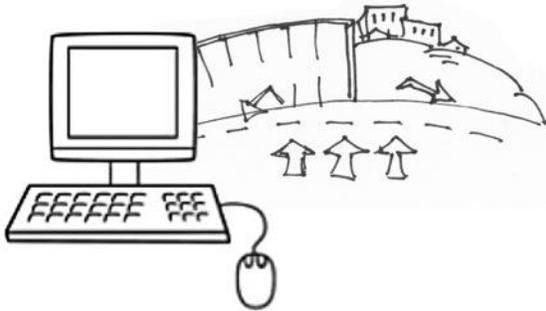


# NOISE WALL PROCESS STORYBOARD/SCRIPT - final

<p>Noise Walls—To Build or Not To Build...</p>  <p>[Traffic noise]</p>	<p>I love my neighborhood, but sometimes it's too loud to enjoy doing things outside.</p> <p>14 words</p>
	<p>When people live, work or play near heavily traveled roads, they often hear noise from vehicle engines and tires.</p> <p>19 words</p>
 <p>[sounds of different noises]</p>	<p>Generally, the closer a person is to the road, the louder the sounds.</p> <p>13 words</p>



Engineers analyze noise impacts by studying existing traffic volumes.

Engineers use computer models to predict future traffic noise levels. They consider the positions of natural and artificial physical features like buildings, homes and other barriers.

35 word



Engineers also measure sound levels from roads in outside areas where there is frequent activity like front or back yards, patios and recreation areas.

24 words

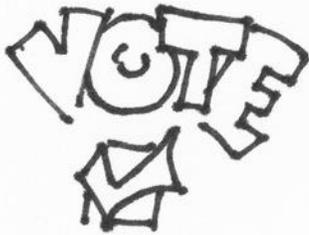
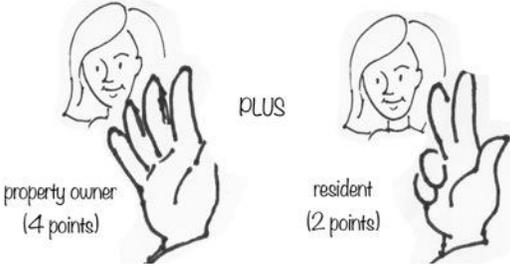


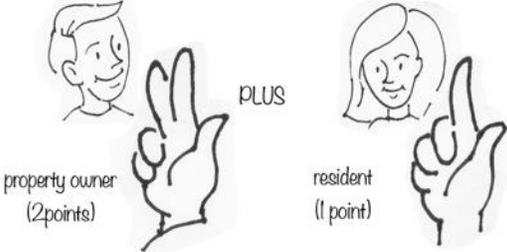
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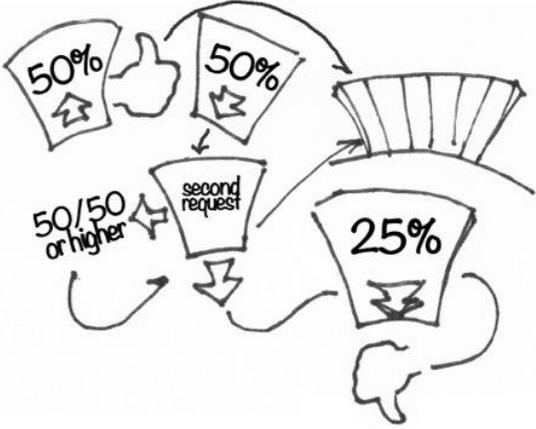
Noise walls and noise berms are kinds of barriers built along roads to muffle the sounds of traffic. Berms are mounds of earth that form a barrier between the road and adjacent properties. Noise walls are used more often because they require less space.

44 words

 <p>Starting with traffic scene and worker and info graphics are added as VO progresses.</p>	<p>When engineers consider a potential noise wall, it is evaluated for feasibility and reasonableness.</p> <p>14 words</p>
	<p>A noise wall is considered feasible if there aren't any physical or safety reasons why it can't be built and...</p> <p>20 words</p>
	<p>... if the noise wall reduces noise by at least five decibels</p> <p>If a wall is not feasible, then it is no longer considered.</p> <p>24 words</p>
	<p>If a noise wall is feasible, then it must also be "reasonable".</p> <p>A noise wall is considered reasonable if the wall costs no more than \$43,500 per home that will experience a five decibel or more reduction in noise.</p> <p>39 words</p>

	<p><b>Section Break</b></p> <p>MnDOT has developed a voting process because people often have different opinions on noise walls. Once it is established that a noise wall is feasible and reasonable, property owners and residents can vote in favor of or against the wall.</p> <p>40 Words</p>
 <p>group of people</p>	<p>Each housing unit that receives a 5 decibel or more reduction of noise due to the noise wall is called a benefited unit and may vote on the outcome of the wall. The number of points given to each unit depends on how near the property is to the wall.</p> <p>50 words</p>
 <p>Thumbs are confusing. On 2 points see 3 fingers. <b>Please note these are concept visuals not literal direction of images.</b></p>	<p>If the property borders a proposed noise wall, each benefited unit on the property is allotted 6 points. The property owner has 4 points and the resident has 2 points. If the property owner also occupies the home, that person would have all 6 points.</p> <p>45 words</p>

 <p>property owner (2points)      PLUS      resident (1 point)</p>	<p>If the property does not border the noise wall, then each benefited unit has a total of 3 points. The Property Owner has 2 points and the resident who lives in the unit has 1 point. If the property owner lives in the unit, that person receives all 3 points.</p> <p>50 words</p>
 <p>apartment units</p>	<p>If the property is an apartment or condominium building, only residents with private outdoor balconies or patios and a potential noise reduction level of 5 or more decibels are eligible to vote. The property owner or homeowners' association has the owner voting points for all eligible units.</p> <p>You can find more information about unique voting scenarios by referring to MnDOT's noise policy on the MnDOT website.</p> <p>66 words</p>
	<p>Businesses, churches and schools that would experience enough noise reduction can also vote on the outcome of the noise wall.</p> <p>20 word</p>
	<p>Eligible voters typically have 30 days to submit their votes.</p> <p>10 word</p>

 <p>Image will spread out over these cells corresponding with VO.</p>	<p>If 50 percent or more of possible points from eligible voters are received after the first request for votes, the majority of points determine the outcome. If there is a tie vote, the wall IS built.</p> <p>If less than 50 percent of possible points are received after the first request for votes, a second ballot is mailed to eligible voters who did not vote.</p> <p>64 words</p>
	<p>If 25 percent or more of possible points are received after the second request for votes, the outcome is determined by the majority of votes received.</p> <p>If there is a tie vote, the noise wall IS built.</p> <p>If less than 25 percent of possible points are received after the second request for votes, then the noise wall is NOT built.</p> <p>60 words</p>
 <p><a href="http://www.dot.state.mn.us/environment/noise">http://www.dot.state.mn.us/environment/noise</a></p> <p><small>MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</small></p> <p>[outdoor noises]</p>	<p>Now that our neighborhood's noise wall is built, I love spending time in my yard.</p> <p>For more information, visit the MnDOT website.</p> <p>22 words</p>
	<p>Total 757</p>