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# **KDOT to host series of virtual 69Express noise abatement meetings**

**TOPEKA** – During the week of Jan. 24, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), the Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA) and the City of Overland Park will hold a series of six virtual meetings for members of the public to learn and ask questions about potential noise wall locations that could help address future traffic noise impacts as part of the U.S. 69 Expansion Project, known as 69Express.

Individuals who own or reside in benefitted receptors – locations that may experience traffic noise volumes at or above the 66 dB threshold and would receive at least a 5 dB reduction in noise levels through construction of a noise wall – have been notified directly about the availability of the upcoming virtual meetings. Benefitted receptors are eligible to vote on whether KDOT should proceed with building noise walls near their locations. Noise walls will be constructed only if 70% of the eligible votes are favorable.

Four of the online meetings will focus on location-specific findings from the 69Express noise study. Two additional general sessions are available for those who are unable to attend the meeting designated for their area. Meetings will be held:

Meeting #1

Wall numbers: 12, 13, 16, 17, 20

4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24

(Presentation from 4:35 - 4:55 p.m.; Q&A to follow)

- Meeting #2                      Wall numbers: 15, 19  
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24  
(Presentation from 6:35 - 6:55 p.m.; Q&A to follow)
- Meeting #3                      Wall numbers: 8, 9  
4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25  
(Presentation from 4:35 - 4:55 p.m.; Q&A to follow)
- Meeting #4                      Wall numbers: 10, 11  
5:00 p.m. - 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26  
(Presentation from 5:05 - 5:25 p.m.; Q&A to follow)
- Meeting #5                      General session  
5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27  
(Presentation from 5:05 - 5:25 p.m.; Q&A to follow)
- Meeting #6                      General session  
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28  
(Presentation from 11:35 - 11:55 a.m.; Q&A to follow.)

All meetings will have a similar format. Each includes a general presentation of the 69Express noise study results and proposed solutions to reduce noise impacts. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session during which participants can speak directly with the Project Team about how study findings affect the benefitted receptors.

To see the location of each proposed noise wall, learn more or to participate in one of the virtual meetings, visit [www.69express.org/noise-study/](http://www.69express.org/noise-study/) for the specific meeting details and links.

For more information on the 69Express project, visit [www.69express.org](http://www.69express.org). Project updates are available regularly on the webpage's Featured News link or by following the project's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages and [subscribing to the Project newsletter](#). The [Feedback section](#) of the website also provides a link to a question/comment form.

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