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20 neighborhoods getting sound walls along I-595

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For the Interstate 595 reconstruction, engineers initially determined 14 neighborhoods met the criteria for walls.

To help more neighborhoods qualify, they averaged the cost of the all walls over the entire 13 miles of I-595 and [Florida's Turnpike](#) between Griffin and Peters roads that is part of the project. Typically, the cost of one wall is averaged for each neighborhood it serves.

That meant six additional neighborhoods qualified for noise protection.

Once engineers determined who would get noise walls, they surveyed the first row of homeowners — who would be impacted most by the construction — and asked where they wanted the barriers to be built.

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