

Reduce Hwy I-280 Noise in Los Altos & Los Altos Hills

752 Signatories as of January 26th, 2015

Noise power levels from Highway I-280 are intolerable in many parts of our community, they have been measured from 55 to >84 dB at various times throughout the day (a 900-fold difference!). There is a new technology called rubberized asphalt that Caltrans has used in other parts of I-280 that reduces the pavement noise by up to 90%. You can learn more about it here:

[Link to Pavement Tests: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/env/noise/pub/NITE_Article_for_Caltrans.pdf](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/env/noise/pub/NITE_Article_for_Caltrans.pdf)

[Link to Caltrans Article: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/env/noise/pub/NITE_Article_for_Caltrans.pdf](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/env/noise/pub/NITE_Article_for_Caltrans.pdf)

Since 2009 CalTrans has been repaving certain areas with this new technology (including some areas of I-280 near Woodside). In August, 2014, the LAH Town Council sent a letter to Caltrans requesting the same treatment for our portion of I-280, Caltrans informed them that we will have to wait **SIX YEARS!** A copy of the Town's letter can be found here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/twqpf9838who5p6/Los%20Altos%20Hills%20Caltrans%20Letter%20Road%20Noise.pdf?dl=0>

Much more information can be found here: <http://www.pagemill280.org/Noise/Noise.htm>

The portion of I-280 that runs between Page Mill Road and Foothill Expressway is the most heavily populated portion of I-280 between Hwy 85 and Hwy 92. The ancient pavement has a strong adverse impact on our health, our quality of life and our property values; it needs to be rehabilitated right now. Caltrans has cited a lack of complaints of this section of I-280 as one reason the road was not considered for repaving. And so, we have started a petition to react to them.

Our petition asks for the IMMEDIATE repaving of a 5 mile stretch of Hwy I-280 using rubberized asphalt between Page Mill Road and the Foothill Expy Crossing. The petition will be sent to State Senator Jerry Hill, Assembly Member Richard Gordon and Caltrans Area Director Bijan Sartipi.

We ask that you join the effort by signing this on-line petition:

<https://www.change.org/p/bijan-sartipi-reduce-hwy-280-noise-in-los-altos-los-altos-hills> ; an alternate method to sign the petition is to send an email to: I280Noise@gmail.com asking to be added to the petition; please include your name and address – *your personal information will not be shared.*

PLEASE SEND THIS MESSAGE TO YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS IN LOS ALTOS AND LOS ALTOS HILLS AND THOSE WHO LIVE NEAR I-280.

If you would like to directly contact the relevant officials, please use the contact information below. They need to hear our voice on this matter.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

[California State Senator Jerry Hill](#)

[California Assembly Member Richard S Gordon](#)

[Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian](#)

CALTRANS OFFICIALS:

[Brian Sartipi](#), Caltrans District 4 Director

[Fariba Zohoury](#), Caltrans District 4 Project Manager

[Robert Camargo](#), District 4 Region Manager

[Robert Salazar](#), Senior Engineer, Maintenance Div.

Letter to be sent to Elected and Appointed Officials:

We request immediate repaving of Highway I-280 between Page Mill Road and Foothill Expressway with rubberized asphalt to reduce freeway noise. The noise levels have become untenable and has adversely affected the quality of life and health of our residents and our property values.