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Dear Click here and enter your elected official’s name,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding recent discussions at City Council and MAG meetings related to the use of expensive, short-lived asphalt rubber overlays to reduce noise on area freeways.

Complaints about noise levels on the Loop 101 Price Freeway have recently been published in news outlets and on social media channels—complaints made by a small number of citizens who purchased homes alongside the existing freeway corridors. To bolster their argument, these citizens have inflated their rhetoric, recruited friends and neighbors, cherry-picked facts and enlisted asphalt rubber industry representatives (who do not disclose their association) to browbeat elected officials into spending limited transportation funding on minor problems that don’t affect the vast majority of those officials’ constituencies.

ADOT thoroughly addressed these concerns and recently measured noise levels of exposed concrete surfaces on the Price Road Freeway. Importantly, the surfaces tested were constructed using diamond grinding (a proven approach for creating quiet and smooth concrete surfaces). ADOT found that these diamond-ground concrete highways are no louder than asphalt rubber noise levels measured in 2013, *despite the fact that the corridor has since been widened, increasing traffic capacity 20-25%*.

Testing and research have shown that, in addition to creating smooth, quiet roads, diamond grinding improves traction and, therefore, safety. Furthermore, ADOT estimates that using concrete road surfaces (finished by diamond grinding) can save taxpayers over $4 billion dollars over the next 30 years.

So why do some homeowners have a problem with concrete freeways, which are quiet, last for 30 years and are less expensive? Covering the roadways with asphalt rubber would be an extraordinary waste of our tax dollars.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and consideration.

Sincerely,