



**April 1, 2026**

**Via Email**

**Scarborough Community Council**

**RE: 2026.SC30.5 Highway 2A Sound Mitigation Update**

Dear Chair Ainslie, Vice Chair Mantas and Councillors Kandavel, Meyers, Shan, and Thompson,

On behalf of **No More Noise**, I am writing to urge Toronto to adopt a framework to assess eligibility for sound barrier walls and install them where they are needed.

Unwanted noise exposure is an under-considered threat to public health. The worst noise source in Toronto is the noise from motor vehicles, as residents along Highway 2A are being exposed to. Ongoing noise exposure causes serious public health harms such as sleep disruption, stress, cardiovascular disease, hypertension, diabetes, and adverse mental health impacts.

The City has already recognized the importance of mitigating environmental harms through planning, infrastructure, and public health policy. Sound barrier walls are a proven, practical intervention for the homes and communities on the other side of the wall. They improve quality of life and help to mitigate long-term health risks, because anyone that can see a highway, can hear the highway.

By investing in sound barriers, Toronto can improve livability and protect public health. In addition to sound barrier walls, we urge Toronto to crack down on other factors that worsen noise from motor vehicles by cracking down on muffler modifications, lowering speed limits, and using quiet pavement, which is more porous than standard asphalt and therefore absorbs more noise.

**Addressing environmental noise is an opportunity for the City to take meaningful action on a preventable health risk.** Every resident of Toronto should be able to live in a home where their health is not harmed by noise they have no control over.

Thank you,

A square box containing a handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Buday'.

Ingrid Buday

Founder and Executive Director, No More Noise

Cc: Chair Ainslie, Vice Chair Mantas, Councillor Kandavel, Councillor Meyers, Councillor Shan, Councillor Thompson