

COMMENT SHEET #7

Comment Sheet

Route 101 Widening
Public Hearing
Santa Rosa Jr. High School
Wednesday, November 18, 1998

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Please print.

IN MY OPINION, SOUND WALLS ARE NOT NECESSARY. THEY ARE COSTLY AND NOT AS EFFECTIVE AS PLANTS AND TREES. WE HAVE A BEAUTIFUL COUNTY. THE SOUND WALLS ARE IMPERSONAL AND A DETERENT TO THAT BEAUTY. THE FREEWAY THRU DANVILLE CA USED TO BE LOVELY. NOW IT IS LIKE TRAVELING THROUGH A CONCRETE TUNNEL. SOUND WALLS HAVE NOT BEEN PROVEN TO DIMINISH NOISE. IN SOME CASES (LIKE DANVILLE) THE SOUND TRAVELS "UP" AND IMPACTS AREAS MILES FROM THE SOUND WALLS. PLANTS AND TREES ARE A MORE "HEATFUL" ALTERNATIVE.

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**Sonoma 101 Widening & Soundwall Construction (Wilfred to Route 12)
Final Negative Declaration/Final Environmental Assessment**

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7-A	See response for 6-A Over the past few years, Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have conducted numerous noise studies. The conclusion is that soundwalls are effective in abating freeway noise to levels required by law. They are a proven technology for attenuating noise levels associated with this project corridor.
7-B	See response for 6-A Reflected noise occurs only in certain topographic conditions not consistent with the project location.