



FRONT PORCH FORUM: More Parkway Discussion

Thank you to community members who have shared observations and concerns regarding noise associated with the Champlain Parkway.

The Champlain Parkway Project underwent an extensive National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process. That evaluation determined that noise impacts requiring mitigation were not anticipated. As a result, no mitigation measures were installed either during the original construction of the segment between Home Avenue and Interstate 189 in the 1980s or as part of the recent reconstruction project. A visual barrier installed during the original construction remains in place today.

The Act 250 permit for the project includes a condition related to noise levels on Arthur Court. Specifically, the permit requires that sound level monitoring be conducted six months to one year after substantial completion of construction, and again approximately five years later. The results of the sound monitoring studies must be submitted to the District Commission for review and determination of whether excessive sound levels exist and whether other mitigation measures may be warranted.

Please note that substantial completion was achieved on July 15, 2026. Therefore, the first required noise monitoring study will be conducted between December 2026 and July 2027. A second noise monitoring study is anticipated to take place approximately five years later, in 2032, in accordance with the permit requirements.

We are aware that some residents have reported concerns regarding traffic noise, including noise associated with heavy vehicles and diesel trucks, as well as the overall increase in roadway noise experienced by nearby neighborhoods. The required sound monitoring will evaluate overall traffic-related noise levels and provide data that will be reviewed by the District Commission as part of its consideration of whether additional mitigation measures may be warranted.

We appreciate community members taking the time to share their experiences and observations. Public feedback helps inform our understanding of how the Parkway is operating and becomes part of the public record as the project transitions into long-term monitoring and evaluation.

Best,

The Champlain Parkway Project Team



FRONT PORCH FORUM COMMENTS:

A few more thoughts regarding the Parkway.

I remember reading something posted here about the City reevaluating the Parkway after 6 months.

I'm wondering if they will evaluate the noise impact on the nearby homes.

I do understand that we will hear the traffic, but there is not a noise barrier on this side of it where cars enter/exit the interstate (Arthur Court, next to the bike path), just some trees, and is a barrier wall something they would consider adding?

The vehicle/truck noise is much louder than some of us anticipated (and this noise is separate from the speeding/hot rod noise mentioned in my prior post).

I remember they talked about noise mitigation when finishing it but it seems whatever they might have done is not working very well.

I have not seen any other posts about the noise, so I'm curious to know how others nearby are feeling.

Thank you!

Regarding parkway noise I've been surprised by the number of diesel trucks using the parkway, considerably louder than the car traffic. Not sure if this is related to a particular construction project but it's LOUD. As loud as the Amtrak which runs by twice a day I would say..

Thank you.

I was interested in hearing from anyone on your street, as we know that "wall" is between the Parkway and South Crest.

So I'm guessing it isn't helping much with noise.

I did email the Parkway project itself about both noise and speeding, haven't heard back yet.

I bought here in 1995 and, yes, I knew they were hoping to build this road, but did any of us ever think it would really happen?

I appreciate the work done and how it has helped many commuters, and know this isn't a catastrophic issue, however I do wish there could be more to somehow help our quiet neighborhoods.