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## NEWS Highlights

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### More Homes Soundproofed On SW Side

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The Midway Noise Compatibility Commission made a few announcements at its meeting last Thursday.

Nuria Fernandez, commissioner of the city's Department of Aviation, announced that the mayor's office has committed funds to continue the soundproofing project until 2011.

She also announced that work will be completed by the end of the year on all of the 700 homes that were awarded to be soundproofed.

Work has already begun on many of the homes, and work will begin soon on the others.

At last Thursday's meeting, the commission gave approval to 113 of the 700 houses to be soundproofed — 30 on the 5300 block of Kostner, 35 on the 6600 block of Kostner, and 48 on the 6100 block of Massasoit.

So far the commission has soundproofed 3,983 homes. In 2006, 700 homes were added to that list, which is up from the 685 from 2005 and the 512 from 2004.

Announcement of the next group of homes to be soundproofed will be made at the commission's next meeting, which is Thursday, Oct. 26.

Currently, 800 homes are on that list. The commission goes by a worst-to-first ratio of which houses get to be soundproofed first.

They have 12 remote monitoring terminals around the area, including in Cicero, Stickney, Summit, Bridgeview, Burbank and the city neighborhoods of Ashburn and Gage Park.

The houses that are lined up with the runways are the houses that will be more likely to get soundproofed.

William Brogan, assistant commissioner, stated that they must follow FAA guidelines.

The commission also announced that the soundproofing of 30 schools has been finished, and another 11 are near completion. Additionally, soundproofing is scheduled to begin at more schools.

Midway Airport announced it will be adding seven security check points to the north area. These checkpoints will be funded by the airport and airlines, not the federal government.

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