

## **Appendix I – Acoustical Assessment**

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Acoustical Assessment  
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City of Beaumont, California

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**LIST OF ABBREVIATED TERMS**

APN	Assessor's Parcel Number
ADT	average daily traffic
dBA	A-weighted sound level
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CLSP	California Landings Specific Plan
CSMA	California Subdivision Map Act
CNEL	community equivalent noise level
$L_{dn}$	day-night noise level
dB	decibel
du/ac	dwelling units per acre
$L_{eq}$	equivalent noise level
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
HVAC	heating ventilation and air conditioning
Hz	hertz
HOA	homeowner's association
in/sec	inches per second
$L_{max}$	maximum noise level
$\mu\text{Pa}$	micropascals
$L_{min}$	minimum noise level
PPV	peak particle velocity
RMS	root mean square
VdB	vibration velocity level

# 1 INTRODUCTION

This report documents the results of an Acoustical Assessment completed for the Potrero Logistics Center (Project). The purpose of this Acoustical Assessment is to evaluate the potential construction and operational noise and vibration levels associated with the Project and determine the level of impact the Project would have on the environment.

## 1.1 Project Location

The Project site is in the northwest portion of the City of Beaumont, south of State Route 60 (SR-60) and approximately 1.0-mile west of Interstate 10 (I-10). The site is bounded to the north by SR-60 and the Heartland Specific Plan, to the east by the future alignment of Potrero Boulevard (when extended south of SR-60) and vacant parcels, to the south by the unpaved alignment of 4th Street, and to the west by undeveloped parcels.

The City of Beaumont is a City in Riverside County, California, located at a half-mile elevation in the pass area south of Southern California's highest peak, San Geronio Mountain, and north of San Jacinto peak. In 2017, the City's population was estimated at 46,967. Beaumont is bounded on the east by the City of Banning, on the south by the City of San Jacinto, on the west by the City of Calimesa, and on the north by the unincorporated community of Cherry Valley; see [Exhibit 1: Regional Vicinity](#).

## 1.2 Project Description

The proposed warehouse Project consists of a two-story concrete tilt-up "high-cube" logistics warehouse building of approximately 577,920-square feet on approximately 32-acres. The warehouse Project would include office space totaling approximately 20,000-square feet in addition to other associated facilities and improvements; such as a perimeter fencing, parking, onsite and perimeter landscaping, lighting, and exterior sidewalks.

The Project site consists of two parcels, parcel number 424-010-005 is located within City of Beaumont and parcel number 424-010-009 is located within Riverside County and will require annexation into the City of Beaumont. The area to be annexed into the City of Beaumont, consists of one (1) parcel encompassing approximately 9.94 acres, see [Exhibit 2: Site Vicinity](#) This expansion will also require a designation within the City's General Plan as well as designation of an appropriate Zoning classification.

The proposed warehouse includes 112 truck bays, 56 oriented to face north and 56 oriented to face south. Daily activities within the project site will include maneuvering forklifts, lift equipment, and large semi-trucks through and around the site and backing into the loading docks, all of which emit warning (high pitch beep beep) sounds consistent with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements.

To facilitate passenger car traffic there are two (2) passenger car driveways, one proposed on 4th Street (aligned) and the other incorporated with the Potrero Boulevard extension to be built in the existing right-of-way extending from the eastern property limit. The site plan and circulation have been designed to direct truck traffic to 4th Street via the direct drive/public access at the south end of the project to Potrero Boulevard.

In addition to the site-specific development, the project will also include the construction of specific offsite improvements (including requisite water, sewer, and storm drain facilities to support the project) and street frontage improvements on Potrero Boulevard and 4th Street.

**Existing General Plan Land Use and Zoning Designations**

The Project site is currently located within two jurisdictions. As previously discussed, APN 424-010-005 is in the City and has a land use and zoning designation of Industrial (I) and Commercial (Industrial Overlay), respectively. APN 424-010-009 is located in the County’s jurisdiction and has a land use and zoning designation of Rural Residential (R-R) and W-2 Controlled Development Area, respectively. The zoning designation for APN 424-010-009 will be updated and would follow City’s zoning and land use designations once annexation into the City is complete. Refer to Table 1: General Plan Land Use and Zoning Designations.

Table 1: General Plan Land Use and Zoning Designations					
Location/APN		Existing General Plan Land Use Designation	Existing Zoning Designation	Future General Plan Land Use Designation	Future Zoning Designation
Project Site	424-010-005 (City)	(I) Industrial	Commercial General	TBD	TBD
	424-010-009 (County of Riverside)	(R-R) Rural Residential	W-2-20 Controlled Development Area	TBD	TBD
North		(SFR) Single-Family Residential (UV) Urban Village (OS) Open Space	(SPA) Specific Plan Area	Rural Residential	(SPA) Specific Plan Area
South		(R-R) Rural Residential County of Riverside	County of Riverside	County of Riverside	County of Riverside
East		(R-R) Rural Residential County of Riverside	County of Riverside	County of Riverside	County of Riverside
West		(R-R) Rural Residential County of Riverside	County of Riverside	County of Riverside	County of Riverside
Sources: City of Beaumont. March 6, 2018. <i>General Plan Update – Land Use Designations</i> . Riverside County, January 29, 2020. Riverside County Mapping Portal – General Plan Land Use. <a href="https://gisopendata-countyofriverside.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/general-plan-landuse">https://gisopendata-countyofriverside.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/general-plan-landuse</a>					

**Warehouse Facility**

The proposed Project consists of a “high-cube” logistics warehouse building of approximately 577,920-square feet on approximately 32.02- acres. The warehouse Project would include office space totaling approximately 20,000-square feet in addition to other associated facilities and improvements; such as a perimeter fencing, parking, onsite and perimeter landscaping, lighting, and exterior sidewalks; refer to Exhibit 3: Conceptual Site Plan.

## Site Access

Vehicular and truck site access is provided via two 40-foot wide driveways, the driveway on Potrero Boulevard would provide ingress to the site and the driveway on Fourth Street would provide egress from the site.

## Parking

Parking would be located on the east and southeast portions of the site. The proposed Project goes would provide 314 automobile parking stalls; additionally, 106 trailer stalls and 112 dock doors are provided along the north and south property lines. The truck stalls and truck bays will be oriented to face north and south. Daily activities within the Project site will include maneuvering forklifts, lift equipment, and large semi-trucks through and around the site and backing into the loading docks, all of which emit warning (high pitch beep beep) sounds consistent with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements.

## Landscaping and Retention Basin

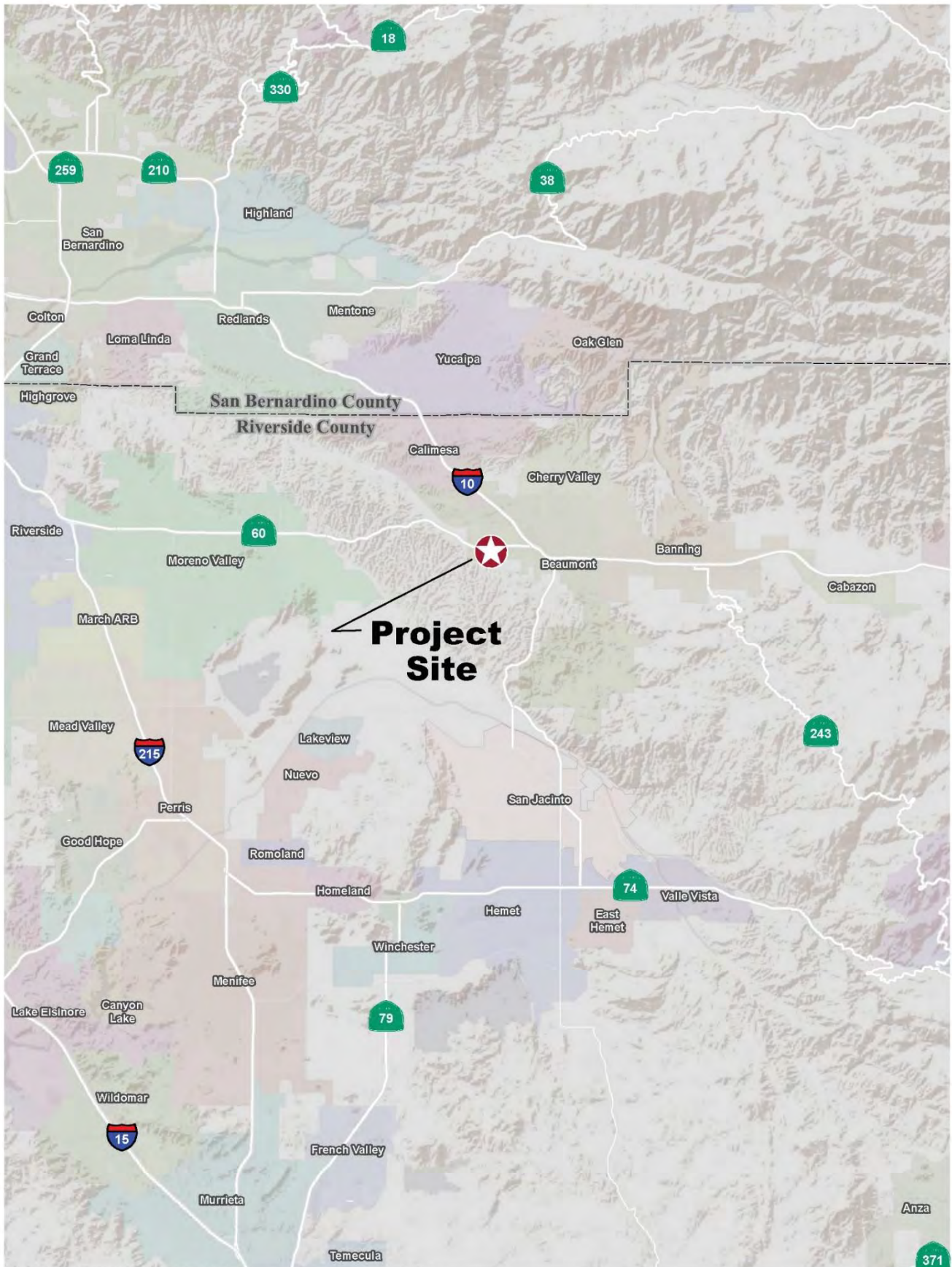
Approximately 21 percent or 290,982-square feet of the site would be covered in new landscaping. On-site water quality and storm drainage within the proposed warehouse development will be addressed through the placement of three detention basins. One detention basin would be located near the northern property line (approximately 4.03-acres) and two detention basins near the southern property line (approximately 3.62-acres). There is also an existing drainage course that will need to be conveyed through the site. It will have a separate system to prevent mixing with the onsite flows to avoid water quality issues with the offsite flows.

## Project Improvements

The following is a list of on- and off-site improvements:

- On- and off-site utility connections and street improvements: water, sewer, gas, electric and street frontage improvements along Potrero Boulevard and 4th Street;
- The existing on-site drainage course would need to be conveyed through the site. It would have a separate system to prevent “comingling” with the onsite flows to prevent any water quality issues with the offsite flows;
- Water improvements would include a connection to the water line on 4th Street immediately adjacent to the site, and construction of a water line on Potrero Boulevard;
- Sewer service would be addressed by connecting to the existing pump station on 4th Street; effluent would then be lifted to the nearest gravity main for transmission to the City of Beaumont sewer treatment plant; and
- Storm drain improvements would consist of collecting and treating onsite flows prior to conveying them offsite to an existing storm drain system on 4th Street, or directly into Coopers Creek.

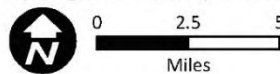




Source: Riverside County, ESRI World Terrain Base

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**EXHIBIT 1: Regional Vicinity**  
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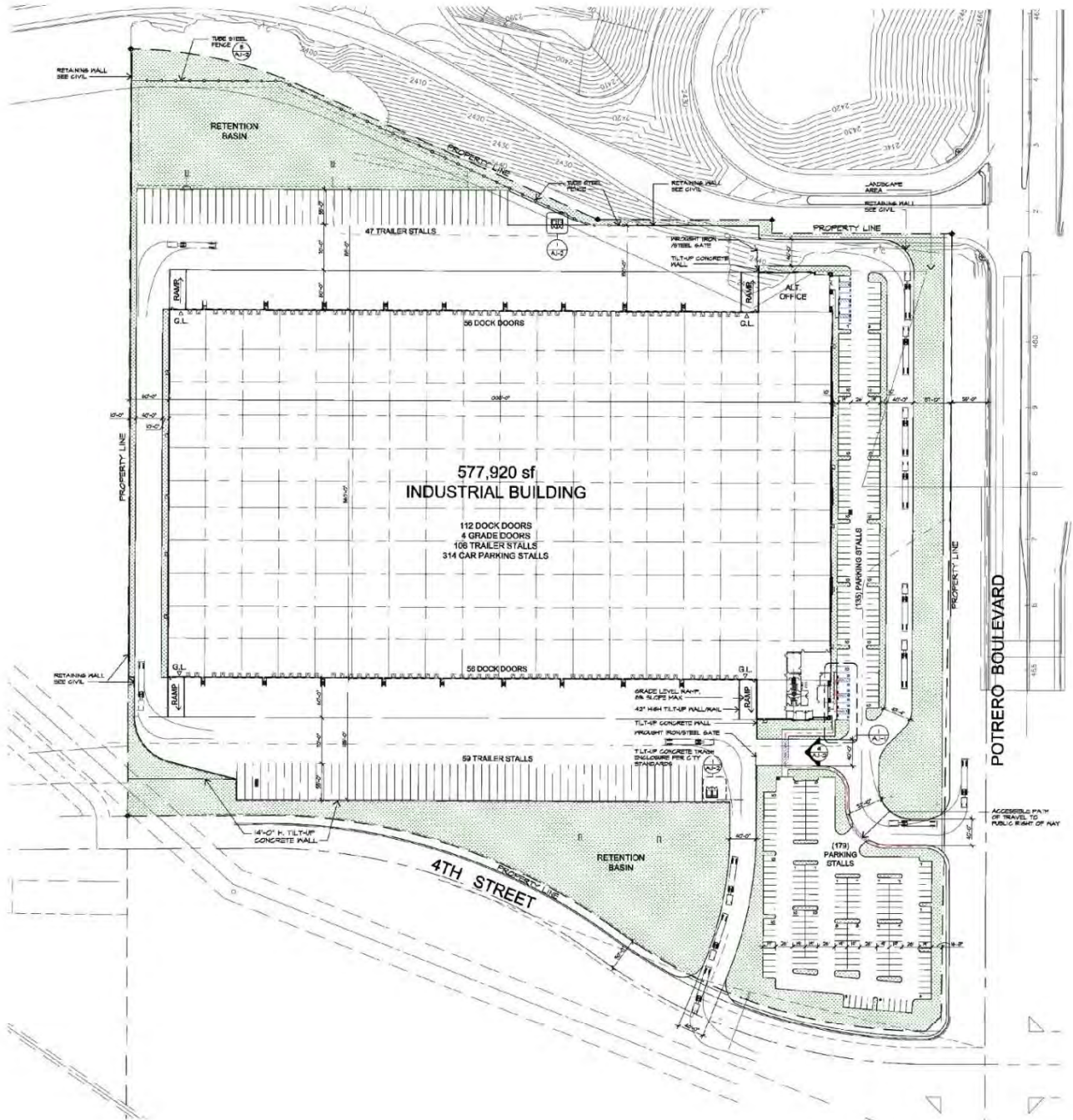
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**EXHIBIT 2: Site Vicinity**  
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Source: douglasfranz "Progress Set Aug-27-2019"

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**EXHIBIT 3: Site Plan**  
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## 2 ACOUSTIC FUNDAMENTALS

### 2.1 Sound and Environmental Noise

Acoustics is the science of sound. Sound can be described as the mechanical energy of a vibrating object transmitted by pressure waves through a medium (e.g. air) to human (or animal) ear. If the pressure variations occur frequently enough (at least 20 times per second), they can be heard and are called sound. The number of pressure variations per second is called the frequency of sound and is expressed as cycles per second, or hertz (Hz).

Noise is defined as loud, unexpected, or annoying sound. In acoustics, the fundamental model consists of a noise source, a receptor, and the propagation path between the two. The loudness of the noise source, obstructions, or atmospheric factors affecting the propagation path, determine the perceived sound level and noise characteristics at the receptor. Acoustics deal primarily with the propagation and control of sound. A typical noise environment consists of a base of steady background noise that is the sum of many distant and indistinguishable noise sources. Superimposed on this background noise is the sound from individual local sources. These sources can vary from an occasional aircraft or train passing by to continuous noise from traffic on a major highway. Perceptions of sound and noise are highly subjective from person to person.

Measuring sound directly in terms of pressure would require a large range of numbers. To avoid this, the decibel (dB) scale was devised. The dB scale uses the hearing threshold of 20 micropascals ( $\mu\text{Pa}$ ) as a point of reference, defined as 0 dB. Other sound pressures are then compared to this reference pressure, and the logarithm is taken to keep the numbers in a practical range. The dB scale allows a million-fold increase in pressure to be expressed as 120 dB, and changes in levels correspond closely to human perception of relative loudness. [Table 2: Typical Noise Levels](#) provides typical noise levels.

Table 2: Typical Noise Levels		
Common Outdoor Activities	Noise Level (dBA)	Common Indoor Activities
	- 110 -	Rock Band
Jet fly-over at 1,000 feet		
	- 100 -	
Gas lawnmower at 3 feet		
	- 90 -	
Diesel truck at 50 feet at 50 miles per hour		Food blender at 3 feet
	- 80 -	Garbage disposal at 3 feet
Noisy urban area, daytime		
Gas lawnmower, 100 feet	- 70 -	Vacuum cleaner at 10 feet
Commercial area		Normal Speech at 3 feet
Heavy traffic at 300 feet	- 60 -	
		Large business office
Quiet urban daytime	- 50 -	Dishwasher in next room
Quiet urban nighttime	- 40 -	Theater, large conference room (background)
Quiet suburban nighttime		
	- 30 -	Library
Quiet rural nighttime		Bedroom at night, concert hall (background)
	- 20 -	
		Broadcast/recording studio
	- 10 -	
Lowest threshold of human hearing	- 0 -	Lowest threshold of human hearing

Source: California Department of Transportation, *Technical Noise Supplement to the Traffic Noise Analysis Protocol*, September 2013.

## Noise Descriptors

The dB scale alone does not adequately characterize how humans perceive noise. The dominant frequencies of a sound have a substantial effect on the human response to that sound. Several rating scales have been developed to analyze the adverse effect of community noise on people. Because environmental noise fluctuates over time, these scales consider that the effect of noise on people is largely dependent on the total acoustical energy content of the noise, as well as the time of day when the noise occurs. The equivalent noise level ( $L_{eq}$ ) represents the continuous sound pressure level over the measurement period, while the day-night noise level ( $L_{dn}$ ) and Community Equivalent Noise Level (CNEL) are measures of energy average during a 24-hour period, with dB weighted sound levels from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Most commonly, environmental sounds are described in terms of  $L_{eq}$  that has the same acoustical energy as the summation of all the time-varying events. Each is applicable to this analysis and defined in [Table 3: Definitions of Acoustical Terms](#).

<b>Table 3: Definitions of Acoustical Terms</b>	
<b>Term</b>	<b>Definitions</b>
Decibel (dB)	A unit describing the amplitude of sound, equal to 20 times the logarithm to the base 10 of the ratio of the pressure of the sound measured to the reference pressure. The reference pressure for air is 20.
Sound Pressure Level	Sound pressure is the sound force per unit area, usually expressed in $\mu\text{Pa}$ (or 20 micronewtons per square meter), where 1 pascals is the pressure resulting from a force of 1 newton exerted over an area of 1 square meter. The sound pressure level is expressed in dB as 20 times the logarithm to the base 10 of the ratio between the pressures exerted by the sound to a reference sound pressure (e.g. 20 $\mu\text{Pa}$ ). Sound pressure level is the quantity that is directly measured by a sound level meter.
Frequency (Hz)	The number of complete pressure fluctuations per second above and below atmospheric pressure. Normal human hearing is between 20 Hz and 20,000 Hz. Infrasonic sound are below 20 Hz and ultrasonic sounds are above 20,000 Hz.
A-Weighted Sound Level (dBA)	The sound pressure level in dB as measured on a sound level meter using the A-weighting filter network. The A-weighting filter de-emphasizes the very low and very high frequency components of the sound in a manner similar to the frequency response of the human ear and correlates well with subjective reactions to noise.
Equivalent Noise Level ( $L_{eq}$ )	The average acoustic energy content of noise for a stated period of time. Thus, the $L_{eq}$ of a time-varying noise and that of a steady noise are the same if they deliver the same acoustic energy to the ear during exposure. For evaluating community impacts, this rating scale does not vary, regardless of whether the noise occurs during the day or the night.
Maximum Noise Level ( $L_{max}$ ) Minimum Noise Level ( $L_{min}$ )	The maximum and minimum dBA during the measurement period.
Exceeded Noise Levels ( $L_{01}$ , $L_{10}$ , $L_{50}$ , $L_{90}$ )	The dBA values that are exceeded 1%, 10%, 50%, and 90% of the time during the measurement period.
Day-Night Noise Level ( $L_{dn}$ )	A 24-hour average $L_{eq}$ with a 10 dBA weighting added to noise during the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. to account for noise sensitivity at nighttime. The logarithmic effect of these additions is that a 60 dBA 24-hour $L_{eq}$ would result in a measurement of 66.4 dBA $L_{dn}$ .
Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL)	A 24-hour average $L_{eq}$ with a 5 dBA weighting during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and a 10 dBA weighting added to noise during the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. to account for noise sensitivity in the evening and nighttime, respectively. The logarithmic effect of these additions is that a 60 dBA 24-hour $L_{eq}$ would result in a measurement of 66.7 dBA CNEL.
Ambient Noise Level	The composite of noise from all sources near and far. The normal or existing level of environmental noise at a given location.
Intrusive	That noise which intrudes over and above the existing ambient noise at a given location. The relative intrusiveness of a sound depends on its amplitude, duration, frequency, and time of occurrence and tonal or informational content as well as the prevailing ambient noise level.

The A-weighted decibel (dBA) sound level scale gives greater weight to the frequencies of sound to which the human ear is most sensitive. Because sound levels can vary markedly over a short period of time, a method for describing either the average character of the sound or the statistical behavior of the variations must be utilized. Most commonly, environmental sounds are described in terms of an average level that has the same acoustical energy as the summation of all the time-varying events.

The scientific instrument used to measure noise is the sound level meter. Sound level meters can accurately measure environmental noise levels to within about plus or minus 1 dBA. Various computer models are used to predict environmental noise levels from sources, such as roadways and airports. The accuracy of the predicted models depends on the distance between the receptor and the noise source.

### **A-Weighted Decibels**

The perceived loudness of sounds is dependent on many factors, including sound pressure level and frequency content. However, within the usual range of environmental noise levels, perception of loudness is relatively predictable and can be approximated by dBA values. There is a strong correlation between dBA and the way the human ear perceives sound. For this reason, the dBA has become the standard tool of environmental noise assessment. All noise levels reported in this document are in terms of dBA, but are expressed as dB, unless otherwise noted.

### **Addition of Decibels**

The dB scale is logarithmic, not linear, and therefore sound levels cannot be added or subtracted through ordinary arithmetic. Two sound levels 10 dB apart differ in acoustic energy by a factor of 10. When the standard logarithmic dB is A-weighted, an increase of 10 dBA is generally perceived as a doubling in loudness. For example, a 70-dBA sound is half as loud as an 80-dBA sound and twice as loud as a 60-dBA sound. When two identical sources are each producing sound of the same loudness, the resulting sound level at a given distance would be 3 dBA higher than one source under the same conditions. Under the dB scale, three sources of equal loudness together would produce an increase of 5 dBA.

### **Sound Propagation and Attenuation**

Sound spreads (propagates) uniformly outward in a spherical pattern, and the sound level decreases (attenuates) at a rate of approximately 6 dB for each doubling of distance from a stationary or point source. Sound from a line source, such as a highway, propagates outward in a cylindrical pattern. Sound levels attenuate at a rate of approximately 3 dB for each doubling of distance from a line source, such as a roadway, depending on ground surface characteristics. No excess attenuation is assumed for hard surfaces like a parking lot or a body of water. Soft surfaces, such as soft dirt or grass, can absorb sound, so an excess ground-attenuation value of 1.5 dB per doubling of distance is normally assumed. For line sources, an overall attenuation rate of 3 dB per doubling of distance is assumed.

Noise levels may also be reduced by intervening structures; generally, a single row of buildings between the receptor and the noise source reduces the noise level by about 5 dBA, while a solid wall or berm reduces noise levels by 5 to 10 dBA. The way older homes in California were constructed generally provides a reduction of exterior-to-interior noise levels of about 20 to 25 dBA with closed windows. The exterior-to-interior reduction of newer residential units is generally 30 dBA or more.



## Human Response to Noise

The human response to environmental noise is subjective and varies considerably from individual to individual. Noise in the community has often been cited as a health problem, not in terms of actual physiological damage, such as hearing impairment, but in terms of inhibiting general well-being and contributing to undue stress and annoyance. The health effects of noise in the community arise from interference with human activities, including sleep, speech, recreation, and tasks that demand concentration or coordination. Hearing loss can occur at the highest noise intensity levels.

Noise environments and consequences of human activities are usually well represented by median noise levels during the day or night or over a 24-hour period. Environmental noise levels are generally considered low when the CNEL is below 60 dBA, moderate in the 60 to 70 dBA range, and high above 70 dBA. Examples of low daytime levels are isolated, natural settings with noise levels as low as 20 dBA and quiet, suburban, residential streets with noise levels around 40 dBA. Noise levels above 45 dBA at night can disrupt sleep. Examples of moderate-level noise environments are urban residential or semi-commercial areas (typically 55 to 60 dBA) and commercial locations (typically 60 dBA). People may consider louder environments adverse, but most will accept the higher levels associated with noisier urban residential or residential-commercial areas (60 to 75 dBA) or dense urban or industrial areas (65 to 80 dBA). Regarding increases in dBA, the following relationships should be noted:

- Except in carefully controlled laboratory experiments, a 1-dBA change cannot be perceived by humans.
- Outside of the laboratory, a 3-dBA change is considered a just-perceivable difference.
- A minimum 5-dBA change is required before any noticeable change in community response would be expected. A 5-dBA increase is typically considered substantial.
- A 10-dBA change is subjectively heard as an approximate doubling in loudness and would almost certainly cause an adverse change in community response.

## Effects of Noise on People

### Hearing Loss

While physical damage to the ear from an intense noise impulse is rare, a degradation of auditory acuity can occur even within a community noise environment. Hearing loss occurs mainly due to chronic exposure to excessive noise but may be due to a single event such as an explosion. Natural hearing loss associated with aging may also be accelerated from chronic exposure to loud noise. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has a noise exposure standard that is set at the noise threshold where hearing loss may occur from long-term exposures. The maximum allowable level is 90 dBA averaged over 8 hours. If the noise is above 90 dBA, the allowable exposure time is correspondingly shorter.

### Annoyance

Attitude surveys are used for measuring the annoyance felt in a community for noises intruding into homes or affecting outdoor activity areas. In these surveys, it was determined that causes for annoyance include interference with speech, radio and television, house vibrations, and interference with sleep and rest. The  $L_{dn}$  as a measure of noise has been found to provide a valid correlation of noise level and the

percentage of people annoyed. People have been asked to judge the annoyance caused by aircraft noise and ground transportation noise. There continues to be disagreement about the relative annoyance of these different sources. A noise level of about 55 dBA  $L_{dn}$  is the threshold at which a substantial percentage of people begin to report annoyance<sup>1</sup>.

## 2.2 Groundborne Vibration

Sources of groundborne vibrations include natural phenomena (earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, sea waves, landslides, etc.) or man-made causes (explosions, machinery, traffic, trains, construction equipment, etc.). Vibration sources may be continuous (e.g. factory machinery) or transient (e.g. explosions). Ground vibration consists of rapidly fluctuating motions or waves with an average motion of zero. Several different methods are typically used to quantify vibration amplitude. One is the peak particle velocity (PPV); another is the root mean square (RMS) velocity. The PPV is defined as the maximum instantaneous positive or negative peak of the vibration wave. The RMS velocity is defined as the average of the squared amplitude of the signal. The PPV and RMS vibration velocity amplitudes are used to evaluate human response to vibration.

Table 4: Human Reaction and Damage to Buildings for Continuous or Frequent Intermittent Vibrations, displays the reactions of people and the effects on buildings produced by continuous vibration levels. The annoyance levels shown in the table should be interpreted with care since vibration may be found to be annoying at much lower levels than those listed, depending on the level of activity or the sensitivity of the individual. To sensitive individuals, vibrations approaching the threshold of perception can be annoying. Low-level vibrations frequently cause irritating secondary vibration, such as a slight rattling of windows, doors, or stacked dishes. The rattling sound can give rise to exaggerated vibration complaints, even though there is very little risk of actual structural damage. In high noise environments, which are more prevalent where groundborne vibration approaches perceptible levels, this rattling phenomenon may also be produced by loud airborne environmental noise causing induced vibration in exterior doors and windows.

Table 4: Human Reaction and Damage to Buildings for Continuous or Frequent Intermittent Vibrations			
Peak Particle Velocity (in/sec)	Approximate Vibration Velocity Level (VdB)	Human Reaction	Effect on Buildings
0.006-0.019	64-74	Range of threshold of perception	Vibrations unlikely to cause damage of any type
0.08	87	Vibrations readily perceptible	Recommended upper level to which ruins and ancient monuments should be subjected
0.1	92	Level at which continuous vibrations may begin to annoy people, particularly those involved in vibration sensitive activities	Virtually no risk of architectural damage to normal buildings
0.2	94	Vibrations may begin to annoy people in buildings	Threshold at which there is a risk of architectural damage to normal dwellings
0.4-0.6	98-104	Vibrations considered unpleasant by people subjected to continuous vibrations and unacceptable to some people walking on bridges	Architectural damage and possibly minor structural damage

Source: California Department of Transportation, *Transportation and Construction Vibration Guidance Manual*, 2013.

<sup>1</sup> Federal Interagency Committee on Noise, *Federal Agency Review of Selected Airport Noise Analysis Issues*, August 1992.



Ground vibration can be a concern in instances where buildings shake, and substantial rumblings occur. However, it is unusual for vibration from typical urban sources such as buses and heavy trucks to be perceptible. Common sources for groundborne vibration are planes, trains, and construction activities such as earth-moving which requires the use of heavy-duty earth moving equipment. For the purposes of this analysis, a PPV descriptor with units of inches per second (in/sec) is used to evaluate construction-generated vibration for building damage and human complaints.

### 3 REGULATORY SETTING

To limit population exposure to physically or psychologically damaging as well as intrusive noise levels, the Federal government, the State of California, various county governments, and most municipalities in the state have established standards and ordinances to control noise.

#### 3.1 State of California

##### California Government Code

California Government Code Section 65302(f) mandates that the legislative body of each county and city adopt a noise element as part of its comprehensive general plan. The local noise element must recognize the land use compatibility guidelines established by the State Department of Health Services. The guidelines rank noise land use compatibility in terms of “normally acceptable”, “conditionally acceptable”, “normally unacceptable”, and “clearly unacceptable” noise levels for various land use types. Single-family homes are “normally acceptable” in exterior noise environments up to 60 CNEL and “conditionally acceptable” up to 70 CNEL. Multiple-family residential uses are “normally acceptable” up to 65 CNEL and “conditionally acceptable” up to 70 CNEL. Schools, libraries, and churches are “normally acceptable” up to 70 CNEL, as are office buildings and business, commercial, and professional uses.

##### Title 24 – Building Code

The State’s noise insulation standards are codified in the California Code of Regulations, Title 24: Part 1, Building Standards Administrative Code, and Part 2, California Building Code. These noise standards are applied to new construction in California for interior noise compatibility from exterior noise sources. The regulations specify that acoustical studies must be prepared when noise-sensitive structures, such as residential buildings, schools, or hospitals, are located near major transportation noise sources, and where such noise sources create an exterior noise level of 65 dBA CNEL or higher. Acoustical studies that accompany building plans must demonstrate that the structure has been designed to limit interior noise in habitable rooms to acceptable noise levels. For new multi-family residential buildings, the acceptable interior noise limit for new construction is 45 dBA CNEL.

#### 3.2 Local

##### City of Beaumont General Plan

The City of Beaumont General Plan contains the following goals and policies that address noise as part of the Safety Element:

**Goal 6: The City of Beaumont will strive to control the adverse effects of noise in the environment.**

Policy 24: The City of Beaumont will protect public health and welfare by eliminating existing noise problems and by preventing significant degradation of the future acoustic environment.

Policy 25: The City of Beaumont will incorporate noise considerations into land use planning decisions.

Policy 27: The City of Beaumont shall promote the effective enforcement of City, State and Federal noise standards by all appropriate City divisions.

The Safety Element also includes the following compatibility standards, as provided in Table 5: Noise and Land Use Compatibility Standards. The noise level ranges shown in the table serve as guidelines with respect to the placement of land uses in the City.

<b>Table 5: Noise and Land Use Compatibility Standards</b>		
<b>Noise and Land Use Compatibility Standards (Ambient Exterior Noise Exposure)</b>		
<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Desired Maximum</b>	<b>Maximum Acceptable</b>
Single-Family Residential	55 dBA	65 dBA
Multiple-Family Residential	60 dBA	65 dBA
6 <sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Overlay	65 dBA	70 dBA
Public Facilities (Including Schools)	60 dBA	70 dBA
All Commercial and Mixed-Use	65 dBA	75 dBA
Industrial	70 dBA	75 dBA

Source: City of Beaumont, City of Beaumont General Plan, Safety Element, 2007.

**City of Beaumont Municipal Code**

The Beaumont Municipal Code establishes the following air quality provisions relative to the Project:

**Section 9.02.050 – Special Provisions**

All ambient noise measurements shall commence at the base ambient noise levels in decibels within the respective times and zones as follows:

<b>Table 6: Base Ambient Noise Level</b>		
<b>Decibels</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Zone Use</b>
45 dBA	10:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.	Residential
55 dBA	7:00 a.m. – 10: p.m.	Residential
50 dBA	10:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.	Industrial and Commercial
75 dBA	7:00 a.m. – 10: p.m.	Industrial and Commercial

Source: City of Beaumont, City of Beaumont Municipal Code, 2019

Actual decibel measurements exceeding the levels set forth hereinabove at the times and within the zones corresponding thereto shall be employed as the “base ambient noise level.” Otherwise, no ambient noise shall be deemed to be than the above specified levels.

**Section 9.02.110 – Special Provisions**

F. Construction, Landscape. Maintenance or Repair

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in or permit the generation of noise related to landscape maintenance, construction including erection, excavation, demolition, alteration or repair of any structure or improvement, at such sound levels, as measured at the property line of the nearest adjacent occupied property, as to be in excess of the sound levels permitted under this Chapter, at other times than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The person engaged in such activity is hereby permitted to exceed sound

levels otherwise set forth in this Chapter for the duration of the activity during the above described hours for purposes of construction. However, nothing contained herein shall permit any person to cause sound levels to at any time exceed 55 dB(A) for intervals of more than 15 minutes per hour as measured in the interior of the nearest occupied residence or school.

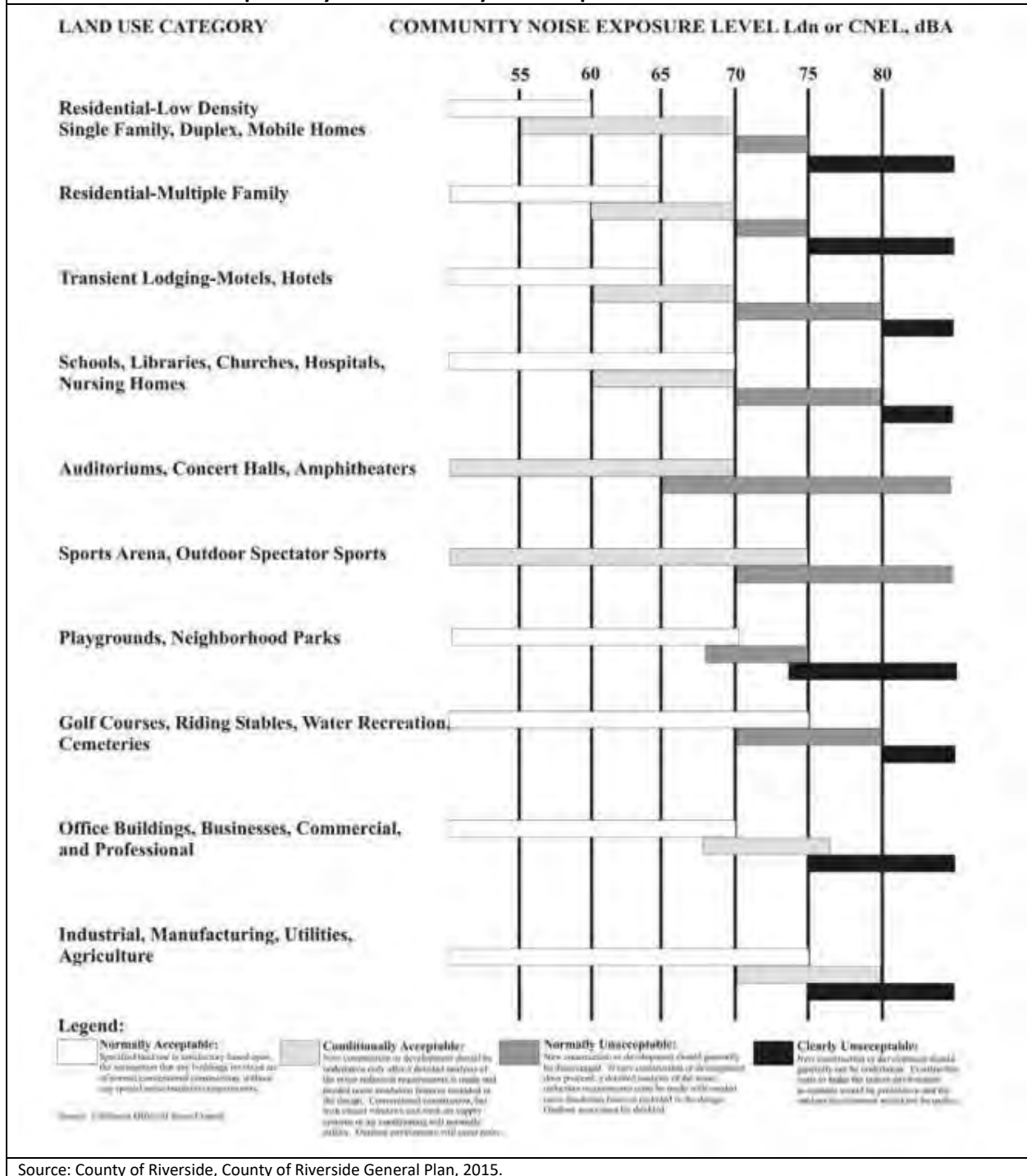
2. Whenever a construction site is within one-quarter of a mile of an occupied residence or residences, no construction activities shall be undertaken between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. during the months of June through September and between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. during the months of October through May. Exceptions to these standards shall be allowed only with the written consent of the building official.

### **County of Riverside General Plan**

The County of Riverside General Plan contains the following policies addressing noise as part of the Noise Element:

- Policy N 1.1 Protect noise-sensitive land uses from high levels of noise by restricting noise-producing land uses from these areas. If the noise-producing land use cannot be relocated, then noise buffers such as setbacks, landscaping, or blockwalls shall be used.
- Policy N 1.5 Prevent and mitigate the adverse impacts of excessive noise exposure on the residents, employees, visitors, and noise-sensitive uses of Riverside County.
- Policy N 1.6 Minimize noise spillover or encroachment from commercial and industrial land uses into adjoining residential neighborhoods or noise-sensitive uses.

**Table 7: Land Use Compatibility for Community Noise Exposure**



Source: County of Riverside, County of Riverside General Plan, 2015.

## County of Riverside Code of Ordinances

The Riverside County Code of Ordinances establishes the following noise provisions that are relevant to the Project:

### Section 9.52.040 – General Sound Level Standards

No person shall create any sound, or allow the creation of any sound, on any property that causes the exterior sound level on any other occupied property to exceed the sound level standards set forth in [Table 8: Sound Level Standards](#).

General Plan Foundation Component	General Plan Land Use Designation	General Plan Land Use Designation Name	Density	Maximum Decibel Level	
				7 am—10 pm	10 pm—7 am
Community Development	EDR	Estate Density Residential	2 AC	55	45
	VLDR	Very Low Density Residential	1 AC	55	45
	LDR	Low Density Residential	1/2 AC	55	45
	MDR	Medium Density Residential	2—5	55	45
	MHDR	Medium High Density Residential	5—8	55	45
	HDR	High Density Residential	8—14	55	45
	HDR	Very High Density Residential	14—20	55	45
	H'TDR	Highest Density Residential	20+	55	45
	CR	Retail Commercial		65	55
	CO	Office Commercial		65	55
	CT	Tourist Commercial		65	55
	CC	Community Center		65	55
	LI	Light Industrial		75	55
	HI	Heavy Industrial		75	75
	BP	Business Park		65	45
PF	Public Facility		65	45	

Source: County of Riverside, Code of Ordinances, 2019.

## 4 EXISTING CONDITIONS

### 4.1 Existing Noise Sources

The City is impacted by various noise sources. Mobile sources of noise, especially cars, trucks, and trains are the most common and significant sources of noise. Other noise sources are the various land uses (i.e. residential, commercial, institutional, and recreational and parks activities) throughout the City that generate stationary-source noise.

#### Mobile Sources

The Project site is not currently accessible by public roads. Potrero Boulevard is being extended along the eastern edge of the Project site while 4<sup>th</sup> Street is being extended to the south, both roads however are closed while under construction. The existing mobile noise sources in the Project area are generated by motor vehicles traveling along SR-60, located approximately 200 feet north of the Project boundary.

#### Stationary Sources

The nearest source of stationary noise in the Project vicinity would come from existing industrial buildings located approximately 3,000 feet to the east of the Project site. The noise associated with these sources may represent a single-event noise occurrence or short-term noise. Other noises include roadway construction along Potrero Boulevard and 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

### 4.2 Noise Measurements

The Project site is currently vacant and unoccupied. To quantify existing ambient noise levels in the Project area, Kimley-Horn conducted three short-term noise measurements on February 19, 2020; see [Appendix A: Existing Ambient Noise Measurements](#). The noise measurement sites were representative of typical existing noise exposure within and immediately adjacent to the Project site. The 10-minute measurements were taken between 10:57 a.m. and 11:58 a.m. Short-term  $L_{eq}$  measurements are considered representative of the noise levels throughout the day. The average noise levels and sources of noise measured at each location are listed in [Table 9: Existing Noise Measurements](#) and shown on [Exhibit 4: Noise Measurement Locations](#). Measurement 1 is located at the residential community north of the Project site across SR-60. This location is representative of the ambient conditions at the closest sensitive receptors north of the Project site. Measurements 2 and 3 located east of the Project site and are representative of the conditions in the Project vicinity south of SR-60.

Site #	Location	$L_{eq}$ (dBA)	$L_{min}$ (dBA)	$L_{max}$ (dBA)	Time
1	Potrero Boulevard, Beaumont	54.3	37.9	71.6	11:07 a.m.
2	Prosperity Way, Beaumont	42.4	36.8	58.0	11:42 a.m.
3	West 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, Beaumont	52.9	34.2	71.7	11:58 a.m.

Source: Noise measurements taken by Kimley-Horn, February 19, 2020. See Appendix A for noise measurement results.

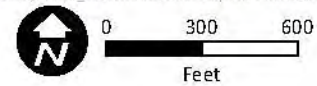




Source: Near Map - Image dated 1-23-2020

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**EXHIBIT 4: Noise Measurement Locations**  
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### 4.3 Sensitive Receptors

Noise exposure goals for various types of land uses reflect the varying noise sensitivities associated with those uses. Noise sensitive uses typically include residences, hospitals, schools, childcare facilities, and places of assembly. Vibration sensitive receivers are generally similar to noise sensitive receivers but may also include businesses, such as research facilities and laboratories that use vibration-sensitive equipment. At the time of writing this study there are no sensitive receptors near the Project site. The area immediately surrounding the area consists of open space and industrial development. Directly to the south of the Project site an extension of 4<sup>th</sup> Street is being constructed from east to west. Directly to the north of the Project is the SR-60, and north of the SR-60 is a residential community currently under construction. Although the residential community to the north is not occupied, this will be the location of the nearest sensitive receptors in the near future. The nearest future residential property is approximately 550 feet north the Project boundary. The fact that these residential properties are being built adjacent to the SR-60 means that they will include design features and mitigation measures to significantly reduce traffic noise.

## 5 SIGNIFICANCE CRITERIA AND METHODOLOGY

### 5.1 CEQA Thresholds

Appendix G of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines contains analysis guidelines related to noise impacts. These guidelines have been used by the City to develop thresholds of significance for this analysis. A project would create a significant environmental impact if it would:

- Generate a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies;
- Generate excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels; and
- For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, expose people residing or working in the Project area to excessive noise levels.

### 5.2 Methodology

#### Construction

Construction noise levels were based on typical noise levels generated by construction equipment published by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Construction noise is assessed in dBA Leq. This unit is appropriate because Leq can be used to describe noise level from operation of each piece of equipment separately, and levels can be combined to represent the noise level from all equipment operating during a given period.

FTA's General Assessment one-hour Leq methodology as described in the 2018 *Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Manual* was used to estimate construction noise at nearby sensitive receptors. This method requires determining the noise emission levels for the two noisiest pieces of equipment expected to be used during each phase of construction when measured from a distance between the sensitive receptor and the center of the project, then these two levels are summed using decibel addition.

#### Operations

The analysis of the Without Project and With Project noise environments is based on noise prediction modeling and empirical observations. Reference noise level data are used to estimate the Project operational noise impacts from stationary sources. Noise levels are collected from field noise measurements and other published sources from similar types of activities are used to estimate noise levels expected with the Project's stationary sources. The reference noise levels are used to represent a worst-case noise environment as noise level from stationary sources can vary throughout the day. Operational noise is evaluated based on the standards within the City's Noise Ordinance and General Plan. The Without Project and With Project traffic noise levels in the Project vicinity were calculated using the FHWA Highway Noise Prediction Model (FHWA-RD-77-108).

**Vibration**

Groundborne vibration levels associated with construction-related activities for the Project were evaluated utilizing typical groundborne vibration levels associated with construction equipment, obtained from FTA published data for construction equipment. Potential groundborne vibration impacts related to building/structure damage and interference with sensitive existing operations were evaluated, considering the distance from construction activities to nearby land uses and typically applied criteria.

For a building that is constructed with engineered timbers or reinforced concrete, the FTA guidelines show that a vibration level of up to 0.50 in/sec is considered safe and would not result in any vibration damage. Human annoyance is evaluated in vibration decibels (VdB) (the vibration velocity level in decibel scale) and occurs when construction vibration rises significantly above the threshold of human perception for extended periods of time. The FTA Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Manual identifies 75 VdB as the threshold for buildings where people normally sleep.

## 6 POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION

### 6.1 Acoustical Impacts

**Threshold 6.1** Would the Project generate a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?

#### Construction

Construction noise typically occurs intermittently and varies depending on the nature or phase of construction (e.g. land clearing, grading, excavation, paving). Noise generated by construction equipment, including earth movers, material handlers, and portable generators, can reach high levels. During construction, exterior noise levels could affect the residential neighborhoods surrounding the construction site. However, it is acknowledged that construction activities would occur throughout the Project site and would not be concentrated at a single point near sensitive receptors.

Construction activities would include site preparation, grading, building construction, paving, and architectural coating. Such activities would require graders, scrapers, and tractors during site preparation; graders, dozers, and tractors during grading; cranes, forklifts, generators, tractors, and welders during building construction; pavers, rollers, mixers, tractors, and paving equipment during paving; and air compressors during architectural coating. Typical operating cycles for these types of construction equipment may involve 1 or 2 minutes of full power operation followed by 3 to 4 minutes at lower power settings. Other primary sources of acoustical disturbance would be random incidents, which would last less than one minute (such as dropping large pieces of equipment or the hydraulic movement of machinery lifts). Typical noise levels associated with individual construction equipment are listed in [Table 10: Typical Construction Noise Levels](#).

<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Typical Noise Level (dBA) at 50 feet from Source</b>	<b>Typical Noise Level (dBA) at 550 feet from Source<sup>1</sup></b>
Air Compressor	80	59.2
Backhoe	80	59.2
Compactor	82	61.2
Concrete Mixer	85	64.2
Concrete Pump	82	61.2
Concrete Vibrator	76	55.2
Crane, Mobile	83	62.2
Dozer	85	64.2
Generator	82	61.2
Grader	85	64.2
Impact Wrench	85	64.2
Jack Hammer	88	67.2
Loader	80	59.2
Paver	85	64.2
Pneumatic Tool	85	64.2
Pump	77	56.2
Roller	85	64.2

Equipment	Typical Noise Level (dBA) at 50 feet from Source	Typical Noise Level (dBA) at 550 feet from Source <sup>1</sup>
Saw	76	55.2
Scraper	85	64.2
Shovel	82	61.2
Truck	84	63.2

Note:  
 1. Calculated using the inverse square law formula for sound attenuation:  $dBA_2 = dBA_1 + 20\log(d_1/d_2)$   
 Where:  $dBA_2$  = estimated noise level at receptor;  $dBA_1$  = reference noise level;  $d_1$  = reference distance;  $d_2$  = receptor location distance

Source: Federal Transit Administration, *Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Manual*, September 2018.

As shown in Table 10, based strictly on distance attenuation, exterior noise levels of individual equipment would not affect the nearest existing sensitive receptors in the vicinity. Sensitive uses in the Project site vicinity include future residential properties to the north which are currently under construction. Using FTA's General Assessment methodology, the two noisiest pieces of construction equipment for each phase would generate 85 dBA at fifty feet. Therefore, when measured at the nearest sensitive receptor, each piece of equipment would generate 64 dBA of noise. When the two noise levels are added together, they combine to 67 dBA because noise levels are measured on a logarithmic scale. The combined noise level of the construction equipment, 67 dBA, is below FTA's exterior construction noise threshold of 90 dBA (1-hour Leq) during daytime hours and 80 dbA (1-hour Leq) during nighttime hours for residential uses.

The City's Municipal Code states that at no time is any person to cause sound levels to exceed 55 dB(A) for intervals of more than 15 minutes per hour as measured in the interior of the nearest occupied residence or school. Although the homes north of the Project site and north of freeway are currently under construction, these residential units are identified as the nearest sensitive receptors. When measuring noise from the interior of a building, the EPA states that buildings built for warm climates would reduce exterior noise by 12 dB with windows open and 24 dB with windows closed<sup>2</sup>. Therefore, exterior construction noise levels of 67 dBA would be reduced to at least 55 dBA and would not exceed the City's 55 dBA threshold. However, due to the proximity of the houses to SR-60, the properties nearest the freeway are surrounded by a masonry wall which would further reduce noise levels by 5 to 8 dB<sup>3</sup>. Therefore, after taking into account the masonry wall, exterior construction noise levels of 67 dBA would be reduced to at least 50 dBA when measured in the interior of the nearest residence. In addition, construction equipment would operate throughout the Project site and the associated noise levels would not occur at a fixed location for extended periods of time. Although sensitive uses may be exposed to noise levels above ambient conditions during project construction, construction noise would be acoustically dispersed throughout the project site and not concentrated in one area near surrounding sensitive uses. As construction noise levels would not exceed City or FTA standards, impacts would be less than significant.

## Operations

Implementation of the proposed Project would create new sources of noise in the project vicinity. The major noise sources associated with the Project would include stationary noise equipment (i.e. trash

<sup>2</sup> EPA, *Protective Noise Levels Condensed Version of EPA Levels Document*, 1978

<https://nepis.epa.gov/Exe/ZyPURL.cgi?Dockey=20012HG5.TXT>

<sup>3</sup> Federal Highway Administration, *Roadway Construction Noise Model User's Guide*, 2006.

compactors, air conditioners, etc.); truck and loading dock (i.e. slow moving truck on the site, maneuvering and idling trucks, equipment noise); parking areas (i.e. car door slamming, car radios, engine start-up, and car pass-by); and off-site traffic noise.

### **Mechanical Equipment**

The Project is surrounded by vacant land and industrial uses. The nearest sensitive receptors to the Project site are the future residences 550 feet north of the project site on the opposite side of SR-60. Potential stationary noise sources related to long-term operation of the Project site would include mechanical equipment. Mechanical equipment (e.g. heating ventilation and air conditioning [HVAC] equipment) typically generates noise levels of approximately 50 to 60 dBA at 50 feet. At a minimum distance of 550 feet, mechanical noise levels would attenuate to 39 dBA, which is below the City's noise standards of 45 dBA for nighttime (10:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.) and 55 dBA for daytime (7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.) for residential receptors (refer to Table 6). In addition, noise levels would be further attenuated by the masonry wall surrounding the residential properties. Noise impacts associated with HVAC equipment would be less than significant. Operation of mechanical equipment would not increase ambient noise levels beyond the acceptable compatible land use noise levels. Therefore, the proposed project would result in a less than significant impact related to stationary noise levels. Further, the warehouse would be required to comply with the General Plan and Municipal Code noise standards.

### **Truck and Loading Dock Noise**

During loading and unloading activities, noise would be generated by the trucks' diesel engines, exhaust systems, and brakes during low gear shifting' braking activities; backing up toward the docks; dropping down the dock ramps; and maneuvering away from the docks. Loading/unloading activities would occur on the north and south sides of the project site. Driveways and access to the site would occur along Potrero Boulevard and 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

The proposed warehouse building includes dock-high doors for truck loading/unloading and manufacturing/light industrial operations. The dock-high doors are set back a minimum of 130 feet from the northern retaining wall, 185 feet from the southern concrete wall, and approximately 680 feet from the closest sensitive receptors to the north. Truck and loading dock noise is typically 64.4 dBA at 50 feet<sup>4</sup>.

Based on distance attenuation, noise levels due to loading/unloading would be reduced to 41.7 dBA at the closest residences located 680 feet to the north of the loading areas. This noise levels would also be further attenuated by masonry wall surrounding the residential properties, reducing noise levels by 5 to 8 dB<sup>5</sup> to at least 36.7 dBA. Therefore, loading/unloading noise levels would be below the City's nighttime standard of 45 dBA at residences. Furthermore, loading dock doors would also be surrounded with protective aprons, gaskets, or similar improvements that, when a trailer is docked, would serve as a noise barrier between the interior warehouse activities and the exterior loading area. This would attenuate noise emanating from interior activities, and as such, interior loading and associated activities would be permissible during all hours of the day. As described above, noise levels associated with trucks and loading/unloading activities would not exceed the City's standards and impacts would be less than significant.

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<sup>4</sup> Loading dock reference noise level measurements conducted by Kimley-Horn on December 18, 2018.

<sup>5</sup> Federal Highway Administration, *Roadway Construction Noise Model User's Guide*, 2006.

## Parking Noise

The Project provides 314 automobile parking stalls and 106 trailer parking stalls. Parking is located on the western portion of the Project site, along Potrero Boulevard. Nominal parking noise would occur within the on-site parking facilities. Traffic associated with parking lots is typically not of sufficient volume to exceed community noise standards, which are based on a time-averaged scale such as the CNEL scale. The instantaneous maximum sound levels generated by a car door slamming, engine starting up, and car pass-bys range from 60 to 63 dBA however there are no adjacent noise-sensitive receptors. Therefore, noise impacts associated with parking would be less than significant.

## Off-Site Traffic Noise

Future development generated by the proposed project would result in additional traffic on adjacent roadways, thereby increasing vehicular noise near existing and proposed land uses. Based on the Traffic Impact Analysis, the proposed project would result in approximately 1,685 daily trips. The Opening Year “2021 Without Project” and “2021 Plus Project” scenarios are compared in [Table 11: Opening Year Traffic Noise Levels](#). As shown in [Table 11](#), roadway noise levels, both with and without the Project, would range from 63.3 dBA to 68.8 dBA and project generated traffic would result in a maximum increase of 0.4 dBA. In general, a 3-dBA increase in traffic noise is barely perceptible to people, while a 5-dBA increase is readily noticeable. As the noise level increase is below 3.0 dBA, a less than significant impact would occur in this regard.

Roadway Segment	2021 Without Project		2021 With Project		Change	Significant Impacts
	ADT	dBA CNEL at 100 feet from Roadway Centerline	ADT	dBA CNEL at 100 feet from Roadway Centerline		
Oak Valley Parkway, west of Potrero Boulevard	7,469	66.2	7,782	66.4	0.2	No
Oak Valley Parkway, between Potrero Boulevard and Desert Dawn Drive	10,356	67.7	10,982	67.9	0.2	No
Potrero Boulevard, south of Oak Valley Parkway	5,656	64.9	6,282	65.3	0.4	No
4 <sup>th</sup> Street, west of Viele Avenue	9,854	67.4	10,198	67.5	0.1	No
4 <sup>th</sup> Street, east of Viele Avenue	4,884	63.3	5,203	63.6	0.3	No
Viele Avenue, between Luis Estrada Road and 4 <sup>th</sup> Street	7,568	65.7	7,592	65.7	0.0	No
Viele Avenue, south of 4 <sup>th</sup> Street	4,398	63.3	4,398	63.3	0.0	No
California Avenue, between Luis Estrada Road and 4 <sup>th</sup> Street	13,990	68.8	14,210	68.8	0.0	No
California Avenue, south of 4 <sup>th</sup> Street	11,586	68.0	11,685	68.0	0.0	No

ADT = average daily traffic; dBA = A-weighted decibels; CNEL = community noise equivalent level.  
 Source: Based on traffic data within the *Traffic Impact Study*, prepared by Kimley-Horn, 2020. Refer to Appendix B for traffic noise modeling assumptions and results.

## Potential Effects on Wildlife

The Project site is adjacent to habitat areas to the south. Various studies address the potential noise effects to wildlife. According to the study, *How and Why Environmental Noise Impacts Animals: An Integrative, Mechanistic Review* (Knight and Swaddle, Ecology Letters, 2011), the health and behavioral effects of noise on animals were found to start occurring at 80 to 90 dB or more. Additionally, according to the Caltrans document, *Technical Guidance for Assessment and Mitigation of the Effects of Traffic and*

*Road Construction Noise on Birds* (2016), continuous noise levels above 110 dBA lasting over 12-24 hours or a single impulsive noise over 140 dBA (125 dB for multiple blasts) can cause hearing loss in birds. Additionally, continuous noise above 93 dBA is the threshold thought to potentially mask important communication signals, and possibly lead to other behavioral and/or physiological effects. The study also notes that birds adapt to short-term loud noises by increasing the level of their vocal output by as much as 10 dB.

Table 10 in the construction noise analysis above shows that construction equipment generates noise levels ranging from 76 dBA and 88 dBA. As discussed above, construction noise would be acoustically dispersed throughout the Project site and not concentrated in one area near surrounding sensitive uses. Additionally, the habitat areas would be 200 feet or more from the Project site. At this distance, the highest construction equipment noise levels would attenuate to 76 dBA, which is below the levels identified above where effects on wildlife are expected to occur. Additionally, as discussed above, operational noise levels from mechanical equipment, truck and loading dock noise, and parking lot noise would not exceed the City's 75 dBA noise standards. As such, operational noise also would be below the levels where effects on wildlife are expected to occur. Therefore, noise impacts to habitat areas and wildlife would be less than significant.

**Mitigation Measures:** No mitigation is required.

**Level of Significance:** Less than significant impact.

#### **Threshold 6.2 Would the Project generate excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?**

Increases in groundborne vibration levels attributable to the proposed Project would be primarily associated with short-term construction-related activities. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has published standard vibration velocities for construction equipment operations in their 2018 *Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Manual*. The types of construction vibration impacts include human annoyance and building damage.

Human annoyance is evaluated in vibration decibels (VdB) (the vibration velocity level in decibel scale) and occurs when construction vibration rises significantly above the threshold of human perception for extended periods of time. The FTA Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Manual identifies 75 VdB as the approximate threshold for annoyance. Building damage can be cosmetic or structural. Ordinary buildings that are not particularly fragile would not experience cosmetic damage (e.g. plaster cracks) at distances beyond 30 feet. This distance can vary substantially depending on soil composition and underground geological layer between vibration source and receiver. In addition, not all buildings respond similarly to vibration generated by construction equipment. For example, for a building that is constructed with reinforced concrete with no plaster, the FTA guidelines show that a vibration level of up to 0.20 in/sec is considered safe and would not result in any vibration damage.

Table 12: Typical Construction Equipment Vibration Levels, lists vibration levels at 25 feet and 100 feet for typical construction equipment. Groundborne vibration generated by construction equipment spreads through the ground and diminishes in magnitude with increases in distance. As indicated in Table 12, based on FTA data, vibration velocities from typical heavy construction equipment operations that would be used during Project construction range from 0.003 to 0.089 in/sec PPV at 25 feet from the source of



activity, which is below the FTA’s 0.20 PPV threshold. The nearest sensitive receptors are the residential uses located approximately 550 feet to the northeast of the active construction zone.

<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Peak Particle Velocity at 25 Feet (in/sec)</b>	<b>Peak Particle Velocity at 100 Feet (in/sec)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Approximate VdB at 25 Feet</b>	<b>Approximate VdB at 100 Feet<sup>2</sup></b>
Large Bulldozer	0.089	0.011	87	69
Caisson Drilling	0.089	0.011	87	69
Loaded Trucks	0.076	0.010	86	68
Jackhammer	0.035	0.004	79	61
Small Bulldozer/Tractors	0.003	0.000	58	41

1. Calculated using the following formula:  $PPV_{equip} = PPV_{ref} \times (25/D)^{1.5}$ , where:  $PPV_{equip}$  = the peak particle velocity in in/sec of the equipment adjusted for the distance;  $PPV_{ref}$  = the reference vibration level in in/sec from Table 7-4 of the Federal Transit Administration, *Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Manual*, 2018; D = the distance from the equipment to the receiver.

2. Calculated using the following formula:  $Lv(D) = Lv(25 \text{ feet}) - (30 \times \log_{10}(D/25 \text{ feet}))$  per the FTA Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Manual (2018).

Source: Federal Transit Administration, *Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Manual*, 2018.

As shown in Table 12, construction VdB levels would not exceed 69 VdB at 100 feet (i.e. below the 75 VdB annoyance threshold). It can reasonably be assumed that at 550 feet, the vibration levels would attenuate further. It is also acknowledged that construction activities would occur throughout the Project site and would not be concentrated at the point closest to the nearest residential structure. Therefore, vibration impacts associated with the Project construction would be less than significant.

Once operational, the Project would not be a significant source of groundborne vibration. Groundborne vibration surrounding the Project currently result from heavy-duty vehicular travel (e.g. refuse trucks, heavy duty trucks, delivery trucks, and transit buses) on the nearby local roadways. Operations of the proposed Project would include truck deliveries. Due to the rapid drop-off rate of ground-borne vibration and the short duration of the associated events, vehicular traffic-induced ground-borne vibration is rarely perceptible beyond the roadway right-of-way, and rarely results in vibration levels that cause damage to buildings in the vicinity. According to the FTA’s Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment, trucks rarely create vibration levels that exceed 70 VdB (equivalent to 0.012 inches per second PPV) when they are on roadways. Therefore, trucks operating at the Project site or along surrounding roadways would not exceed FTA thresholds for building damage or annoyance. Impacts would be less than significant in this regard.

**Mitigation Measures:** No mitigation is required.

**Level of Significance:** Less than significant impact.

**Threshold 6.3 For a Project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the Project expose people residing or working in the Project area to excessive noise levels?**

The closest airport to the Project site is the Banning Municipal Airport located approximately 9 miles to the east. The Project is not within 2.0 miles of a public airport or within an airport land use plan.

Additionally, there are no private airstrips located within the Project vicinity. Therefore, the Project would not expose people working in the Project area to excessive airport- or airstrip-related noise levels and no mitigation is required.

**Mitigation Measures:** No mitigation is required.

**Level of Significance:** Less than significant impact.

## 6.2 Cumulative Noise Impacts

### Cumulative Construction Noise

The Project's construction activities would not result in a substantial temporary increase in ambient noise levels. Construction noise would be periodic and temporary noise impacts that would cease upon completion of construction activities. The Project would contribute to other proximate construction project noise impacts if construction activities were conducted concurrently. However, based on the noise analysis above, the Project's construction-related noise impacts would be less than significant following the City of Beaumont Municipal Code.

Construction activities at other planned and approved projects near the Project site would be required to comply with applicable City rules related to noise and would take place during daytime hours on the days permitted by the applicable Municipal Code, and projects requiring discretionary City approvals would be required to evaluate construction noise impacts, comply with the City's standard conditions of approval, and implement mitigation, if necessary, to minimize noise impacts. Construction noise impacts are by nature localized. Based on the fact that noise dissipates as it travels away from its source, noise impacts would be limited to the Project site and vicinity. Therefore, Project construction would not result in a cumulatively considerable contribution to significant cumulative impacts, assuming such a cumulative impact existed, and impacts in this regard are not cumulatively considerable.

### Cumulative Operational Noise

#### *Cumulative Off-Site Traffic Noise*

Cumulative noise impacts describe how much noise levels are projected to increase over existing conditions with the development of the proposed Project and other foreseeable projects. Cumulative noise impacts would occur primarily as a result of increased traffic on local roadways due to buildout of the proposed Project and other projects in the vicinity. Cumulative increases in traffic noise levels were estimated by comparing the Existing and Opening Year Without Project scenarios to the Opening Year Plus Project scenario. The traffic analysis considers cumulative traffic from future growth assumed in the transportation model, as well as cumulative projects.

A project's contribution to a cumulative traffic noise increase would be considered significant when the combined effect exceeds perception level (i.e., auditory level increase) threshold. The following criteria is used to evaluate the combined and incremental effects of the cumulative noise increase.

- ***Combined Effect.*** The cumulative with Project noise level ("Opening Year With Project") would cause a significant cumulative impact if a 3.0 dB increase over "Existing" conditions occurs and

the resulting noise level exceeds the applicable exterior standard at a sensitive use. Although there may be a significant noise increase due to the proposed Project in combination with other related projects (combined effects), it must also be demonstrated that the Project has an incremental effect. In other words, a significant portion of the noise increase must be due to the proposed Project.

- **Incremental Effects.** The “Opening Year With Project” causes a 1.0 dBA increase in noise over the “Opening Year Without Project” noise level.

A significant impact would result only if both the combined and incremental effects criteria have been exceeded. Noise by definition is a localized phenomenon and reduces as distance from the source increases. Consequently, only the proposed Project and growth due to occur in the general area would contribute to cumulative noise impacts.

**Table 13: Opening Year Plus Project Conditions Predicted Traffic Noise Levels** identifies the traffic noise effects along roadway segments in the Project vicinity for “Existing,” “Opening Year Without Project,” and “Opening Year With Project,” conditions, including incremental and net cumulative impacts.

<b>Table 13: Opening Year Plus Project Conditions Predicted Traffic Noise Levels</b>						
Roadway Segment	Existing	Opening Year Without Project	Opening Year With Project	Combined Effects	Incremental Effects	Cumulatively Significant Impact?
				Difference In dBA Between Existing and Opening Year With Project	Difference In dBA Between Opening Year Without Project and Opening Year With Project	
Oak Valley Parkway, west of Potrero Boulevard	64.8	66.2	66.4	1.6	0.2	No
Oak Valley Parkway, between Potrero Boulevard and Desert Dawn Drive	65.6	67.7	67.9	2.3	0.2	No
Potrero Boulevard, south of Oak Valley Parkway	60.9	64.9	65.3	4.4	0.4	No
4 <sup>th</sup> Street, west of Viele Avenue	62.8	67.4	67.5	4.7	0.1	No
4 <sup>th</sup> Street, east of Viele Avenue	61.1	63.3	63.6	2.5	0.3	No
Viele Avenue, between Luis Estrada Road and 4 <sup>th</sup> Street	62.0	65.7	65.7	3.7	0	No
Viele Avenue, south of 4 <sup>th</sup> Street	60.5	63.3	63.3	2.8	0	No
California Avenue, between Luis Estrada Road and 4 <sup>th</sup> Street	68.1	68.8	68.8	0.7	0	No
California Avenue, south of 4 <sup>th</sup> Street	67.5	68.0	68.0	0.5	0	No

ADT = average daily trips; dBA = A-weighted decibels; CNEL = Community Noise Equivalent Level

1. Traffic noise levels are at 100 feet from the roadway centerline. The actual sound level at any receptor location is dependent upon such factors as the source-to-receptor distance and the presence of intervening structures, barriers, and topography.

Source: Based on traffic data within the *VMT Assessment & Local Access, Safety, and Circulation Study*, prepared by Kimley-Horn, 2020. Refer to Appendix B for traffic noise modeling assumptions and results.

**Table 10** shows the increase for combined effects and incremental effects and none of the segments meet the criteria for cumulative noise increase. The proposed Project would not result in long-term mobile noise impacts based on project-generated traffic as well as cumulative and incremental noise levels.

Therefore, the proposed Project, in combination with cumulative background traffic noise levels, would result in a less than significant cumulative impact. The proposed Project's contribution would not be cumulatively considerable.

### ***Cumulative Stationary Noise***

Stationary noise sources of the proposed Project would result in an incremental increase in non-transportation noise sources in the Project vicinity. However, as discussed above, operational noise caused by the proposed Project would be less than significant. Similar to the proposed Project, other planned and approved projects would be required to mitigate for stationary noise impacts at nearby sensitive receptors, if necessary. As stationary noise sources are generally localized, there is a limited potential for other projects to contribute to cumulative noise impacts.

No known past, present, or reasonably foreseeable projects would combine with the operational noise levels generated by the Project to increase noise levels above acceptable standards because each project must comply with applicable City regulations that limit operational noise. Therefore, the Project, together with other projects, would not create a significant cumulative impact, and even if there was such a significant cumulative impact, the Project would not make a cumulatively considerable contribution to significant cumulative operational noises.

Given that noise dissipates as it travels away from its source, operational noise impacts from on-site activities and other stationary sources would be limited to the Project site and vicinity. Thus, cumulative operational noise impacts from related projects, in conjunction with Project specific noise impacts, would not be cumulatively significant.

**Mitigation Measures:** No mitigation is required.

**Level of Significance:** Less than significant impact.

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## **Appendix A**

### **Existing Ambient Noise Measurements**

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**Noise Measurement Field Data**

<b>Project:</b>	Caprock Portrero Warehouse Beaumont	<b>Job Number:</b>	194143001
<b>Site No.:</b>	1	<b>Date:</b>	2/19/2020
<b>Analyst:</b>	Alex Howard	<b>Time:</b>	10:57 - 11:07 AM
<b>Location:</b>	Potrero Blvd., Beaumont		
<b>Noise Sources:</b>	Road noise		
<b>Comments:</b>			

<b>Results (dBA):</b>				
	<b>Leq:</b>	<b>Lmin:</b>	<b>Lmax:</b>	<b>Peak:</b>
	54.3	37.9	71.6	98.8

<b>Equipment</b>	
<b>Sound Level Meter:</b>	LD SoundExpert LxT
<b>Calibrator:</b>	CAL200
<b>Response Time:</b>	Slow
<b>Weighting:</b>	A
<b>Microphone Height:</b>	5 feet

<b>Weather</b>	
<b>Temp. (degrees F):</b>	64
<b>Wind (mph):</b>	< 5
<b>Sky:</b>	Clear
<b>Bar. Pressure:</b>	30.04" Hg
<b>Humidity:</b>	39%

**Photo:**



**Kimley»Horn**

# Measurement Report

## Report Summary

Meter's File Name	BMNT_001	Computer's File Name	SLM_0005586_BMNT_001.00.ldbin
Meter	LxT SE		
Firmware	2.402		
User	Alex Howard	Location	
Description	Caprock Portrero Warehouse		
Note			
Start Time	2020-02-19 10:57:45	Duration	0:10:00.0
End Time	2020-02-19 11:07:45	Run Time	0:10:00.0
		Pause Time	0:00:00.0

## Results

### Overall Metrics

LA <sub>eq</sub>	54.3 dB		
LAE	82.1 dB	SEA	-- dB
EA	18.0 µPa <sup>2</sup> /h		
LZ <sub>1sec</sub>	98.8 dB		2020-02-19 10:58:39
LA <sub>S<sub>min</sub></sub>	71.6 dB		2020-02-19 10:59:01
LA <sub>S<sub>off</sub></sub>	37.9 dB		2020-02-19 11:03:51
LA <sub>eq</sub>	54.3 dB		
LC <sub>eq</sub>	63.7 dB	LC <sub>eq</sub> - LA <sub>eq</sub>	9.4 dB
LA <sub>1sec</sub>	57.8 dB	LA <sub>1sec</sub> - LA <sub>eq</sub>	3.5 dB

Exceedances	Count	Duration
LAS > 85.0 dB	0	0:00:00.0
LAS > 115.0 dB	0	0:00:00.0
LZpeak > 135.0 dB	0	0:00:00.0
LZpeak > 137.0 dB	0	0:00:00.0
LZpeak > 140.0 dB	0	0:00:00.0

Community Noise	LDN	LDay	LNight	
	54.3 dB	54.3 dB	0.0 dB	
	LDEN	LDay	LEve	LNight
	54.3 dB	54.3 dB	-- dB	-- dB

Any Data	A		C		Z	
	Level	Time Stamp	Level	Time Stamp	Level	Time Stamp
L <sub>eq</sub>	54.3 dB		63.7 dB		-- dB	
L <sub>S<sub>(max)</sub></sub>	71.6 dB	2020-02-19 10:59:01	-- dB		-- dB	
L <sub>S<sub>(min)</sub></sub>	37.9 dB	2020-02-19 11:03:51	-- dB		-- dB	
L <sub>1sec<sub>(max)</sub></sub>	-- dB		-- dB		98.8 dB	2020-02-19 10:58:39

Overloads	Count	Duration	OBA Count	OBA Duration
	0	0:00:00.0	0	0:00:00.0

### Statistics

LAS 5.0	61.7 dB
LAS 10.0	57.5 dB
LAS 33.3	45.6 dB
LAS 50.0	43.1 dB
LAS 66.6	41.9 dB
LAS 90.0	40.3 dB

## Noise Measurement Field Data

<b>Project:</b>	Caprock Portrero Warehouse Beaumont	<b>Job Number:</b>	194143001
<b>Site No.:</b>	2	<b>Date:</b>	2/19/2020
<b>Analyst:</b>	Alex Howard	<b>Time:</b>	11:32 - 11:42 AM
<b>Location:</b>	Prosperity Way, Beaumont		
<b>Noise Sources:</b>	Water from Firetruck, Some cars,		
<b>Comments:</b>			

### Results (dBA):

Leq:	Lmin:	Lmax:	Peak:
42.4	36.8	58.0	89.7

Equipment	
<b>Sound Level Meter:</b>	LD SoundExpert LxT
<b>Calibrator:</b>	CAL200
<b>Response Time:</b>	Slow
<b>Weighting:</b>	A
<b>Microphone Height:</b>	5 feet

Weather	
<b>Temp. (degrees F):</b>	64
<b>Wind (mph):</b>	< 5
<b>Sky:</b>	Partly Cloudy
<b>Bar. Pressure:</b>	30.04" Hg
<b>Humidity:</b>	39%

### Photo:



# Measurement Report

## Report Summary

Meter's File Name	BMNT_002	Computer's File Name	SLM_0005586_BMNT_002.03.ldbin
Meter	LxT SE		
Firmware	2.402		
User	Alex Howard	Location	
Description	Caprock Portrero Warehouse		
Note			
Start Time	2020-02-19 11:32:35	Duration	0:10:00.0
End Time	2020-02-19 11:42:35	Run Time	0:10:00.0
		Pause Time	0:00:00.0

## Results

### Overall Metrics

LA <sub>eq</sub>	42.4 dB		
LA <sub>E</sub>	70.2 dB	SEA	— dB
EA	1.2 μPa²h		
LZ <sub>peak</sub>	89.7 dB	2020-02-19 11:33:18	
LAS <sub>max</sub>	58.0 dB	2020-02-19 11:33:19	
LAS <sub>min</sub>	36.8 dB	2020-02-19 11:37:52	
LA <sub>10</sub>	42.4 dB		
LC <sub>eq</sub>	60.1 dB	LC <sub>eq</sub> - LA <sub>eq</sub>	17.8 dB
LAI <sub>eq</sub>	49.4 dB	LAI <sub>eq</sub> - LA <sub>eq</sub>	7.0 dB

Exceedances	Count	Duration
LAS > 85.0 dB	0	0:00:00.0
LAS > 115.0 dB	0	0:00:00.0
LZpeak > 135.0 dB	0	0:00:00.0
LZpeak > 137.0 dB	0	0:00:00.0
LZpeak > 140.0 dB	0	0:00:00.0

Community Noise	LDN	LDay	LNight
	42.4 dB	42.4 dB	0.0 dB
	LDEN	LDay	LEve
	42.4 dB	42.4 dB	— dB
			LNight
			— dB

Any Data	A		C		Z	
	Level	Time Stamp	Level	Time Stamp	Level	Time Stamp
L <sub>eq</sub>	42.4 dB		60.1 dB		— dB	
L <sub>5(max)</sub>	58.0 dB	2020-02-19 11:33:19	— dB		— dB	
L <sub>5(min)</sub>	36.8 dB	2020-02-19 11:37:52	— dB		— dB	
L <sub>Freq(max)</sub>	— dB		— dB		89.7 dB	2020-02-19 11:33:18

Overloads	Count	Duration	OBA Count	OBA Duration
	0	0:00:00.0	0	0:00:00.0

Statistics	
LAS 5.0	45.8 dB
LAS 10.0	44.2 dB
LAS 33.3	41.4 dB
LAS 50.0	40.1 dB
LAS 66.6	39.1 dB
LAS 90.0	38.2 dB



## Noise Measurement Field Data

<b>Project:</b>	Caprock Portrero Warehouse Beaumont	<b>Job Number:</b>	194143001
<b>Site No.:</b>	3	<b>Date:</b>	2/19/2020
<b>Analyst:</b>	Alex Howard	<b>Time:</b>	11:48 - 11:58 AM
<b>Location:</b>	W 4th St., Beaumont		
<b>Noise Sources:</b>	Road noise		
<b>Comments:</b>			
<b>Results (dBA):</b>			
	<b>Leq:</b>	<b>Lmin:</b>	<b>Lmax:</b>
	52.9	34.2	71.7
			<b>Peak:</b>
			100.1

Equipment	
<b>Sound Level Meter:</b>	LD SoundExpert LxT
<b>Calibrator:</b>	CAL200
<b>Response Time:</b>	Slow
<b>Weighting:</b>	A
<b>Microphone Height:</b>	5 feet

Weather	
<b>Temp. (degrees F):</b>	68
<b>Wind (mph):</b>	< 5
<b>Sky:</b>	Partly Cloudy
<b>Bar. Pressure:</b>	30.06" Hg
<b>Humidity:</b>	39%

Photo:



# Measurement Report

## Report Summary

Meter's File Name	BMNT_003	Computer's File Name	SLM_0005586_BMNT_003.03.lbin
Meter	LxT SE		
Firmware	2.402		
User	Alex Howard	Location	
Description	Caprock Portrero Warehouse		
Note			
Start Time	2020-02-19 11:48:53	Duration	0:10:00.0
End Time	2020-02-19 11:58:53	Run Time	0:10:00.0
		Pause Time	0:00:00.0

## Results

### Overall Metrics

LA <sub>eq</sub>	52.9 dB		
LAE	80.7 dB	SEA	-- dB
EA	13.1 μPa <sup>2</sup> h		
LZ <sub>peak</sub>	100.1 dB		2020-02-19 11:58:40
LA <sub>S<sub>(min)</sub></sub>	71.7 dB		2020-02-19 11:58:18
LA <sub>S<sub>(off)</sub></sub>	34.2 dB		2020-02-19 11:56:16
LA <sub>eq</sub>	52.9 dB		
LC <sub>eq</sub>	63.9 dB	LC <sub>eq</sub> - LA <sub>eq</sub>	11.0 dB
LAI <sub>eq</sub>	56.2 dB	LAI <sub>eq</sub> - LA <sub>eq</sub>	3.3 dB

Exceedances	Count	Duration
LAS > 85.0 dB	0	0:00:00.0
LAS > 115.0 dB	0	0:00:00.0
LZpeak > 135.0 dB	0	0:00:00.0
LZpeak > 137.0 dB	0	0:00:00.0
LZpeak > 140.0 dB	0	0:00:00.0

Community Noise	LDN	LDay	LNight	
	52.9 dB	52.9 dB	0.0 dB	
	LDEN	LDay	LEve	LNight
	52.9 dB	52.9 dB	-- dB	-- dB

Any Data	A		C		Z	
	Level	Time Stamp	Level	Time Stamp	Level	Time Stamp
L <sub>eq</sub>	52.9 dB		63.9 dB		-- dB	
L <sub>S<sub>(max)</sub></sub>	71.7 dB	2020-02-19 11:58:18	-- dB		-- dB	
L <sub>S<sub>(min)</sub></sub>	34.2 dB	2020-02-19 11:56:16	-- dB		-- dB	
L <sub>Clear(max)</sub>	-- dB		-- dB		100.1 dB	2020-02-19 11:58:40

Overloads	Count	Duration	OBA Count	OBA Duration
	0	0:00:00.0	0	0:00:00.0

### Statistics

LAS 5.0	54.9 dB
LAS 10.0	48.7 dB
LAS 33.3	38.6 dB
LAS 50.0	36.9 dB
LAS 66.6	36.2 dB
LAS 90.0	35.4 dB

## **Appendix B**

### **Noise Modeling Data**

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**FHWA Highway Noise Prediction Model (FHWA-RD-77-108) with California Vehicle Noise (CALVENO) Emission Levels**

**Project Name:** Potrero Warehouse  
**Project Number:** 194143001  
**Scenario:** Existing  
**Ldn/CNEL:** CNEL

Assumed 24-Hour Traffic Distribution:	Day	Evening	Night
Total ADT Volumes	77.70%	12.70%	9.60%
Medium-Duty Trucks	87.43%	5.05%	7.52%
Heavy-Duty Trucks	89.10%	2.84%	8.06%

#	Roadway	Segment	Lanes	Median Width	ADT Volume	Speed (mph)	Alpha Factor	Vehicle Mix		Distance from Centerline of Roadway				
								Medium Trucks	Heavy Trucks	CNEL at 100 Feet	70 CNEL	65 CNEL	60 CNEL	55 CNEL
1	Oak Valley Parkway	West of Potrero Boulevard	4	15	5,387	30	0	4.6%	12.3%	64.8	-	95	300	948
2	Oak Valley Parkway	Potrero Boulevard to Desert Dawn Drive	5	15	6,358	30	0	4.6%	12.3%	65.6	-	114	360	1,140
3	Potrero Boulevard	South of Oak Valley Parkway	2	15	2,267	30	0	4.6%	12.3%	60.9	-	-	123	389
4	4th Street	West of Viele Avenue	4	15	3,441	30	0	4.6%	12.3%	62.8	-	61	191	605
5	4th Street	East of Viele Avenue	2	0	2,937	25	0	4.6%	12.3%	61.1	-	41	130	410
6	Viele Avenue	Luis Estrada Road to 4th Street	2	15	3,208	35	0	4.6%	12.3%	62.0	-	50	157	497
7	Viele Avenue	South of 4th Street	2	0	2,284	35	0	4.6%	12.3%	60.5	-	35	111	351
8	California Avenue	Luis Estrada Road to 4th Street	2	0	12,082	30	0	4.6%	12.3%	68.1	65	206	651	2,059
9	California Avenue	South of 4th Street	2	0	10,454	30	0	4.6%	12.3%	67.5	56	178	563	1,782

<sup>1</sup> Distance is from the centerline of the roadway segment to the receptor location.

"-" = contour is located within the roadway right-of-way.

**FHWA Highway Noise Prediction Model (FHWA-RD-77-108) with California Vehicle Noise (CALVENO) Emission Levels**

**Project Name:** Potrero Warehouse  
**Project Number:** 194143001  
**Scenario:** Opening Year  
**Ldn/CNEL:** CNEL

Assumed 24-Hour Traffic Distribution:

	Day	Evening	Night
Total ADT Volumes	77.70%	12.70%	9.60%
Medium-Duty Trucks	87.43%	5.05%	7.52%
Heavy-Duty Trucks	89.10%	2.84%	8.06%

#	Roadway	Segment	Lanes	Median Width	ADT Volume	Speed (mph)	Alpha Factor	Vehicle Mix		Distance from Centerline of Roadway				
								Medium Trucks	Heavy Trucks	CNEL at 100 Feet	Distance to Contour			
										70 CNEL	65 CNEL	60 CNEL	55 CNEL	
1	Oak Valley Parkway	West of Potrero Boulevard	4	15	7,469	30	0	4.6%	12.3%	66.2	-	131	416	1,314
2	Oak Valley Parkway	Potrero Boulevard to Desert Dawn Drive	5	15	10,356	30	0	4.6%	12.3%	67.7	59	186	587	1,857
3	Potrero Boulevard	South of Oak Valley Parkway	2	15	5,656	30	0	4.6%	12.3%	64.9	-	97	307	971
4	4th Street	West of Viele Avenue	4	15	9,854	30	0	4.6%	12.3%	67.4	55	173	548	1,734
5	4th Street	East of Viele Avenue	2	0	4,884	25	0	4.6%	12.3%	63.3	-	68	216	682
6	Viele Avenue	Luis Estrada Road to 4th Street	2	15	7,568	35	0	4.6%	12.3%	65.7	-	117	371	1,173
7	Viele Avenue	South of 4th Street	2	0	4,398	35	0	4.6%	12.3%	63.3	-	68	214	677
8	California Avenue	Luis Estrada Road to 4th Street	2	0	13,990	30	0	4.6%	12.3%	68.8	75	238	754	2,385
9	California Avenue	South of 4th Street	2	0	11,586	30	0	4.6%	12.3%	68.0	62	197	625	1,975

<sup>1</sup> Distance is from the centerline of the roadway segment to the receptor location.

"-" = contour is located within the roadway right-of-way.



**FHWA Highway Noise Prediction Model (FHWA-RD-77-108) with California Vehicle Noise (CALVENO) Emission Levels**

**Project Name:** Potrero Warehouse  
**Project Number:** 194143001  
**Scenario:** Opening Year Plus Project  
**Ldn/CNEL:** CNEL

Assumed 24-Hour Traffic Distribution:

	Day	Evening	Night
Total ADT Volumes	77.70%	12.70%	9.60%
Medium-Duty Trucks	87.43%	5.05%	7.52%
Heavy-Duty Trucks	89.10%	2.84%	8.06%

#	Roadway	Segment	Lanes	Median Width	ADT Volume	Speed (mph)	Alpha Factor	Vehicle Mix		Distance from Centerline of Roadway				
								Medium Trucks	Heavy Trucks	CNEL at 100 Feet	Distance to Contour			
										70 CNEL	65 CNEL	60 CNEL	55 CNEL	
1	Oak Valley Parkway	West of Potrero Boulevard	4	15	7,782	30	0	4.6%	12.3%	66.4	-	137	433	1,369
2	Oak Valley Parkway	Potrero Boulevard to Desert Dawn Drive	5	15	10,982	30	0	4.6%	12.3%	67.9	62	197	623	1,969
3	Potrero Boulevard	South of Oak Valley Parkway	2	15	6,282	30	0	4.6%	12.3%	65.3	-	108	341	1,079
4	4th Street	West of Viele Avenue	4	15	10,198	30	0	4.6%	12.3%	67.5	57	179	567	1,794
5	4th Street	East of Viele Avenue	2	0	5,203	25	0	4.6%	12.3%	63.6	-	73	230	727
6	Viele Avenue	Luis Estrada Road to 4th Street	2	15	7,592	35	0	4.6%	12.3%	65.7	-	118	372	1,177
7	Viele Avenue	South of 4th Street	2	0	4,398	35	0	4.6%	12.3%	63.3	-	68	214	677
8	California Avenue	Luis Estrada Road to 4th Street	2	0	14,210	30	0	4.6%	12.3%	68.8	77	242	766	2,422
9	California Avenue	South of 4th Street	2	0	11,685	30	0	4.6%	12.3%	68.0	63	199	630	1,992

<sup>1</sup> Distance is from the centerline of the roadway segment to the receptor location.

"-" = contour is located within the roadway right-of-way.