Appendix D

Noise Modeling Data

Construction Source Noise Prediction Model

Location	Distance to Nearest Receptor in feet	Combined Predicted Noise Level (L_{max} dBA)	Equipment	Reference Emission Noise Levels (L_{max}) at 50 feet[1]	Usage Factor[1]
			Auger Drill Rig	85	1
Multi-family residences west of the project site	220	68.1			
Single-family residence north of the project site	160	71.7			

Ground Type	soft
Source Height	8
Receiver Height	5
Ground Factor[2]	0.63

Predicted Noise Level	L_{eq} dBA at 50 feet[3]
Auger Drill Rig	85.0

Combined Predicted Noise Level (L_{max} dBA at 50 feet)
85.0

Sources:

[1] Obtained from the FHWA Roadway Construction Noise Model, January 2006. Table 1.

[2] Based on Table 4-26 from the Federal Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment, 2018 (pg 86).

[3] Based on the following from the Federal Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment, 2018 (pg 176 and 177).

L_{eq}(equip) = E.L.+10*log (U.F.) - 20*log (D/50) - 10*G*log (D/50)

Where: E.L. = Emission Level;

U.F.= Usage Factor;

G = Constant that accounts for topography and ground effects (FTA 2018: pg 86); and

D = Distance from source to receiver.

Distance Propagation Calculations for Stationary Sources of Ground Vibration

KEY: Orange cells are for input.

Grey cells are intermediate calculations performed by the model.

Green cells are data to present in a written analysis (output).

STEP 1: Determine units in which to perform calculation.
— If vibration decibels (VdB), then use Table A and proceed to Steps 2A and 3A.
— If peak particle velocity (PPV), then use Table B and proceed to Steps 2B and 3B.

STEP 2A: Identify the vibration source and enter the reference vibration level (VdB) and distance.

STEP 3A: Select the distance to the receiver.

Table A. Propagation of vibration decibels (VdB) with distance

Noise Source/ID	Reference Noise Level			Attenuated Noise Level at Receptor		
	vibration level (VdB)	@	distance (ft)	vibration level (VdB)	@	distance (ft)
Caisson drilling	87	@	25	79.9	@	43

The Lv metric (VdB) is used to assess the likelihood for vibration to result in human annoyance.

STEP 2B: Identify the vibration source and enter the reference peak particle velocity (PPV) and distance.

STEP 3B: Select the distance to the receiver.

Table B. Propagation of peak particle velocity (PPV) with distance

Noise Source/ID	Reference Noise Level			Attenuated Noise Level at Receptor		
	vibration level (PPV)	@	distance (ft)	vibration level (PPV)	@	distance (ft)
Caisson drilling	0.089	@	25	0.492	@	8

The PPV metric (in/sec) is used for assessing the likelihood for the potential of structural damage.

Notes:

Computation of propagated vibration levels is based on the equations presented on pg. 185 of FTA 2018. Estimates of attenuated vibration levels do not account for reductions from intervening underground barriers or other underground structures of any type, or changes in soil type.

Federal Transit Association (FTA). 2018 (September). Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Manual. FTA Report No. 0123. Washington, D.C. Accessed: December 20, 2020. Page Available:

https://www.transit.dot.gov/sites/fta.dot.gov/files/docs/research-innovation/118131/transit-noise-and-vibration-impact-assessment-manual-fta-report-no-0123_0.pdf

KEY:

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STEP 1: Identify the noise source and enter the reference noise level (dBA and distance).

STEP 2: Select the ground type (hard or soft), and enter the source and receiver heights.

STEP 3: Select the distance to the receiver.

Noise Source/ID	Receptor	Reference Noise Level			Attenuation Characteristics				Exterior Noise Level at Receptor			Interior Noise Level at Receptor		
		noise level (dBA)	@	distance (ft)	Ground Type (soft/hard)	Source Height (ft)	Receiver Height (ft)	Ground Factor	noise level (dBA)	@	distance (ft)	noise level (dBA)	@	distance (ft)
electrical transformer (all cooling fans on)	Multi-family residences west of the project site	55.0	@	50	hard	13	10	0.00	47.4	@	120	23.4	@	120
electrical transformer (all cooling fans on)	Single-family residence north of the project site	55.0	@	50	hard	13	10	0.00	46.4	@	135	22.4	@	135
well pump	Multi-family residences west of the project site	74.0	@	50	hard	13	10	0.00	61.1	@	220	37.1	@	220
well pump	Single-family residence north of the project site	74.0	@	50	hard	13	10	0.00	63.9	@	160	39.9	@	160

Notes:

Estimates of attenuated noise levels do not account for reductions from intervening barriers, including walls, trees, vegetation, or structures of any type.

Computation of the attenuated noise level is based on the equation presented on pg. 176 and 177 of FTA 2018.

Computation of the ground factor is based on the equation presentd in Table 4-26 on pg. 86 of FTA 2018, where the distance of the reference noise leve can be adjusted and the usage factor is not applied (i.e., the usage factor is equal to 1).

Calculation uses the distance value rather than reciever height to calculate varying noise levels at each building story.

Sources:

Federal Transit Association (FTA). 2018 (September). Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment. Washington, D.C. Available: <http://www.transit.dot.gov/sites/fta.dot.gov/files/docs/research-innovation/118131/transit-noise-and-vibration-impact-assessment-manual-fta-report-no-0123_0.pdf>Accessed: March 5, 2020.