

Appendix G

Noise Analysis

Roadway Construction Noise Model (RCNM), Version 1.1

Report date:	04/14/2022
Case Description:	Berkeley Housing Element

**** Receptor #1 ****

Description	Land Use	Baselines (dBA)		
		Daytime	Evening	Night
50 Feet from Construction	Residential	65.0	65.0	65.0

Description	Impact Device	Usage (%)	Equipment			
			Spec	Actual	Receptor	Estimated
			Lmax (dBA)	Lmax (dBA)	Distance (feet)	Shielding (dBA)
Excavator	No	40		80.7	50.0	0.0
Dozer	No	40		81.7	50.0	0.0
Jackhammer	Yes	20		88.9	50.0	0.0

Results

Noise Limit Exceedance (dBA)						Noise Limits (dBA)			
		Calculated (dBA)			Day		Evening		
Night	Day		Evening		Night				
Equipment	Lmax	Leq	Lmax	Leq	Lmax	Leq	Lmax	Leq	Lmax
Excavator	N/A	N/A	80.7	76.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dozer	N/A	N/A	81.7	77.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jackhammer	N/A	N/A	88.9	81.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	88.9	84.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Equipment	Reference Level Inputs			
	PPV _{ref} (in/sec)	Lv _{ref} (VdB)	RMS _{ref} (in/sec)	Reference Distance
Impact Pile Driver	0.644	112	0.398	25
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Caisson drilling	0.089	87	0.022	25
Loaded trucks	0.076	83	0.014	25
Jack hammer	0.035	79	0.009	25
Small bulldozer	0.003	58	0.001	25

Equipment	Vibration Level at Receiver			
	Distance (feet)	PPV _x (in/sec)	Lv _x (VdB)	RMS _x (in/sec)
Impact Pile Driver	25	0.6440	112	0.398
Sonic Pile Driver	25	0.1700	105	0.178
Vibratory Roller	25	0.2100	94	0.050
Hoe Ram	25	0.0890	87	0.022
Large bulldozer	25	0.0890	87	0.022
Caisson drilling	25	0.0890	87	0.022
Loaded trucks	25	0.0760	83	0.014
Jack hammer	25	0.0350	79	0.009
Small bulldozer	25	0.0030	58	0.001

Equipment	Vibration Contours		
	Distance to (feet)		
	0.100 PPV	72.0 VdB	0.0080 RMS
Impact Pile Driver	136	1645	872
Sonic Pile Driver	40	791	419
Vibratory Roller	49	250	133
Hoe Ram	22	120	64
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Variables

V _{ref}	1E-06
Crest Factor (PPV/RMS)	4
Soil Type (Choice: default, hard, or sands)	default
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Equipment	Vibration Level at Receiver			
	Distance (feet)	PPV _x (in/sec)	Lv _x (VdB)	RMS _x (in/sec)
Impact Pile Driver	50	0.3004	105	0.186
Sonic Pile Driver	50	0.0793	98	0.083
Vibratory Roller	50	0.0980	87	0.023
Hoe Ram	50	0.0415	80	0.010
Large bulldozer	50	0.0415	80	0.010
Caisson drilling	50	0.0415	80	0.010
Loaded trucks	50	0.0355	76	0.007
Jack hammer	50	0.0163	72	0.004
Small bulldozer	50	0.0014	51	0.000

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	Distance (feet)	PPV _x (in/sec)	Lv _x (VdB)	RMS _x (in/sec)
Impact Pile Driver	75	0.1923	102	0.119
Sonic Pile Driver	75	0.0508	95	0.053
Vibratory Roller	75	0.0627	84	0.015
Hoe Ram	75	0.0266	77	0.007
Large bulldozer	75	0.0266	77	0.007
Caisson drilling	75	0.0266	77	0.007
Loaded trucks	75	0.0227	73	0.004
Jack hammer	75	0.0105	69	0.003
Small bulldozer	75	0.0009	48	0.000

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Impact Pile Driver	100	0.1402	99	0.087
Sonic Pile Driver	100	0.0370	92	0.039
Vibratory Roller	100	0.0457	81	0.011
Hoe Ram	100	0.0194	74	0.005
Large bulldozer	100	0.0194	74	0.005
Caisson drilling	100	0.0194	74	0.005
Loaded trucks	100	0.0165	70	0.003
Jack hammer	100	0.0076	66	0.002
Small bulldozer	100	0.0007	45	0.000

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Impact Pile Driver	125	0.1097	97	0.068
Sonic Pile Driver	125	0.0289	90	0.030
Vibratory Roller	125	0.0358	79	0.009
Hoe Ram	125	0.0152	72	0.004
Large bulldozer	125	0.0152	72	0.004
Caisson drilling	125	0.0152	72	0.004
Loaded trucks	125	0.0129	68	0.002
Jack hammer	125	0.0060	64	0.002
Small bulldozer	125	0.0005	43	0.000

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Noise Attenuation and Contours	
Input Variables	
Point or Line Source	Point
Hard or Soft Site	Hard
Attenuation Rate (Choice: 3, 4.5, 6, or 7.5)	6 dBA/Doubling of Distance
Reference Noise Level	70 dBA
Reference Distance	50 feet
<i>Note: Within 0-10 feet from the source, there is virtually no attenuation.</i>	

Noise Level at Receiver		
Distance to Receiver		Noise Level
50	ft	70.0 dBA
100	ft	64.0 dBA
150	ft	60.5 dBA
200	ft	58.0 dBA
400	ft	51.9 dBA
300	ft	54.4 dBA

Noise Contours	
Noise Level Contour	Distance from Source
80 dBA	16 ft
75 dBA	28 ft
70 dBA	50 ft
65 dBA	89 ft
60 dBA	158 ft
55 dBA	281 ft
50 dBA	500 ft
45 dBA	889 ft

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Relative Increase in Noise Levels (Traffic)	
10%	10%
20%	20%
30%	30%
40%	40%
50%	50%
60%	60%
70%	70%
80%	80%
90%	90%
100%	100%

Traffic Volume Increase Calculations

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