

Appendix G: Noise Modeling

Attenuation Calculations for Stationary Noise Sources

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: 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	Reference Noise Level			Attenuation Characteristics				Attenuated 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)
HVAC leq (day)	70.0	@	3	hard	6	5	0.00	64.0	@	6
HVAC Leq (night)	70.0	@	3	hard	6	5	0.00	44.9	@	54

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

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.

Construction Phase	Construction Equipment	Noise Level at 50 feet (Leq)
Site Preparation	Dozer, Tractor, Backhoe	84.3
Grading	Grader, Backhoe, Scraper	84.7
Building Construction	Dozer, welder/torch, Front end loader	82.6
Paving	Paver, roller, tractor	85.1
Architectural Coating	Air compressor	76.0



Site Preparation - Leq

Location	Distance to Nearest Receptor in feet	Combined Predicted Noise Level (L _{eq} dBA)	Equipment	Reference Emission Noise Levels (L _{max}) at 50 feet ¹	
				feet ¹	Usage Factor ¹
FTA daytime residential threshold	26	90.0	Dozer	85	0.4
FTA residential nighttime threshold	82	80.0	Tractor	84	0.4
			Backhoe	80	0.4
					#VALUE!
SR 1	401	66.2			
SR 2	217	71.5			
SR 3	367	67.0			
SR 4	614	62.5			
SR 5	222	71.3			

Ground Type hard
Source Height 8
Receiver Height 5
Ground Factor² 0.00

Predicted Noise Level ³	L _{eq} dBA at 50 feet ³
Dozer	81.0
Tractor	80.0
Backhoe	76.0

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

84.3

Sources:

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² Based on Figure 6-5 from the Federal Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment, 2006 (pg 6-23).
³ Based on the following from the Federal Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment, 2006 (pg 12-3).
 $L_{eq}(equip) = E.L. + 10 \cdot \log(U.F.) - 20 \cdot \log(D/50) - 10 \cdot G \cdot \log(D/50)$
Where: E.L. = Emission Level;
U.F. = Usage Factor;
G = Constant that accounts for topography and ground effects (FTA 2006: pg 6-23); and
D = Distance from source to receiver.

Grading Phase - Leq

Location	Distance to Nearest Receptor in feet	Combined Predicted Noise Level (L _{eq} dBA)	Equipment	Reference Emission Noise Levels (L _{max}) at 50 feet ¹	Usage Factor ¹
FTA daytime residential threshold	27	90.0	Grader	85	0.4
7A residential nighttime threshold	86	80.0	Backhoe	80	0.4
			Scraper	85	0.4
SR 1	401	66.6			#VALUE!
SR 2	217	71.9			#VALUE!
SR 3	367	67.4			#VALUE!
SR 4	614	62.9			#VALUE!
SR 5	222	71.7			#VALUE!

Ground Type	hard
Source Height	8
Receiver Height	5
Ground Factor ²	0.00

Predicted Noise Level ³	L _{eq} dBA at 50 feet ³
Grader	81.0
Backhoe	76.0
Scraper	81.0

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

84.7

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

Where: E.L. = Emission Level;

U.F. = Usage Factor;

G = Constant that accounts for topography and ground effects (FTA 2006: pg 6-23); and

D = Distance from source to receiver.



Building Phase - Leq

Location	Distance to Nearest Receptor in feet	Combined Predicted Noise Level (Leq dBA)	Equipment	Reference Emission Noise Levels (Lmax) at 50 feet ¹	Usage Factor ¹
FTA daytime residential threshol	21	90.0	Dozer	85	0.4
A residential nighttime threst	68	80.0	Welder / Torch	85	0.05
			Front End Loader	80	0.4
SR 1	401	64.5			
SR 2	217	69.9			
SR 3	367	65.3			
SR 4	614	60.8			
SR 5	222	69.7			

Ground Type hard
Source Height 8
Receiver Height 5
Ground Factor² 0.00

Predicted Noise Level ³	Leq dBA at 50 feet ³
Dozer	81.0
Welder / Torch	72.0
Front End Loader	76.0

Combined Predicted Noise Level (Leq dBA at 50 feet)

82.6

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 $L_{eq}(equip) = E.L.+10*\log(U.F.) - 20*\log(D/50) - 10*G*\log(D/50)$
Where: E.L. = Emission Level;
U.F.= Usage Factor;
G = Constant that accounts for topography and ground effects (FTA 2006: pg 6-23); and
D = Distance from source to receiver.

Paving Phase - Leq

Location	Distance to Nearest Receptor in feet	Combined Predicted Noise Level (L _{eq} dBA)	Equipment	Reference Emission Noise Levels (L _{max}) at 50 feet ¹	Usage Factor ¹
FTA daytime residential threshold	28	90.0	Paver	85	0.5
A residential nighttime threshold	90	80.0	Roller	85	0.2
			Tractor	84	0.4
					#VALUE!
					#VALUE!
SR 1	401	67.0			
SR 2	217	72.3			
SR 3	367	67.8			
SR 4	614	63.3			
SR 5	222	72.1			

Ground Type	hard
Source Height	8
Receiver Height	5
Ground Factor ²	0.00

Equipment	Predicted Noise Level ³ L _{eq} dBA at 50 feet ³
Paver	82.0
Roller	78.0
Tractor	80.0

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

85.1

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

Where: E.L. = Emission Level;

U.F. = Usage Factor;

G = Constant that accounts for topography and ground effects (FTA 2006: pg 6-23); and

D = Distance from source to receiver.

Architectural Coating Phase - Leq

Location	Distance to Nearest Receptor in feet	Combined Predicted Noise Level (L _{eq} dBA)	Equipment	Reference Emission Noise Levels (L _{max}) at 50 feet ¹	Usage Factor ¹
FTA daytime residential threshold	10	90.0	Compressor (air)	80	0.4
A residential nighttime threshold	32	80.0			#VALUE!
SR 1	401	57.9			#VALUE!
SR 2	217	63.3			
SR 3	367	58.7			
SR 4	614	54.2			
SR 5	222	63.1			

Ground Type	hard
Source Height	8
Receiver Height	5
Ground Factor ²	0.00

Predicted Noise Level ³	L _{eq} dBA at 50 feet ³
Compressor (air)	76.0

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

76.0

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

Where: E.L. = Emission Level;

U.F. = Usage Factor;

G = Constant that accounts for topography and ground effects (FTA 2006: pg 6-23); and

D = Distance from source to receiver.

Equipment Description	Acoustical Usage Factor (%)	Spec 721.560 Lmax @ 50ft (dBA slow)	Actual Measured Lmax @ 50ft (dBA slow)	No. of Actual Data Samples (count)	Spec 721.560 LmaxCalc	Spec 721.560 Leq	Distance	Actual Measured LmaxCalc	Actual Measured Leq
Auger Drill Rig	20	85	84	36	79.0	72.0	100	78.0	71.0
Backhoe	40	80	78	372	74.0	70.0	100	72.0	68.0
Bar Bender	20	80	na	0	74.0	67.0	100		
Blasting	na	94	na	0	88.0		100		
Boring Jack Power Unit	50	80	83	1	74.0	71.0	100	77.0	74.0
Chain Saw	20	85	84	46	79.0	72.0	100	78.0	71.0
Clam Shovel (dropping)	20	93	87	4	87.0	80.0	100	81.0	74.0
Compactor (ground)	20	80	83	57	74.0	67.0	100	77.0	70.0
Compressor (air)	40	80	78	18	74.0	70.0	100	72.0	68.0
Concrete Batch Plant	15	83	na	0	77.0	68.7	100		
Concrete Mixer Truck	40	85	79	40	79.0	75.0	100	73.0	69.0
Concrete Pump Truck	20	82	81	30	76.0	69.0	100	75.0	68.0
Concrete Saw	20	90	90	55	84.0	77.0	100	84.0	77.0
Crane	16	85	81	405	79.0	71.0	100	75.0	67.0
Dozer	40	85	82	55	79.0	75.0	100	76.0	72.0
Drill Rig Truck	20	84	79	22	78.0	71.0	100	73.0	66.0
Drum Mixer	50	80	80	1	74.0	71.0	100	74.0	71.0
Dump Truck	40	84	76	31	78.0	74.0	100	70.0	66.0
Excavator	40	85	81	170	79.0	75.0	100	75.0	71.0
Flat Bed Truck	40	84	74	4	78.0	74.0	100	68.0	64.0
Front End Loader	40	80	79	96	74.0	70.0	100	73.0	69.0
Generator	50	82	81	19	76.0	73.0	100	75.0	72.0
Generator (<25KVA, VMS s	50	70	73	74	64.0	61.0	100	67.0	64.0
Gradall	40	85	83	70	79.0	75.0	100	77.0	73.0
Grader	40	85	na	0	79.0	75.0	100		
Grapple (on Backhoe)	40	85	87	1	79.0	75.0	100	81.0	77.0
Horizontal Boring Hydr. Jac	25	80	82	6	74.0	68.0	100	76.0	70.0
Hydra Break Ram	10	90	na	0	84.0	74.0	100		
Impact Pile Driver	20	95	101	11	89.0	82.0	100	95.0	88.0
Jackhammer	20	85	89	133	79.0	72.0	100	83.0	76.0
Man Lift	20	85	75	23	79.0	72.0	100	69.0	62.0
Mounted Impact Hammer	20	90	90	212	84.0	77.0	100	84.0	77.0
Pavement Scarafier	20	85	90	2	79.0	72.0	100	84.0	77.0
Paver	50	85	77	9	79.0	76.0	100	71.0	68.0
Pickup Truck	40	55	75	1	49.0	45.0	100	69.0	65.0
Pneumatic Tools	50	85	85	90	79.0	76.0	100	79.0	76.0
Pumps	50	77	81	17	71.0	68.0	100	75.0	72.0
Refrigerator Unit	100	82	73	3	76.0	76.0	100	67.0	67.0
Rivit Buster/chipping gun	20	85	79	19	79.0	72.0	100	73.0	66.0
Rock Drill	20	85	81	3	79.0	72.0	100	75.0	68.0
Roller	20	85	80	16	79.0	72.0	100	74.0	67.0
Sand Blasting (Single Nozzl	20	85	96	9	79.0	72.0	100	90.0	83.0
Scraper	40	85	84	12	79.0	75.0	100	78.0	74.0
Shears (on backhoe)	40	85	96	5	79.0	75.0	100	90.0	86.0
Slurry Plant	100	78	78	1	72.0	72.0	100	72.0	72.0
Slurry Trenching Machine	50	82	80	75	76.0	73.0	100	74.0	71.0
Soil Mix Drill Rig	50	80	na	0	74.0	71.0	100		
Tractor	40	84	na	0	78.0	74.0	100		
Tugboat	40	87	74	4	81.0	77.0	100	68.0	64.0
Vacuum Excavator (Vac-tru	40	85	85	149	79.0	75.0	100	79.0	75.0
Vacuum Street Sweeper	10	80	82	19	74.0	64.0	100	76.0	66.0
Ventilation Fan	100	85	79	13	79.0	79.0	100	73.0	73.0
Vibrating Hopper	50	85	87	1	79.0	76.0	100	81.0	78.0
Vibratory Concrete Mixer	20	80	80	1	74.0	67.0	100	74.0	67.0
Vibratory Pile Driver	20	95	101	44	89.0	82.0	100	95.0	88.0
Warning Horn	5	85	83	12	79.0	66.0	100	77.0	64.0
Workboat	40	72	74	4	66.0	62.0	100	68.0	64.0
Welder / Torch	40	73	74	5	67.0	63.0	100	68.0	64.0

Source:

FHWA Roadway Construction Noise Model, January 2006. Table 9.1
U.S. Department of Transportation
CA/T Construction Spec. 721.560

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		
	vibration level (VdB)	@	distance (ft)
Vibratory Roller	94	@	25
Large bulldozer	87.0	@	25

Attenuated Noise Level at Receptor		
vibration level (VdB)	@	distance (ft)
80.0	@	73
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		
	vibration level (PPV)	@	distance (ft)
Vibratory Roller	0.210	@	25
Large bulldozer	0.089	@	25

Attenuated Noise Level at Receptor		
vibration level (PPV)	@	distance (ft)
0.198	@	26
0.191	@	15

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.

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Traffic Noise Spreadsheet Calculator



Project: **Garbani North Residential Project Tentative Tract Map**

Number	Name	Segment Description and Location		Existing Conditions	Existing + Project Conditions	Δ Existing – Existing + Project
		From	To			
Summary of Net Changes						
1	Tupelo Road	Bradley Road	Sherman Road	52.1	52.5	0.4

*All modeling assumes average pavement, level roadways (less than 1.5% grade), constant traffic flow and does not account for shielding of any type or finite roadway adjustments. All levels are reported as A-weighted noise levels.

Existing Traffic Noise Spreadsheet Calculator



Project: Garbani North Residential Project Tentative Tract Map				Input										Output				
Noise Level Descriptor: CNEL Site Conditions: Hard Traffic Input: ADT Traffic K-Factor:																		
Number	Name	Segment Description and Location		ADT	Speed (mph)	Distance to Directional Centerline, (feet) ₄		Traffic Distribution Characteristics					CNEL, (dBA) _{5,6,7}	Distance to Contour, (feet) ₃				
		From	To			Near	Far	% Auto	% Medium	% Heavy	% Day	% Eve		% Night	75 dBA	70 dBA	65 dBA	60 dBA
Existing Conditions																		
1	Tupelo Road	Bradley Road	Sherman Road	2,600	25	100	100	97.0%	1.8%	0.7%	80.0%	15.0%	5.0%	52.1	1	2	5	16

*All modeling assumes average pavement, level roadways (less than 1.5% grade), constant traffic flow and does not account for shielding of any type or finite roadway adjustments. All levels are reported as A-weighted noise levels.

Existing + Project Traffic Noise Spreadsheet Calculator



Project: Garbani North Residential Project Tentative Tract Map				Input										Output				
Noise Level Descriptor: CNEL Site Conditions: Hard Traffic Input: ADT Traffic K-Factor:																		
Number	Name	Segment Description and Location		ADT	Speed (mph)	Distance to Directional Centerline, (feet) ₄		Traffic Distribution Characteristics					CNEL, (dBA) _{5,6,7}	Distance to Contour, (feet) ₃				
		From	To			Near	Far	% Auto	% Medium	% Heavy	% Day	% Eve		% Night	70 dBA	65 dBA	60 dBA	55 dBA
Existing + Project Conditions																		
1	Tupelo Road	Bradley Road	Sherman Road	2,968	25	100	100	97.0%	1.8%	0.7%	80.0%	15.0%	5.0%	52.5	2	6	18	56

*All modeling assumes average pavement, level roadways (less than 1.5% grade), constant traffic flow and does not account for shielding of any type or finite roadway adjustments. All levels are reported as A-weighted noise levels.

TNM REMEL Constants 1

	A	B	C
Autos	41.740807	1.148546	50.128316
Medium Trucks	33.918713	20.591046	68.002978
Heavy Trucks	35.87985	21.019665	74.298135

Noise Level Descriptor	Site Conditions	Traffic Input
Leq	Soft	Peak
Ldn	Hard	ADT
CNEL		

Separate DEN Traffic Percentages

Day			Evening			Night		
A	MT	HT	A	MT	HT	A	MT	HT

TNM Baseline REMELs 2

Auto	Med. Trucks	Hvy. Trucks
59.975	71.015	76.023

Attenuation ₃	Gα D1 ₃	Gα D2 ₃	D _E
1	-3.01	-3.01	100.00

Traffic Flow Adjustment_{8,9,10,11,12,13,14}

Near CL	Far CL
-32.39	-32.39

Peak Hour Traffic Volumes

Auto	MT	HT	Total
0.0	0.0	0.0	

Auto
2303.0

ITE Trip Generation Rates

Land Use	Units	ITE Code	AM			PM			Daily
			In	Out	Total	In	Out	Total	
Single Family Homes	Dwelling Units	210	0.18	0.52	0.7	0.59	0.35	0.94	9.43

Project Trip Generation Rates

Land Use	Quantity	Units	AM			PM			Daily
			In	Out	Total	In	Out	Total	
Single Family Homes	39	Dwelling units	7	20	27	23	14	37	368

Source: 2021 ITE Trip Generation Manual (11th Edition)

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