

Proposed 2010 Council Study Issue

DPW09-05 Caltrain Community Wall Benefit Assessment District Study

Lead Department Public Works

Element or Sub-element Noise SubElement

New or Previous Previous

Status Pending **History** 1 year ago Deferred 2 years ago Below the line

1. What are the key elements of the issue? What precipitated it?

A resident of the neighborhood north of the Sunnyvale Caltrain station is concerned about noise levels in the neighborhood. He believes that the quality of life is being compromised by train noise and noise from the Multimodal station. Recent studies show that noise levels exceed federal standards at a small number of locations within the neighborhood, but federal law does not require railroads to mitigate railroad noise. This study would evaluate logistics and gauge community support for creation of a benefit assessment district to fund construction of a community wall or other appropriate noise attenuation to address noise issues in the neighborhood.

2. How does this relate to the General Plan or existing City Policy?

Noise Sub Element 3.6B - Preserve and enhance the quality of neighborhoods by maintaining or reducing the levels of noise generated by transportation facilities (transportation noise).

3. Origin of issue

Council Member(s)
General Plan
City Staff Public Works
Public
Board or Commission none

4. Multiple Year Project? No Planned Completion Year 2010

5. Expected participation involved in the study issue process?

Does Council need to approve a work plan? No
Does this issue require review by a Board/Commission? No
If so, which?
Is a Council Study Session anticipated? No
What is the public participation process?
 Neighborhood meetings, Council public hearing

6. Cost of Study

Operating Budget Program covering costs
 115 Transportation Operation
Project Budget covering costs
Budget modification \$ amount needed for study
Explain below what the additional funding will be used for

7. Potential fiscal impact to implement recommendations in the Study approved by Council

Capital expenditure range \$101K - \$500K
Operating expenditure range None
New revenues/savings range \$101K - \$500K

Explain impact briefly

Study may result in a benefit assessment district that would generate revenue to construct sound attenuation.

8. Staff Recommendation

Staff Recommendation None

If 'For Study' or 'Against Study', explain

9. Estimated consultant hours for completion of the study issue

40

Managers

Role	Manager	Hours			
Lead	Rogge, Mark	Mgr CY1:	120	Mgr CY2:	0
		Staff CY1:	160	Staff CY2:	0
Interdep	Balbo, Therese	Mgr CY1:	120	Mgr CY2:	0
		Staff CY1:	160	Staff CY2:	0

Total Hours CY1: 560

Total Hours CY2: 0

Note: If staff's recommendation is 'For Study' or 'Against Study', the Director should note the relative importance of this Study to other major projects that the Department is currently working on or that are soon to begin, and the impact on existing services/priorities.

Reviewed by

 Department Director

10/11/09
 Date

Approved by

 City Manager

10/10/09
 Date

Addendum

A. Board / Commission Recommendation

Issue Created Too Late for B/C Ranking

Board or Commission	Rank	Rank
	Rank	Rank
	1 year ago	2 years ago
Arts Commission		
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee		
Board of Building Code Appeals		
Board of Library Trustees		
Child Care Advisory Board		
Heritage Preservation Commission		
Housing and Human Services Commission		
Parks and Recreation Commission		
Personnel Board		
Planning Commission		

Board or Commission ranking comments

B. Council

Council Rank (no rank yet)
Start Date (blank)
Work Plan Review Date (blank)
Study Session Date (blank)
RTC Date (blank)
Actual Complete Date (blank)
Staff Contact