

2014 Council Study Issue

CDD 14-05 Review General Plan Policies Regarding Noise Impacts to Residential Developments Near Major Transportation Thoroughfares

Lead Department Community Development

Sponsor(s) Planning Commission

History 1 year ago: 2 years ago:

1. **Scope of the Study**

a. What are the key elements of the study?

More projects are proposed along major transportation corridors, such as El Camino Real, Mathilda Avenue and Caltrain, which have higher traffic volumes and more traffic and operational noise.

The study could include:

- Review of current General Plan noise standards
- Review of General Plan noise measurement methodologies
- Analysis of specific noise problems for residential projects
- Survey of current noise remediation methodologies
- Survey of standards from other cities
- Community outreach

b. What precipitated this study?

Recent development projects proposed along major corridors have raised the concern about methods to reduce noise to future residences.

c. Is this a multiple year project? No Planned Completion Year 2014

2. **Fiscal Impact**

a. Cost to Conduct Study

i. Level of staff effort required (opportunity cost)

Major Moderate Minor

ii. Amount of funding above current budget required \$0

Will seek budget supplement Will seek grant funding

iii. Explanation of Cost:

b. Costs to Implement Study Results

No cost to implement.

Unknown. Study would include assessment of potential costs.

Some cost to implement. Explanation:

3. **Expected participation in the process**

Council-approved work plan

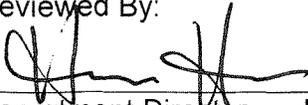
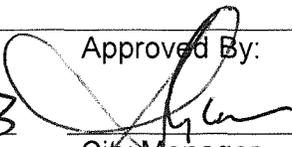
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4. **Staff Recommendation**

a. Position: Drop

b. Explanation: The Safety and Noise Chapter of the General Plan is scheduled for update in 2014 after adoption of the new Land Use and Transportation Element. Staff recommends that noise policies be reviewed in a comprehensive manner at that time.

Reviewed By:		Approved By:	
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