

Goal

- Development that is planned and designed to avoid or attenuate excessive noise levels.

Policies

- Reduce the potential effects of commercial activity noise through site planning and integrating noise attenuation measures in new buildings to reduce interior sound levels.
- Incorporate site planning, architectural features, or operational measures as applicable to provide for noise compatibility between uses.
- Include noise attenuation measures in new development to ensure an interior noise level of 45 dBA for sensitive receptor uses near noise-generating activities.
- Include feasible noise attenuation measures within retrofitted buildings.
- Implement operational measures to reduce noise in areas where eating, drinking, entertainment and assembly establishments are adjacent to residential uses.
 - Consider appropriate open/close window hours for eating and drinking establishments.
 - Consider lowering the volume of amplified music during the last hour of service.

- Encourage the use of evening security staff to control loitering after hours and crowds.
- Provide noise attenuation measures to reduce the noise levels generated from the establishment, to the degree possible, within their premises with special attention on “open air” concept establishments- such as beer gardens or large outdoor eating and drinking venues.
- Encourage bars to remain open to serve food after alcohol has stopped being served to encourage a slower flow of people leaving the establishment after hours.
- Incorporate sound attenuation measures such as sound absorbent interior materials, exterior sound walls and dense, drought tolerant landscaping where commercial uses such as restaurants and bars are permitted adjacent to residential uses.
- Encourage truck deliveries to occur on commercial streets during day-time hours.
- Encourage parking structures adjacent to residential uses to incorporate exterior screening that reduces external noise and light impacts.
- Work with Caltrans and MTS to enhance and maintain landscaping along I-8 freeway and Trolley rights-of-way to reduce noise levels affecting adjacent residential and other noise sensitive land uses.
- Encourage the use of traffic calming measures as a means to enhance safety and reduce vehicle noise.
- Implement the standard noise controls to reduce construction noise levels emanating from new construction to minimize disruption and annoyance.
 - Limit construction activity hours.
 - Equip all internal combustion engine driven equipment with intake and exhaust mufflers that are in good condition and appropriate for the equipment.

- Locate stationary noise-generating equipment (e.g. compressors) as far as possible from adjacent residential receivers.
- Acoustically shield stationary equipment located near residential receivers with temporary noise barriers.
- Utilize “quiet” air compressors and other stationary noise sources where technology exists.
- Encourage construction contractors to prepare a detailed construction plan identifying the schedule for major noise generating construction activities that includes coordination with adjacent residents so that construction activities can be scheduled to minimize noise disturbance.
- Encourage construction contractors to designate a “disturbance coordinator” who would be responsible for responding to any complaints about construction noise.