Appendix D

Noise Modeling Data

Combined Construction Noise Level (Leq)

Location	Distance to Nearest Receptor in feet	Combined Predicted Noise Level (L_{eq} dBA)
Daytime Threshold	28	90.0
Nighttime Threshold	87	80.0
Residential Setback Requirement	200	72.8
Youth Facility Setback Requirement	1000	58.8

Equipment	Reference Emission Noise Levels (L_{max}) at 50 feet[1]	Usage Factor[1]
Dozer	82	0.4
Excavator	81	0.4
Grader	85	0.4

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]
Dozer	78.0
Excavator	77.0
Grader	81.0

Combined Predicted Noise Level (L_{eq} dBA at 50 feet)
84.8

Sources:

[1] Obtained from the FHWA Roadway Construction Noise Model, January 2006. Table 1.

[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).

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

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.

Combined Construction Noise Level (Lmax)

Location	Distance to Nearest Receptor in feet	Combined Predicted Noise Level (L_{eq} dBA)
Daytime Threshold	44	90.0
Nighttime Threshold	138	80.0
Residential Setback Requirement	200	76.8
Youth Facility Setback Requirement	1000	62.8

Equipment	Reference Emission Noise Levels (L_{max}) at 50 feet[1]	Usage Factor[1]
Dozer	82	1
Excavator	81	1
Grader	85	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]
Dozer	82.0
Excavator	81.0
Grader	85.0

Combined Predicted Noise Level (L_{eq} dBA at 50 feet)
88.8

Sources:

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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			Attenuated Noise Level at Receptor		
	vibration level (VdB)	@	distance (ft)	vibration level (VdB)	@	distance (ft)
Vibratory Roller	94	@	25	74.7	@	110

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			Attenuated Noise Level at Receptor		
	vibration level (PPV)	@	distance (ft)	vibration level (PPV)	@	distance (ft)
Vibratory Roller	0.210	@	25	0.198	@	26

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.

Federal Transit Association (FTA). 2018 (September). Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Manual. FTA Report No. 0123. Washington, D.C. Accessed: December 20, 2020. Page Available:

https://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

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)
Trimming Tool (Mechanical Equipment Noise)	81.0	@	3	hard	8	5	0.00	44.5	@	200
Trimming Tool (Mechanical Equipment Noise)	81.0	@	3	hard	8	5	0.00	56.6	@	50
Outdoor Play Area	74.0	@	3	hard	8	5	0.00	31.9	@	380
elec lawn mower	83.0	@	3.00	hard	8	5	0.00	52.5	@	100
HVAC/Dehumidifiers/Refrigerated Storage	70.0	@	50	hard	8	5	0.00	60.0	@	158

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 presentd in Table 4-26 on pg. 86 of FTA 2018, where the distance of the reference noise leve 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>.