Noise

ELEMENT F NOISE

GOAL: Contribute to a healthy and safe environment by minimizing noise impacts.

Description of Noise Element

Noise, as defined in this element, is generally unwanted sound which is considered unpleasant and bothersome. Unwanted noise can affect people both physically and psychologically. People are usually more sensitive to noise during the evening and nighttime than during the day because of reduced activities, fewer noise emitting sources, and the need for rest. Land uses in which people are especially sensitive to noise include residential, convalescent and rest homes, hospitals, libraries, churches, and schools. This element provides guidelines for minimizing noise impacts from various sources.

The Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL), commonly used by California local governments, is used by Irvine to quantify community noise levels and standards. The CNEL is an average of noise levels over a twenty-four hour period. Refer to technical definitions on Page F-3.

The City's interior and exterior noise standards are shown on Table F-1. Table F-2 shows each land use category and the CNEL which is compatible with the uses in the category.

Existing Conditions

The most pervasive noise in Irvine comes from mobile noise sources such as motor vehicles, railroads, and aircraft. Three major freeways, one railroad line, and three airports expose the City to significant noise impacts. Aircraft flight tracks also impact particular areas of the City significantly. The City is also exposed to noise emanating from sources such as industrial, commercial, and construction activities.

Unwanted noise is divided into two major categories of noise sources - mobile and stationary.

1. Mobile Noise Sources.

Mobile sources are transportation-related (non-fixed) including motor vehicles, railroad, and aircraft. Motor vehicle noise is characterized by a high frequency of events, short duration, and proximity to areas sensitive to noise exposure. Rail transit and aircraft operations frequently generate extremely high noise levels which are disruptive to human activity.

a. Motor Vehicles.

Sources of vehicular traffic noise are automobiles, buses, trucks, and motorcycles. Noise is generated by engines, exhaust systems, transmissions, fans, tires, and air movement. The noise level is relatively constant on major roads where traffic is heavy and intermittent on neighborhood streets where traffic is lighter.

Table F-3 describes vehicular noise impacts for both the existing and buildout condition

b. Railroads.

Railroad noise is the result of the mechanical processes of the engine, the interaction of the wheels with the track, and use of the whistle. The amount of noise generated is dependent upon the speed of the train and the number of cars.



Railway lines that pass through the central part of the City in an east/west direction are located on right-of-way that is owned and managed by the Orange County Transportation Authority. The railroad operation includes commuter trains and freight trains. The number of freight trains depends on economic demand. There are also spur lines located IBC (Planning Area 36), and Irvine Industrial Complex-East (Planning Area 35). The noise generated by these spur lines is insufficient to provide CNEL contours in excess of 60 dB outside the right-of-way.

c. Aircraft.

Aircraft noise generally affects areas within the airport vicinity during takeoffs and landings, and areas located around the flight tracks. Airborne noise sources in Irvine included aircraft operations at MCAS El Toro and helicopter

Definitions

Community Noise Equivalent Level (**CNEL**): The CNEL is an average of noise levels over a twenty-four (24) hour period. The measured energy equivalent level (Leq) is weighted for the hours when there is a greater sensitivity to noise. A weighting factor of 5 decibels is applied to the evening period (7 to 10 p.m.) and a weighting factor of 10 decibels is applied to the night time period (10 p.m. to 7 a.m.). The daytime Leqs between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. are not weighted.

Decibel: dB, a numerical expression of the relative intensity of a sound as it is heard by the human ear.

dBA: The "A-weighted" scale for measuring sound in decibels, it weighs or reduces the effects of low and high frequencies in order to simulate human hearing. Every increase of 10 dBA doubles the perceived loudness although the noise is actually ten times more intense.

Leq: The energy equivalent level, defined as the average sound level on the basis of sound energy. The Leq is a "dosage" type measure and is the basis for the descriptors used in current standards, such as the 24- hour Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) used by the State of California.

Standards

Interior and Exterior Noise Standards: Table F-1 identifies the maximum interior and exterior noise levels for each land uses category. The standards assume the incorporation of California State Law requirements into all projects.

Land Use Noise Compatibility Table F-2 identifies the compatibility of proposed projects and future noise levels. The diagram is used in evaluating new development projects, including General Plan amendments, zone changes, tentative maps, conditional use permits and master plans.

Single Event Noise Standard: The maximum interior noise levels of the loudest 10% of single noise events [Lmax(10)] for noise sensitive land uses within the 60 CNEL of aircraft and railroad noise sources shall not exceed 65 dBA between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m nor 55 dBA between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. for typical occupancy. (Note: The samples for single event noise measurement must include representative aircraft operation.)

operations at MCAS Tustin; and, currently include civil air operations at John Wayne Airport.

<u>MCAS El Toro:</u> The major aircraft noise source in Irvine was MCAS El Toro, which was located in Planning



Area 51. The most recent noise study for MCAS El Toro was adopted in 1981 by the Marine Corps as part of the Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) Study.

The noise levels were based on noise characteristics of aircraft as measured by the military, and annual operations data (number and type of aircraft movements, and flight tracks), according to the Marine Corps' records. The final position of the computed CNEL contours was verified by several site specific studies outside of Irvine. Field measurements will occur in conjunction with sensitive land uses to assess impacts of aircraft noise together with other noise sources (e.g. vehicular).

MCAS El Toro was closed in July, 1999. In its place, the County of Orange has proposed a commercial airport, which will likely have an impact on aircraft noise as well as vehicular noise. The City of Irvine actively opposes a commercial airport.

The El Toro Reuse Planning Authority which consists of the cities of Irvine, Mission Viejo, Laguna Hills, Lake Forest, Laguna Beach, Dana Point and Laguna Niguel, has prepared the Millennium Plan for the reuse of El Toro. The Millennium Plan consists of a mix of nonaviation land uses which may have different vehicular and stationary noise levels than currently associated with military activities at MCAS El Toro.

<u>MCAS Tustin</u>: The noise from helicopter operations at MCAS Tustin also affected the City. The City formerly used the AICUZ noise contour map as depicted in the 1983 Master Plan, for MCAS Tustin, for the assessment of the helicopter noise impacts.

MCAS Tustin was closed in 1999. This eliminated aircraft noise but the land uses that could be developed in its place may increase vehicular and stationary noise.

John Wayne Airport: The John Wayne Airport noise contour map, prepared annually by the Noise Abatement Center of John Wayne Airport, is used for the assessment of aircraft noise impacts. Annual updates of the original 1980 John Wayne Airport noise contour map, are used for planning analysis. Figure F- 1 illustrates the former noise contours for the now closed MCAS Tustin and the existing noise contours for John Wayne Airport.

2. Stationary Noise Sources.

Stationary noise sources are the noise sources in the community such as industrial and mechanical equipment, which are often referred to as "fixed sources." Industrial noise generated by

processing and operation is usually of long duration at relatively low frequencie s.



Construction sources generate high noise levels for extended periods of time. Examples include: rock crushers; mechanical electric equipment such as air conditioners or refrigeration units; various power tools such as lawn mowers or leaf blowers; construction activities; commercial or industrial activities such as car wash facilities; animal noise; and human-related activities such as loud parties, loud music, radio, T.V., or children playing.

The City's Noise Ordinance establishes the maximum permissible noise level which may intrude into a neighbor's property. The Ordinance (adopted in 1975 and revised in 1984) establishes noise level standards for various land use categories being affected by stationary noise sources. The ordinance regulates the timing of construction activities and includes special provisions for sensitive land uses.

Trends

1. Mobile Noise Sources.

a. Motor Vehicles.

Motor vehicle noise will continue to be significant. Irvine will also be impacted by through traffic from yetto-be-developed areas to the south, east and west. An increased use of convenient mass transit systems may contribute to noise reduction. Future motor vehicle noise is shown in Figure F- 3.

b. Railroads.

It is expected that over the years there will be an increase in railroad traffic especially as commuter trains are added along the Los Angeles-San Diego (LOSSAN) corridor. Future railroad noise is shown in Table F-3.

c. Aircraft.

It is expected that over the years noise impacts to the City from aircraft operations at John Wayne Airport will not increase because of agreements restricting the number of flights, hours of noise, and aggregate noise. Based on the State Airport Noise Regulation (Title 21), John Wayne Airport (as a civil airport) is required to reduce the airport noise impact on existing communities.

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2. Stationary Noise Sources.

As the City develops further, it is expected that stationary noise levels will increase. However, noise impacts can be mitigated by use of control measures and enforcement of the Noise Ordinance in the development process.

Identification of Issues

- 1. How can the City ensure that residents are not exposed to excess mobile noise levels?
- 2. How can the City ensure that residents are not exposed to excess stationary noise levels?
- 3. How can these regulations be coordinated to provide a healthy noise environment?
- 4. How can public awareness in this area be increased?

Response to Issues

The following objectives and policies have been formulated as a policy response to the identified noise issues.

OBJECTIVE F-1: MOBILE NOISE

Ensure that City residents are not exposed to mobile noise levels in excess of the CNEL Interior and Exterior Noise Standards (Table F-1), and Single Event Noise Standard.

The following policies support Objective F-1:

- *Policy (a):* Require all plans submitted for development review to show the Noise Element existing noise contours, future noise contours and aircraft noise contours.
- *Policy (b):* Prohibit residential development within the 65 CNEL of aircraft noise contours.
- *Policy (c):* Ensure that all proposed development projects are compatible with the existing and projected noise level by using the Land Use Noise Compatibility Matrix (Table F-2).
- *Policy (d):* Require noise studies to be prepared in accordance with the City's environmental review procedure for all projects that are not "clearly compatible" with the future noise level at the site.

Policy (e): Require noise studies to use the future motor vehicle noise reduction of 1.9 dBA in identifying future noise levels of streets.

- *Policy (f):* Require noise studies to identify all the mitigation measures necessary to reduce noise levels to meet the CNEL standard (Table F-1) and Single Event Noise Standard.
- *Policy* (*g*): Require compliance with Single Event Noise Standard for noise sensitive land uses within the 60 CNEL of aircraft and railroad noise contours.
- *Policy (h):* Require conditional use permits for noise sensitive land uses such as hospitals, libraries, churches, and schools to mitigate noise-related impacts.
- *Policy (i):* Update highway/railroad noise levels (Table F-3) every five years and/or whenever the City's Irvine Traffic Analysis Model (ITAM) has been significantly changed.
- *Policy (j):* Ensure that any proposal to update aircraft noise contours used by the City of Irvine for planing analysis is submitted, prior to adoption by the City, to the Airport Land Use Commission
- *Policy (k):* Incorporate the following types of noise mitigation measures in the design of new highways and streets: alignment, barriers, lateral separation, and vertical profile.
- *Policy (l):* Examine the existing and projected future noise environment when considering amendments to the City's circulation system.
- *Policy (m):* Reduce noise impacts from mobile sources by encouraging use of alternative modes of transportation

Policy (n): Reduce railroad noise impacts to new development by incorporating measures for mitigating noise levels to meet the City's noise standards.

Policy (o): Participate in cooperative efforts

with Orange County Transit Authority to fund and construct grade separations, where feasible,



through residential areas of the City, giving consideration to all potential funding sources.

OBJECTIVE F-2: STATIONARY NOISE

Ensure that City residents are not exposed to stationary noise levels in excess of the City Noise Ordinance standards.

The following policies support Objective F-2:

- *Policy (a):* Require any new construction to meet the City Noise Ordinance standards as a condition of building permit approval.
- *Policy (b):* Require developers to depict, on any appropriate development application review (zone change, subdivisions, conditional use permit, site plan, and building plans), any potential noise sources known at the time of submittal and mitigation measures that ensure these noise sources meet the City Noise

Ordinance standards. Such sources include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Truck pickup and loading areas.
- Mechanical and electrical equipment such as air conditioning, swimming pool pumps and filters, and spa pumps.
- Exterior nuisances such as speaker boxes and outdoor public address systems.



Policy (c): Condition subdivision approval of the projects adjacent to any developed/occupied uses by requiring the developer to submit a construction-related noise mitigation plan to the Director of Community Development for review and approval prior to issuance of grading permits. The plan must depict the location of construction equipment and how the noise from this equipment will be mitigated during construction of the project, through the use of such methods as following:

- Temporary noise attenuation fences.
- Preferential location of equipment.
- Use of current technology and noise suppression equipment.

OBJECTIVE F-3: NOISE ABATEMENT

Achieve maximum efficiency in noise abatement efforts through intergovernmental coordination and public information programs.

- The following policies support Objective F-3:
- *Policy (a):* Coordinate efforts to reduce noise impacts with appropriate public and government agencies.
- *Policy (b):* Monitor federal and state legislation and programs which will reduce noise in Irvine.
- *Policy* (*c*): Use police power to enforce the appropriate noise standards in the state's motor vehicle code and other state and federal legislation for mobile noise sources.
- *Policy (d):* Encourage appropriate agencies to maximize the use of noise reducing equipment in the City.
- *Policy (e):* Seek the cooperation of aircraft regulatory agencies in the modification and selection of flight paths which will reduce noise impacts on residential and other noise sensitive areas.
- *Policy (f):* Monitor and update, as needed, the City Noise Ordinance so that it will continue to be effective in restricting noise from stationary sources.

Policy (g): Disseminate public information regarding City noise regulations and programs, the health effects of high noise levels, and means of mitigating such levels.

TABLE F-1

INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR NOISE STANDARDS ENERGY AVERAGE (CNEL)

LAND USE CATEGORIES		ENERGY AVERAGE (CNEL)		
CATEGORIES	USES	INTERIOR ⁽¹⁾	EXTERIOR ⁽²⁾	
RESIDENTIAL	Single-Family Multiple-Family	45 ⁽³⁾ 55 ⁽⁴⁾	65 ⁽⁷⁾	
	Mobile Home		65 ⁽⁵⁾	
COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL	Hotel, motel, transient lodging	45	65 ⁽⁶⁾	
	Commercial, retail, bank, restaurant	55		
	Office building, professional office, research & development	50		
	Amphitheater, concert hall, auditorium, meeting hall	45		
	Gymnasium (Multipurpose)	50		
	Health clubs	55		
	Manufacturing, warehousing, wholesale, utilities	65		
	Movie theater	45		
INSTITUTIONAL	Hospital, school classroom	45	65	
	Church, library	45		
OPEN SPACE	Parks		65	

Interpretation:

- 1. Interior environment excludes bathrooms, toilets, closets, and corridors.
- 2. Outdoor environment limited to private yard of single-family or multi-family residences private patio which is accessed by a means of exit from inside the unit; mobile home park; hospital patio; park picnic area; school playground; and hotel and motel recreation area.
- 3. Noise level requirement with closed windows. Mechanical ventilating system or other means of natural ventilation shall be provided pursuant to Appendix Chapter 12, Section 1208 of UBC.
- 4. Noise level requirement with open windows, if they are used to meet natural ventilation requirement.
- 5. Exterior noise level shall be such that interior noise level will not exceed 45 CNEL.
- 6. Except those areas affected by aircraft noise.
- 7. Multi-family developments with balconies that do not meet the 65 CNEL are required to provide occupancy disclosure notices to all future tenants regarding potential noise impacts.

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TABLE F-2 LAND USE NOISE COMPATIBILITY

LANDU	JSE CATEGORIES		ENI	ERGY A	VERA	GE (CN	EL)	
<u>Categories</u>	Uses	<u><</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>80></u>
RESIDENTIAL	Single-Family	А	А	В	В	С	D	D
RESIDENTIAL	Mobile Home	А	А	В	С	С	D	D
COMMERCIAL	Hotel, Motel,							
Regional	Transient Lodging	А	А	В	В	С	С	D
COMMERCIAL	Commercial retail,							
Regional	Bank, Restaurant,							
Community	Movie theater	А	А	А	А	В	В	С
COMMERCIAL	Office building,							
Community	Research & development							
INDUSTRIAL &	Professional office,							
INSTITUTIONAL	City office building	А	А	А	В	В	С	D
COMMERCIAL	Amphitheater,							
Recreation	Concert hall							
INSTITUTIONAL	Auditorium, Meeting							
General	hall	В	В	С	С	D	D	D
COMMERCIAL	Children's amusement							
Recreation	park, Miniature golf,							
	Go-cart track, Health							
	club, Equestrian							
	center	А	А	А	В	В	D	D
COMMERCIAL	Automobile service							
Community	station, Auto dealer,							
INDUSTRIAL	Manufacturing,							
General	Warehousing,							
	Wholesale, Utilities	А	А	А	А	В	В	В
INSTITUTIONAL	Hospital, Church,							
General	Library, School							
	classrooms	А	А	В	С	С	D	D
OPEN SPACE	Parks	А	А	А	В	С	D	D
OPEN SPACE	Golf courses, Nature							
	centers, Cemeteries,							
	Wildlife reserves,							
	Wildlife habitat	А	А	А	А	В	С	С
AGRICULTURAL	Agriculture	А	А	А	А	А	А	А
Interpretation								
Zone A	Specified land use is satisfactory, based upor	the assu	mption that	any buildi	ngs involve	ed are of no	ormal conv	entional
Clearly Compatible	construction without any special noise insula	tion requ	irements.					
Zone B	New construction or development should be	undertake	en only after	r detailed a	nalysis of t	he noise re	duction	
Normally Compatible	requirements are made and needed noise insu	ilation fea	tures in the	e design are	determine	ed. Conven	tional con	struction,
	with closed windows and fresh air supply sys	stems or a	ir conditior	ung, will n	ormaily suf	ince.		
Zone C	New construction or development should not	mally be	discourage	1. If new co	Instruction	or develop	ment does	proceed
Normally Incompatible	a detailed analysis or noise reduction require	ments mu	st be made	and needed	1 noise insi	ilation feat	ures must l	be
, <u>r</u>	included in the design							
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Zone D	New construction or development should ger	nerally no	t be underta	ıken.				
Clearly Incompatible								
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Noise Mitigation Measure Definitions

Alignment: In the context of highway noise assessment, the threedimensional position of the road.

Barriers: Any solid material that shields a receiver from a given source of noise. Types of barriers include walls, berms, hills and intervening structures. Most often, the term "noise barrier" refers specifically to sound walls or berms intentionally placed in such a way as to re-direct noise away from receiver locations (e.g., sound walls along a highway).

Lateral separation: The horizontal distance between the road and a receiver. With new roadway construction, there is sometimes the flexibility to position the alignment within the right of way in such a way as to maximize the lateral separation (or buffer) between the road (noise source) and the nearest receivers (e.g., residences).

Vertical Profile: The path of a roadway in the vertical direction. Roadways can be designed to be below-grade (depressed), above-grade (elevated), or at-grade relative to areas adjacent to the road. Generally, traffic noise levels along depressed roadways are substantially lower than those along roadways that are at grade. Elevated roadways also reduce traffic noise (relative to at-grade conditions) but only within the first few hundred feet of the road.

RELATED OBJECTIVE NUMBERS

The following objectives are related to the Noise Element:

Land Use Element - A-6 Circulation Element - B-2, B-7 Housing Element - C-2 Public Facilities and Services Element - G-1 Integrated Waste Management Element - H-2 Conservation and Open Space Element - L-6 Growth Management Element - M-3

	Existing C	Conditions	2020 Buildout Condition	
Roadway Segment	CNEL Noise Level (@ 100 ft from ctrline)	Distance to 65 CNEL Noise Contour (in feet)	CNEL Noise Level (@ 100 ft from ctrline)	Distance to 65 CNEL Noise Contour (in feet)
Alton Parkway				
Barranca/Muirlands Blvd. to Jeronimo Rd.	71.4	267	72.0	293
Jeronimo Road/Toledo Way	70.7	240	70.5	233
Toledo Way/Irvine Boulevard	66.9	134	70.0	215
Irvine Boulevard/North City Limits			71.0	251
SR 55/Red Hill Avenue	61.3	57	69.3	193
Red Hill Avenue/Von Karman Avenue	66.8	132	70.2	222
Von Karman Avenue/Jamboree Road	66.3	122	70.7	240
Jamboree Road/Harvard Avenue	67.4	145	71.5	271
Harvard Avenue/Culver Drive	68.9	182	69.6	203
Culver Drive/West Yale Loop	67.7	151	69.0	185
West Yale Loop/Lake Road	68.0	158	68.7	176
Lake Road/Creek Road	69.0	185	69.4	196
Creek Road/East Yale Loop	68.3	166	69.5	200
East Yale Loop/Jeffrey Road	68.2	163	69.6	203
Jeffrey Road/Sand Canyon Avenue	68.9	182	72.3	307
Sand Canyon/Future Laguna Canyon Rd.	69.4	196	71.9	288
Future (Link)/SR 133	69.4	196	71.0	251
SR 133/Irvine Center Drive	68.6	174	70.2	222
I-5/West Technology Drive Future Rockfield to Barranca/Muirlands	69.1 72.8	188 331	72.2 70.9	302 247
Barranca Parkway/Muirlands Boulevard				
Red Hill Avenue/Von Karman Avenue	69.6	203	72.4	311
Von Karman Avenue/Jamboree Road	69.2	191	73.1	347
Jamboree Road/Harvard Avenue	67.8	154	70.9	247
Harvard Avenue/Culver Drive	68.9	182	69.5	200
Culver Drive/West Yale Loop	67.7	151	68.3	166

Table F-3VEHICULAR TRAFFIC NOISE LEVEL AND NOISE CONTOUR COMPARISON

	Existing (Conditions	2020 Buildout Condition	
Roadway Segment	CNEL Noise Level (@ 100 ft from ctrline)	Distance to 65 CNEL Noise Contour (in feet)	CNEL Noise Level (@ 100 ft from ctrline)	Distance to 65 CNEL Noise Contour (in feet)
West Yale Loop/Lake Road	67.3	142	68.2	163
Lake Road/Creek Road	67.3	142	68.0	158
Creek Road/East Yale Loop	66.7	130	67.6	149
East Yale Loop/Jeffrey Road	66.5	126	68.8	179
Jeffrey Road/Future			69.5	200
Future/Sand Canyon Avenue			69.2	191
Sand Canyon/Future Laguna Canyon Rd.	61.7	60	71.0	251
Future (Link)/SR 133	61.7	60	69.7	206
SR 133/Irvine Center Drive	66.3	122	69.7	206
Irvine Center Drive/I-5	67.2	140	70.7	240
I-5 Freeway/Alton Parkway Alton Parkway/Bake Parkway	69.4 69.2	196 191	69.8 66.4	209 124
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Bison Avenue				
MacArthur Boulevard/Newport Coast Drive Newport Coast Drive/California Avenue	59.0	40	69.1 65.8	188 113
Bonita Canyon Drive				
Newport Coast Drive/Culver Drive Culver Drive/Sunnyhill	65.5 60.2	108 48	71.1 66.6	255 128
Bryan Avenue				
Culver Drive/Westwood Westwood/Yale Avenue Yale Avenue/Eastwood Eastwood/Jeffrey Road	65.4 63.0 62.1 62.1	106 74 64 64	66.0 66.0 65.5 65.5	117 117 108 108
California Avenue				
University Drive/Bison Avenue	62.7	70	66.8	132

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Bison Avenue/Palo Verde Road			62.3	66
Palo Verde Road/Campus Drive Campus Drive/Harvard Avenue	61.1	 55	65.8 65.7	113 111
Campus Drive				
MacArthur Blvd./Von Karman Ave. Von Karman Ave./Jamboree Road Jamboree Road/University Drive University Drive/Culver Drive Culver Drive/Turtle Rock Drive	65.5 65.1 68.4 67.3 66.9	108 102 169 142 134	67.6 66.6 69.2 70.3 68.9	149 128 191 226 182
Creek Road				
Barranca Parkway/Alton Parkway	58.2	35	68.3	166
Culver Drive				
Irvine Boulevard/Bryan Avenue Bryan Avenue to I-5/Trabuco Road I-5/Trabuco Road to Walnut Avenue Walnut Avenue/Irvine Center Drive Irvine Center Drive/Warner Avenue Warner Avenue/Barranca Parkway Barranca Parkway/Alton Parkway Alton Parkway/Main Street Main Street/San Diego Freeway (I-405) San Diego Freeway (I-405)/Michelson Dr. Michelson Drive/University Drive University Drive/Harvard Avenue Harvard Avenue/Campus Drive Campus Drive/Bonita Canyon Drive	65.3 70.3 69.2 71.4 71.9 71.6 70.9 71.5 71.6 70.5 70.1 68.8 67.5 62.9	105 226 191 267 288 275 247 271 275 233 219 179 147 72	70.3 71.4 72.0 71.5 72.7 72.2 72.1 72.2 71.9 72.0 71.8 71.3 70.2 70.3	226 267 293 271 326 302 297 302 288 293 288 293 284 263 222 226

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East Yale Loop				
Yale Avenue/Barranca Parkway	65.4	106	63.4	78
Barranca Parkway/Alton Parkway	64.6	94	64.2	88
Alton Parkway/West Yale Loop	65.8	113	66.1	118
Ford Road				
MacArthur Boulevard/San Miguel Drive	66.5	126	65.5	108
San Miguel Drive/Newport Coast Drive			68.2	163
Harvard Avenue				
Walnut Avenue/Irvine Center Drive	64.2	88	66.1	118
Irvine Center Drive/Warner Avenue	66.9	134	65.2	103
Warner Avenue/Barranca Parkway	66.8	132	65.9	115
Barranca Parkway/Alton Parkway	66.5	126	64.4	91
Alton Parkway/Main Street	66.7	130	69.7	206
Main Street/Michelson Drive	66.7	130	70.4	229
Michelson Drive/University Drive	67.0	136	67.5	147
University Drive/California Avenue	65.1	102	68.0	158
Irvine Center Drive				
Harvard Avenue/Culver Drive	68.6	174	71.2	259
Culver Drive/Yale Avenue	69.4	196	71.6	275
Yale Avenue/Jeffrey Road	68.1	161	71.4	267
Jeffrey Road/Future	69.6	203	71.2	259
Future/Sand Canyon Avenue	69.8	209	71.1	255
Sand Canyon Avenue/Barranca Parkway	69.1	188	73.5	369
Barranca Parkway/Alton Parkway	67.2	140	71.9	288
Alton Parkway/San Diego Freeway (I-405)	70.7	240	70.6	236

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Future/Bake Parkway	73.3	358	74.4	423
Irvine Boulevard				
Culver Drive/Yale Avenue	70.5	233	72.4	311
Yale Avenue/Jeffrey Road	70.3	226	71.7	280
Alton Parkway/Bake Parkway	70.5	233	68.8	179
Jamboree Road				
San Diego Freeway (I-405)/Michelson Dr.	72.6	321	73.7	380
Michelson Drive/Campus Drive	72.1	297	72.5	316
Santa Ana Freeway (I-5)/Walnut Avenue	72.0	293	73.4	363
Walnut Avenue/Railroad Tracks	71.9	288	76.8	612
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Jamboree Road (Continued)				
Warner Avenue/Barranca Parkway	71.5	271	76.9	621
Barranca Parkway/Alton Parkway	69.6	203	73.9	392
Alton Parkway/Main Street	71.4	267	73.2	352
Main Street/San Diego Freeway (I-405)	72.4	311	73.1	347
Jeffrey Road/University Drive				
Irvine Boulevard/Bryan Avenue	68.6	174	69.5	200
Trabuco Road/Santa Ana Freeway (I-5)	69.4	196	69.7	206
Santa Ana Freeway (I-5)/Walnut Avenue	69.4	196	70.1	219
Walnut Avenue/Irvine Center Drive	70.1	219	72.1	297
Irvine Center Drive/Barranca Parkway	70.7	240	71.9	288
Barranca Parkway/Alton Parkway	69.3	193	71.5	271
Alton Parkway/San Diego Freeway (I-405)	71.7	280	73.2	352
San Diego Freeway (I-405)/Michelson Dr.	71.3	263	70.7	240

Table F-3VEHICULAR TRAFFIC NOISE LEVEL AND NOISE CONTOUR COMPARISON

	Existing (Conditions	2020 Buildout Condition	
Roadway Segment	CNEL Noise Level (@ 100 ft from ctrline)	Distance to 65 CNEL Noise Contour (in feet)	CNEL Noise Level (@ 100 ft from ctrline)	Distance to 65 CNEL Noise Contour (in feet)
Michelson Drive/Ridgeline Drive	69.7	206	71.7	280
Ridgeline Drive/Yale Avenue	68.4	169	68.7	176
Yale Avenue/Culver Drive	70.0	215	70.1	219
Culver Drive/Harvard Avenue	69.0	185	71.3	263
Harvard Avenue/Campus Drive	69.3	193	72.8	331
Campus Drive/MacArthur Boulevard	68.5	171	72.7	326
Jeronimo Road				
Alton Parkway/Bake Parkway	66.1	118	67.7	151
Laguna Canyon Road				
Barranca Parkway/Alton Parkway	62.7	70	69.0	185
Alton Parkway/Laguna Freeway (SR 133)	62.7	70	71.5	271
Laguna Freeway (SR 133)/Lake Forest Dr.			69.0	185
Laguna Freeway (SR 133)/Bake Parkway			74.2	411
Laguna Freeway (SR 133)				
Santa Ana Freeway (I-5)/Barranca Parkway	69.6	203	77.9	724
San Diego Fwy (I-405)/Laguna Canyon Rd.	71.2	259	76.0	541
Lake Forest Drive				
Laguna Canyon Road/Future Bake Parkway			70.6	236
Future Bake Parkway/East City Limits			71.8	284
Lake Road				
Barranca Parkway/Alton Parkway	61.9	62	71.5	271
MacArthur Boulevard				
Costa Mesa Freeway (SR 55)/Red Hill Ave.	70.4	229	72.2	302
Red Hill Avenue/Main Street	68.9	182	73.2	352
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MacArthur Boulevard (Continued)				

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	Existing (Conditions	2020 Buildout Condition	
Roadway Segment	CNEL Noise Level (@ 100 ft from ctrline)	Distance to 65 CNEL Noise Contour (in feet)	CNEL Noise Level (@ 100 ft from ctrline)	Distance to 65 CNEL Noise Contour (in feet)
Main Street/San Diego Freeway (I-405) San Diego Freeway (I-405)/Michelson Dr	71.6 70.1	275 219	74.4 71.7	423 280
Michelson Drive/Campus Drive Jamboree Road/University Drive	69.8 68.4	209 169	75.1 75.1	471 471
University Drive/Newport Coast Drive Newport Coast Drive/Bison Avenue Bison Avenue/Ford Boad	73.9 74.4 74 5	392 423 430	72.8 73.9 74.0	331 392 398
Main Street	71.5	-50	14.0	570
SR 55/Red Hill Avenue Red Hill Avenue/MacArthur Boulevard MacArthur Blvd./Von Karman Avenue Von Karman Avenue/Jamboree Road Jamboree Road/Harvard Avenue Harvard Avenue/Culver Drive Culver Drive/West Yale Loop	67.0 67.7 69.2 68.1 67.1 66.1 65.0	136 151 191 161 138 118 100	71.5 71.5 71.6 71.7 69.2 67.5 64.4	271 271 275 280 191 147 91
Michelson Drive				
MacArthur Blvd./Von Karman Avenue Von Karman Avenue/Jamboree Road Jamboree Road/Harvard Avenue Harvard Avenue/Culver Drive Culver Drive/West Yale Loop Yale Avenue/University Drive Sand Canyon Ave./Laguna Canyon Road	66.3 65.4 66.7 66.1 63.1 62.3	122 106 130 118 75 66	65.1 68.0 71.8 69.1 63.1 63.2 63.1	102 158 284 188 75 76 75
Red Hill Avenue				
Barranca Parkway/Alton Parkway Alton Parkway/MacArthur Boulevard MacArthur Boulevard/Main Street Main Street/San Diego Freeway (I-405)	69.5 70.7 66.8 67.4	200 240 132 145	72.6 72.8 69.2 72.0	321 331 191 293
Ridgeline Drive				
University Drive/Turtle Rock Drive	66.9	134	66.6	128

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Roadway Segment	CNEL Noise Level (@ 100 ft from ctrline)	Distance to 65 CNEL Noise Contour (in feet)	CNEL Noise Level (@ 100 ft from ctrline)	Distance to 65 CNEL Noise Contour (in feet)	
Rockfield Boulevard					
Alton Parkway/Thomas Thomas/Bake Parkway Bake Parkway/East City Limits	60.9 68.7	53 176	65.4 65.4 70.7	106 106 240	
Sand Canyon Avenue					
North of Marine Way Prop. Laguna Canyon Fwy/Irvine Center Dr. Irvine Center Drive/Barranca Parkway Barranca Parkway/Alton Parkway Alton Parkway/San Diego Freeway (I-405) San Diego Fwy (I-405)/Fut. Michelson Dr.	66.9 65.0 66.4 66.2 66.8	134 100 124 120 132	68.6 68.5 68.6 68.8 72.0 67.4	174 171 174 179 293 145	
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Trabuco Road					
Culver Drive/Yale Avenue Yale East to City Limit	67.8 64.0	154 86	68.1 67.9	161 156	
Toledo Way					
Alton Parkway/Bake Parkway	66.1	118	65.0	100	
Turtle Rock Drive					
Campus Drive/Ridgeline Drive Ridgeline Drive/Sunnyhill Sunnyhill/California Avenue	63.2 63.2 64.6	76 76 94	62.6 61.1 65.3	69 55 105	
Von Karman Avenue					
Barranca Parkway/Alton Parkway Alton Parkway/Main Street Main Street/Michelson Drive Michelson Drive/Campus Drive	66.0 66.9 66.5 66.0	117 134 126 117	72.4 69.0 71.8 68.9	311 185 284 182	
Walnut Avenue					

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	Existing (Conditions	2020 Buildout Condition		
Roadway Segment	CNEL Noise Level (@ 100 ft from ctrline)	Distance to 65 CNEL Noise Contour (in feet)	CNEL Noise Level (@ 100 ft from ctrline)	Distance to 65 CNEL Noise Contour (in feet)	
Myford Road/Jamboree Road	66.6	128	71.4	267	
Jamboree Road/Harvard Avenue	65.6	110	70.8	244	
Harvard Avenue/Culver Drive	66.0	117	68.2	163	
Culver Drive/Yale Avenue	66.6	128	68.4	169	
Yale Avenue/Jeffrey Road	64.9	98	67.1	138	
Warner Avenue					
Jamboree Road/Harvard Avenue	58.2	35	64.3	90	
Harvard Avenue/Culver Drive			63.9	84	
Culver Drive/Yale Avenue	61.7	60	64.5	93	
West Yale Loop					
East Yale Loop/Main Street	66.4	124	66.9	134	
Main Street/Alton Parkway	64.4	91	65.8	113	
Alton Parkway/Barranca Parkway	62.5	68	63.0	74	
Barranca Parkway/Warner Avenue	63.7	82	62.7	70	
Warner Avenue/Yale Avenue	64.5	93	62.7	70	
Yale Avenue					
North of Irvine Boulevard	64.8	97	65.2	103	
Irvine Boulevard/Bryan Avenue	64.0	86	64.0	86	
Bryan Avenue to I-5/Trabuco Road	65.1	102	65.1	102	
I-5/Trabuco Road to Walnut Avenue	64.1	87	64.1	87	
Walnut Avenue/Irvine Center Drive	66.1	118	64.4	91	
Irvine Center Drive/Yale Loop	63.4	78	64.1	87	
Yale Loop/Michelson Drive			62.9	72	
Michelson Drive/University Drive	55.6	24	59.5	43	
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I-405 (San Diego Freeway)					
SR-55/MacArthur Boulevard	74.8	450	76.1	550	
MacArthur Boulevard/Jamboree Road	74.8	450	76.3	567	

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	Existing Conditions		2020 Buildout Condition	
	CNEL	Distance to	CNEL	Distance to
Roadway Segment	Noise Level	65 CNEL	Noise Level	65 CNEL
	(@ 100 ft	Noise Contour	(@ 100 ft	Noise Contour
	from ctrline)	(in feet)	from ctrline)	(in feet)
Jamboree Road/Culver Drive	74.8	450	76.0	541
Culver Drive/Jeffrey Road	74.3	417	76.0	541
Jeffrey Road/Sand Canyon Avenue	73.8	386	75.9	533
Sand Canyon Avenue/SR-133	73.8	386	75.6	509
SR-133/Irvine Center Drive	73.2	352	73.7	380
Irvine Center Drive/I-5	72.5	316	72.9	336
I-5 (Santa Ana Freeway)				
Jamboree Road/Culver Drive	72.7	326	77.1	641
Culver Drive/Jeffrey Road	72.7	326	76.8	612
Jeffrey Road/Sand Canyon Avenue	72.8	331	76.9	621
Sand Canyon Avenue/SR-133	72.8	331	76.3	567
SR-133/Alton Parkway	72.6	321	76.1	550
Alton Parkway/I-405	72.1	297	75.8	525
I-405/Lake Forest Drive	75.0	464	76.2	558
SR-55 (Costa Mesa Freeway)				
I-405/MacArthur Boulevard	73.9	392	not available	

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Note: (--) denotes undeveloped roadway. Traffic estimates from City of Irvine were used as inputs to the model.

SOURCE: Environmental Science Associates, 1996.



City	of Irvine
Gen	eral Plan

Figure F-1



LEGEND

City Sphere of Influence

> Aircraft Noise Contours expressed as CNEL (Community Noise Equivalent Level)

* This exhibit depicts the former noise contours for the now closed MCAS Tustin for historical purposes; and, the existing noise contours for John Wayne airport

