

City-wide Noise Study RFP Questions and Answers

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- 1. In November 2021, the City released an RFP for a transformative transportation study. Does the City anticipate that relevant data from that study would be available for use in the generation of traffic noise contours? Such data could include vehicle traffic volumes on City roadways, vehicle fleet mix information, vehicle speed information, and time of day distribution for vehicle trips.**

Yes, the study will have information on number of vehicles, vehicle types, and time of day distribution. The City does vehicle speed studies periodically and can make that data available for this study.

- 2. Could the City please elaborate on the role of the selected consultant in: a. The development of noise/land use compatibility standards, transportation and non-transportation noise standards, and General Plan Noise Element content and policies? Would the selected consultant provide support or other assistance (e.g., technical writing, policy development, or implementation programs) to City staff in the development of the General Plan Noise Element, or solely provide technical data and analysis for the City's review, consideration, and use? b. The development of the zoning standards/noise ordinance. Would the selected consultant provide support or other assistance (e.g. technical writing) to City staff in the development of the zoning standards/noise ordinance?**

The selected consultant would be used to provide the technical data and analysis for the City. City Staff will be charge with developing the technical writing, policy development, or implementation programs for the General Plan Noise Element. The consultant would provide some assistance in the form of recommendations for the development of the zoning standards/noise ordinance. The City would be willing to negotiate future tasks with the chosen consultant to offer policy development and Noise Element recommendations pending City budget availability.

- 3. The RFP requires proposal submitters to certify the project manager will be present at all meetings required by the City. Could the City provide an estimate of how many meetings may occur for the request scope of services?**

The City anticipates at least three public meetings that the consultant would need to be present at to provide support to City Staff and address questions on the study. Outside of public meetings, City Staff will require periodic project management meetings to monitor tasks and timelines. No more than 2 meetings per month of the study and no longer than 1 hour.

- 4. Could the City please summarize its desired format for the technical work product to be prepared? Should the noise study be of standard digital format (Microsoft Word and PDF, with basic noise contour maps), visually/graphically rich (a higher number and quality of graphics), web accessible, etc.?**

The City would like for a higher quality product that could be inserted into the General Plan Noise Element and other planning documents. The City does not need a web accessible document.

5. RFP Exhibit A lists “Existing Plan Review” as a City task to be completed. Could the City elaborate on this task (e.g., which plans would be reviewed) and how it would relate to the City-wide noise impact study?

The existing plan review is a task to catalog existing regulations and understand shortfalls in the regulations. The existing plan review would be mainly for the General Plan Noise Element. The City does not have a noise ordinance for review, but the City does intend to review other City ordinances for reference. The task would also include a review of any state mandates that need to be applied to the General Plan Noise Element or the future noise ordinance.