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MEETING DATE:	3/25/2025
AGENDA SECTION:	New Business
STAFF REPORT TITLE	2024 General Plan (and Housing Element) Annual Progress Report
FROM:	Community Development Department

Staff is providing the attached additional information for the above-referenced agenda item. These are email comments from Bob Delp regarding the 2024 General Plan Annual Report.

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Desmond Parrington

From: Pam Johns
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 6:02 PM
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Subject: FW: 3-24-2025 Council Agenda Item 15 - General Plan Action SN-1: Adopt a Noise Reduction Program
Attachments: Comments to CC re Traffic Noise_DELP_3-23-21.pdf

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Subject: 3-24-2025 Council Agenda Item 15 - General Plan Action SN-1: Adopt a Noise Reduction Program

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Dear City Manager and Councilmembers:

The 2024 General Plan Annual Progress Report (3/25/2025 Council Agenda Item No. 15) includes status of implementation for General Plan Action SN-1, "Adopt a Noise Reduction Program" (packet pg. 760). Action SN-1 specifies the adoption of a citywide noise reduction program to reduce traffic noise levels along roadways and the action requires specific elements for noise abatement that is to be included in the program, with one of those elements being "[a]dditional enforcement of speed limits and exhaust noise laws" (packet pg. 761).

The "status of implementation" for Action SN-1 on pg. 760 provides general discussion of traffic law enforcement and notes that violators cited for vehicle codes regarding modified exhaust systems are sent to the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) for inspection and compliance. The status does not mention the number of exhaust noise citations or BAR referrals issued and does not demonstrate that "additional enforcement" of exhaust noise laws as required by Action SN-1 is occurring. Nor does the status mention development or adoption of a citywide noise reduction program as required by Action SN-1.

I have previously commented to the Council regarding Action SN-1 and expressing my concerns about excessively loud vehicles with intentionally modified exhaust systems operating on City streets (attached are my comments from March 2021). Excessively loud vehicles are a nuisance and public health issue, and measures to reduce exposure of City residents and businesses to excessive vehicle noise is required by the City's General Plan. Impacts of development and growth in the City is to be mitigated through implementation of General Plan actions like Action SN-1. Without effective implementation, mitigation of traffic noise impacts as envisioned when the General Plan was adopted will not be achieved.

I encourage the City to fully implement Action SN-1 by developing an effective Citywide Noise Reduction Program and increasing enforcement of vehicle noise/exhaust laws in a manner that substantively reduces the number of loud vehicles operating on City streets. In my opinion, an effective Citywide Noise Reduction Program should not just involve increased enforcement but should also include coordination with adjacent jurisdictions and law enforcement agencies, and a public education component to ensure that vehicle owners are made aware of motor vehicle laws and are given notice that the City is implementing increased enforcement not because the City wants to issue citations but because the City wants to improve and protect the City's noise environment.

I am willing to volunteer my time to help develop and implement such a program.

Thank you for your consideration,

-Bob Delp

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March 23, 2021

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Ms. Freemantle: I am providing the following to be read into the record at the March 23, 2021 City Council meeting, either during the during Business from the Floor (if Agenda Item 6 remains on the consent calendar) or during discussion of Agenda Item 6 (if Item 6 is pulled from the consent calendar). Thank you. -Bob Delp

Good evening Mayor and Councilmembers:

My name is Bob Delp and I am a resident of Folsom's Historic District.

Item 6 on your meeting agenda is, "2020 General Plan Annual Progress Report." As noted in staff's status summary matrix at pg. 62 of your packet, General Plan Safety and Noise Element Action SN-1 requires the adoption of a citywide noise reduction program. The focus of Action SN-1 is traffic noise, and the action identifies several specific traffic noise reduction measures that are to be included in the noise reduction program. Such measures include "reduction of speed limits" and "additional enforcement of speed limits and exhaust noise laws."

It is increasingly evident that the predominant traffic-related noise source in the City is vehicles with exhaust systems that have been intentionally designed or modified to be loud. On most city streets, hundreds of cars can pass by a given location creating noise from the hum of tires and swoosh of moving air, yet with relatively low noise levels. However, excessively loud vehicles are becoming much more frequent and are substantially degrading the quality residential life, business, and outdoor activities throughout the City.

It would be unfortunate for the City to need to limit development, build tall visually disruptive noise barriers, and/or take other broad noise mitigation actions when, instead, a focused effort of public outreach and targeted enforcement to reduce the number of excessively loud vehicles on City streets could be implemented.

The required implementation timing for Action SN-1 is 2021-2025, but the problem is here now and getting worse. I encourage the Council to work with staff to make developing and implementing the required Noise Reduction Program a high priority, with an emphasis on reducing the number of excessively loud vehicles on City streets.

Thank you for your consideration.