




Policies:



- N 5.1 Enforce the Wind Implementation Monitoring Program (WIMP).
- N 5.2 Encourage the replacement of older, louder wind turbine systems with newer, quieter structures. (AI 105)

 Please see the **Circulation Element** for further policies regarding transportation and noise related issues.

MOBILE NOISE

Mobile noise sources may be one of the most annoying noise producers in a community because they are louder than background noises and more intense than many acceptable stationary noise sources. Though the noise emitted from mobile sources is temporary, it is often more disturbing because of its abruptness, especially single noise-producing events such as vehicle backfires. Common mobile noise sources include on-road vehicles, aircraft, and trains. The policies in this section identify common mobile noise sources, and suggest mitigation techniques to reduce the annoyance and burden of mobile noise sources on noise-sensitive receptors.

Policies:

- N 6.1 Consider noise reduction as a factor in the purchase of County maintenance equipment and their use by County contractors and permittees. (AI 108)
- N 6.2 Investigate the feasibility of retrofitting current County-owned vehicles and mechanical equipment to comply with noise performance standards consistent with the best available noise reduction technology. (AI 108)
- N 6.3 Require commercial or industrial truck delivery hours be limited when adjacent to noise-sensitive land uses unless there is no feasible alternative or there are overriding transportation benefits. (AI 105, 107)
- N 6.4 Restrict the use of motorized trail bikes, mini-bikes, and other off-road vehicles in areas of the County except where designated for that purpose. Enforce strict operating hours for these vehicles in order to minimize noise impacts on sensitive land uses adjacent to public trails and parks. (AI 105, 108)



Commercial Airlines are mobile noise sources that contribute to noise pollution.

Transportation

The most common mobile noise sources in the County are transportation-related. Motor vehicle noise is of concern because it is characterized by a high number of individual events, which often create a higher sustained noise level in proximity to areas sensitive to noise exposure. Rail and aircraft operations, though less frequent, may generate extremely high noise levels that can be disruptive to daily activities. Though mass transit has not yet been developed within Riverside County, it is important to consider the noise that may be generated from transit service.