



Response to the Noise Policy Notice of Motion

2024 June 26 – Community Development Committee

Previous Council Direction

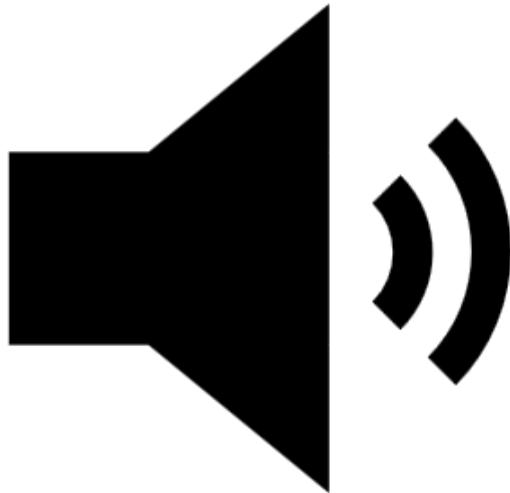
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Admin to report back in Q2 2024 with:

- a draft noise policy vision;
- jurisdictional scan;
- reports that outline the scope & cost of:
 - city-wide noise mapping,
 - closing the gap between Calgary's current practices & leading jurisdictions, and,
 - a soundscape assessment pilot project.



Recommendation



That the Community Development Committee recommends that Council direct Administration to provide interested researchers with data and information to further their understanding of Calgarians' exposure to noise.

Highlights

- Excess environmental noise increases adverse health risks.
- City-wide noise has never been estimated or measured in Calgary.
- Developing internal capacity would require several years and new costs.





Draft Noise Policy Vision

- *Enact policies that protect Calgarians from harmful effects of noise while encouraging a vibrant and sustainable city.*
- Not recommended for adoption.

-Attachment 3

Gap Analysis

- Calgary is typical of many US/Can cities other than New York & Toronto.
- Sound level limits are present, but no coordinated noise strategy exists.

-Attachment 5



Bylaw Amendments

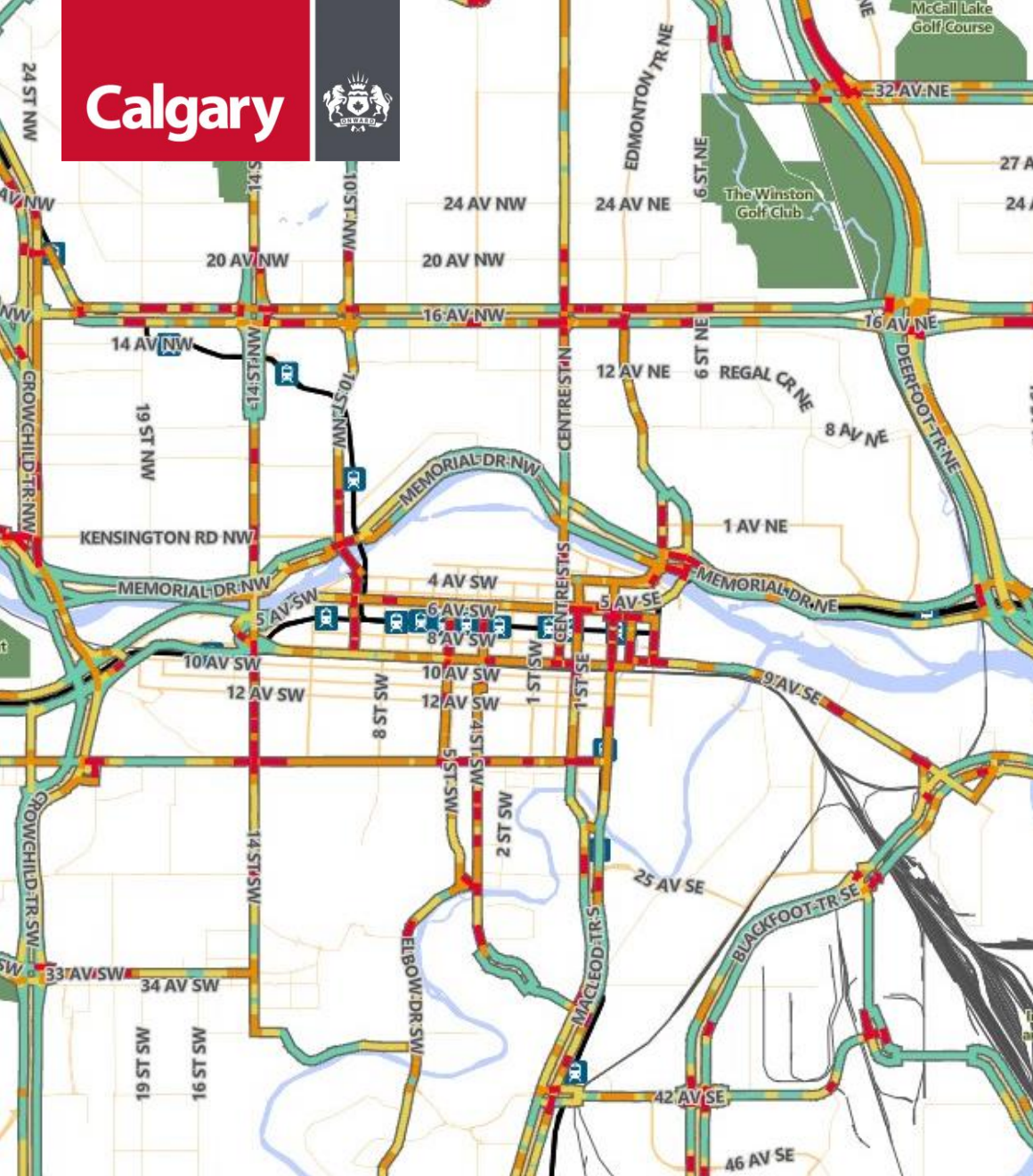
- Would require a Noise Strategy.
- New area of work, new funding needed.
- Not recommended.

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Soundscape Engagement Pilot

- In-person sound walks, online surveys & organization feedback.
- \$50K for engagement & communications.
- Not recommended.

-Attachment 7



Deliverables

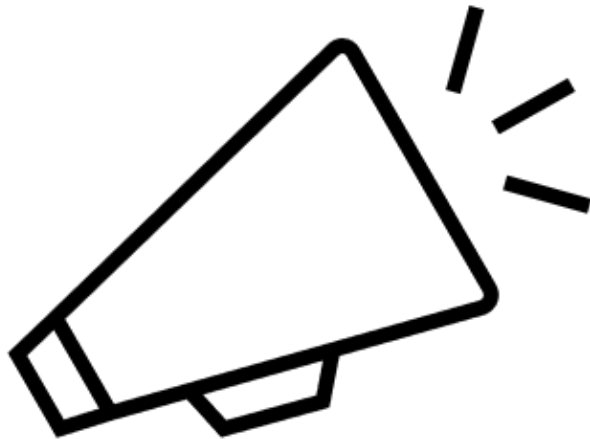
Noise Mapping

- Extent of noise exposure in Calgary is not known.
- Noise mapping improves understanding.
- Many modeling inputs already available.
- Admin recommends supporting interested researchers.

Noise Monitoring will be targeted.

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