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95 decibels – it's the law!

One of our neighbors rides a loud a very bike to work, leaving at about 4:50 am. My guess is that his noise travels in about a 4000 ft radius (I can hear loud vehicles on el camino even with a westerly wind) meaning that he probably enters the hearing range of around 6,000 people in his 1 mile ride along the alameda to highway 92. Even if only 10% of the residents are bothered by this vitriolic audio discharge, he has bothered or woken 600 people. Kids!

There is proven, peer-reviewed research that confirms the detrimental effects of loud vehicle noise in urban environments. I am working with a group in europe that monitor air pollution and noise levels (<https://sensor.community/en/sensors/dnms/>). Noise pollution is an especially big deal in France. In paris the city has installed noise monitors to crack down on loud autos and bikes. Noise pollution is an insidious thing. I'm also involved and interested the evolution of leaf blower laws in large part because of the noise.

It would be a wonderful thing if the city of San Mateo could pilot a program to measure the noise, and search out practical solutions for enforcement. Or it may be as simple as using an enforcement model like that of the county of san mateo (below).

As we consider circulation alternatives in the General Plan Meeting, please include the topic of reduction of noise pollution!

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**Neighbor leaves for his job in SSF at 4:50 AM and traverses Alameda (district 5)**



