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**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 29, 2025 2:42:34 PM  
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**From:** k goodman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2025 1:52 PM  
**To:** Katie Beach <Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>  
**Cc:** Carolyn Burke <Carolyn.Burke@santacruzcountyca.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

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Six days and I have not received a response from anyone. It feels like you are waiting it out until the work is done. No tangible help or relief from over a month and a half of sleeplessness 5 nights a week. If anyone associated with this work lived as near to the construction site as I (and many dozens of others), something would have been done, but as it stands; "so sorry, that's just the way it is". Complete lack of foresight or ability to respond effectively with actual help - i.e. hotel vouchers at the least.

Carolyn? Manu Koenig? As of today, when is the work proposed to be totally complete? Previously, the project site noted May 9th, but as we are all aware construction projects are notoriously extended.

I would appreciate a thoughtful, helpful and immediate response.

Karen D. Goodman

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**From:** k goodman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 3:27 AM  
**To:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>;  
[boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov) <[boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov)>  
**Cc:** Carolyn Burke <[Carolyn.Burke@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Carolyn.Burke@santacruzcountyca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Katie Beach, Carolyn Burke & The Board of Supervisors:

When planning the sewer project, it seems no consideration was made as to how to mitigate the serious disruption it would cause to the residents who live in the vicinity of a continuous all-night construction project. At the very least, hotel vouchers should have been set up and available upon request. I asked for a hotel voucher on March 28th and heard back on April 7th that this would have to be discussed with the Board of Supervisors first. It is unclear if this discussion has been scheduled yet. In the meantime, I am 5 weeks into what feels like a form of torture. As I stated to Katie below, I do not have expendable income to spend on a hotel without a guarantee of reimbursement.

Additionally, I have suggested construction to go in shorter, more efficient shifts that would not require a lunch break in order that work end at a reasonable hour i.e. 7 PM-12 AM. It is now 2:53AM and I am still listening to the rumbling of trucks. I have not slept yet. Again. (My understanding was that the section of work on Soquel @ Robertson was completed, but they are back again tonight).

Attached are two videos from tonight to give you an idea of what it's been like for weeks.

I need more than discussions and empathy. I need immediate, actionable steps to alleviate this extreme disruption to my health and well being and would appreciate your timely, helpful response.

Thank you,

Karen D. Goodman

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**From:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2025 11:51 AM  
**To:** k goodman [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Carolyn Burke <[Carolyn.Burke@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Carolyn.Burke@santacruzcountyca.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Karen,

I'm sorry for any confusion — my previous message referred specifically to night work between Daubenbiss and Robertson. As noted in earlier emails, night work is also occurring between Porter and Daubenbiss, which is the activity you're referencing now.

I understand how disruptive this has been, and I sincerely empathize with the impact it's had on your rest and well-being. Unfortunately, shifting this work to daytime/early evening hours would cause significant traffic disruptions and reduced nighttime shifts would extend the overall duration due to setup times/safety requirements associated with underground work. This work is classified as an "emergency," as it is time-sensitive infrastructure repair which does affect public health if left unaddressed. We're operating within the County's Noise Ordinance (Section 8.30), which allows for nighttime construction activities under several circumstances.

To stay informed, I recommend signing up for project updates here (although I am happy to provide updates to you directly when you inquire): [Project Newsletter Sign-up](#)

Here are the latest updates from the Communications Officer:

- [Sewer Update #3](#) – Sewer work is expected to continue through May 9, 2025 (subject to be extended due to underground conditions).
- [Buffered Bike Lane Update #14](#) – Night work for striping removal has been occurring and expected to end this work, followed by more night work for resurfacing (project update coming soon, but expected to begin Mid-May)

We are doing our best to balance the needs of residents, commuters, and businesses. I understand this doesn't make the disruption easier, but I want to assure you your concerns are heard and have been discussed with the Assistant Directors, Director, as well as Supervisor Koenig's aides. If you would like to further advance conversations regarding night work, I would suggest that you reach out to the District Supervisor's office <https://www.santacruzcountyca.gov/Government/BoardofSupervisors/ContactUs.aspx>

Thank you,

**Katie Beach**

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**From:** k goodman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2025 1:03 AM  
**To:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>; Carolyn Burke <[Carolyn.Burke@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Carolyn.Burke@santacruzcountyca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

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Katie,

From your April 4<sup>th</sup> email, you stated that "Night shifts will continue into Thursday and the following week...", suggesting to me that work would be done that following week. Instead, the work has continued with no communication or notice as to when it will be completed, and the all-night construction noise will finally end. While the construction (and stadium-like lights) is no longer across the street from me (although they were again last night for an hour or two), even a block away it is clearly audible and grating. The consistent, continual sound of trucks and generators rumbling on for hours has been a stress to my nervous system impeding my ability to sleep for well over a month. I have lost work because of sleep deprivation. Again, I will cite the noise ordinance **Section 9.36. 10 states that offensive noise shall not be permitted between the hours of 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM.** Your office claims that this work is an "emergency" allowing you to forgo the ordinance, yet in a true "emergency" (Wikipedia's definition: "An emergency is an urgent, unexpected, and usually dangerous situation that poses an *immediate risk* to health, life, property, or environment"); such as flood, fire, or other catastrophic event work would be done around the clock (without taking weekends off) until the "emergency" work was done. I understand that this sewer work is important and necessary and perhaps even urgent, but this is not an emergency. If it were, I would have heard from your office and received some kind of notification, which I did not. Our neighborhood cannot continue to be subjected to ongoing all-night construction. As I suggested some weeks ago, your office must think creatively and change construction hours

to those that are lawful or at the very least display a modicum of consideration for your community.

I appreciate your immediate response including a calendar of the entire construction schedule including the completion date, as well as what your office will do now to modify hours to comply with a more humane schedule.

Thank you,

Karen D. Goodman

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**From:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 7, 2025 11:53 AM  
**To:** k goodman [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Karen,

Yes, I can address the metal plates, thank you for letting me know.

As of now, I do not have any approvals to provide hotel accommodations. The County/District has not done this in the past and we would need to discuss this with the Board of Supervisors. My suggestion in the meantime would be to do what you feel is best for your wellbeing- you can submit hotel accommodations as a claim, but there would be no guarantee that the County Risk department would approve the claim.

Either way, I will request discuss the topic of hotel vouchers/accommodations up with the District Engineer to see if this is something that he can discuss with the District board members.

Thank you,



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**From:** k goodman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 6, 2025 9:32 PM  
**To:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

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I am back home and when cars simply drive over the metal plates in the road on Soquel Dr. it creates a loud pounding noise that is jarring.

I would greatly appreciate if you could speak with the roadwork crew about mitigating the noise from the plates somehow.

I have nowhere to stay this week so will be unable to get away from the construction noise, so I would like to revisit the request for hotel accommodations.

Please get back to me as soon as you are able.

Thank you,

Karen

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>

**Sent:** Friday, April 4, 2025 12:37 PM

**To:** k goodman <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Karen,

For next week, there is a slight shift from what I told you at the beginning of the week. Work will resume Monday night and will continue through Wednesday night near Robertson. Night shifts will continue into Thursday and the following week, however that will be concentrated near the east and west limits of the project (Cotton Lane & Porter Street).

Thanks you,

Katie

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**From:** k goodman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 3, 2025 2:06:24 PM  
**To:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

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Hi Katie,

Please do let me know on Friday what the status is so I have time to find somewhere to stay.

Thank you,

Karen D. Goodman

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**From:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 1, 2025 1:54 PM  
**To:** k goodman <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Karen,



Construction will continue tonight, Wednesday night, and Thursday night (and occurred last night). If work in the section between Daubenbiss and Robertson still remains at the end of these shifts, next week's schedule would be Sunday night, Monday night, Tuesday night. I can update you on Friday morning, 4/4, with the progress and a better idea of how many more nights will be needed.

For small claims such as what you are requesting below, you must submit a claim form (link below to the form). If you would like to email the form to me, I can submit it to our County Clerk & Risk Departments.

<https://www.santacruzcountyca.gov/Portals/0/County/COB/PER5003%20-%20English%20Fillable.pdf>

Thank you,



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**From:** k goodman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 1, 2025 1:20 PM  
**To:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

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HiKatie,

Fortunately, I will be able to stay with friends for the next few days. However, I would like to know exactly what days construction will be going on. I assume this week it's Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday, is it the same for next week?

In lieu of a hotel, I would like to be compensated for my loss of wages this past Friday.

Thank you,

Karen D. Goodman

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**From:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2025 4:48:49 PM  
**To:** k goodman [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Karen,

I apologize, when we spoke Friday I did not remember that today is a County holiday, so I was not able to discuss hotel vouchers with staff.

I can confirm that construction is scheduled to resume tonight. I can check in again tomorrow after the rest of the county staff is back in The office and I see how much progress is made during tonight's shift.

I understand how disruptive this work is, I apologize that the situation is not ideal and I truly appreciate the continued communication as I work with our group on alternative options.

Thank you,

Katie

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**From:** k goodman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2025 1:39 PM  
**To:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

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Would you please get back with me as soon as possible regarding the below and if we can expect construction tonight?

I may be able to stay with friends, but prefer not to pack up until it's absolutely necessary.

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**From:** k goodman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 30, 2025 11:18 AM

**To:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Katie,

I woke up with anxiety at the potential of five (or potentially more) all-nighters of industrial construction noise. I cannot stay here while this is going on. I lost a day of work Friday, because I did not sleep all night. I do contract work so when I miss work, I do not get paid. Continuing all night construction is unreasonable and inhumane. There must be another time, perhaps 7pm-12am, shorter more efficient shifts that also show respect for residents.

Please let me know what you have all come up with to mitigate the impact to residents. And again, I would like to receive funds for a hotel and ideally would like to be compensated for missed work.

I appreciate your thoughtful and timely response.

Thank you,

Karen D. Goodman

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**From:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>

**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2025 3:43 PM

**To:** k goodman <[k](#)>

**Subject:** RE: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Karen,

We estimate that the work between Daubenbiss and Robertson will take 7 additional shifts. Work is scheduled to resume Monday night, however, will be weather dependent. There will be additional night work further east of Robertson between Porter and Daubenbiss later, once utilities have all been located.

This afternoon, the Contractor's Project Manager and I discussed speaking with the crew about being more mindful of yelling/loud talking during the shift as well as attempting to limit equipment/vehicle movements which trigger backup alarms to the extent feasible.

I am not aware of County/District offering hotel vouchers in the past, but I will inquire about this possibility with the Assistant Directors. I will follow up with you on Monday.

Thank you,



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**From:** k goodman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2025 2:57 PM  
**To:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

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Katie,

Please get back to me with exactly how much longer this work is expected to take and if your office will supply hotel vouchers for the remaining time. I have lost a day of work and cannot continue to stay here with this construction nextdoor.

Thank you,

Karen D. Goodman

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**From:** k goodman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2025 12:06 PM  
**To:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Katie,

Thanks for getting back with me. Per our conversation this morning, again, I would appreciate it if you and your team could come up with a creative compromise that would end construction at a reasonable hour. It is too much to ask residents here to endure night after night of loud industrial construction noise all night long. Attached are two videos from my bedroom, taken after 1:00 AM. Despite using ear plugs and an ambient air filter, I am totally sleep deprived and am missing work today because of this overnight construction.

Thank you,

Karen D. Goodman

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**From:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>

**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2025 11:17 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** DPWWeb <[dpwwweb@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:dpwwweb@santacruzcountyca.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Good Afternoon Ms. Goodman,

Thank you for reaching out regarding the ongoing construction work on Soquel Drive near Robertson Street. We understand your concerns about nighttime noise and its impact on nearby residents.

This work is part of an **emergency sewer replacement project**, which is necessary due to failing sewer lines on Soquel Drive between Porter and Cotton Lane. Given the urgency and the need to prevent further infrastructure damage or health risks, the work had to proceed outside of standard construction hours to minimize disruptions to essential services and traffic.

Regarding noise regulations, the **Santa Cruz County Noise Ordinance (Section 8.30)** allows for necessary street and infrastructure repairs at the County's discretion. While we strive to limit night work in residential areas, certain high-traffic corridors, such as Soquel Drive, require nighttime operations to ensure public safety and minimize congestion. We do, however, work closely with our Contractors, County staff, and district supervisor's to limit these disruptions as much as possible.



We acknowledge that extended night work can be disruptive, and we are actively working to complete the project as efficiently as possible. Work between Porter and Robertson will be done during the night, however, once work progresses west past Robertson, day shifts will resume.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we complete this essential infrastructure repair. If you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

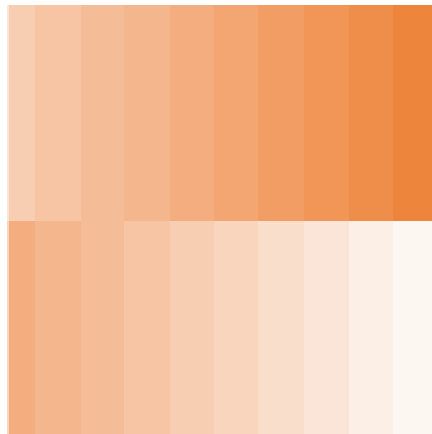
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**From:** DPWWeb <[dpwwweb@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:dpwwweb@santacruzcountyca.gov)>

**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2025 8:44 AM

**To:** Katie Beach <[Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Katie,

Please see below.

Thank you,



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**From:** k goodman [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2025 12:17 AM

**To:** DPWWeb <[dpwwweb@santacruzcountyca.gov](mailto:dpwwweb@santacruzcountyca.gov)>

**Subject:** Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

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Department of Public Works:

The road work on Soquel Drive @ Robertson St. has been going on for many consecutive nights, starting late in the evening and continuing well past midnight. This is a residential area compacted with dozens of dwellings within a block (some homes are only 20 ft away) of this work who are being impacted by loud generator and work noise for hours during a time of evening when most people are trying to sleep. How is this ok? Santa Cruz County has a noise ordinance, and the city is not honoring its own regulation. Work of this nature needs to be done within a reasonable time frame that is not a burden on residents.

Please immediately stop (non-emergency) late night work on Soquel Drive or any other residential neighborhood. **Section 9.36. 10 states that offensive noise shall not be permitted between the hours of 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM. Section 9.36.**

In Soquel, construction noise regulations generally restrict activities to weekdays between 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM, and Saturdays between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, with Sunday construction generally prohibited.

Here's a more detailed breakdown of the construction noise regulations in Soquel, CA:

Permitted Hours:

- **Weekdays (Monday-Friday):** Construction activities, including the delivery of materials and equipment, are permitted between **8:00 AM and 7:00 PM.**
- **Saturdays:** Construction is permitted between **9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.**
- **Sundays:** Construction activities are generally prohibited.

Offensive Noise:

- No person shall make, cause, suffer or permit to be made any offensive noises which disturb or annoy people of ordinary sensitiveness.
- No person shall, between the hours of 10 p.m. and 8 a.m., make, cause, suffer or permit to be made any offensive noise within the vicinity of any building or place regularly used for sleeping purposes.

Karen D. Goodman



