



May 7, 2020

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Director of Public Works
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Subject: Proposed Quiet Zone: Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) at Timberland Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX. Notice of Intent to Establish a Railroad Quiet Zone under 49 CFR 222.39(b)(1) and under Appendix B to Part 222 (I).

This letter and the attachments are a Notice of Intent for the creation of a quiet zone under 49 CFR 222.39(b)(1) and Appendix B to Part 222 (I). As required by the Federal Railroad Administration under 49CFR 222.43, the following information is provided to you and other parties.

The public highway-rail grade crossing to be included within the proposed quiet zone are:

<u>Crossing ID</u>	<u>Street Name</u>	<u>Location on Street</u>	<u>Improvements</u>
795350M	Timberland Boulevard	12600 Block	Median Barrier

The quiet zone is proposed to restrict the routine sounding of locomotive horns 24 hours a day.

The City of Fort Worth plans to implement a quiet zone at this crossing with the proposed improvements described for the crossing below.

Timberland Boulevard. – Alternate Safety Measure (ASM)

Timberland Boulevard is an existing seven-lane divided highway with concrete non-traversable medians. The crossing is equipped with flashing lights and gates, constant warning circuitry, and power-out indicators. There is an existing traffic signal located at Timberland Boulevard and US Highway 377 that is interconnected with the railroad equipment to provide advance preemption operation. Although there are concrete non-mountable medians at this location, they do not comply with the length requirements to be considered as a Supplemental Safety Measure (SSM). The median on the west side of the crossing is over 200 feet in length and the median to the east of the crossing is approximately 50 feet in length due to a parallel highway. The median height is 8" which exceed the requirement for non-mountable curb. As a result, this modified SSM will be treated as an ASM in establishment of the quiet zone.



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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT DIVISION
THE CITY OF FORT WORTH * 5001 JAMES AVENUE * FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76115
817-392-7738 * FAX 817-392-2533

Name and title of person who will act as point of contact during the quiet zone development process:

Tai Nguyen
Railroad Projects Manager
Transportation and Public Works Department
City of Fort Worth
200 Texas Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102

Phone: (817) 392-2359
Email: Tai.Nguyen@FortWorthTexas.gov

See the attached list of each party receiving this notification.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Please consider this notice as the beginning date of the required 60-day comment period in the Quiet Zone process. The 60-day comment period for this Quiet Zone will end on July 7, 2020, or when written comments or a "no comment" statement is received from each recipient of this notice.

Attached for your convenience is a form to facilitate your response. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



Chad Edwards
Regional Mobility and Innovation Officer
City of Fort Worth

Attachments:

- Attachment A: List of Parties receiving this notification
- Attachment B: Comment Form

ATTACHMENT A
LIST OF PARTIES RECEIVING NOTIFICATION

**Notice for Intent to Establish a Railroad Quiet Zone
Written Notice Recipients**

1. Railroads operating over the grade crossings:

Union Pacific Railroad
Engineering – Industry & Public Projects
1400 Douglas St.
Mailstop 0910
Omaha, NE 68179

Paul Cristina
Director of Public Projects
BNSF Railway
2600 Lou Menk Drive
OOB-3
Fort Worth, TX 76131

2. State agency responsible for highway and road safety, and State agency responsible for grade crossing safety:

Robert Travis
Railroad Section Director
Traffic Operations Division
Texas Department of Transportation
Attn: TRF-RR
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, TX 78701-2483

3. Law Enforcement Authority:

Ed Kraus
Chief of Police
Fort Worth Police Department
505 West Felix Street
Fort Worth, TX 76115

Brad Fortune
Chief of Police
City of Keller
PO Box 770
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4. Federal Railroad Administration

Associate Administrator for Safety
Federal Railroad Administration
Office of Safety, RRS-23
1120 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20590

5. Adjacent Jurisdiction

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ATTACHMENT B
COMMENT FORM

Date: May 12, 2020

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Transportation and Public Works Department
City of Fort Worth
200 Texas Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102

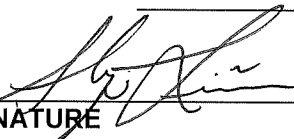
**Subject: Notice of Intent to Establish a RR Quiet Zone under 49 CFR 222.39(b)(1) and under Appendix B to Part 222 (I).
Quiet Zone: UPRR Timberland Blvd, Fort Worth, TX**

We received your Notice of Intent dated May 7, 2020. We offer the following comments:

No comment.

Comment:

The intent to establish a RR QZ is fully supported.


SIGNATURE

By: Alonzo Linañ
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