



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Transportation & Infrastructure

AGENDA DATE: June 14, 2023

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): 2, 9

DEPARTMENT: Department of Transportation

EXECUTIVE: Dr. Robert Perez

SUBJECT

Authorize the City Manager to provide the Notice of Intent to establish a Quiet Zone along the Kansas City Southern Railway corridor encompassing nine railroad crossings on the following streets in East Dallas: Santa Anna Avenue, Barnes Bridge Road, Centerville Road, Gus Thomasson Road, Peavy Road, Mariposa Drive, St. Francis Avenue, and Highland Road as provided for in the Federal Railroad Administration's Final Train Horn Rule - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

BACKGROUND

Quiet Zones improve the quality of life for persons living near a rail line by preventing locomotive trains from sounding their horn as the train approaches a street grade crossing. The establishment of a Quiet Zone by a public authority is recognized by the Federal Railroad Administration and requires a detailed process that includes providing a Notice of Intent, the implementation of appropriate supplemental and/or alternative safety measures at the crossing deemed necessary by a multi-agency diagnostic team, followed by the City issuing a Notice of Establishment of the Quiet Zone.

In June 2019, the City of Dallas entered into a Local Project Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to accept a federal grant for the installation of safety measures at several railroad/roadway crossing locations along the Kansas City Southern Railway (KCS) corridor in East Dallas to establish a Quiet Zone. In June 2020, the City entered into an agreement with KCS to implement quiet zone improvements along the KCS corridor encompassing railroad crossings at Santa Anna Avenue, Barnes Bridge Road, Centerville Road, Gus Thomasson Road, Peavy Road, Mariposa Drive, St. Francis Avenue, and Highland Road.

If approved, this action will authorize the required Notice of Intent for a Quiet Zone along the KCS corridor encompassing these nine railroad crossings.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On June 12, 2019, the City Council authorized a Local Project Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to accept a federal Surface Transportation Block Grant in the amount of \$1,791,508.00 for cost related to the installation of safety measures at several railroad/roadway crossing locations in East Dallas along the KCS corridor for the establishment of a Quiet Zone by Resolution No. 19-0881.

On June 10, 2020, the City Council authorized an agreement with KCS to implement quiet zone improvements at nine railroad crossings in East Dallas along the KCS corridor by Resolution No. 20-0939.

FISCAL INFORMATION

No cost consideration to the City.

MAP

Attached