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Mr. John Li
Manager Public Projects
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Subject: Notice for Intent to Establish a Railroad Quiet Zone Under 49 CFR 22.43
Quiet Zone: Town of Steilacoom

This letter and the attachments are a Notice of Intent for the creation of a quiet zone. As required by the Federal Railroad Administration, the following information is provided to you and other parties.

All public highway-rail grade crossings to be included within the proposed quiet zone are:

<u>Crossing ID</u>	<u>Street Name</u>
085755E	Union Avenue

All pedestrian at grade crossings to be included within the proposed quiet zone are:

<u>Crossing ID</u>	<u>Street Name</u>
085753R	Public Park Access

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

The Town of Steilacoom's plan to implement a quiet zone at each crossing is:

Union Avenue: Install a Wayside Horn that complies with Appendix E to part 222-Requirements for Wayside Horns.

Pedestrian Crossing: Install new stop bars on both sides of the crossing for the Town Maintenance Vehicle access point, a Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) approved "No Train Horn" sign on both sides of the crossing and finally "No Trespassing" signs installed to the fence of the Town Maintenance Vehicle access point. This installation will comply with the requirements of Appendix F to Part 222-Diagnostic Team Considerations.



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

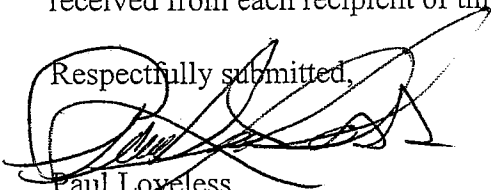
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See the attached list of each party receiving this notification.

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 (date sent plus 60 days), or when written comments or a "no comment" statement is received from each recipient of this notice.

Respectfully submitted,


Paul Loveless
Town Administrator



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

1. Railroads operating over the grade crossings:

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National Railroad Passenger Corporation
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Washington, DC 20002

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

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