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Subject: Notice for Intent to Establish a Railroad Quiet Zone Under 49 CFR 22.43
Quiet Zone: City of Bellingham Quiet Zone, Fairhaven, ET-28

This letter and the attachments are a Notice of Intent for the creation of a quiet zone. The City of Bellingham is proposing two quiet zone areas, the Fairhaven Zone as referenced above and the Waterfront Zone which will occur upon completion of the Fairhaven 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>
084798U	Harris Avenue
084800T	Alaska Ferry Private crossing
084805C	Bayview Drive
919108C	Boulevard Park Ped. Xing

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

The City of Bellingham's plan to implement a quiet zone at each crossing is to contract with BNSF to install the following improvements at public crossings:

Harris Avenue: Installation will comply with the requirements of Appendix A to Part 222 A 3. Four quadrant gates, pedestrian improvements and channelization.

Alaska Ferry: Installation will comply with the requirements of Appendix A to Part 222 A 3. Four quadrant gates, pedestrian improvements and channelization.

Bayview Drive: Installation will comply with the requirements of Appendix A to Part 222 A 3. Four quadrant gates or gates with channelization devices, fencing, pedestrian improvements, and possible median barrier.

Boulevard Park Ped. Xing: Installation will comply with the requirements of Appendix A to Part 222 A 3. Gates with Channelization Devices. Note improvements to this crossing are under contract with BNSF.

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

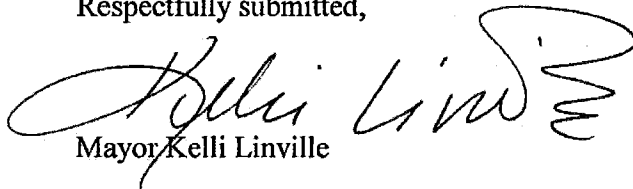
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See the attached list of each party receiving this notification.

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,


Mayor Kelli Linville

Cc: Ted Carlson
BNSF
Amtrak
WSDOT
WUTC ✓
FRA -Regional Manager

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

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