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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, Waterfront, WF-1010.

This letter and the attachments are a Notice of Intent for the creation of a quiet zone. The City of Bellingham has proposed two quiet zone areas, the Fairhaven Zone as detailed in the 22 December 2014 NOI (attached) and the Waterfront Zone, as referenced above and included herein. The Fairhaven Zone is proposed to be established first and followed by the Waterfront 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>
396920W	Pine Street
084806J	Cornwall Avenue
084809E	Laurel Street
084812M	Bay Street
084811F	Chestnut Street
084814B	Central Avenue
084815H	C Street
077846P	F Street

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 the Waterfront quiet zone is to contract with BNSF to install the following improvements at the public crossings within the proposed zone:

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

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

Laurel Street: Installation will be comply with Appendix A to Part 222 A 3. Two vehicle quadrant gates, two cycle-path quadrant gates, pedestrian improvements and a 2' wide, 6" tall, 200' long median barrier.

Bay Street: separated grade crossing - no action required

Chestnut Street - separated grade crossing - no action required

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

C Street: A crossing upgrade consisting of 4 quadrant gates, pedestrian improvements and channelization compliant with Appendix A to Part 222 A 3 was installed in 2015. No further action required at this intersection.

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

Name and title of the 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 the notice.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelli Linville, Mayor

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December 22, 2014

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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

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:

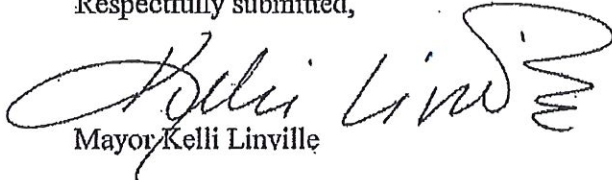
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