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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-0029

This letter, and the attachments, are a Notice of Intent (NOI) for the creation of a quiet zone. A NOI was originally submitted for the Fairhaven Quiet Zone in December 2014 and commented upon by the WUTC in February 2015. In January of this year, Jeff Stewart of the FRA asked that the City of Bellingham resubmit the Fairhaven Quiet Zone NOI due to the original NOI being over five years old and the change in status of some of the crossings.

The City of Bellingham has proposed two quiet zone areas, the Fairhaven Zone, as referenced above and included herein, and the Waterfront Zone as detailed in a separate NOI dated March 9, 2018. 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:

Table with 2 columns: Crossing ID, Street Name. Rows include Harris Avenue, Alaska Ferry, Private crossing (fenced and located on private property), Bayview Drive, 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 the Fairhaven quiet zone is to contract with BNSF at the Bayview Drive and Boulevard Park Ped. Xing, and for the Port of Bellingham to contract with BNSF at the Harris Avenue and Alaska Ferry crossings, to install the following improvements at the public crossings within the proposed zone:

Alaska Ferry: Installation will comply with the requirements of Appendix A to Part 222 A 3. Four-quadrant gate system.

Bayview Drive: Installation will comply with the requirements of Appendix A to Part 222 A 3. Four-quadrant gate system, pedestrian improvements/ped gates.

Construction has already occurred at the two other public crossings within the proposed Fairhaven quiet zone:

Harris Avenue: Installation has already occurred in compliance with the requirements of Appendix A to Part 222 A 3. Gates with medians/channelization devices and pedestrian improvements/ped gates.

Boulevard Park Ped. Xing: Installation has already occurred in compliance with the requirements of Appendix A to Part 222 A 3. Pedestrian gate system.

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

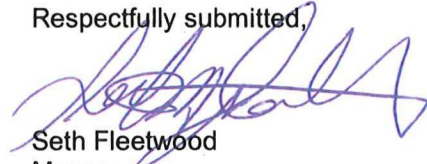
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See below the list of each party receiving this notification.

**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,



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Mayor

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