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*Sent via email and First Class mail*

Steven Miller  
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**Re: City of Marysville - Notice of Intent to Establish a Railroad Quiet Zone**

Dear Mr. Miller:

On November 7, 2024, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) received notification from the City of Marysville (City) of its intent to establish a railroad quiet zone along a 7.4-mile corridor on the BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) mainline in Marysville, encompassing 12 public and seven private at-grade crossings. The affected crossings include:

USDOT Crossing Number	Road Name
084630B	1 <sup>st</sup> Street
084640G	4 <sup>th</sup> Street
084644J	8 <sup>th</sup> Street
084646X	Grove Street
084647E	80 <sup>th</sup> Street Northeast
084648L	Private
084649T	Private
084650M	88 <sup>th</sup> Street Northeast
085651U	Private
085652B	Private
085653H	104 <sup>th</sup> Street Northeast
085654P	116 <sup>th</sup> Street Northeast
084657K	122 <sup>nd</sup> Street Northeast
084658S	Private
084660T	128 <sup>th</sup> Street Northeast

084661A	Private
084664V	136 <sup>th</sup> Street Northeast
084668X	Private
084669E	172 <sup>nd</sup> Street Northeast

On February 9 and 10, 2021, UTC Staff (Staff) participated in an onsite quiet zone diagnostic review of the proposed Marysville quiet zone crossing corridor along with representatives from the City, the City’s consultant, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), the Washington State Department of Transportation, and BNSF.

The proposed quiet zone will be in effect 24 hours per day, seven days per week. While the notice provided did not specify length, Staff assumes that the proposed quiet zone will extend one-quarter mile on each side of the crossings, which is the minimum length required by Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 222 – Use of Locomotive Horns at Public Highway-Rail Grade Crossings.

The City proposes to install Supplemental Safety Measures at each public crossing within the corridor as well as other upgrades as described in the notice. The City will install warning and “no train horn” signs at each of the private crossings.

Under current federal rules, the UTC may comment on quiet zones, but it does not have the authority to approve or deny them.

Prior to making modifications to any of the public crossings in the proposed quiet zone, the City must submit a petition to the UTC for each crossing and obtain approval.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. Please contact Mike Turcott, Transportation Planning Specialist, at (360) 664-1119 or by email at [mike.turcott@utc.wa.gov](mailto:mike.turcott@utc.wa.gov), if you would like additional information.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director and Secretary

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