

April 30, 2010

Jo Strang
Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety/Chief Safety Officer
Federal Railroad Administration
Office of Railroad Development
1200 New Jersey SE-Mail Stop 25
Washington, DC 20590

The City of Leander intends to establish a Train Horn Quiet Zone at FM 2243 in Leander, Texas. Pursuit to 49 CFR Parts 222 & 229 Use of Locomotive Horns at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings; Final Rule Federal Register /Vol. 71, No. 159/Thursday, August 17, 2006/Rules & Regulations, this application will serve as Notice of Intent that “New Quiet Zones” will be established twenty-one (21) days after the maximum sixty (60) day comment period.

The limits of the “Quiet Zone” are as follows:

 Quiet Zone to include the crossings listed below:

DOT #	LOCATION	MILEPOST	DESIGNATION
744819J	FM 2243 (South Street)	MP 86.46	

Trains and locomotives will cease to blow horns when approaching and crossing the crossing in the designated “Quiet Zone” unless “imminent danger” is foreseen.

The crossings are equipped with flashing lights, gates, constant warning system, power off indicators, SSM’s “Four Quad Gates” and signs for approaching motorists that train horns will not be sounded when approaching this crossing.

Attached are copies of the following:

- List of Crossings within Quiet Zone
- Basis for Establishment of Quiet Zone
- Time Period Restrictions
- Grade Crossing Inventory Forms (Prior to and After SSMs)
- Point of Contact Information
- Notification List

If you have any questions to the content or intent of this formal notification, please contact:

Wayne S. Watts, P.E.
Public Works Director/City Engineer
City of Leander, Texas
Post Office Box 319
Leander, Texas 78646
512-528-2760

Thank-you for your participation in the review process of the Notice of Intent to establish this Train Horn Quiet Zone in the City of Leander. This notice begins the City's 60-day comment period.

Sincerely,

Wayne Watts
Public Works Director
City Engineer
City of Leander

List of Crossings within Quiet Zone

Submit to all Parties

Quiet Zone Name: (Insert Quiet Zone Name Here)

The following crossing(s) are included in the above named Quiet Zone:

USDOT Crossing ID

Number	Street or Highway Name	Milepost
744819J	FM 2243 (South Street)	MP 86.46

Basis for Creation of a New Quiet Zone:

Submit to all Parties

Quiet Zone Name: (Insert Name of Quiet Zone here)

The FM 2243-South St. crossing has been equipped with Quad Gates. Construction drawings for the quad gates have been completed. The installation of Quad Gates is one of the acceptable Supplemental Safety Measures required by the Federal Railroad Administration for Quiet Zone establishment.

Time Period Restrictions

Submit to all Parties

Quiet Zone Name: (Insert quiet zone name here)

Train horns will be restricted at the above named quiet zone during the following hours
(check all that apply)

☐ 24 hours per day

☐ between the hours of _____ and _____

Grade Crossing Inventory Form

Submit to all Parties

Quiet Zone Name: Insert quiet zone name here

Submit an accurate and complete Grade Crossing Inventory Form for each public and private crossing within the quiet zone reflecting conditions after implementation of SSMs and ASMs.

Point of Contact Information

Submit to all Parties

Quiet Zone Name: Insert name of quiet zone here

Date: April 30, 2010

The following individual is responsible for monitoring compliance with Section 222:

Name: Wayne Watts

Title: Public Works Director/City Engineer

Organization: City of Leander, Texas

Address: P.O. Box 319

Leander, Texas 78646

Phone: (512) 528-2760

Fax: (512) 528-2833

Email: w.watts@ci.leander.tx.us

Notification List

Submit to all Parties including FRA

Quiet Zone Name: Insert name of quiet zone here

Notice of Intent to establish this Quiet Zone was provided to the following:

David Lutz
Director of Freight Operations
WATCO
c/o Veolia Transportation-N. Ops
10801 N. Mopac Exp., Bldg. 1, Suite 330
Austin, Texas 79759

Robert Shoen, Jr.
President
Austin Steam Train Association
P.O. Box 1632
Austin, Texas 78767-1632

Terry Bruner
Herzog-N. Ops
2910 E. 5th Street
Austin, Texas 78702

Cedar Park Police Chief
200 Willis
Leander, Texas 78641

Williamson County Sheriff
412 Vance Street
Georgetown, Texas 76574

Darin Kosmak
Railroad Section Director
TxDOT
P.O. Drawer 15426
Austin, Texas 78761-5426

Randall Lenz
Railroad Coordinator
TxDOT
P.O. Drawer 15426
Austin, Texas 78761-5426

Roland Mertz
Railroad Coordinator
P.O. Drawer 15426
Austin, Texas 78761-5426

Carolyn Cook
Regional Crossing Manager
FRA
P.O. Box 152168
Austin, Texas 78715-2168

Bill LeJeune
Sr. Director of Rail Operations
Capital Metro
2910 E. 5th Street
Austin, Texas 78702

Thomas A. Davis, Jr.
Director
Texas Dept. of Public Safety
P.O. Box 4087
Austin, Texas 78773-001

James Randall
Trans. Planning & Programming
TxDOT
P.O. Box 149217
Austin, Texas 78714-9217

Chief Executive Officer Statement

Submit to FRA Associate Administrator, Office of Safety

Quiet Zone

Designation: Insert quiet zone name here

I hereby certify that the information submitted herein is accurate, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature

Date

Title