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Date:December 15, 2014To:Nathan Poore, Town ManagerFrom:Jay Reynolds, Public Works DirectorRe:Quiet Zone Project

As requested, I am providing the following chronological summary with regards to completion of the Quiet Zone Project.

In August 6 of this year, a Council communication was performed by the Town Manager. This communication outlined the recent work associated with the design, permitting, and public outreach for the project. The plans attached to this agenda item reflect the changes conveyed in the August 6 communication.

Shortly after the Council communication, on August 11, The Town submitted a 'Notice of Intent' to the Federal Rail Authority to establish a new quiet zone.

On October 11, the 60-day review period for the Federal Rail Authority concluded.

In mid-to-late October, a contractor was secured to construct the revised scope of work.

In November/December, the improvements were constructed.

On December 4, the Town submitted a 'Notice of Quiet Zone Establishment' to the Federal Rail Authority. This notice requires 21 days between the completion of the improvements to the start of the establishment of the quiet zone.

In said notice, The Town selected January 1, 2015 as the start date of the quiet zone. At this time, the trains will stop blowing their horns.

Please refer to the enclosed communication and design plans as needed.