

GLENDALE RAILROAD SAFETY & QUIET ZONE COMMITTEE

September 5, 2007 Meeting Minutes

**Next meeting: Wednesday, September 19, from 7:00-9:00 pm at Town Hall.
Note this meeting start is 30 minutes later than normal.**

September 5 attendance: Jack Buescher, Oliver Debikey (p/t), John Earls, Ralph Hoop, Becky Love (p/t), Dan Raabe, Dave Schmid, Dr. Allen Zobay.

Next Steps:

1. Arrange for a Diagnostic Team review of the Glendale/Woodlawn crossings. – Dan Raabe
2. Develop a plan for retest of RCL Wayside Horns – Oliver Debikey
3. Contact FRA to confirm use of the FRA Quiet Zone Risk Calculator – Dave Schmid

This meeting consisted almost entire of a phone conference between the Committee and Mr. Cliff Slayton, CSX Transportation Director of Public Safety. All notifications of intent to create a New Quiet Zone for CSX rail/highway crossings must be submitted to Mr. Slayton's office.

Mr. Slayton was very helpful and responded to a list of ten questions the Committee (Dan Raabe) had sent to Mr. Slayton prior to the call.

Most importantly, Mr. Slayton emphasized that a Diagnostic Team review is the useful first step in preparing for a Quiet Zone application. There is no charge for CSX participation, even if it is necessary to repeat the review more than once. Besides CSX and regulatory agencies (FRA, ORDOT, PUCO), local authorities with jurisdiction over each highway crossing in the Quiet Zone should participate.

Mr. Slayton will provide the name of the CSX engineer who will participate in the review as well as the names of individuals from the regulatory agencies who typically participate in Cincinnati region reviews.

Because of the cost of four-quadrant gates, the committee plans to gather more information about Wayside Horns and possibly arrange for a second demonstration.

Dave Schmid will contact the FRA to initiate use of the official Quiet Zone Risk Calculator.

There was brief preliminary discussion about the Committee selecting three or four QZ options at different cost levels to help the Committee converge on specific QZ recommendations for Village Council. There was also brief discussion about proactively involving the community in Committee findings.

Details of other comments made during the September 5 meeting are shown in Revision 6 of the A&I tracking document.

For the Committee

Ralph Hoop