

Village Takes First Step After Council Approval to Establish Quiet Zone

On August 28, the Village Council voted 5-0 (one member could not attend) to establish a Quiet Zone in Glendale. The first legal step after that was to send a Notice of Intent to Create a New Quiet Zone, which the Village did on September 7. The Notice went to CSX Railroad, Norfolk & Southern Railroad, Amtrak, the Ohio Rail Development Commission and the Village of Woodlawn, which has jurisdiction over part of the crossing at Oak Avenue. The recipients have 60 days to comment.

Recently, Mayor Don Lofty, Administrator Wally Cordes and Quiet Zone Committee Chair, Bob Kooris had a conference call with CSX and ORDC to discuss the various steps in creating the new Quiet Zone. The good news is that the Railroad and the State remain supportive of doing what it takes. There is however some bad news in the timing. It will take some three months for the railroad to do the design work for the supplemental safety measures necessary for the quiet zone and an additional nine months to complete the construction. We pressed CSX to act faster, but were told by them and the State that this was their definition of fast.

So, there is a lot to do and we are on the way to a Quiet Zone. It will take longer than we had hoped, but it will come. We will keep all of you in the Village informed as we pass major milestones.