

VILLAGE of GLENDALE

GLENDALE, OHIO 45246

October 13, 2016

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Matthew Dietrich
Executive Director
Ohio Rail Development Commission
Mail Stop #3140
1980 West Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43223

Re:

Glendale Quiet Zone - Grade Crossing Safety Improvements East Sharon Road, CSX, DOT# 152376N Albion Avenue, CSX, DOT# 152375G Oak Road, CSX DOT# 152374A Pedestrian Crossing, CSX, DOT# 153617D

Dear Mr. Dietrich:

On behalf of the Village of Glendale, I am responding to the project package regarding the closing of crossings and other safety measures associated with a quiet zone, which are described in your letter to me of September 14, 2016. In response to your request at the end of the letter, I can say that the Village intends to accept the proposed package, subject to the following:

Confirmation that the measures outlined in your letter are, for purposes of the ORDC and CSX, sufficient to qualify the Village for a quiet zone;

Confirmation from the ORDC that, once the Village indicates that all necessary processes have been completed and that it is prepared to accept the project package, it will support the Village's application to the Federal Railroad Administration for a quiet zone;

Confirmation from CSX that it will not object to the Village's application to the Federal Railroad Administration for a quiet zone; and

Except as may be required by the FRA process, no steps toward closing either the Albion or pedestrian crossings or any other measures that will impose costs on the Village, will be taken until we receive approval from the FRA for a quiet zone.

As your letter indicated, the Village's acceptance is also subject to public participation and the Village's legislative process. We anticipate that these steps will take several months, as the Village attempts to find the funding for the costs of its participation in this endeavor and considers the implications of the requirements set forth in your letter. With all due respect for the authority of the ORDC and CSX, we hope that you will keep an open mind, should the Village come to you with valid concerns that will allow both of us to achieve our respective core objectives.

Thank you for your attention to this matter to date and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely yours,

Donald A. Lofty

Mayor

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