

Subject: DDA meeting - Quiet Zone Issue

Date: Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 12:49:50 PM Mountain Daylight Time

From: Bill Cahill

To: Jacque Wedding-Scott

CC: Jake Adler

Hi Jacque,

In preparation for next Monday's Board meeting, here's some background information suitable for transmittal to your Board, if you wish.

The City is currently applying for federal TIGER grant funds to upgrade RR crossings in Loveland, improving safety and qualifying us to implement a "Quiet Zone" within which train horns no longer need to be sounded. It would be helpful to have a letter from the DDA in support of the application. The grant funding is from the US Department of Transportation, and -- if received -- would have a very substantial impact in upgrading RR crossings with safety measures such as bells, lights, crossing gates, medians, etc. Also, importantly, it would produce a much quieter environment for entities close to the RR tracks.

The scope of the improvements in the TIGER grant would be the entire length of the BNSF tracks in Loveland, and the portion of the Great Western tracks running through downtown. We would not address the UPRR tracks on the east side of Loveland in Centerra. The federal funds would be \$6 million, and the City is putting in local match of \$1.5 million.

If the DDA is inclined to issue a letter, please follow these instructions:

1. Please revise the template as you wish, and paste the letter into your letterhead.
2. Print, sign, and scan back a PDF copy of the letter to us.
3. Mail a printed and signed hardcopy to the Office of the Secretary of Transportation:

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

I'd appreciate your rapid turnaround, as we are hoping to have your letter of support received by the end of April.

Thank you for your help!

Bill

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