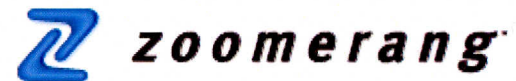


Quiet Zone Survey

Results Overview



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The City of Loveland is seeking public input on alternatives for train horn issues in the community. This brief survey is designed to solicit your opinions about the current state of concern over train horns, the viability of alternatives, and thoughts on the funding of a project of this nature. The survey results will be shared with the City Council at a future date. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

In 2004 federal regulations were added that greatly increased the required frequency and volume of train horns at and near crossings in urban environments. These regulations require train engineers to sound horns at over 110 decibels at all crossings; the regulations are enforced by the Federal Railroad Administration and the Colorado Public Utilities Commission. In the federal regulations communities may apply to permit a "Quiet Zone" around some or all railroad crossings. In order to meet these requirements a community must upgrade all crossings to a federally required standard and all zones must be at least 1/2 mile in length. Railroads are not required to participate in funding of these projects and historically there has been virtually no state or federal grants to support these projects, leaving the burden of funding on local communities.





1. Do you live or work near a railroad line or crossing in Loveland?

Yes, within 100 yards		61	18%
Yes, within 1/4 mile		114	34%
Yes, within 1/2 mile		97	29%
No		61	18%
Total		333	100%






2. Do you believe there is an issue with the frequency and volume of train horns in Loveland?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	No Problem	Minor Problem	Significant Problem	#1 Problem in Loveland
Frequency	132 40%	69 21%	93 28%	38 11%
Volume	103 32%	58 18%	92 28%	71 22%






3. If you believe there is a problem, what time of day do you believe the problem exists?

During the day only (7 AM - 7 PM)		8	2%
During the night only (7 PM - 7 AM)		114	35%
All day		93	28%
No problem		112	34%
Total		327	100%





4. Do you believe train horns today are: (You may select multiple answers)

A health issue		71	21%
A quality of life issue		164	49%
A non-issue		63	19%
A safety benefit		175	53%
A community benefit		55	17%



5. How many trains per day do you believe operate in Loveland?

1-5		83	26%
6-10		157	49%
11-15		61	19%
16-20		17	5%
21-25		0	0%
26+		5	2%
Total		323	100%



6. The following are alternatives for making train crossings safe, which do you approve (you may select multiple options)?

Closing some crossings		30	11%
Installing medians and enhanced gates		173	63%
Installing "wayside horns" which direct horns only at the roads near the crossing		160	59%
If you support closing a crossing - which one(s)		34	12%

7. Do you believe the City of Loveland should redirect funds from other capital projects (library, roads, parks for example) to fund a Quiet Zone?



Yes		124	38%
No		201	62%
Total		325	100%
100 Responses			

8. If a Quiet Zone project was undertaken what percentage of the project cost (estimated at \$9,000,000) do you believe should come from the City's general tax support fund?

0%		153	50%
25%		49	16%

50%		54	18%
75%		21	7%
100%		29	9%
Total		306	100%








- 9.** Would you support a special district that would collect additional fees or property taxes to pay for a Quiet Zone project? For example all properties within 1/2 mile of the railroad tracks would pay an additional fee over 20 years to fund for a Quiet Zone.

Yes		116	35%
No		211	65%
Total		327	100%

- 10.** If you support a special district to collect funds to pay for a Quiet Zone, what amount per month would be reasonable to pay for each property?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Don't Support a Fee	\$5	\$7.50	\$10	\$25	\$50	\$100
Residential Property (Per Month)	158 57%	56 20%	17 6%	33 12%	8 3%	4 1%	1 0%
Business Property (Per Month)	153 57%	26 10%	11 4%	32 12%	22 8%	19 7%	6 2%

- 11.** If a Quiet Zone was built who should pay for it?




All City of Loveland tax payers		93	28%
People living or working near the railroads		73	22%
State government		66	20%
Federal Government		79	24%
Railroads		153	46%
Should not fund project		101	31%
Other, please specify		40	12%

- 12.** If a Quiet Zone was built over time, please give a rank order showing which sections should be built first.

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	1	2	3	4	Don't Know
Downtown North/South					

(Fairgrounds Park to Eisenhower)	102 40%	59 23%	28 11%	8 3%	58 23%
North (Eisenhower to 57th Street)	68 27%	53 21%	44 17%	29 11%	62 24%
Downtown East/West (Cleveland to Denver Avenue)	34 14%	53 21%	67 27%	28 11%	67 27%
South (Fairgrounds Park to Campion Road)	14 6%	21 8%	36 14%	110 44%	70 28%

13. Are you answering this survey primarily for...

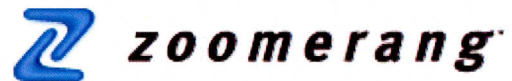
A residential property		274	84%
A business property		12	4%
Both residential and business property		39	12%
Total		325	100%

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7. Do you believe the City of Loveland should redirect funds from other capital projects (library, roads, parks for example) to fund a Quiet Zone?

#	Response
1	only if by city council approval
2	Absolutely not. Railroad was here first. Houses built close to them knew it would be noisy. period. I value my safety and thats what the horns are for.
3	No matter where you live in Loveland youcan almost always hear a train. If you are unfortunate to live close to a crossing the sound is unbareable, day or night. Please help improve the quality of live for those effected by the blasting horn noise.
4	Yes, take funds from the McWhinney/Centerra project. I know it's hard for the council to understand the issues of us 'downtown' people, since all of you live outside of the central area, but please consider re-directing some of the millions you get from the 'blight' out east of town and reinvest it into the heart of the community. The master tax district out east also represents 'capital' improvements....why lead the above question with the disincentive options of "library, parks, roads"????
5	The wayside horn demo is being proposed by the family of a principal of the wayside horn sales company! check that out ; for a !00K saving to the city; we still get blasted sideways while profit is going to a participant!
6	The train horns have ruined the quality of life for those of us that live by crossings, like to enjoy our homes or business offices with windows/doors open. Just ask any visitor that trys to stay overnight with us.
7	I believe the train horns are an essential safety feature. I also believe that if residents are bothered by the horns, they should move away from the train tracks or crossings. Trains move goods across the country and are vital to our economy.
8	the volume just needs turned down, just a little
9	I think this question is poorly stated, political and divides people. Are the high density train crossings part of roads?
10	affected citizens have paid taxes for many years and help fund other projects. I guess this time we need the help and are just as deserving as everybody else.
11	If there is no other funding (Railroads are the cause of the noise pollution, they should be responsible in the first place)
12	ABSOLUTELY NOT! ARE YOU INSANE???!!!
13	No people who buy homes near rail roads need to live with it.
14	Individuals that live near the trains should pay for the crossings. They knew the trains where there when they moved there.
15	Let the people with a problem get out their own checkbook! Not the City's!!!
16	Given current economic conditions, I see even this survey as a waste of money.
17	Absolutly under no circumstances should money be redirected. Communities complaining should be paying.
18	Those who are impacted by the sound knew there are train tracks when they bought their homes. I am not clear on why the rest of the community has to fund a solution to a problem they knew existed. Perhaps it has gotten worse (i.e. more trains passing through town than when they bought), but there were not assurances that things would remain the same.
19	Let the residents that want these pay for them. I am pretty sure the trains were running long before they moved into the neighborhood. This argument is like someone moving near an airport and complaining about the noise. They knew it was there when they moved.
20	Americans are without a doubt the most over-protected people on the planet. Thomas Jefferson said that the American people will be happy is they can keep their Government from wasting thier resorses in the guise of protecting them.
	no. I am fearful that those who are complaining are in the upper income levels in the town, and the lower/middle income residents will lose services b/c some folks do not like the noise. I understand why. I have been frustrated by the train horns myself. But now is a time to be focusing on services for the poor and needy in our community. We

- 21 cannot defund library services, roads & parks, etc in order to quiet train horns. That would be immoral in my opinion. We need to prioritize our funding. Yes, train horns are loud & annoying but our tax money should be going to services that our community truly needs during a recession. I would support special district fees/taxes only if it did not effect poor/lower class households unfairly. In most towns, the lower income households live closer to the train tracks. Lower income households cannot afford to be taxed more. If a study is done that proves that lower income households would not be effected more adversely, I would be in favor of fees & taxes (even though it might apply to our property.)
- 22 People who bought there knew about trains. If quiet zone needed, only those who want it should fund it.
- 23 especially at nite, **INSTEAD OF BLASTING ALL THROUGH TOWN, WHY CAN'T RR'S USE THE 1 TOOT,2 BEEP AND use HEADLITES** to crisscross crossings even with headsets on, cars would get the message !!!
- 24 Perhaps some funds from these areas are needed...however, the train noise has dramatically impacted the quality of life for me and innumerable neighbors and friends. A simple suggestion would be to use light(such as strobe/emergency vehicle) instead of sound at night. So many Loveland residents moved here and live here for a **PEACEFUL** existence which is being ruined by the horribly loud and unacceptable disturbance of that peace !
- 25 People need to learn to respect trains, especially at the crossings if they are not smart enough to not get hit by a train, then they probably deserve what they get.If you take away the horns, then they will sue when they get hurt because it is not there. If these people move from the houses close to the track, then next family may have children, You best leave the train horns the way they are. People do not pay attention, it has to be loud.
- 26 I think the railroad companies should be part of the solution
- 27 But I wonder if it would be better to address the issue at the federal level. What I mean is that I look at the intersections at 37th and 29th street and I do not see how these intersect can not be declared quiet zones as they are right now. Can we try to get the law changed?
- 28 Funding should be deferred until economic and financial situations improve.
- 29 At least get something going. Our health is at risk here.
- 30 I suspect the tracks were in place before any of the current residents who are complaining about the noise moved into the area. The City should not have to pay for the choice those people made.
- 31 I think wayside horns would be a good alternative and should cost considerably less than 9 million dollars.
- 32 this is a major issue for a significant part of the population who has paid taxes in Loveland, many for a long time
- 33 There are far more important issues and needs for public funds to address than train horns which have been a part of the town for years.
- 34 If I understand this question correctly, I believe money earmarked for other projects should not be taken away from those project for the horn issue.
- 35 within reason. I also don't believe there should be an extreme continued expense to tax payers
- 36 Personally, I love the sound of a train horn, especially late at night. It's haunting and gives me road fever. However, our downtown crossings are a disgrace and 10th, 7th, 6th & 4th streets wood crossings should be replaced with metal, such as on Lincoln & Cleveland north of 10th.
- 37 There should be a conversation held with the railroad about their over zealous engineers and the length of horn sound. There is one extremely zealous periodically, not all the time.
- 38 This is something I would pay taxes for to improve the quality of life in Loveland. I think it is something everyone should pay for, not just those close to the tracks. Trains running through town all day make an impression on everyone who visits Loveland and would consider living or doing business here. It is all our interests.
- 39 When I am wakened several times during the night, I am 'less than safe' the next day. If I leave my house sealed up on hot summer nights to reduce the noise, I do not sleep well and thus am 'less than safe' the next day. When I have to suspend my conversations, business, or even a movie for several minutes in the daytime, I am 'less than happy'. In all of these situations, I become angry & frustrated and 'less than safe' in my attitude & activities. I know that I am not alone in this.
- 40 It is the responsibility of those who live in areas with those problems to pay for those problems in combination with those who cause those problems
- 41 Work within the budget you have. I have to.
- 42 The train noise has become increasingly worse, it affects children playing outside, animals, business and personal life. You cannot even be on the phone when the train comes through, my children scream and hold their little ears, or have to come inside. You can't sleep with your windows open, even closed it is SO loud you still wake up and still cannot talk on the phone. I am very concerned about the damage it is doing to my children's hearing and my pets. It is ridiculously loud and some of the driver's make the matter worse by never letting off their horn through the entire downtown area. Something has to be done. It affects every event held in our beautiful downtown area, you lose your sense of enjoyment at the parades and festivals when that train comes blaring through. The roads are in good shape, the parks are beautiful and the library is doing just fine, fix the noise problem and make downtown a great place to be and to draw more business and activities. Love Loveland, Hate the Noise.

- 43 I have been in Loveland over 20 years, and the train horns are longer louder and more often than I have ever witnessed. Please save our beautiful town by reducing train noise. Thank-you
- 44 It just seems that the train horns are more frequent and longer lasting than ever before. I've lived here ten years.
- 45 Educate citizens to respect existing crossings without train horns
- 46 the RR has been there in modern times. people moved nearby in full knowledge. circumstances change with growth and the train noise will get louder with development not quieter. property owners have unreal expectations.
- 47 Let those that are complaining move away from the tracks.
- 48 Other cities seem to be addressing this significant issue without additional funding, I think Loveland should too.
- 49 Each survey conducted does not address those who actually live on or near crossings. Those individuals/families if polled, purchased homes there because they actually enjoy the trains. Please stop wasting valuable tax payers money on something that the majority of citizens do not want!
- 50 This is a "nice to have" project that does not uniformly benefit the community. Times are tougher right now and we as a society need to realize that we have to cut back and not do every "good idea".
- 51 The sound of the train is a welcome sound!
It is a reminder of days gone by and that we are a continuation of an earlier day and time.
- 52 The city spends way too much on sports related activities such as all the ball fields.
- 53 The trains were here before the houses along the railroad tracks! If the homeowners don't like the noise they should move!
- 54 or an alternative is to get the railroad to change their reactive laws
- 55 I am already noticing homes vacated and going up for sale along the tracks. These were well kept, lovely homes.
- 56 Not fully, but some money.
- 57 Of course not!!!
- 58 These trains have been here far longer then we have & if you live by one then you had to know it was there when you moved in. I say deal with it or move. I love hearing the train but I have been here so long that sometimes it just blends in with my everyday life & I no longer hear it.
- 59 Quiet zone should be the whole city after 10pm. Trains should adjust volume and length of horn in similarity with other noise statue violations within the city.
- 60 The train tracks have been here longer than any one living, when people move in to a house the tracks are there, I do not understand why any one complains now.
- 61 I can get double the amount of house for similar payment in Johnstown without a train 200 yards from my door. I'd rather have peace and quiet instead of a new library or park. I can live with potholes and bumps.
- 62 Not in 2009 or 2010, but maybe after that. Right now you should not be spending \$\$ on any big projects!
- 63 This is a result of the trains that use the tracks. The owners of the rail road should provide this vs. making the City pay for them to use the rail in a more friendly way. They benefit (profit) from the rail; they should be a good neighbor and minimize the effects.
- 64 quality of life says it all
- 65 I have noticed that there are several city streets that are being repaved (First Street near Denver Ave.) that seemed to be in pretty good shape already. I think that money could be used in better ways.
- 66 not library, but roads. regarding #9 I pay taxes on school and everything and all residents should pay for this change
- 67
- 68 why don't we have 2 horns on the train,,,loud and soft,,It's not like their doing 70 mph,,put the old horn back on..use them both...and..4 years ago when I moved here I noitced that there was a real difference between the two men who came through lovland and how they treated the horns..one was half the time or durration of the other man,,,I asked some railroad men one day about the differance and they said to me,,,one of the guys loves his horn and the other didn't...the rail road here has really only two main guys who pass through with trains,,,now and then a third or forth guy,,,but really only the two...and he said again,,,that guy loves his horn...put a muffle on the horn for the quite crossings and lift it when your past,,loveland can't be the only place in America wanting a noise reduction at crossing with speeds under 30 MPH....the gates work fine...
- 69 not really sure as I do not have enough informtion
- 70 Residents in the neighborhoods near the crossings in question should have to pay extra towards the funding of those improvements if they want them changed.
- 71 No funds need to be redirected, the engineers just don't need to blow the horns for nearly as long as they do in a crossing.

- 72 Definitely NOT. I live right next to the tracks. I knew what I was getting in to when I moved into my place. As should anyone else who lives anywhere near the tracks. I don't want money redirected from other things for something this trivial.
- 73 At least during sleeping hours, please!
- 74 The people doing the complaining about the train horns are being utterly ridiculous. The train horns are no problem.
- 75 why would the city even consider taking away from ANY of these projects?? We NEED MORE PARKS an expansion at our library.....THE YOUTH IN OUR AREA HAVE SO LITTLE TO DO!!!!
- 76 When we moved to this community, proximity to RR crossings was a consideration when looking at a home. If people moved right by crossings, they shouldn't complain about the noise, regardless of volume and frequency. They chose to live there.
- 77 Unnecessary expense!
- 78 When a train horn wakes half of Loveland, depending on wind direction, in the middle of the night it is an insult to humanity, to individual mental health and the community's well-being.
- 79 Yes, but only at a low percentage rate over several years.
- 80 People that are complaining bought their houses near the train tracks and should have known better. The trains were there first.
- 81 The trains were here before there was a town of Loveland. How could someone buy a house and not notice the trains were close by.
- 82 Whatever it takes -- the noise is really problematic
- 83 railroad companys should pay for all
- 84 While a quiet zone would be nice, it is not our highest priority and money can only be stretched so far.
- 85 quiet crossings will encourage residential development in downtown, which will more than pay for itself in the mid-term
- 86 We bought our house 3 years ago and loved the train horns but they are not the same now. They break your eardrums. You can't hear anything when they blow the horns.
- 87 The trains coming through this town has been the reason that Loveland was built. They were close to the train for shipping and receiving. If you take the trains, horns and close crossings, what are we doing to our heritage? If people are that concerned about the noise, then wither don't live near the tracks or understand that this is part of living in a town with our past. They were mad when they couldn't hear the trains now they are mad because they can. Please don't do away with the horns, my daughter loves them, and so do I.
- 88 Grand Junction built underpass roads for the cars to help prevent issues like this. It also helps traffic backups while at train crossings - at least close to neighborhoods (ie. 287 + 29th and 38th st areas)
- 89 But believe we should resort to bonds as the first alternative.
- 90 This issue affects quality of life and property values in downtown Loveland and surrounding areas. It is crucial that the situation be improved!
- 91 I don't believe it is a big enough issue. The few people who are complaining should move further from the tracks. The horns are there for safety, and I think they should remain. It isn't just driver safety -- it is also pedestrian safety.
- 92 Before I moved to CO, I lived 1 mile from a railroad station, and I thought the whistles and horns were beautiful and eerie. Even with the horns now, we still have people getting hit or killed crossing the tracks. Why make it worse?
- 93 Shut the horns down and look into Federal Programs allowing No Whistle Stops. It is allowed and should be used. It includes raised medians and enhanced gates. Similar to what was done in Security, Widefield area on SH 85 south of Colorado Springs. Do it now. Look into it. Learn from what others have done.
- 94 It should only be a one time expense.
- 95 Trains are part of our history and part of what makes this country's industries successful, having horns to warn of an oncoming train is a safety benefit that should not be taken away. Let the library keep its funds and tell the people complaining about the train noise to compare the noise of the train horn to the noise of the car owners who have the radio blasting with the base so loud it harms the hearing of all who are in the general area. These are the people that need to be stopped, not the horn on a train. Let the people who are complaining about the train horns pay for the quiet area not the general tax payers.
- 96 Redirect funds not from useful items for the citizens but from business "incentives"
- 97 This is crazy, I have a train in my back yard, I like it. If your having an issue with noise, Move. They dont honk for fun its safty first. Kids on my block play on the tracks, People walk on them. What would you do about that? This is one of the most point less things. What are we going to talk about next, You cant use your car horn? Police will pull you over for singing?

98	I think the RR should fit some if not all of the monies needed to create the Quiet Zone. There abuse of sounding the horn is a big part of the problem. Why is it necessary at 3:00am on a Sunday morning for them to blow the horn from one end of town to the other!
99	Train's horns are blown as a safety (courtesy)/mandate; people who DON'T like the train horns would be the first to whine and file a lawsuit should they or a member of THEIR family be struck and killed by a train that did NOT sound their horn. It's a "vicious circle", and neither side will "win"...
100	If anything there should be a special referendum on the issue to see if the citizens want to have a special tax assessment for "x" years to pay for the additional crossing improvements, whatever the type.

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14. Please give us any specific comments you may have on Quiet Zones?

#	Response
1	Please, leave the safety alone.
2	I think it is a very vocal minority that is complaining about this so-called problem. I don't want to pay because of their whining.
3	Comment No.
4	This survey is misleading and clearly meant to bias the result. Loveland should update the crossing to modern safety regardless of the noise issue. It is both a safety and noise issue.
5	Quiet zones might be built in the order of population density of those lives affected.
6	I think it is a shame communities have to pay for something that is mandated by the F. Govt. Why not a class action law suit against this travesty??? But the way it stands now a Quiet Zone is the only answer.
7	Quiet zones are not necessary. People need to make choices on where they live, such as near a railroad crossing, airport, dairies, etc. Don't move in then try to change things.
8	none
9	I work within 25 yards of the track. It's ear-splitting, but mostly tolerable. I live about 2 miles away (SE corner of Van Buren & Eisenhower)... I can hear the trains at night even with the (new) windows closed. It's very disruptive!
10	I Beilieve Quiet Zones Can Be Dangerus! Say You Where On The Tracks (Though Your No Suposed To) And The Train Was Coasting Down The Tracks, How The Heck Would You Hear It Without The Horn? I Honestly Do Not Like The Idea Of This Quiet Zone Pirod.
11	I live about 1.5 miles from the crossing at 29th Street and am awakened at night several times a week by the LOUD train horns. I am not convinced that the louder horns are really making the crossings safer - just louder!
12	I would like to see the Loveland leadership take some leadership and bring the problem to the state and federal level. The train horn regulation is ill conceived and needs to be examined. This is not how safety is created at crossings. If upheld, it is not at all unreasonable to ask for bailout money for this necessary infrastructure improvement. Railroads should be required to participate in direct relationship to their growing profits.
13	Wayside horns may be the way to go considering costs and the lack of funding
14	We lived 100 yards from a busy railroad crossing for 12 years. Obviously, we knew it was there when we bought the house, and due to the crossing the house was very inexpensive. If you do not like trains, do not buy the house! If it bothers you, sell the house! Do not expect others to pick up the tab for you!
15	This is not a city problem. The railroad was here before the town.
16	Stop wasting resources on this issue!
17	I think they are fine, but I don't want to pay for one because folks don't like the whistle of an existing train that was there before they were.
18	The City of Loveland has much bigger issues to deal with than to worry about the complaints of a few residents.
19	A Quiet Zone would be the best idea. However, it looks as if, until the laws can be changed or amended on a Federal level, it appears that all we can possibly afford would be the Wayside Horns
20	This should not be a burden on the tax payers. Let the people that KNEW the trains were there prior to moving in and are now complaining foot the bill.
21	The tracks were there before the house homeowners knew what they were getting into.
22	Anyone that is dumb enough to enter a crossing when the gate is down and the bells are gonging should be a candidate for the Darwin award. It is impossible for the Government to spend enough money to eliminate stupidity. It is possible for Government to over regulate to the point of general annoyance and not understand the problem.
23	1) I do not support wayside horns in areas where there is any residential housing and that includes downtown. 2) While there is as yet no empircal data/study, I can personally testify that my hearing has been damaged. I now get a sharp physical pain with each horn sound.

24	Leave things the way they are. The majority should not have to pay for the whining of a few. If they don't like the horns let them move. The trains were here when they moved here.
25	Please consider all members of our community when making a decision. Is one income group adversely effected more by taxes/fee then another? A lot of people are struggling right now and are working multiple jobs and long hours. They do not have the time to be a part of this process - or they might not even know know about this issue. Would most lower income families rather have quieter trains or library & park services? Can they afford a fee/tax if they live near the train tracks? I understand there are many community members and businesses who are frustrated by train horn noise (I personally hate the horns). I just hope the entire community is taken into consideration when making decisions. Please do not ignore a part of our community because they don't have the time or knowledge regarding this issue. Thank you.

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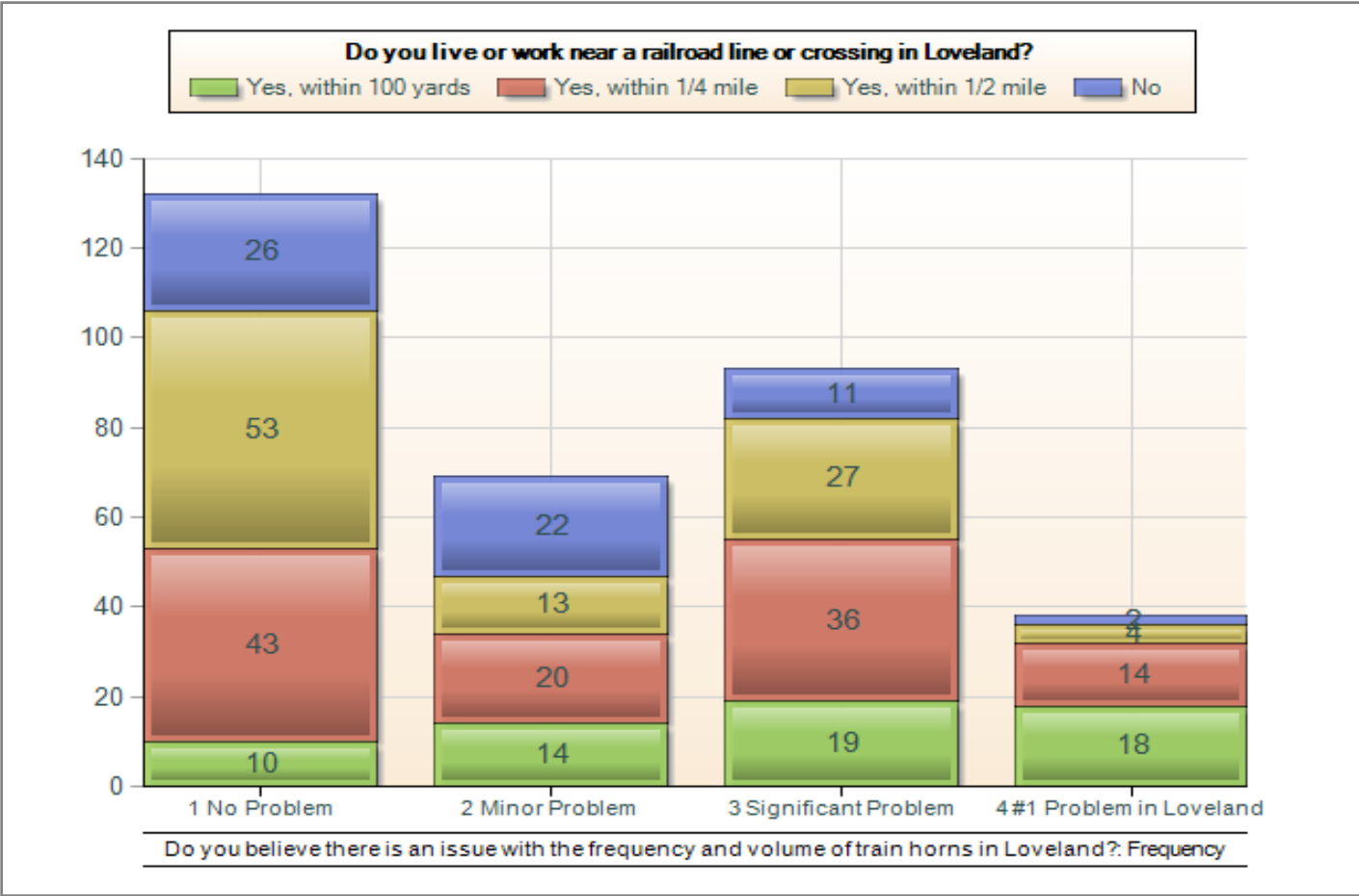
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15. If you have any additional comments you would like to share with the City of Loveland leadership, please do so below.

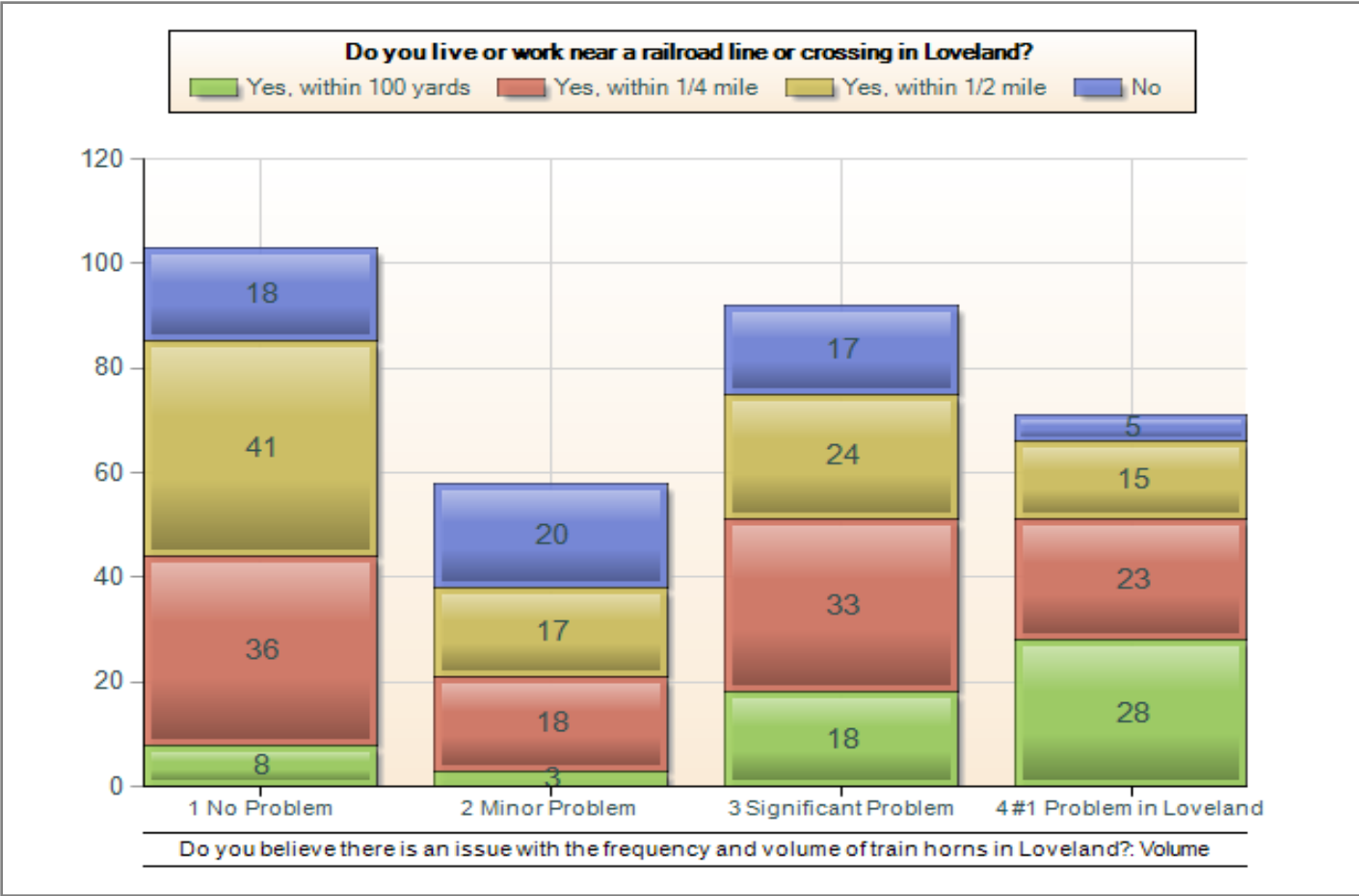
#	Response
1	No
2	Why do you need to take a survey and suggest taxing citizens to spend money on real public works? McWhinney subsidies and property acquired along I-25 was done by you without any survey.
3	Please consider taking funds from the McWhinney/Centerra project. I know it's hard for the council to understand the issues of us 'downtown' people, since all of you live outside of the central area, but please consider re-directing some of the millions you get from the 'blight' out east of town and reinvest it into the heart of the community. The master tax district out east also represents 'capital' improvements. There is no need to take \$\$ from the library, parks, roads which actually benefit residents, whereas the sprawl out east (Centerra) only provides low-wage retail jobs that don't help improve our community. I support fixing the railroad horn issue and would gladly pay an increased tax to do so. I primarily find the horns objectionable at the 3-6 a.m. hour when certain conductors find it funny to blow hard and frequently as they go through town.....believe me, if you lived down here you would understand what I mean ;-)
4	First Lovelanders who are wealthy live away from the tracks; so this issue disproportionately affects our most vulnerable population and these days=are they ever stressed out already! Education because the decibels are calibrated on a scale; since 2004 the train horn is 100 times louder 100 x-not a misprint). 6. we are choice to have the full Federally permitted Quiet Zone mentioned in the first paragraph of this "SURVEY" ..this steers the outcome toward the wayside horn....hmmm....invalidating this survey. 8. If there was any other major quality of life hindrance to 20,000 Lovelanders (living within 2 blocks and 100 decibels) all of us taxpayer would pay. I still think the Federal government has crossed its own mandates laws established by the mid 1980 regarding noise pollution. I proposethis be investigated by a northern Colorado legal task force. With stats showing the major health detriments; google "noise pollution train horns" please call me for ideas Astrid 970 219-8160 Thank You
5	The wayside horn is not the way to go. I talked to the inventor, he sent information, I have talked to others in towns and it is not for Loveland. Also, we were told this Wayside demonstration would be announced in the R. Herald and non that I have talked to have seen an announcement. How about some publicity on this survery. How are people to find out about it????
6	I find the noise levels from the train horns unbelievable. Step 1 should be to locate all City offices near a crossing.
7	I belive this is a non-issue. Don't let a few residents push this.
8	do what needs to be done to change the fed law on the decibels. I live over 2 miles away and can hear the trains at night. I can't imagine what what the poor people close to the tracks have to listen to.
9	I Beileve The Money Should Be Used In Other Manors Other Then The Quiet Zone.
10	I run a service company and sometimes we have to wait to get to a job. we must respect the awesome power coming down the tracks. waiting or hearing the horn does not bother me. It is for safety.
11	Please consider Quiet Zones also as a necessary investment into the downtown development. No sleep, inability to hold on to a job and have disposable income leads to no customers for downtown businesses and declining housing. We are the original downtown supporters. That is why we live where we live. The support has to be reciprocal. I am also concerned about "the need to increase residential density in the downtown area" to make downtown more viable. Who wants to live here when they are blown out of bed several times every night and cannot conduct conversations while trains are going by, sit outside....
12	Nowadays it should be possible to have a safe crossing without a noisy trainhorn. There in fact hardly any trainhorns in Europe
13	We do not want ANY of our taxes to go to this project. It is extremely irritating that people buy property near an airport or railroad or gun range and then complain about the noise. Hello! You didn't realize this when you bought the property, probably at a much reduced price? It is caveat emptor folks, do not expect me to bail you out!
14	No city funds should be spent on this project. It is a private project and should have only private funding!
15	I will be quite loud in my opposition to anyone other than the complainers paying for this so called problem to be fixed.
16	I do not want my tax dollars spent on this project!

17	I don't see how the City itself can actually afford much of these improvements without help from the railroads and Federal and State Govt. Tax increases, especially during a severe recession are not a good idea. This problem exists all over the US. I don't know of any city that has this problem, has done anything to really solve it. It is ironic that Loveland exists mainly because a RR man helped found it. So, yes, the RR was here first; but they need to help in some way; Perhaps they can lobby the Feds to ease these costly rules. After all, if someone is stupid enough to try to get around the gates and get killed, then let the "laws of evolution kick in. This whole thing got worse when the "lawyers" got involved arguing for the reckless and careless one's families. Sorry about the rant. We are good and careful drivers and all like us end up paying for the ones who are not.
18	This is a waste of time and resources to satisfy a very small population. Money should be spend elsewhere and wisely.
19	It would be highly refreshing if someone in Government would simply say that it is the public's responsibility to stay off the track when the train is on it. It is dumb to try to protect the dumb. They will always win.
20	In downtown, the train horn issue dovetails with the downtown improvement plans. Those improvement plans will be severely impacted as property values decrease due to excessive and damaging train horn noise, properties become more run down (why put money into maintaining something that you are not going to recoup due to excessive train noise) and it becomes increasingly difficult to attract the "right" residents and businesses for a healthy, vibrant downtown.
21	I think the city of Loveland has other projects to spend tax dollars on, that would be more beneficial to the citizens of Loveland. I would not support a special tax for this project.
22	Please consider all members of our community when making a decision. Is one income group adversely effected more by taxes/fee then another? A lot of people are struggling right now and are working multiple jobs and long hours. They do not have the time to be a part of this process - or they might not even know know about this issue. Would most lower income families rather have quieter trains or library & park services? Can they afford a fee/tax if they live near the train tracks? I understand there are many community members and businesses who are frustrated by train horn noise (I personally hate the horns). I just hope the entire community is taken into consideration when making decisions. Please do not ignore a part of our community because they don't have the time or knowledge regarding this issue. Thank you.
23	I realize it probably won't work, but maybe someone could check with the Fed's to see about relaxing the horn intensity regulation again. It is absolutely ridiculous to sound a blaring train horn at 3:00 a.m. when every crossing has a barrier arm and flashing red lights. When does this idiocy end?
24	Please don't waste money on a project such as this for people who have lived here and been aware of the trains for many years!!
25	This is a silly idea. Compares to people building near airport and complaining about airplanes.

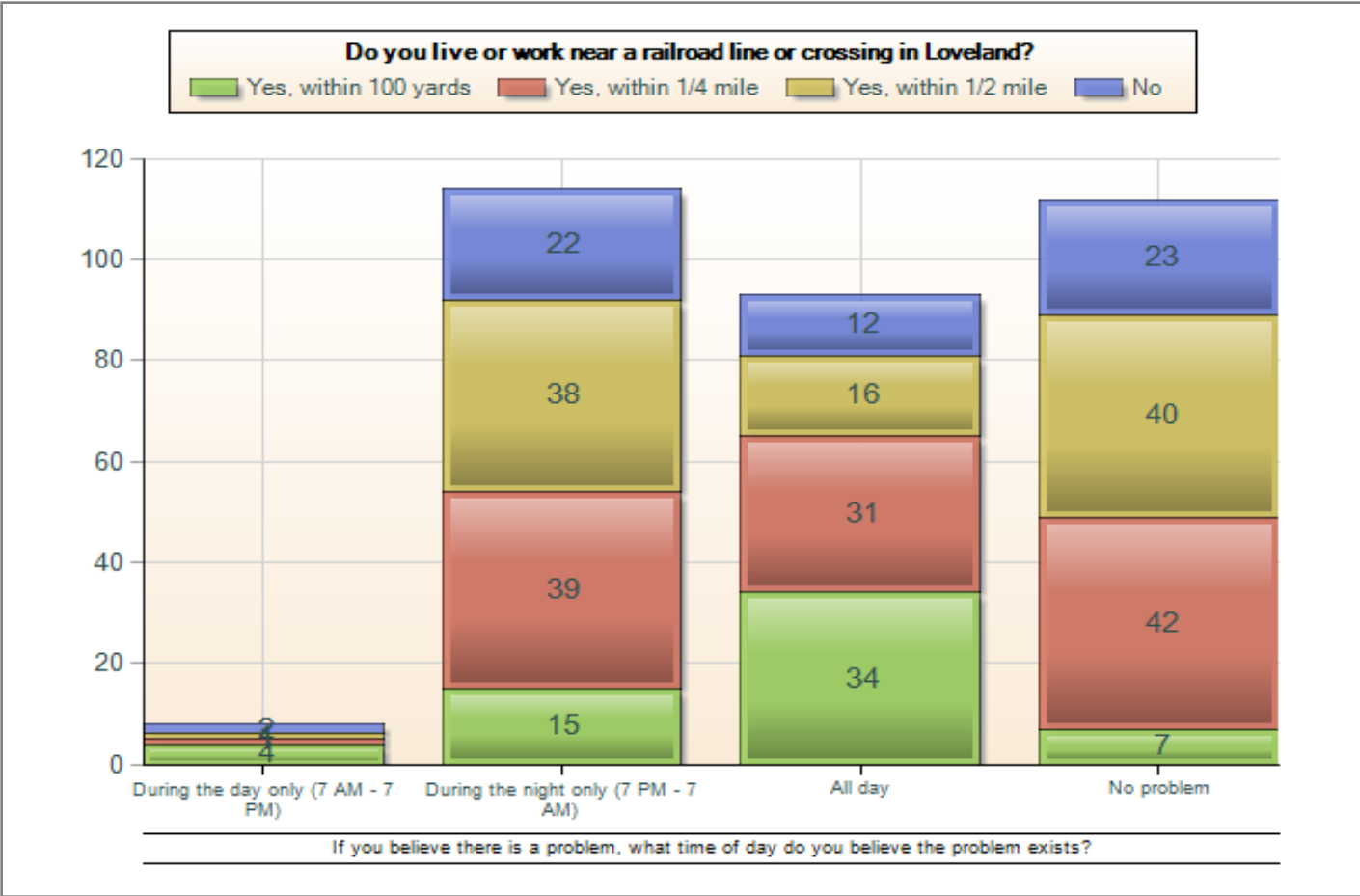
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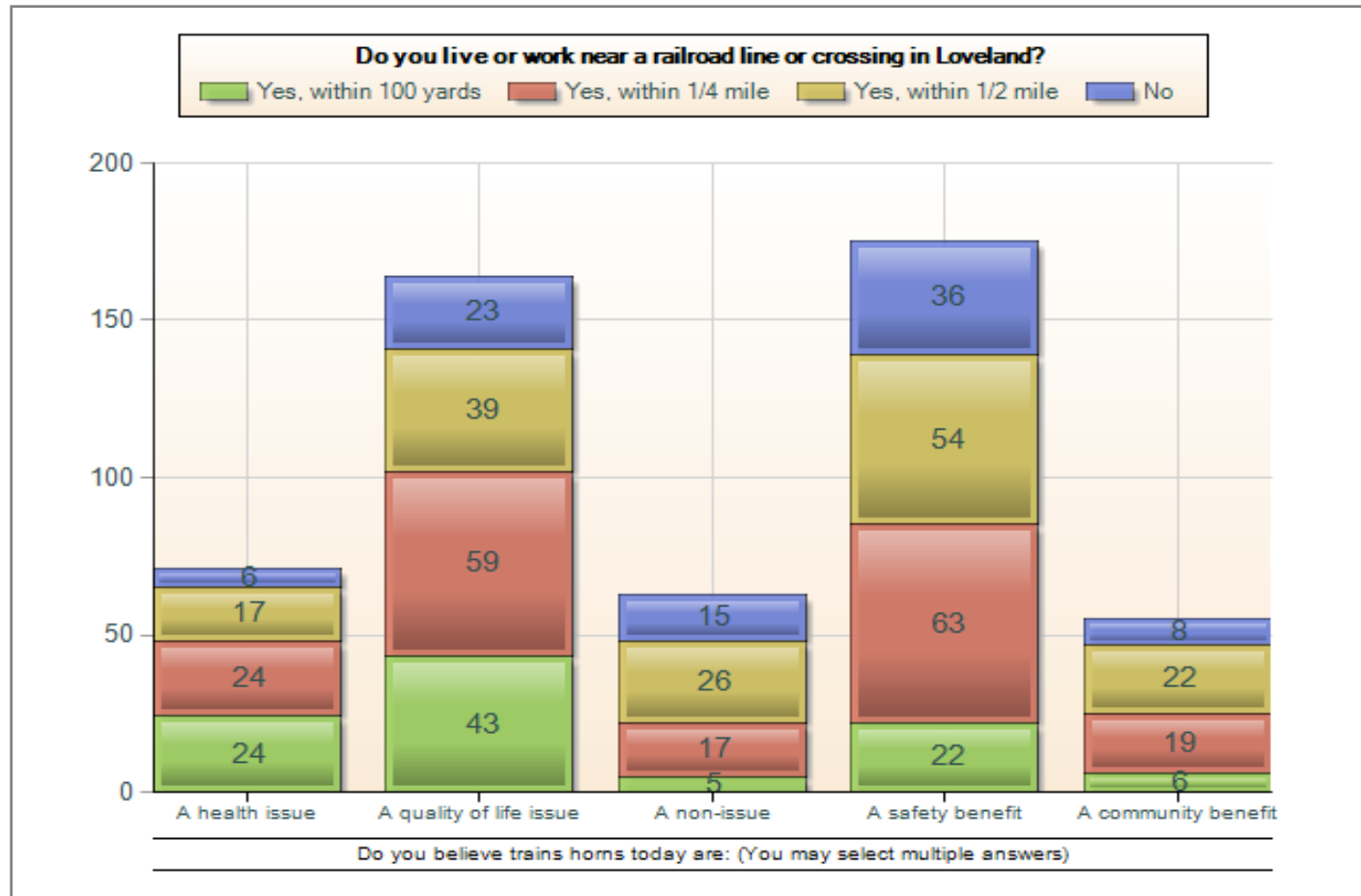
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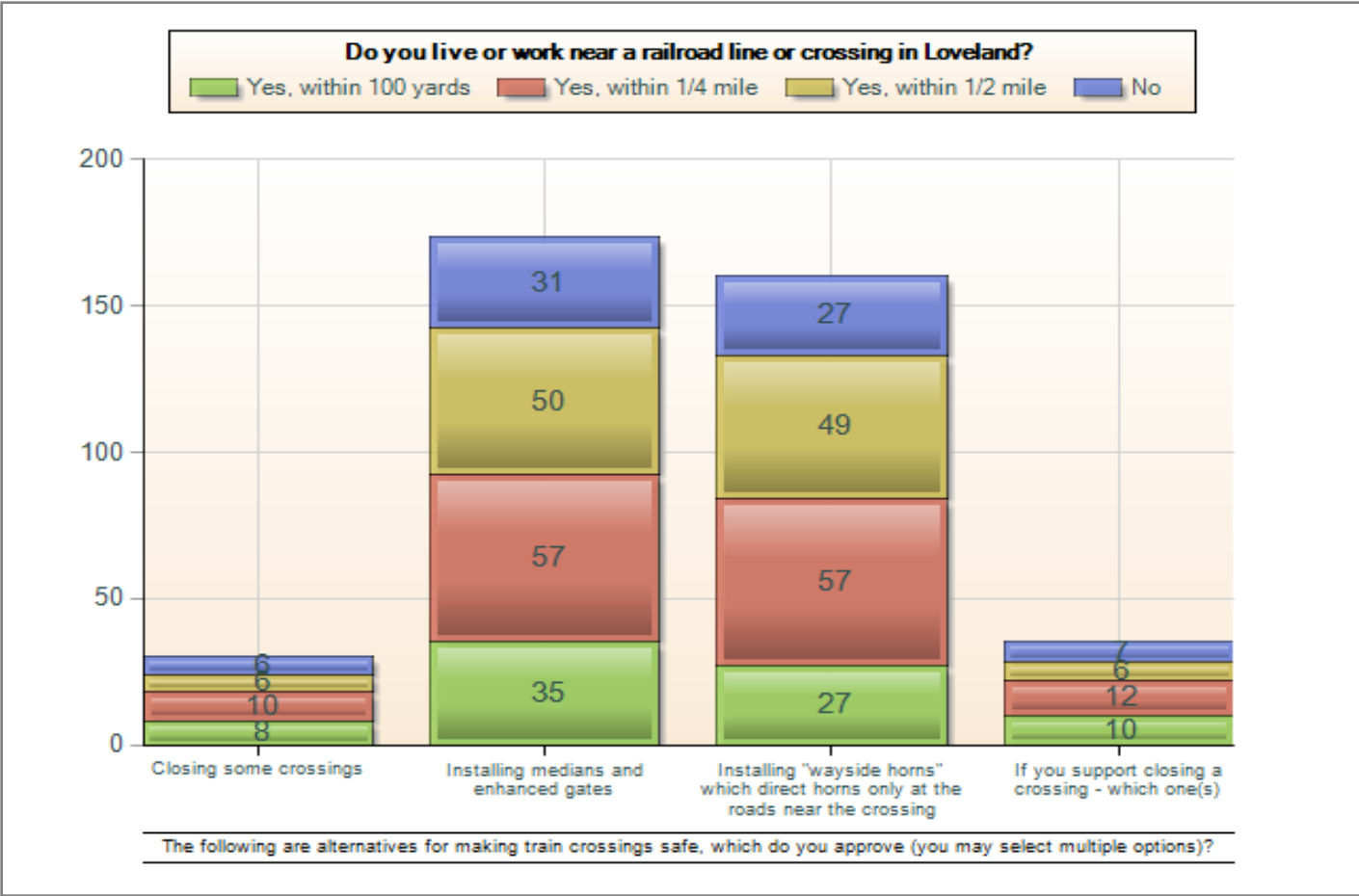
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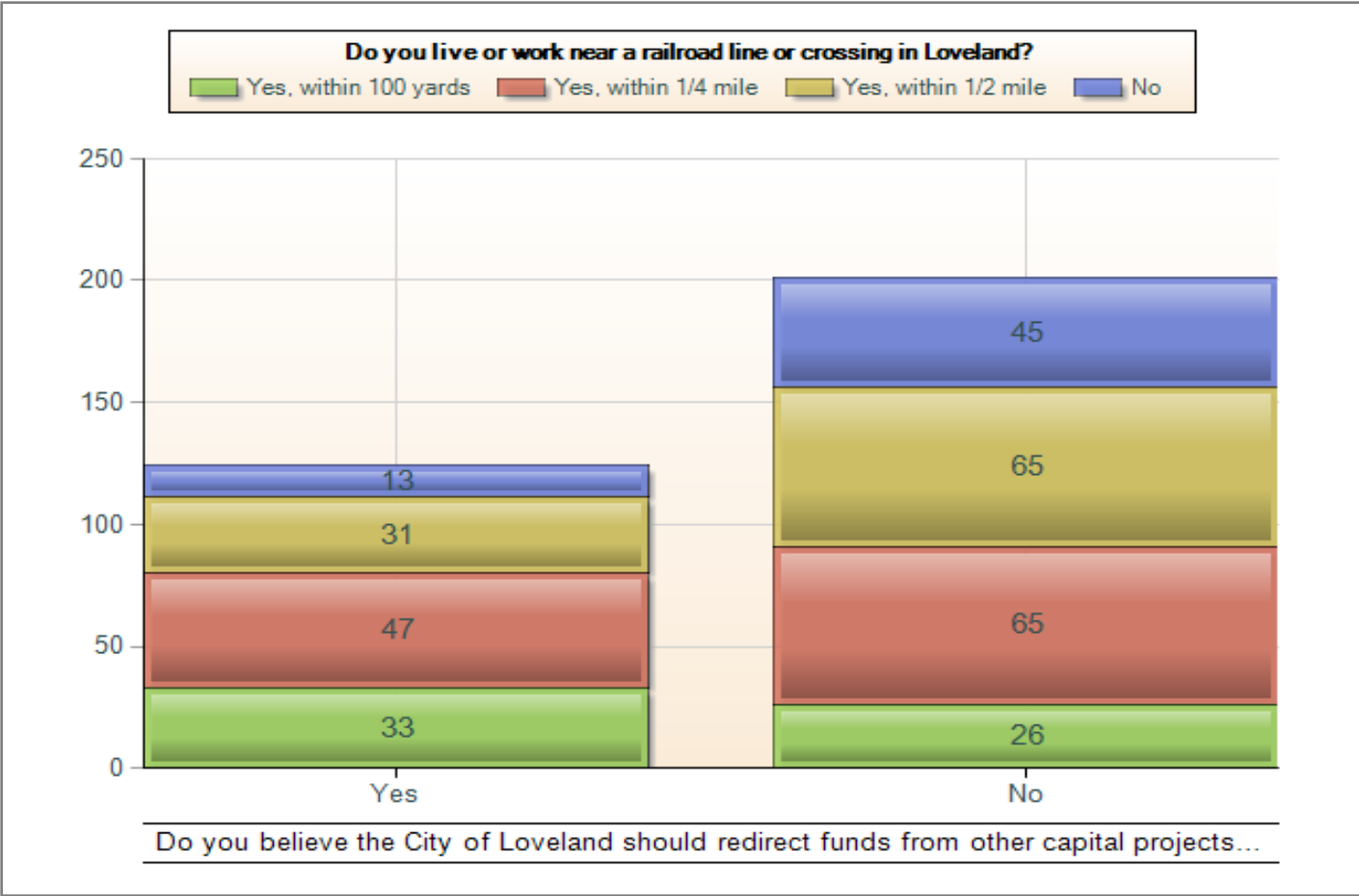
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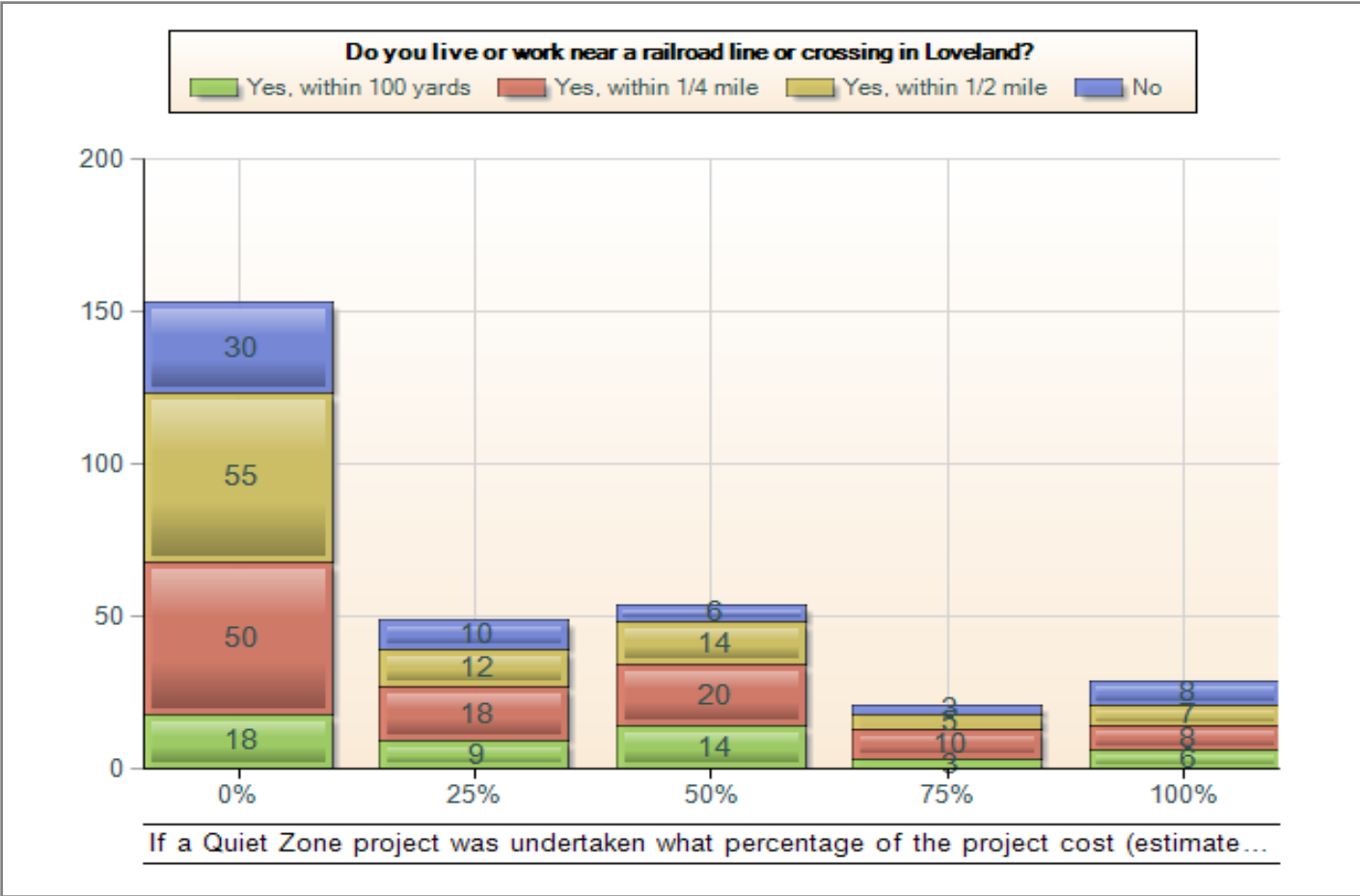
Quiet Zone Survey: The following are alternatives for making train crossings safe, which do you approve (you may select multiple answers)



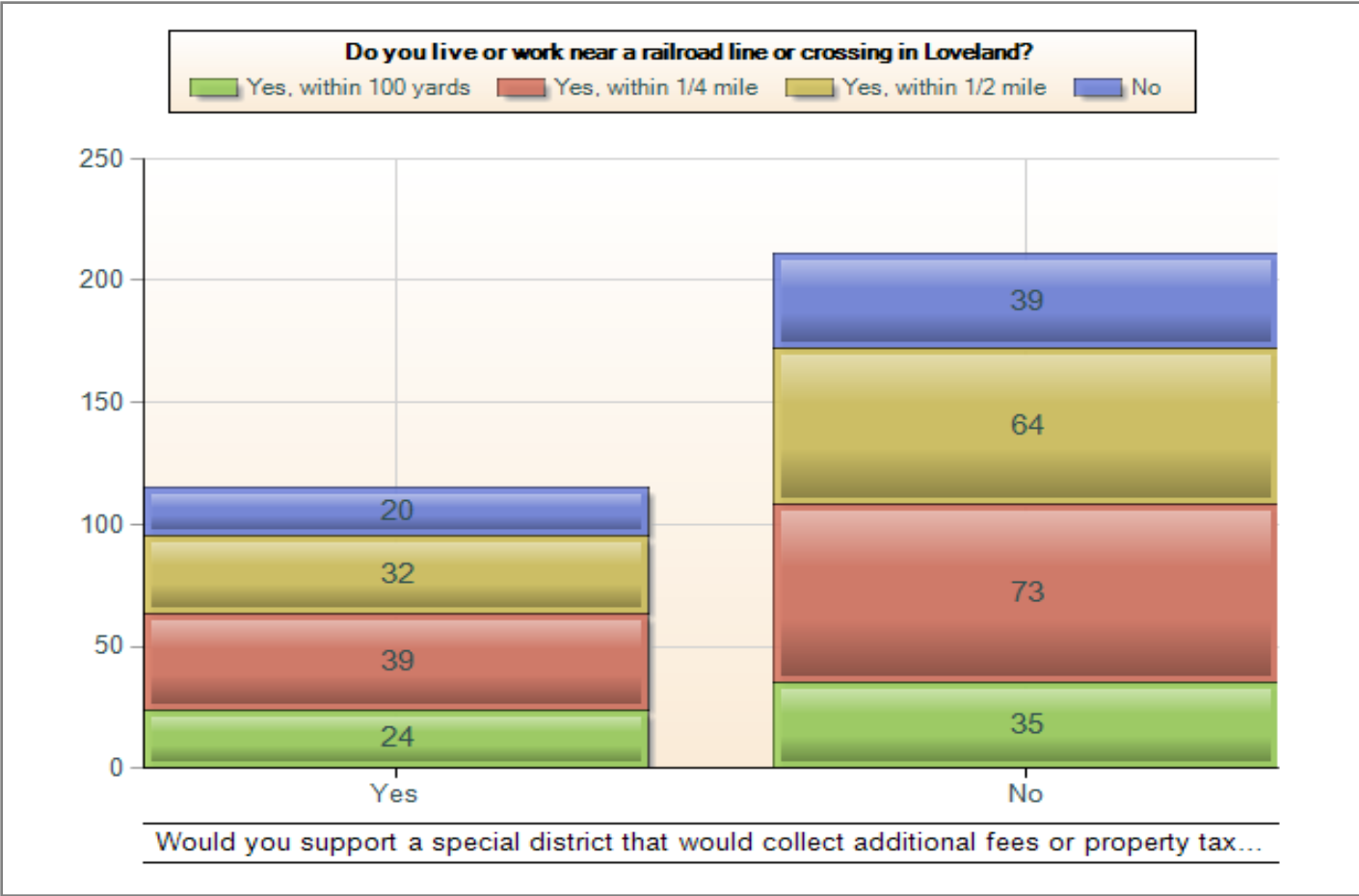
Quiet Zone Survey: Do you believe the City of Loveland should redirect funds from other capital projects (library, r ...



Quiet Zone Survey: If a Quiet Zone project was undertaken what percentage of the project cost (estimated at \$9,000,0 00) do you believe should come from the City's General Tax Fund?



Quiet Zone Survey: Would you support a special district that would collect additional fees or property taxes to pay for a Quiet Zone project?



Quiet Zone Survey: If a Quiet Zone was built who should pay for it?

