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Press Release

Village of Frankfort and Hamilton Engineering Begin Quiet Zone Feasibility Study Timeline

Village of Frankfort staff members recently met with representatives of the Robert E. Hamilton Consulting Engineers organization to begin the feasibility study timeline as part of the sound mitigation program. The “kick off” meeting established a four month timeline for the study to be completed, as well as an outline of the Quiet Zone process. The Quiet Zone process not only includes an extensive engineering review, but subsequent construction of safety devices where applicable. An inventory of the crossings is in process with an evaluation of the scheduled crossing upgrades to be completed at the end of June. The extensive engineering process will include the review of options, risk index at each crossing, as well as safety improvement recommendations and their impact. The entire Quiet Zone process will likely take 18 to 24 months for completion.

“The quiet zone portion of our sound mitigation program is now underway with the initial meeting with Robert E. Hamilton engineers. As the study progresses, we will keep our residents informed of the necessary steps in the study. Upon completion of the various action items, an application will be made for a Quiet Zone to the Federal Railroad Administration. The benefit to our residents of a Quiet Zone is the elimination of the requirement to sound the train horn at each intersection (engineers will still sound the horn to warn of danger)”, commented Frankfort’s Mayor Jim Holland. All intersections with the railroad from Harlem to 116th Avenue will be included in the Quiet Zone.

The Canadian National Railroad has agreed to pay for all costs that are necessary for the engineering and construction of the safety devices, as well as to support Frankfort’s application for a quiet zone.

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