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Press Release

Frankfort Hosts Quiet Zone Open House

The Village of Frankfort and Robert E. Hamilton Consulting Engineers will host an open house for the public to review information concerning the designation of a “Quiet Zone” along the Canadian National Railway (CN) tracks in Frankfort. The open house will take place on Monday, September 14, 2009 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Hickory Creek Middle School “Cafetorium” which is located at 22150 S. 116th Avenue in Frankfort. The public is invited to attend the meeting, ask questions and offer feedback regarding the Quiet Zone proposal.

As part of an agreement between Frankfort and the Railway, CN agreed to fund the engineering studies and required intersection improvements that would be necessary to achieve the designation of a Quiet Zone in Frankfort from Harlem Avenue to 116th Avenue. With a Quiet Zone designation, train engineers are prohibited from sounding the train horn at each intersection unless an emergency situation arises. In June of 2009, after a competitive process and with CN’s approval, Frankfort awarded a contract to conduct the Quiet Zone feasibility study to Robert E. Hamilton Consulting Engineers. The study includes an inventory of equipment at each railroad crossing, along with the risk index for the location and a review of the safety improvements needed to achieve the Quiet Zone designation. Frankfort expects the Quiet Zone process to take 18 to 24 months for completion.

“Establishing a quiet zone will benefit our residents by eliminating the requirement to sound the exceptionally loud train horn at each intersection. This open house will provide opportunity for the public to comment on intersection safety improvements that will be needed before Frankfort can qualify for the Quiet Zone designation. We invite all interested parties to join us at this important meeting on September 14.” commented Frankfort’s Mayor Jim Holland.

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