

# GLENDALE RAILROAD SAFETY & QUIET ZONE COMMITTEE

October 3, 2007 Meeting Minutes

**Next meeting: Wednesday, October 17, from 6:30-8:30 pm at Town Hall.**

October 3 attendance: Oliver Debikey (p/t), John Earls, Ralph Hoop, Becky Love, Dan Raabe, Dave Schmid, Dr. Allen Zobay.

## **Next Steps:**

1. Final arrangements for a Diagnostic Team review of Glendale/Woodlawn crossings on October 23 – Ralph Hoop, Dan Raabe, Dave Schmid
2. Develop a plan for retest of RCL Wayside Horns – Oliver Debikey
3. Confirm use of the FRA Quiet Zone Risk Calculator with FRA – Dave Schmid
4. Develop a plan and timeline for proactively sharing the QZ Committee finding with the Glendale public – John Earls, Dr. Allen Zobay

A Diagnostic Review of Glendale/Woodlawn crossings will be held on October 23. Participants will include LaCoya Greggley, CSX engineer, and Evelyn Hendricks, FRA Region 2 Grade Crossing & Trespasser Regional Manager. The Ohio Rail Development Commission and the Ohio Public Utilities Commission will not be attending because their participation would be contingent upon a probability that the Albion Road crossing would be closed, and this has not been determined.

Based upon the information the Committee has assembled to date, the four most promising train horn noise options for Glendale are: Four-quadrant gates at Sharon & Oak, Wayside Horns at Sharon, Albion & Oak, Wayside Horns at Sharon & Oak with Albion closed, or do nothing. A display of these options is attached.

A possible retest of Wayside Horns would include the following key elements:

- 1) Determine the typical noise intensity for northbound and southbound train horns
- 2) Determine the number and configuration of Wayside Horns required at each crossing
- 3) Demonstrate Wayside Horns at each crossing using the same configuration as a permanent installation. Notify the community in general of the test and directly involve residents living within a 200 foot radius of each crossing.
- 4) For both train horns and Wayside Horns, take sound readings inside and outside of resident homes.

Details of other comments made during the October 3 meeting are shown in Revision 8 of the Assumptions & Issues tracking document.

For the Committee

Ralph Hoop