

GLENDALE RAILROAD SAFETY & QUIET ZONE COMMITTEE

August 22, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Next meeting: Tentatively Wednesday, September 5, from 6:30-8:30 pm at Town Hall
Next meeting may be rescheduled to accommodate a phone conference with CSX.

August 22 attendance: Jack Buescher, Ralph Hoop, Becky Love, Dan Raabe, Dave Schmid, Dr. Allen Zobay. Resident Bruce Abel also attended.

Next Steps:

1. Finalize timing for a phone conference with Mr. Cliff Stayton, CSX Director of Public Safety. – Dan Raabe (This telephone conference will likely be held in the Administration Building conference room.)
2. Present a QZ Committee status report to Village Council on September 4. – Ralph Hoop

Dan Raabe has forwarded a list of questions to Cliff Stayton of CSX for his advance preparation for a phone conference with the Glendale QZ Committee. Dan will inform the Committee when a date for the phone conference is established. It is likely that a Diagnostic Team review of the Glendale crossings will be scheduled as quickly as feasible after the phone conference.

Ralph Hoop reported that Leah Dalton of the Ohio Public Utilities Commission stated that Ohio has no plans to upgrade crossing warning circuitry from motion detection to Constant Warning Time as part of any foreseeable safety program funded by the State. Ms. Dalton also said that for administrative reasons the relative safety ranking of all 5000 plus Ohio crossings is not kept on a list available via the internet. PUCO will provide the Ohio safety ranking of the three Glendale crossings.

Ralph also reported on information from the Moraine City Engineer. Moraine is the only municipality in Ohio with a New Rule Quiet Zone. Moraine was able to achieve a Quiet Zone for less than \$20,000 because it was possible to use highway median dividers before the Vance Road crossing and the crossing control circuitry did not need to be upgraded.

Subsequent to the meeting resident Bruce Abel provided a copy of 2003 Ohio House Bill 247. This bill prohibits the use of Ohio funds for establishing a Quiet Zone unless there is a crossing closure or crossing elevation separation installation (overpass) within the QZ.

Within the QZ Committee, sentiment favors Quad Gates over Wayside Horns and there has been no interest expressed for an Albion Avenue closing as a funding measure. However, the Committee is not close to a recommendation because of costs and the apparent lack of funding available from outside the Glendale area.

Details of other comments made during the August 22 meeting are shown in Revision 5 of the A&I tracking document.

For the Committee

Ralph Hoop