

Request to Mayor and City Commissioners for a 'Quiet Zone' Designation

This brief statement is a request for a 'Quiet Zone' Designation for the railroad crossings located at NE Sandy Blvd and NE 148 and NE 138. Currently, the Train Horn noise at these crossings unnecessarily disturbs the many residents in the Wilkes and Argay neighborhoods.

The train noise at these intersections is much too loud and impacts thousands of individuals of those near the crossings and perhaps as far away as one mile or more.

The noise from the trains in either direction at these crossings begins as early as 3:30 a.m. and continues well past 11:00 p.m. It is very difficult to get sleep when the horns are being sounded very loudly at near these intersections.

It is understood from the Federal Railroad Administration guidelines that 'Quiet Zone' regulations don't eliminate the use of locomotive bells at crossings but help in the reduction of train noise.

It is noted that communities wishing to establish quiet zones must through the City Officials who follow through with the needed approvals to get the process going to establish a 'Quiet Zone'.

Reason for Request:

It is well documented that unnecessary externally-based loud noise (which impacts sleeping and a restful environment) leads to poor health and leads to insomnia causes poor performance on the job and other serious health problems. Many living near these intersections are working adults and children and the never ending loud train horns are causing much concern. The train horns are uneven and very loud and it seems that it is up to the train conductors to step up and ramp up the horn noise level without regard to those living nearby.

In order to create a quiet zone the city of Portland must take the lead in permitting the establishment of the quiet zone at these two intersections: NE Sandy -> NE 138 and NE 148. The City of Portland has to send a Notice to the railroad officials and the FRA on its request to establish a quiet zone.

For the Noise Committee, Wilkes Community Association

*Sincerely,
Julian Pineda*

Julian Pineda

PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION REQUEST
Wednesday Council Meeting 9:30 AM

AUDITOR 06/17/15 AM 9:32

Council Meeting Date: July 22 2015

Today's Date 6/17/15

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Reason for the request:

Request consideration for 'Quiet Zone' designation
for intersections of NE 138, NE 148 and Sandy
Blvd. in coordination with Fed. Railroad Adm (FRA)
The FRA said the City of Portland must request designation

for these
intersec.

J.P. Pineda
(signed)

- Give your request in writing to the Council Clerk's office to schedule a date for your Communication. Use this form or email the information to the Council Clerk at the email address below.
- You will be placed on the Wednesday official Council Agenda as a "Communication." Communications are the first item on the Agenda and are taken at 9:30 a.m. A total of five Communications may be scheduled. Individuals must schedule their own Communication.
- You will have 3 minutes to speak and may also submit written testimony before or at the meeting. Communications allow the Council to hear issues that interest our citizens, but do not allow an opportunity for dialogue.

Thank you for being an active participant in your City government.

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Request of Julien Pineda to address Council regarding a Quiet Zone designation for intersections of NE 138, NE 148 and Sandy Blvd (Communication)

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Auditor of the City of Portland

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