

# NOTICE of Public Meeting



**For:** Washington Corridor Quiet Zone

**By:** City of Houston  
Traffic and Transportation Division  
Department of Public Works and Engineering

**Date:** Wednesday, May 27, 2009

**Time:** 7:00-8:00 P.M.

**Place:** United Way Community Resource Center  
50 Waugh Drive at Feagan  
713-685-2300

Dear Resident,

On January 23, 2009 Mayor White selected six Quiet Zone Projects for Houston's 1<sup>st</sup> phase of Quiet Zone Programs at a cost of \$8.1 million dollars. They are funded through the City of Houston's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The Washington Corridor which consists of railroad crossings from Sherwin to Oliver is one of the six locations selected.

A variety of improvements are proposed at these locations including closures, one-way streets and median channelization. Please see attached map of the proposed improvements.

Lastly, the amount of time required to establish a quiet zone will vary. In general, it may take from one to four years to complete a project. The timeframe depends on the existing conditions at the crossings, the type of improvements required and different entities involved in making the improvements. Any quiet zone must conform to "Final Rule on the Use of Locomotive Horns at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings" set by the Federal Railroad Administration. Within the City of Houston, the city itself is the only entity that can apply for a quiet zone status. Public Works and Engineering Department will oversee all the projects.

The Quiet Zone program would like to hear your concerns regarding the proposed improvements. Public comments will be taken during the public meeting or written comments (form provided below) can be mailed to our office during a 14-day comment period following the meeting. After the comment period, the Department of Public Works and Engineering will review all the information and comments regarding the project.

For further information, please call the Traffic and Transportation Division at 713-837-7280. Thank you for your participation and interest in traffic safety on Houston's streets.

**Comment Card**.....

Do you have any comments regarding the proposed Quiet Zone project improvements? All comments must be returned to us within 14 days following the May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mail to: City of Houston  
Dept. of Public Works and Engineering  
Traffic & Transportation Division  
Attn: Quiet Zone Program-Katherine Parker Sr. Project Manager  
P.O. Box 1562  
Houston Texas 77251-1562

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Neighborhood: *Washington Corridor Quiet Zone*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I **DO** support the proposed improvements.     I **DO NOT** support the proposed improvements.

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# Washington Ave. RR Crossing Corridor

**Legend:**

- Median Work
- Closures
- One Way St. (w/gates)
- Convert to One-Way
- ↓ One-Way Traffic
- /// Quiet Zone Extents
- Railroads

