

City of Cambridge

Executive Department

LOUIS A. DePASQUALE
City Manager

July 16, 2018

LISA C. PETERSON
Deputy City Manager

To All Interested Parties:

This letter is a Notice of Intent (NOI) under 49 CFR Ch. II Part 222 Subpart C Section 222.43, to establish a train horn sounding Quiet Zone (QZ) within the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts, at Sherman Street, on the Fitchburg Main Line of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) North Side Commuter Rail.

The specific information regarding this proposed QZ is as follows:

US DOT National Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Inventory Number	052313H
Public Roadway Name	Sherman Street
Time Period of Train Horn Restrictions	24 hours/day, 7 days/week
Plans for Improvements	The City of Cambridge plans to install a median on both sides of the Sherman Street highway-rail grade crossing, to prevent vehicles from crossing over the centerline of Sherman Street to travel around the existing crossing gates. This median will be built using channelization devices, and will extend 60' on the north side of the crossing (to the nearest driveways, which serve commercial sites) and 80' on the south side of the crossing (to the nearest intersection at Bellis Circle and Bolton Street). We also intend to close the existing driveway into the parking lot that is located on the southwest quadrant of the crossing, which is too close to the crossing to remain open under current conditions.
Public Authority Point of Contact	Joseph E. Barr, AICP Director of Traffic, Parking, and Transportation 344 Broadway, Second Floor Cambridge, MA 02139 jbarr@cambridgema.gov 617-349-4743
Parties Receiving Notification	Railroad Owner: Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Luis Manuel Ramirez, General Manager 10 Park Plaza, Suite 4510 Boston, MA 02116 <i>Copies to:</i> Ryan Colohan, Chief Railroad Officer

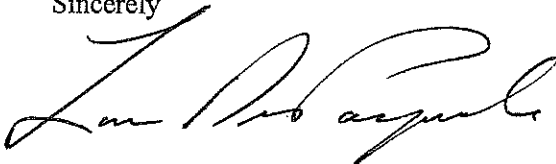


	<p>Railroad Operators: Keolis Commuter Services David Scorey, General Manager 470 Atlantic Avenue Boston, MA 02210</p> <p>Pan Am Railways David Fink, President 1700 Iron Horse Park North Billerica, MA 01862</p> <p>Norma Jean Griffiths Crossing & Trespassing Regional Manager Federal Railroad Administration, Region 1 55 Broadway Cambridge, MA 02142</p> <p>State Agency Responsible for Highway and Road Safety Massachusetts Department of Transportation Stephanie Pollack, Secretary and Chief Executive Officer 10 Park Plaza, Suite 4160 Boston, MA 02116 <i>Copies to:</i> Jonathan Gulliver, Highway Administrator</p> <p>State Agency Response for Grade Crossing Safety Massachusetts Department of Transportation Stephanie Pollack, Secretary and Chief Executive Officer 10 Park Plaza, Suite 4160 Boston, MA 02116 <i>Copies to:</i> Astrid Glynn, Rail and Transit Administrator</p>
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Parties that wish to provide information or comments on this proposed QZ, or indicate that they do not have comments, should do so within 60-days from the mailing of this NOI, to the Public Authority Point of Contact listed above.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely



Louis A. DePasquale,
City Manager

Cc: Joseph Barr, Director, Traffic, Parking & Transportation Department
Nancy Glowa, City Solicitor