



# Council Policy Early Consideration: Response Form

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ITEM: G4

Department	Transportation	Date	April 2, 2019
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Policy/Ord. Subject	Freight Rail Right of Way Quiet Zones	Council Member(s) Sponsorship	Mayor and Councilmembers Peralez, Jimenez and Davis

## Staff Recommendation

- ☒ GREEN The Administration can implement this Nominated Idea under its current workplan.
- ☒ UNDERWAY (This item is already underway.) ☐ REFER TO COUNCIL FOR ACTION OR ADDITION TO DEPT. WORKPLAN
- ☐ YELLOW The Administration recommends Council send this Nominated Idea to the Priority Setting Process.
- ☐ RED The Administration recommends Council not adopt this Nominated Idea
- ☐ NEEDS CLARIFICATION OR MORE TIME TO EVALUATE.

## Criteria (Priority Setting Checklist)

1. Is the recommendation related to work already in the existing department workplan?  
☒ YES ☐ NO
2. Staff time required (including research and policy/ordinance development and implementation).  
☐ >40 hours ☒ <40 hours
3. What is the magnitude of effort involved?  
☐ Small ☒ Medium ☐ Large
4. When will the department have capacity to address the recommendation?  
☒ Now-6 months ☐ 6-12 months out ☐ Future fiscal year

## Analysis

Explain the rationale for Staff recommendation, including any mitigating factors that need to be considered (recent legislative action, significant workplan changes, etc). Please address the following as well:

GREEN LIGHT: The Administration can implement this Nominated Idea under its current workplan. Item should be sent to Council to add to Department workplan. Explain how the Idea will be approached.

**Explore funding strategies and once secure, initiate a quiet zone study at twelve rail crossings along the Union Pacific Warm Spring Subdivision. The study will evaluate the existing rail crossings and determine the best safety measures to reduce risks in lieu of the freight trains' sounding of their horns. CPUC or FRA will review the quiet zone application and determine if the quiet zones can be established.**

**Through the 4-year General Plan Review and other City planning efforts, staff will continue to explore Rail-To-Trail (RTT) conversions.**

YELLOW LIGHT: The Administration recommends Council send this Nominated Idea to the Priority Setting Process due to [describe cost implications, workload impacts, or other factors].

RED LIGHT: The Administration recommends Council not adopt this Nominated Idea due to [describe reason implementation would be difficult if not impossible – conflict with other laws, etc].