

Detailed Plan

Who should submit this plan?

Public authorities with Pre-Rule Quiet Zones and Pre-Rule Partial Quiet Zones that will not be established before June 24, 2008, as stated in Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 222.41.

Prerequisites

- Notice of Intent mailed by February 24, 2008;
- Installation of crossbuck, "STOP", and advance warning signs by June 24, 2008; and,
- *If applicable*, an application from the public authority to the FRA for approval of planned improvements, e.g., Alternative Safety Measures (ASMs), for the quiet zone.

Contents

- ✓ The plan must include a detailed explanation of each safety improvement that will be implemented at public, private, and pedestrian crossings within the Pre-Rule Quiet Zone or Pre-Rule Partial Quiet Zone to comply with §§ 222.25, 222.27, 222.35 and 222.39. The improvements should be thoroughly described and include:
 - each Supplementary Safety Measure, as defined in 49 CFR Part 222, Appendix A:
 - temporary closure of a public highway-rail grade crossing;
 - four-quadrant gate system;
 - gates with medians or channelization devices;
 - one-way street with gates; and/or
 - permanent closure of a public highway-rail grade crossing.
 - each Alternative Safety Measure, as defined in 49 CFR Part 222, Appendix B:
 - modified SSMs;
 - non-engineering ASMs (programmed enforcement, public education and awareness, photo enforcement); and/or
 - engineering ASMs.
 - any upgrade to existing active grade crossing warning devices, including the installation of constant warning time devices and power-out indicators.

- any safety improvements required by the FRA Associate Administrator as a condition of approving a previously submitted public authority application.
- ✓ The plan must include a timetable for the implementation of these safety improvements. The timetable shall include the location (city, State, U.S. DOT Crossing number), the activity, and the estimated date (month, day, year). The estimated completion date for any safety improvements cannot extend beyond June 2010.

Example:

Location: White Plains, Maryland, U.S. DOT No. 987654P
Activity: Installation of 4 Quadrant gates
Estimated Completion Date: October 1, 2008

- ✓ The public authority may also choose to explain additional safety improvements that will be implemented within the quiet zone, but are not being relied upon to achieve compliance.

Deadline

The public authority must file a detailed plan for quiet zone improvements with the FRA Associate Administrator for Safety by June 24, 2008, in order to extend existing locomotive horn sounding restrictions until June 24, 2010.

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Note: Failure to file a detailed plan for quiet zone improvements with the FRA Associate Administrator for Safety by June 24, 2008, may result in the immediate resumption of locomotive horn sounding at affected grade crossings.