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SUBJECT: San Diego Quiet Zone

Implementing the Quiet Zone has been challenging and has taken longer than anticipated. The project will be one of the largest projects of its kind in the United States. Project coordination with four separate entities, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, Metropolitan Transit Service (MTS), the City of San Diego ("City") and Northern County Transit District (NCTD) has been challenging. However, I'm pleased to report we have made significant progress and now expect the project will be put out to bid by mid-January 2010.

- City
The City has approved the final civil plans for the project. The maintenance ordinance required for the project is being finalized by the City Attorney's office.
- NCTD
The technical issues with NCTD have been resolved and specifications and plans are being finalized from 90 percent to 100 percent completion. The NCTD .segment covers the area from Laurel Street to Broadway. This will take 60 days to complete.
- MTS
The design of the MTS south portion of the Quiet Zone from Kettner Boulevard and G Street to Fifth A venue is complete and MTS, NCTD and the City are completing the Memorandum of Understanding for the construction and maintenance of this segment of the project, as well as the north section.

As stated earlier, we now expect the project to go out to bid by mid-January 2010 with a 45-day bid period and a 60-day award period allowing construction to begin by May 2010. Once bids are received, the project must go back to the City Council/Redevelopment Agency for formal approval before the contracts can be awarded. The anticipated construction period is one year.

Please be assured that we at CCDC are committed to bidding, awarding and seeing the project under construction as quickly as possible. We realize the train noise is a real problem for both downtown residents and tourists who stay in downtown hotels, and we are working diligently to complete the project.

If you have any additional questions or wish to speak with staff directly, please contact David Allsbrook, Vice President - Public Works, Acquisitions & Property Management at

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