

SAN DIEGO QUIET ZONE PROJECT

Project Description

The federal rules governing the implementation of “quiet zones” apply to public right-of-way railroad crossings that include vehicles and pedestrians. The San Diego Quiet Zone consists of 13 public right-of-way railroad crossings that are in the downtown Centre City Redevelopment Project Area. Crossings from Park Boulevard at Harbor Drive north to Fifth and First avenues, Front Street, Market Street, Kettner Boulevard and G streets, Broadway, Ash, Beech, Cedar, Grape, Hawthorn, and Laurel streets are included in the San Diego Quiet Zone. Park Boulevard will be constructed as a separate project.

Current Status

- **Agreements** - Legal Agreement (MOU) with City of San Diego (“City”)/North County Transit District (NCTD)/Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) is at final draft stage. NCTD/MTS and the City agreed to construct the Quiet Zone improvements as one Redevelopment Agency construction contract managed by the Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC) with oversight from each agency. The legal agreement with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) is being finalized.
- **Design** – All improvement plans have been approved for the City, MTS and NCTD improvements. The construction contract bid on February 25, 2010 and the City’s Purchasing and Contracting Department is reviewing the submitted bids and should have a recommendation to award soon.
- **Cost** – Presently the project is within the \$20.6 budget.
- **Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Implementation** – Crossing Inventory sheets were updated and accepted by the FRA. The GO 88B crossing modification applications have been submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission and are awaiting approval by the CPUC. After the Quiet Zone improvements are constructed, updated inventory sheets will be resubmitted to the FRA and all parties noticed. After 21 days, the Quiet Zone will become effective.
- **Schedule** – Award construction contract in May 2010. Notice to Proceed to be issued in June 2010. Construction of the Quiet Zone improvements will take approximately 15 months.

Next Steps

- Finalize the Construction and Maintenance Agreements.
- Approval of four Quiet Zone reports – City/BNSF legal agreement, City/MTS/NCTD legal agreement, request to award contract, and City’s Maintenance Ordinance to be taken to CCDC Board and Redevelopment Agency/City Council.

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