

MOTION

The city of Los Angeles' budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 funds \$500,000 for "Quiet Zones" for railroad crossings related specifically to the McFarland Line in Wilmington. Quiet zones can come in many forms, and can be one crossing in a community, or several consecutive crossings in one or more communities. These zones can be established after implementing safety improvements that provide the same level of risk reduction as would otherwise be provided by the train horn.

Based on federal rule, since 2005 local government agencies can restrict the usage of train horns at railroad crossings which meet specified criteria. The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has set regulations governing how quiet zones may be sought and implemented. Beyond restriction of the horn, engineering can be a proven vehicle to create quiet zones. Crossings in these zones typically require additional safety improvements such as gates with channelization or medians, four-quadrant gates, one-way streets, and crossing closures.

As a main entryway for goods movement to and from the Port of Los Angeles, Wilmington has faced the brunt of environmental justice and quality of life impacts, and will continue to do so under the Vincent Thomas Bridge project. As a city, we are in a position to support this community that bears the brunt of impact of cargo transport, not only this entire city, but the state and the country

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Port of Los Angeles report with a phased timeline of a quiet zone feasibility study throughout the entirety of Council District 15. This should include a preliminary list of crossings that are the highest priority in establishing due to the noise and environmental impacts to the surrounding community.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Port of Los Angeles, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, to identify available funding for implementation of a quiet zone feasibility study throughout Council District 15.

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