



ITEM REPORT UTILITIES COMMISSION

Agenda Date: 6/8/2022
Agenda Section: Information Only

Department Origination: Public Works

Agenda Item: Quiet Zone Assessment Project Monthly Update

Approval Required: No Action Required

BACKGROUND

The City has been working toward the goal of implementing a railroad quiet zone (no whistles) within the City for multiple years. The process takes close coordination with BNSF Railway Company. The next step is to perform what the industry calls a Quiet Zone Assessment. In August, the City hired SEH to assist with this study. Tasks include data gathering, field assessments, and group site meetings with SEH, City, BNSF, Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), MnDOT, and County officials participating. In order for BNSF to participate, they required execution of a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement. Said agreement was approved by the City Council on September 21, 2021

05/26/2022 Project Update – Scott Hedlund, SEH

We intend to bring our findings to the Utilities Commission and City Council in June.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

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COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

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