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MEMO

TO: Chairperson Wetzel and Commissioners
FROM: Andrew Beyer, P.E.
DATE: January 19, 2023
RE: January 24, 2023 Public Works Commission Meeting

- Update, no action required: City of Watertown Railroad Quiet Zone Reaffirmation

BACKGROUND

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Watertown, not unlike communities around the US, has several railroad crossings throughout the community. The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has allowed communities to implement a "Quiet Zone" to reduce train horns within municipal limits. The City of Watertown implemented a quiet zone in the mid-2000's. To implement a quiet zone, several steps need to be taken by the community such as installing proper signage and ensuring all railroad crossings meet the FRA standards. To maintain a quiet zone, a re-affirmation letter must be mailed to the FRA every 2.5 to 3 years. The affirmation notice is attached for your reference. It's important to note that a train conductor can use a train horn within municipal boundaries in emergency situations.

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Re-affirmation letter