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**To: Resident or Business near the Douglas Drive and West Broadway crossings of the Canadian Pacific Railroad**

**From: John Sutter, Community Development Director**

**Date: April 5, 2016**

**Subject: City of Crystal exploring the potential for a Quiet Zone**

Federal rules allow cities to establish a Quiet Zone where trains would not routinely sound their horns at a crossing. To qualify as a Quiet Zone, the crossing must meet certain criteria and federal approval is required. The City of Crystal is exploring the potential for a Quiet Zone at the Douglas Drive and West Broadway crossings of the Canadian Pacific Railroad. A Quiet Zone Assessment has been completed and it appears that such a zone would be technically feasible at these crossings.

**The main element of the potential Quiet Zone would be the installation of medians in Douglas Drive and West Broadway.** The layout would be similar to the recently-completed Winnetka Avenue quiet zone in New Hope. For the Crystal crossings, access and turning movements would remain the same as they are today EXCEPT that the left turn from eastbound 51<sup>st</sup> Place to northbound West Broadway would be prohibited.

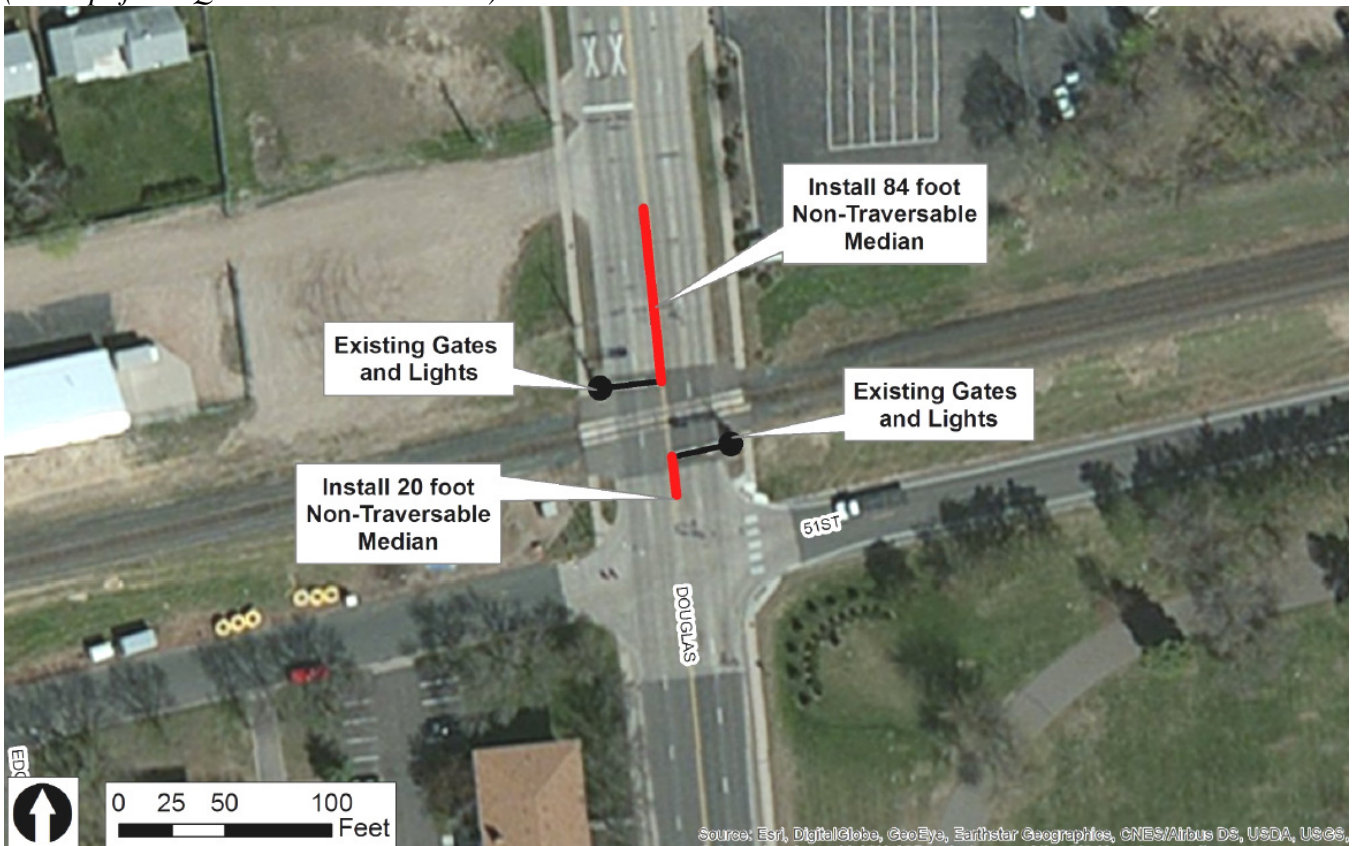
At this time, the city is submitting a Notice of Intent (“NOI”) to the Federal Railroad Administration. The NOI starts a formal 60-day comment period for the railroad and various government agencies. The NOI is a required step that the city must take before deciding whether to submit a Quiet Zone Application to the Federal Railroad Administration. After the 60-day comment period the Crystal City Council will review the comments and decide whether to submit a Quiet Zone Application.

**Please see the illustrations on the other side of this sheet.** If you desire more detailed information, please review the Quiet Zone Assessment and Notice of Intent at [www.crystalmn.gov](http://www.crystalmn.gov) under “What’s Happening?”, or at Crystal City Hall during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday).

**The city is seeking input from you about the potential Quiet Zone.** Please send any comments to [john.sutter@crystalmn.gov](mailto:john.sutter@crystalmn.gov) or Community Development, City of Crystal, 4141 Douglas Dr N, Crystal MN 55422. You may also call me at (763) 531-1130.

# POTENTIAL QUIET ZONE IMPROVEMENTS ON DOUGLAS DRIVE

(Excerpt from Quiet Zone Assessment)



# POTENTIAL QUIET ZONE IMPROVEMENTS ON WEST BROADWAY

(Excerpt from Quiet Zone Assessment)

