



What is a Quiet Zone?

A Quiet Zone is a section of rail line that contains one or more consecutive public crossings at which locomotive horns are not routinely sounded.

To establish a quiet zone in the City of Longmont, a set of very specific safety requirements must be met. The 2016 study made specific modification recommendations for each of the 17 crossings that fully compensate for the absence of the train horn.

Trains are required to sound the whistle ¼ mile in advance of a street crossing. We've grouped Longmont's crossings into 7 zones that could be created as standalone Quiet Zone projects. Due to spacing, some projects would require improvements at several crossings before it would have an impact on train whistle noise.

