

SAN DIEGO QUIET ZONE PROJECT

Project Description

The federal rules governing the implementation of "Quiet Zones" apply to public right-of-way railroad crossings - vehicle and pedestrian. The Downtown San Diego Quiet Zone physical limit of work consists of all 13 of the public right-of-way railroad crossings north of the freight yard that are in the downtown Redevelopment Area, from the railroad freight yard going north: Park Boulevard, Fifth and First avenues, Front, Kettner Boulevard and G streets, Market, Broadway, Ash, Beech, Cedar, Grape, Hawthorn, and Laurel streets.

Current Status

- Environmental review - Mitigated Negative Declaration- complete
- G Street one way conversion approval - complete
- Outside Peer review- Peer review conducted at 60% design stage, completed September 10, 2007, by independent consultants out of Denver, Colorado and Louisville, Kentucky. Overall conclusion confirms project scope of work.
- Reports - Legal Agreements with City/BNSF and City/NCTD/MTS are at final draft stage. Working on one issue with BNSF concerning flagging requirements if Quiet Zone equipment fails.
- Design - Broadway and north rail design and all civil design at 90% based on CCDC scope of work. South rail design is stopped at 30% for BNSF and trolley until resolution of BNSF equipment failure at other Quiet Zones. When the design restarts, it will take three months to complete the BNSF and trolley design.
- Cost - Next cost estimate will be at 90% design for Broadway and north rail work and all civil work. The south BNSF rail and trolley work has a detailed cost estimate based on 30% design which the peer review confirmed. The 100% design cost estimate for the south BNSF and trolley work will be three months after the design restarts. At that time, an outside peer review of the total project cost will occur again.
- Schedule - Project to the Board and Redevelopment Agency/City Council for final authorization to bid project once all plans have reached 100% completion and peer review of plans confirms cost estimate.
- Construction timeframe from Bid to Completion of Quiet Zone construction is a total of 16 months.

Next Steps

- Continue design of both north and south rail and civil to 100% completion.
- Determine final project cost for entire project at 100% design and conduct outside peer review cost estimate.
- Approval of three Quiet Zone reports - City/BNSF legal agreement, City/MTS/NCTD legal agreement, and Request to Bid report - to be taken to Board and Redevelopment Agency/City Council after completion of 100% design and final project cost has been determined.