

Railroad crossing quiet zone public meeting Dec. 7 in Niwot

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Community feedback is welcomed

Boulder County, Colo. - Boulder County Transportation will host a public meeting to present information and gather community input regarding efforts to convert railroad crossings along the SH 119/Diagonal Highway corridor into Quiet Zones, which are safety improvements to roads that cross railroad tracks that can eliminate the requirement for train horn use at crossings.

Wednesday, Dec. 7

6:30 to 8 p.m.

Niwot Elementary School

8778 Morton Road, Niwot

A question and answer session will follow the presentation, and feedback from attendees will be collected. Visit the [project webpage](#) to learn more and to provide comments electronically.

Boulder County received a \$1.7 million grant from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) to implement quiet zones along SH 119 between Longmont and Boulder. The county hopes to use the available funding to construct as many quiet zones along the Diagonal Highway as possible; however, the funding available is likely not enough to address all of the unincorporated county crossings along SH 119. The

cost of a quiet zone can range significantly depending on the specific characteristics of the road and crossing, but commonly ranges between \$250,000 and \$500,000 per crossing.

Potential crossing locations include:

- 83rd Street
- 2nd Street in Niwot
- Main Street in Niwot
- Monarch Road
- North 55th Street
- Jay Road
- Independence Road

A feasibility study has been completed by a consultant. This report is also available on the [project webpage](#).

The City of Boulder, City of Louisville, and the City of Lafayette are all conducting their own quiet zone studies related to railroad crossings within their city limits. The City of Boulder will host an open house on Thursday, Dec. 15 at the Boulder Chamber of Commerce. Visit Boulder's [quiet zone website](#) to learn more about the meeting and their efforts.

For more information on the event, contact Andrew Barth, Boulder County Transportation Department, via email at abarth@bouldercounty.org or call 303-441-1032.



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