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Honorable Nancy Wieben Stock  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: ***Orange County Rail Crossing Safety: Snapshot of Progress***

Dear Judge Wieben Stock:

The City of Orange has been requested to respond to Recommendation F-2 of the recommendations contained in the above reference Grand Jury Report. The following constitutes the City's response.

F-2. Impacted cities are strongly concerned about noise from OCTA/Metrolink train horns at railroad crossings. The cost of totally eliminating train horns county-wide through quiet zone corridor treatments could be in the range of \$50-\$60 million.

Response. The City of Orange agrees with this finding.

F-3. It is unclear how the burden of cost for upgraded crossings will be shared by the OCTA and impacted cities.

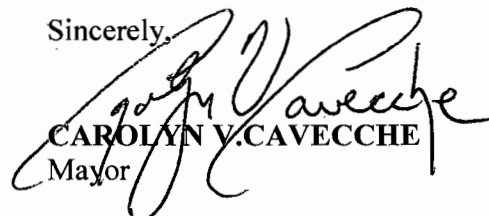
Response. At the time the Grand Jury performed the investigatory work for the report, this finding was correct. However since that time there has been further development of the program by OCTA and preliminary cost sharing proportions have been released. Although not yet approved by the Board of Directors of OCTA, the program is moving forward with staff-recommended funding splits of 88% OCTA and 12% local agency. It is likely this will be the final cost sharing.

R-3. The burden of construction and inspection costs for these grade crossing treatments needs to be shared by the OCTA and impacted cities according to an agreed formula.

Response. The City of Orange agrees with this finding. See response to F-3 above.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Grand Jury's Report on behalf of the City of Orange.

Sincerely,

  
CAROLYN V. CAVECCHÉ  
Mayor