

**From:** Jason Gray  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2022 9:26 AM  
**To:** Blaien Friermood  
**Cc:** TownCouncil Mailbox  
**Subject:** Re: Downtown Railroad Quiet Zone project

Blaien and Alex,

Thank you for reaching out to share your support for the proposed Downtown railroad quiet zone. The purpose of tonight's Town Council agenda item is to request approval for agreements and additional funds needed to complete the quiet zone project. Working with the railroad and other entities through this process takes time, and the project's cost has grown substantially from initial estimates, requiring this further action.

Town staff is recommending that Town Council approve the agreements and funding needed to begin construction yet this year, so the quiet zone can be finalized during 2023. I intend to support this recommendation and vote in favor of seeing through this project, and my hope is that a majority of Town Council will do the same. I will ask Town staff to include your message of support as an official part of the public record on this item.

Thank you again for reaching out and for choosing Castle Rock,  
Mayor Jason Gray

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 18, 2022, at 9:15 PM, Blaien Friermood <blaien.friermood@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Town Council,

Our names are Blaien and Alexandra Friermood and we live in the downtown Craig & Gould neighborhood. When we first relocated to Colorado, we made the decision to temporarily house in Downton Castle Rock and were surprised to see how much the downtown had grown and were equally excited about the prospect of the downtown quiet zone implementation plans. When the opportunity arose to purchase in Craig & Gould, we jumped at the chance, despite the train noise, with the reassurance that the aforementioned Quiet Zone was a "done deal" based on the agreement to build the new Encore complex, with the developer footing the "bulk" of the construction costs. Two years later, we are incredibly surprised and taken aback that the Town Council is now considering reneging on the implementation of the quiet zone despite the extraordinary focus put on it during the proposal process by CRGov and CD-Festival Commons, LLC as a major benefit of the project for town citizens. It would now be incredibly short-sighted to walk back on plans to implement the quiet zone as there has been ample talk of it as a major selling point of continued investment in residential areas around downtown and has propped up

values, interest, and most importantly taxes. While a plan to move forward would benefit all residents, employers, businesses, and visitors to the downtown area, a "no" to proceed would disproportionately negatively impact the residents and businesses that increasingly keep most of their discretionary income within the town as well as endure the 24-hour a day train schedules.

I implore the Town Council to consider the short and long-term benefits of proceeding with the quiet zone to continue making the downtown a more hospitable destination for businesses, residents, and visitors.

Best,

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