

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, in 2005 the Austin City Council set a goal of attracting 25,000 residents to live in Downtown Austin; and

WHEREAS, maintaining a level of quiet is integral for residents to enjoy a certain quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Union Pacific Railroad trains that run through the Seaholm District produce a loud squeal that disrupts people's ability to enjoy outdoor spaces in this area as well as residents' ability to sleep in the evenings and early mornings; and

WHEREAS, the Union Pacific Railroad has under gone some efforts to reduce the noise caused by its operations and trains, but additional efforts are needed; and

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges the Austin Transportation Department's application to Union Pacific to create a Quiet Zone at the Pressler/Paul intersection to reduce the noise caused by locomotive audible warning devices; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also realizes that the potential Quiet Zone will not resolve the additional noise created by the same trains, such as the rail squeal caused by train cars taking on a curve in the railroad; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to engage and discuss with Union Pacific Railroad to determine if there are additional steps beyond creating a Quiet Zone that would mitigate the noise caused by Union Pacific Railroad's cargo trains and report back to Council no later than August 1, 2018.

ADOPTED: _____, 2018

ATTEST: _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk