

**RESOLUTION NO. 20180426-039**

**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 Seaholm District was developed adjacent to a critical rail corridor owned and operated by Union Pacific Railroad; 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**, Union Pacific Railroad and City of Austin have and will continue to work together, 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

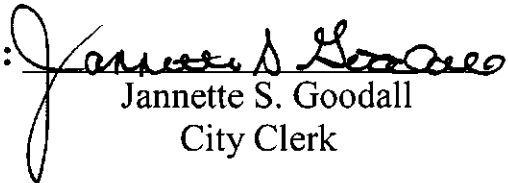
**WHEREAS**, the City Council also realizes that the potential Quiet Zone will not resolve the additional noise created by the same trains, such as the rail squeal caused by train cars taking on a curve in the railroad; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**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 could mitigate the noise caused by Union Pacific Railroad's cargo trains and report back to Council no later than August 1, 2018.

**ADOPTED:** April 26, 2018

**ATTEST:**

  
Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk