

I would like to comment on the issue of horn sounding by trains. The train crossing near my home already has gates with flashing lights, barriers and bells to provide warnings and control traffic flow when a train is approaching and going through the intersection. It makes no sense to require that the train also sound its horn given the existing mechanisms. This is just an annoyance to homes and businesses located near the crossing. The only way for anyone to be injured in this situation would be for the crossing gates and signals to malfunction or for the person to disregard the signals and barriers. I hope the system is sufficiently reliable that malfunctions are not an issue. If people ignore the signals and are injured, it's a matter of individual responsibility and not a problem that the government or local communities need to go any further to resolve. You must draw the line on cost and annoyance at some point. The existing crossing gates are sufficient. Horns should only be sounded at crossing without gates.