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I've read where some cities along railroad rights-of-way are considering setting up systems where trains will no longer sound their horns at rail/highway crossings. This will be in an effort to maintain quiet zones in these neighborhoods. My being a railfan, I have watched countless people disregard the flashing lights and downed crossing gates and drive across the tracks as a train is approaching. All of these safety devices, in addition to the engineer sounding the horn, do not deter some from driving thru the crossing anyway. Accidents still continue to happen. I don't think banning the trains from blowing the horns at certain crossings is a good idea. Trains have been part of the transportation system for at least 170 years. They are a part of the city scene you think others would have become used to by now. I live one block from a busy highway, and the traffic noise and frequent rescue and police vehicles with sirens sounding doesn't bother me. I think that the noise pollution argument doe

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