
Crossing and Railroad Public Safety

Rocklin joins the railroads and other community partners to promote safety at railroad crossings and on the railroad's rights-of-way. They have partnered with Operation Lifesaver, a public safety organization that is dedicated to ending deaths and injuries at crossings and on the right-of-way. Remember these important safety facts:

- Always expect a train. Trains have the right-of-way.
- Trains cannot stop quickly. A train traveling 55 miles per hour may take more than a mile to stop once the engineer applies the brakes.
- An approaching train is always closer and traveling faster than it appears.
- Locomotives and rail cars are very heavy. The weight ratio between your vehicle and a train is 4,000 to 1.
- If you have a tie with a train, you will always lose.
- Never walk or go onto railroad property. You can never know when a train may be coming.

It's Up to You to Stay Safe. Always obey the warning signs and signals at all railroad crossings, not only in our town, but in our state, throughout our nation, and around the world. Walking on the tracks is considered trespassing and it is illegal and very dangerous. Also, people walking near or on the tracks may prompt the engineer to sound the train horn.

Your Safety

Public safety is a core value in the City of Rocklin. We promote safety improvements within our city by always looking for ways to help our citizens, both in vehicles and on foot, traverse our roadways and sidewalks.

Traffic or roadway improvements include safe routes to schools, bike and walking paths, and open space trails.

Let Us Know

Visit the City of Rocklin's website for information or to voice a concern or ask a question about train related issues: www.rocklin.ca.us

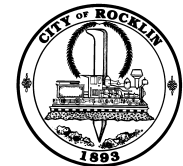


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Railroad Crossing Quiet Zones



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Railroads in Rocklin

On March 28, 1864, the first revenue train left Rocklin laden with granite rock to Sacramento. Trains have been running continually through our city ever since. For more than 150 years, Rocklin has been part of the national railroad system that since its inception carries freight and passengers economically and efficiently. One of the most important things about trains is that they are the most effective and environmentally friendly way of moving freight and millions of people every day.



Rocklin's Railroad Crossings

Within our city limits Rocklin has six public at-grade railroad crossings on five streets: Farron Street, Rocklin Road, two crossings on Midas Avenue, Americana Way, and Del Mar Avenue. All of these crossings will be included in the Quiet Zone.

Quiet Zone

Rocklin has established a railroad crossing Quiet Zone. This means the city has worked within the guidelines of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration's "Train Horn Rule*." Along

with the federal regulatory agency, the city also worked closely with the California Public Utilities Commission (they have the final say on warning devices installed at railroad crossings within the state) and the Union Pacific Railroad.

A Quiet Zone means that trains traveling through Rocklin will not **REGULARLY** blow the train horn to warn that the train is approaching the crossing. A Quiet Zone does **NOT** mean you will not hear horns. There are many reasons train horns will still be sounded in Rocklin.

- To warn work crews working along the railroad's right-of-way of the train's approach.
- In a perceived emergency situation, to warn people or animals that the train is approaching. This goes for people walking on or near the railroad tracks also.
- When railroad operating rules and federal regulations require it. Such as when the train is getting ready to depart the Amtrak station after loading passengers.
- The crossing on Pacific Street near Sierra Meadows Drive which goes into the lumber



mill is not included in the Quiet Zone, so any trains traveling over that crossing will sound their horns.

- Trains performing switching operations will continue to use horns as a warning to railroad workers.

Crossing Improvements

You may have noticed that median barriers have been installed at each approach to a railroad crossing. The federal government has deemed medians as an acceptable alternative to the train horn sounding. Although the city did not need to install these barriers at each crossing to qualify for the Quiet Zone, our commitment to your safety is very important.

These barriers were added as an additional safety improvement to deny vehicle drivers from circumventing the lowered gates before the train enters the crossing. The crossing gates, ringing bells on the gates, and flashing lights are there to warn you a train is approaching. Please heed their warning and wait for the train to pass, the gates to rise, and the lights to stop flashing before you proceed through the crossing.



**Use of Locomotive Horns at Public Highway-Rail Grade Crossings Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 222, Effective June 24, 2005.*