



DRAFT LETTER - CAPITAL METRO, AUSTIN, TX

Date

Name

Address

City, State, ZIP

Dear Applicant:

I am writing to you with reference to the Notice of _____ Case # _____ sent to Capital Metro by the City of Austin. We received this notice because our rail tracks are within 500 feet of the property as shown in the notice.

Capital Metro runs freight service on these tracks, and is required to continue to do so as a matter of federal law. In the near future, we will be operating passenger rail service during weekday morning and evening peak hours. With the start of passenger rail service, we will shift freight rail service to other times, particularly the hours after the last passenger train has run.

We want you to be aware of the freight service; the freight trains generate some noise as they move through. At most urban street crossings, we are providing upgraded signal systems with crossing arms to block the roadway. This allows the City of Austin the ability to apply for a “quiet zone” meaning that the train will not blow its horn, under normal operations, as it moves through the street crossing within the passenger rail service corridor.

Capital Metro strives to provide the community with the best passenger and freight service possible. We also try to be sure that all of our neighbors are aware of both our present and possible future operations. We wanted to be sure that you were aware of the nearby existence of the tracks, and of the potential for freight service through evening and overnight hours.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you.

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Manager, Real Estate

Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority

cc: Owner

Listed City Staff, WPDR