

Justification statement for 14street1011

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The proposed road closure is an effort to formally close the at-grade railroad crossing over the CSX owned railroad tracks where it has been physically closed since 2010. In 2010, there were some road base failures at the railroad crossing and for safety reasons; the crossing was closed to vehicular traffic. Until recently, Louisville Metro believed that Ridge Road (west of railroad tracks) was owned by the City of Anchorage. The City of Anchorage submitted a street closure application in 2013 and after some research we found that although they had an Ordinance to adopt Ridge Road, it did not get formally annexed by Louisville Metro. The location is bounded by Louisville Metro, Anchorage and Middletown. The physical closure is within Council District 19, though District 17 is close by. For an alternate east/west connector, there is metro through road, Old Henry Road just south of the location, and La Grange Rd, north of the location.

The closure will include removal of asphalt and a reduction of impervious area from the Avoca side to the Ridge Road side incorporating the railroad crossing. This closure will result in a reduced risk and ultimately the establishment of a No Train Horn Quiet Zone which supports Objective C1.2 of Goal C1 in Cornerstone 2020 by minimizing the noise impact on the abutting residential uses. This closure will also comply with Objective C1.3 by protecting residents from the dangers posed by the transportation of hazardous materials due to the elimination of the railroad and vehicle conflict points.

Until this location is closed by Ordinance, and then a Quiet Zone established with the Federal Railroad Administration, the train horn must be blown.