



# CITY OF MACEDONIA

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### Memorandum

**To:** Members of Council  
**From:** Mayor Don Kuchta  
**Date:** June 4, 2009  
**Re:** **Quiet Zone**

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Dear Council:

"I am truly sorry that I am unable to be here this evening to urge Council to try and focus on the big picture of the Twinsburg Road Quiet Zone Stimulus money. Macedonia in all reality has come full circle with this issue in just 4 short years. It was at that time 4-6 years ago, that the Railroad Traffic started to climb to the totals of traffic that significantly impact the serenity of Macedonia's and our neighbors slumber. They asked for, demanded, and pleaded for help. Our local problems were taken to every level of elected official starting here in our own town, up to the State, and on to Capitol Hill, in an effort to answer these pleas for help. There were alternatives...however; they carried price tags of \$650,000 and up! That led to an impasse that probably never would have been surmounted had not a HOA and a dedicated resident stepped to the plate. We all know the amazing story from that point on but it needs to be revisited because all of that effort could go down the tubes with a vote to not carry responsibility for cost overruns.

Could they occur....yes. Will they occur....will the eyes of elected officials at every level of Government from here to Capitol not be watching this project to make sure it is successful and Federal dollars are not squandered. This is not an exorbitant project in cost or in scope, but it is a huge project in the significance of the ability of "the system" to work. Ordinary Citizens who just want a little peace and quiet, can perform extra-ordinary things...working together.

It is a very harsh reality that if this does not happen here and now...it may never happen. The magic of a common goal and cooperation between local governments, and its officials, and its Citizens... never happened. We really need this tribute to that to come to fruition."

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