

## **TRAIN HORN RULE TIME LINE – LOOKING FORWARD**

- 2003** Dec. 17 Interim Final Rule put on display at the *Federal Register*  
Dec. 18 Interim Final Rule published
- 2004** Early Feb. Public hearing  
Feb. 17 Public comment period closes  
Dec. 18 Rule goes into effect
- 2008** Dec. 18 Compliance date for Pre-Rule Quiet Zones (*no* State involvement)
- 2011** Dec. 18 Compliance date for Pre-Rule Quiet Zones (*State involvement*)

## **TRAIN HORN RULE TIME LINE – HISTORY**

- July 26, 1991 Administrator Gil Carmichael issues Emergency Order 15; pre-empts local whistle bans on FEC Ry. (Jacksonville to Miami)
- Nov. 2, 1994 Statutory mandate enacted (Federal Railroad Safety Authorization Act of '94)
- April 1995 National Study of Train Whistle Bans completed
- June 1995 Initial public outreach begins
- Oct. 9, 1996 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act amends mandate
- Nov. 2, 1996 Final rule was due (missed because of extended outreach & further legislative action, DEIS preparation).
- Jan. 12, 2000 Posted NPRM; released DEIS; briefings and press conference
- Jan. 13, 2000 Published NPRM
- Public hearings: March 6, 2000 (Washington, D.C.), March 15, 2000 (Costa Mesa, CA), March 17, 2000 (Pendleton, OR), March 28, 2000 (Ft. Lauderdale, FL), April 3, 2000 (Salem, MA), April 10, 2000 (South Bend, IN), April 25, 2000 (Chicago, IL - Lyons Township H.S.), April 26, 2000 (Chicago, IL - Field Museum) and (Chicago - St. Xavier's University), April 27, 2000 (Chicago, IL - Des Plaines), May 1, 2000 (Berea, OH), May 3, 2000 (Madison, WI)
- May 10, 2000 Technical conference on train horn acoustics
- May 26, 2000 Comment period closes (totals 133 days)
- July 18, 2000 Deputy Administrator Jack Wells testified before Ground Transportation Subcommittee of House T&I (first congressional hearing ever on this topic)
- Dec. 21, 2000 Omnibus Consolidated Approps. Act requires delay until after July 1, 2001