

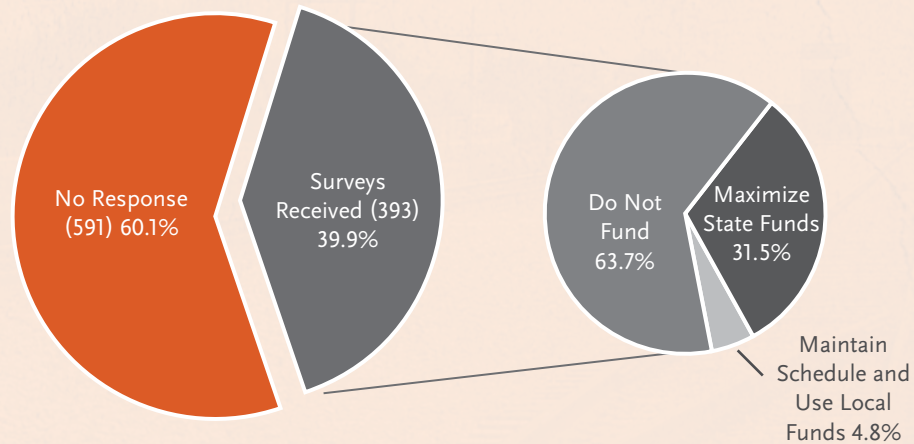
SE Main – OTVR Quiet Zone

The City of Moorhead, based on citizen complaint, evaluated a quiet zone to eliminate most train-horn noise along Southeast Main Avenue from Oak Way to 40th Avenue South. As part of the process, public input was solicited. A flier and survey were sent to 984 parcels in the train horn impact zone and a public input meeting was held March 3, 2016 at the Hjemkomst Center.

KEY CHARACTERISTICS	OTVR RAILROAD ALONG SE MAIN
Number of Improved Crossings	6
Crash Potential Reduction	56%
Parcels Mitigated from Train Noise	1,085
Estimated Total Cost	\$1,204,000

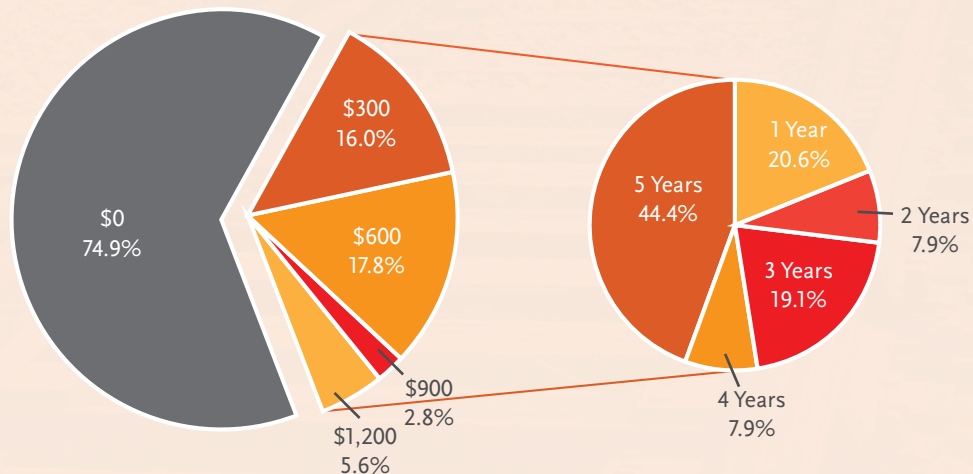
Almost 40 percent of the surveys were returned. Of the respondents, 63.7 percent preferred to not to fund or construct a quiet zone along Southeast Main Avenue.

RESPONSE RATE AND QUIET ZONE PREFERENCES



74.9 percent of responses indicate they would not be willing to accept any assessments to support the Southeast Main Avenue quiet zone. Of those willing to accept any assessment, 44.4 percent preferred a repayment plan over five years.

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RECOMMENDATION: Do not proceed as a stand-alone project and do not use special assessments to finance improvements. Construct quiet zone crossing improvements when this work can be combined with other scheduled projects adjacent to the crossing. At this time no projects in this study area are scheduled so the time frame is unknown.