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ICC Approves Rail Safety Improvements at Grade Crossing near Meadows

Springfield, IL - The Illinois Commerce Commission recently granted approval for the installation of new automatic flashing light signals and gates at the 2480E Road highway-rail grade crossing of the Toledo, Peoria and Western (“TPW”) Railway’s track near Meadows, McLean County.

The total estimated cost for the new automatic warning devices at the crossing is \$223,269. Staff recommends that the Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF) be used to pay 95% of the signal design and installation costs, not to exceed \$212,106. TPW will pay all remaining signal design and installation costs, and all future operating and maintenance costs related to the new automatic warning devices.

An ICC Staff evaluation of the site led to the project being included in the ICC’s Annual Rail-Highway Crossing Improvement Plan.

All work is to be completed by April 1, 2022.

For more information about Docket No. T21-0027 click [here](#).

ABOUT THE GRADE CROSSING PROTECTION FUND (GCPF)

Project selection and management of GCPF highway-rail safety projects include safety improvements such as the closure and consolidation of existing public crossings, installation of new warning systems, highway approach improvements, upgrading of circuitry at grade crossings where warning signals are connected to adjacent traffic signals, construction/reconstruction of grade separation structures and the construction of pedestrian grade separations. The Commission administers the GCPF, which is funded by motor fuel tax money designated for rail safety improvements. The General Assembly appropriates \$42 million annually for GCPF projects.

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