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ICC Approves Permanent Closure of Rail Crossing near Bridgeport

Springfield, IL – As a matter of public safety, the Illinois Commerce Commission recently granted approval of a Stipulated Agreement to permanently close the CR 750E highway-rail grade crossing of CSX Transportation, Inc.’s (“CSX”) track in Bridgeport, Lawrence County.

The terms of the Stipulated Agreement requires voluntary public vacation, with associated warning device removal, permanent barrier placement, and pavement/embankment removal to permanently eliminate the Hollyhock Road/750E crossing of CSX’s track in Bridgeport, Lawrence County. The project came to the attention of the ICC Rail Safety Section by the City of Bridgeport.

Staff recommends that the Grade Crossing Protection Fund be used to pay the City a \$150,000 incentive for voluntary vacation and permanent closure of the crossing. CSX will pay the City a \$7,500 cash incentive, as well as a \$5,000 allowance for reimbursement of the City’s costs to install permanent traffic barriers. IDOT will pay the City a \$7,500 incentive to match CSX’s \$7,500 cash incentive.

All work is to be completed by within thirty (30) days of the Order date.

To read Stipulated Agreement 2084 in Docket No. T21-0037 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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