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## Highway-Rail Crossing Upgrades for Adams County Approved by the ICC

Springfield, IL – The Illinois Commerce Commission recently approved a Stipulated Agreement to install new automatic warning devices, circuitry, and minor approach grade improvements at the County Road 1700 North highway-rail grade crossing (AAR/DOT #072414Y) of BNSF Railway Company’s track near Fowler in Adams County.

“Illinois has the second largest rail system in the nation—that includes more than 10,000 public highway-rail crossings. Many of these crossings need attention to ensure pedestrians and motorists remain safe around train tracks,” said **ICC Commissioner Michael T. Carrigan**. “By allocating Grade Crossing Protection Funds, the ICC can help local governments and railroads to make much-needed safety improvements like the ones in Adam County.”

The total estimated cost of the signal design and construction is \$393,722. ICC staff recommended that the Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF) be used to pay 95 percent of the signal design and construction costs, not to exceed \$374,036. BNSF will pay the remaining 5 percent of the cost to design and install the new automatic warning devices and the entire cost of future maintenance of the signals and circuitry.

Gilmer Township will pay 100 percent of the approach adjustment costs and highway approach maintenance costs.

All work is to be completed within 18 months from the Order date.

To read Stipulated Agreement 2300 in Docket No. T24-0007 click [here](#).

### About the Illinois Commerce Commission

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