



ICC Approves Highway-Rail Crossing Upgrades for Douglas County

Springfield, IL – The Illinois Commerce Commission recently approved a stipulated agreement to install new automated warning devices and grade improvements at the County Road 1550 North highway-rail grade crossing (AAR/DOT #289107D) of Illinois Central Railroad Company’s track near Tuscola.

“Keeping Illinoisans safe on and alongside train tracks is a top priority for the ICC,” said **ICC Commissioner Michael T. Carrigan**. “The Grade Crossing Protection Fund enables local governments and railroads across Illinois to make much-needed safety improvements to their rail infrastructure.”

The total estimated cost of the signal design and installation is \$375,452. ICC staff recommended that the Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF) be used to pay 95 percent of the signal design and construction costs, in an amount not to exceed \$356,679. Illinois Central will pay the remaining 5 percent of the cost to design and install the new crossing warning devices, and all future maintenance costs for the signals and circuitry.

The total estimated cost of the highway approach grade improvements is \$292,501. ICC staff recommended the GCPF be used to fund 100 percent of these costs.

All work is to be completed within 18 months from the Order date. To read Stipulated Agreement 2246 in Docket No. T24-0038 click [here](#).

About the Illinois Commerce Commission

The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) is a quasi-judicial body made up of five Commissioners. Through its Public Utility Program, the Commission oversees the provision of adequate, reliable, efficient, and safe utility services at the least possible cost to Illinois citizens served by electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water, and sewer public utility companies. Through its Transportation Regulatory Program, the Commission oversees public safety and consumer protection programs with regard to intrastate commercial motor carriers of general freight, household goods movers, relocation towers, safety towers, personal property warehouses and repossession agencies. The Commission’s Rail Safety Program also inspects and regulates the general safety of railroad tracks, facilities, and equipment in the state.

To learn more about the Commission, its offices, and bureaus, click [here](#). If you are a consumer who needs help resolving a utility dispute call 800-524-0795 or file an online complaint [here](#). For a complaint related to transportation, call 217-782-6448.

Follow the Illinois Commerce Commission on social media [@ILCommerceComm](#).

###

