



ICC Approves Rail Crossing Improvements for Kankakee County

Springfield, IL – The Illinois Commerce Commission has granted approval for six highway-rail grade crossings in Kankakee County.

The public safety improvements include the installation of new automatic flashing lights, signals and gates at the following Norfolk Southern Railway Company track locations:

- The CR1000W/TR54 grade crossing near Union Hill;
- Center Street/CH 11 grade crossing in Union Hill;
- The CR16000W/TR 20 and CR 18000W/FAP 796 grade crossing near Union Hill.
- And the CR4000W/TR 96 and CR 6000W/TR 80A grade crossings near Kankakee.

The combined total estimated cost for the new automatic warning devices at all six crossings is \$2,211,904. ICC Staff recommends that the Grade Crossing Protection Fund be used to pay 95% of the signal design and installation costs, not to exceed \$2,101,310. Norfolk Southern will pay all remaining signal design and installation costs, and all future operating and maintenance costs related to the new automatic warning devices at all three crossings.

All six of the projects came to the attention of the Rail Safety Section following Staff evaluation.

All work is to be completed by within eighteen (18) months of the Order date.

“The allocation of Grade Crossing Protection funds enables this rail safety project to move forward, and that is good news for the community and all those traversing the crossing,” said ICC Commissioner Michael T. Carrigan.

To read Stipulated Agreement 2134 in Docket No. T21-0052 click [here](#), and [here](#) for Stipulated Agreement 2135 in Docket No. T21-0057. A copy of Stipulated Agreement 2136 can be found [here](#) in Docket No. T21-0058, and Stipulated Agreement 2137 is [here](#) in Docket No. T21-0053.

ABOUT THE STATE OF ILLINOIS GRADE CROSSING PROTECTION FUND (GCPF)

In 1955, the State of Illinois passed legislation creating the GCPF. Since then, Illinois has strengthened its commitment to public highway-rail safety by increasing funding towards projects 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. For more information and to see the ICC’s annual Crossing Safety Improvement Program, click [here](#).

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