



ICC Approves Pike County Public Safety Project

Springfield, IL –The Illinois Commerce Commission recently approved a Stipulated Agreement to improve public safety at the 150th Street highway-rail grade crossing of the Norfolk Southern Railway’s track near Hull in Pike County. The track is designated at AAR/DOT #479628U, railroad milepost DH-509.05.

The Stipulated Agreement 2226 requires the installation of new automatic flashing light signals, gates, and warning devices and approach grade improvements at the 150th Street highway-rail grade crossing.

The total estimated cost for the new automatic warning devices at the crossing is \$377,383. ICC staff recommended that the Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF) be used to pay 95% of the signal installation costs, not to exceed \$358,514. Norfolk Southern will pay all remaining signal design and installation costs, as well as all future costs to operate and maintain the new automatic warning devices and temporary STOP signs.

Pike County, on behalf of Levee Township Road District, has estimated the cost to improve the roadway approach grades at \$219,835. The Township is unable to pay any of the costs to rehabilitate the approach grades. Staff recommends that the GCPF be used to pay 100% of the roadway approach grade rehabilitation costs, not to exceed \$219,835.

“The installation of new automatic warning devices will ensure better protection for highway users at this crossing,” said ICC Commissioner Michael T. Carrigan. “The Grade Crossing Protection Fund brings to fruition necessary highway-rail crossing improvements in communities across Illinois. I am pleased we’re able to use GCRF monies to help Levee Township and Pike County move this important project forward.”

All work is expected to be completed within 18 months of the Order date. To read Stipulated Agreement 2226 in Docket No. T22-0125 click [here](#).

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 project such as the closure and consolidation of existing public crossings, installation of new warning systems, highway approach improvements, upgrades to existing warning devices and interconnection to nearby 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 the GCPF. For more information and to see the ICC's annual Crossing Safety Improvement Program, click [here](#).

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