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Effingham Highway-Rail Crossing Project Gets Approval from ICC

Springfield, IL – The Illinois Commerce Commission approved a public safety project for a highway-rail crossing in Effingham. The agreement requires CSX Transportation Inc. (CSX) to install new automatic warning devices at the Wabash Avenue (AAR/DOT #546447Y, railroad milepost QS-140.70) highway-rail grade crossing.

The estimated costs to install the new automatic warning devices at the crossings are \$623,575. Staff recommended to the Commission that the Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF) be used to pay 95 percent, not to exceed \$592,396 of the costs to install the new automatic warning devices at the crossings. CSX will pay all remaining installation costs, as well as all future costs to maintain the new warning devices.

“Upgrades to the warning devices will make this crossing much safer for pedestrians and motorists. The Grade Crossing Protection Fund makes it possible for projects such as this one in Effingham to advance,” said **ICC Commissioner Michael T. Carrigan**.

All work is expected to be completed within twelve months of the Order date.

To read Stipulated Agreement 2241 in Docket No. T23-0010 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 toward projects 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 GCPFF. For more information and to see the ICC's annual Crossing Safety Improvement Program, click [here](#).

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