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ICC Approves Rail Crossing Improvements near Livingston County

Springfield, IL – The Illinois Commerce Commission has granted approval of a Stipulated Agreement to install new automatic flashing light signals and gates at the CR 3200E/TR 268 and CR3300E/FAS 1285 highway-rail crossing of Norfolk Southern's near Dwight in Livingston County.

The combined total estimated cost for the new automatic warning devices at both crossings is $743,721. ICC Staff recommends that the Grade Crossing Protection Fund be used to pay 95% of the signal design and installation costs, not to exceed $706, 536. 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 both crossings.

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 2133 in Docket No. T21-0056 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 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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