



ICC Approves Highway-Rail Crossing Safety Improvements for Putnam County

Springfield, IL – The Illinois Commerce Commission recently approved a Stipulated Agreement requiring the Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS) to replace existing Crossbucks and antiquated automatic warning devices and circuitry at six crossings in Putnam County.

NS will install new automatic warning devices and circuitry at the following locations:

- McNabb (AAR/DOT #532531R, railroad milepost Ks-174.79)
- McCoy Street in Granville (AAR/DOT #532539V, railroad milepost KS-180.95)
- Main Street in Granville (AAR/DOT #532540P, railroad milepost KS-181.37)
- Division Street in Granville (AAR/DOT #532541W, railroad milepost KS-181-90)
- Hennepin Street in Mark (AAR/DOT #532542D, railroad milepost KS-182.00)
- St. Paul Street near Granville (AAR/DOT #532543K, railroad milepost KS-182.51)

The total combined estimated cost for the new automatic devices at the six crossings is \$2,324,967. ICC staff recommended that the Grade Crossing Protection Funds be used to pay up to 95% of the signal design and installation costs, not to exceed \$2,208,721. NS will pay all remaining signal design and installation costs as well as all future operating and maintenance costs for the new warning devices.

“Keeping pedestrians, motorists and rail employee safe near and around railroad tracks is a top priority for the ICC. The allocation of Grade Crossing Protection funds enables important rail safety projects like these to move forward, and that’s a win for everyone who uses the crossings,” said ICC Commissioner Michael T. Carrigan.

All work is expected to be completed within 18 months of the Order date.

To read Stipulated Agreement 2207 in Docket No. T22-0113 [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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