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ICC Approves Safety Upgrades for LaSalle County Highway-Rail Crossings

Springfield, IL – The Illinois Commerce Commission approved a Stipulated Agreement to advance three highway-rail crossing safety improvements projects in LaSalle County. The Agreement requires the Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS) to install automatic warning devices and circuitry at the highway-rail grade crossing in Kangley (AAR/DOT #533761V, railroad milepost KS-156.06), at East 950th Road near Streator (AAR/DOT #534516V, railroad milepost KS-161.59) and at Main Street in Lostant (AAR/DOT #5345227, railroad milepost KS-165.73).

The total combined estimated cost for the new automatic devices is \$1,136,511. 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 \$1,079,687. NS will pay all remaining signal design and installation costs as well as all future operating and maintenance costs for the new warning devices.

“The ICC is committed to keeping the public safe near and around railroad tracks. These upgrades are possible because of the Grade Crossing Protection Fund and will benefit all who traverse these crossings,” said ICC Chairman Carrie Zalewski.

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

To read Stipulated Agreement 2206 in Docket No. T22-0112 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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