



ICC Approves Rail Crossing Improvements in Clark County

Springfield, IL – The Illinois Commerce Commission has granted approval of three Stipulated Agreements to improve safety at highway-rail crossings in Clark County. All three projects require the installation of new automatic flashing light signals and gates and reconstruction of the existing highway approach grades. The crossings include the Friendship Road crossing and the 600th Street crossing near Martinsville; and the Union Street crossing in Martinsville.

The total estimated cost for the new automatic warning devices at all three crossings is \$1,089,574. ICC Staff recommends that the Grade Crossing Protection Fund be used to pay 95% of the signal design and installation costs, not to exceed \$980,617. CSX Transportation will pay all remaining signal design and installation costs, and all future operating and maintenance costs related to the new automatic warning devices at the crossings.

In addition, Staff is recommending that the GCPF be used to pay 100% (\$47,000) of the costs to reconstruct the existing highway approach grades at the Friendship Road crossing. The Casey Township Road District will be required to pay 100% of the costs to maintain the reconstructed roadway approaches. For the 600th street crossing, GCPF funds will cover 100% (\$47,000) for the costs of reconstruction, and the Martinsville Township Road District will be responsible for paying 100% of the costs to maintain the reconstructed roadway approaches. Similarly, GCPF be used to pay 100% (\$93,000) of the costs to reconstruct the existing highway approach grades at the Union Street crossing. The City of Martinsville will be required to pay 100% of the costs to maintain the reconstructed roadway approaches. All work is to be completed by within twelve (12) 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 2078 in Docket No. T21-0078 click [here](#), and [here](#) for Stipulated agreement 2077 in Docket No. T21-0077 and [here](#) for Stipulated Agreement 2076 for T21-0076.

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](#).



