



ICC Approves Rail Crossing Improvements in Nebo

Springfield, IL – The Illinois Commerce Commission has granted approval of a Stipulated Agreement to install new automatic flashing light signals, gates, and approach grade rehabilitation at the Union Street grade crossing in Nebo, Pike County.

The total estimated cost for the new automatic warning devices at the crossings is \$312,500. ICC Staff recommends that the Grade Crossing Protection Fund be used to pay 95% of the signal design and installation costs, not to exceed \$296,875. Kansas City 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 the crossing.

An engineering consultant hired by the Village of Nebo has estimated the design and construction costs at \$453,963 to relocate utilities, rehabilitate the roadway approach grades, and raise the adjacent intersections of South Street and North Street. Staff considers the rehabilitation of the approach grades and the associated intersection and utility work important enough to recommend that the GCPF be used to pay 100% of those costs, not to exceed \$453,963.

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 2003 in Docket No. T21-0071 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](#).

