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$\begin{array}{ll}\text { To: } & \text { Docketing Division } \\ \text { From: } & \text { George Martin, Grade Crossing Planner, Rail Division }\end{array}$
Re: In the matter of the authorization of CSX Transportation and Norfolk Southern Railway to install and interconnect active grade crossing warning devices at Franklin County, City of Columbus, Old Cooke Road

Date: February 20, 2014
The Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) has authorized funding for CSX Transportation (CSX) and Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) to install mast-mounted flashing lights and roadway gates at the following location:

Franklin County, City of Columbus, Old Cooke Rd, DOT\# 518245B (CSX), 481470J (NS)
This crossing is a public roadway into a self-storage facility that crosses one set of CSX tracks and two sets of NS tracks. The distance from the CSX track to the NS double track is approximately 67 feet. A fatality occurred at the crossing on the NS side on 12/7/2010, prompting a series of diagnostic meetings, the most recent of which was held on 6/12/2013. The team recommended the upgrade to lights and gates.

The project will be paid for with federal funds, and is actual cost. As the plans and estimates for the project have been submitted and approved, staff requests a Finding \& Order with completion due in nine months. Construction may commence at once. Staff requests that the following language be incorporated in the Entry:

It is expected that all work necessary for FHWA acceptance of the warning devices will be completed by the in-service due date and that the railroad will be responsible for this work. This work includes, but is not limited to:
Any ancillary work to make the warning devices function as designed and visible to the roadway user, and
MUTCD compliance, including minor roadway work if necessary.
A suggested case coding and heading would be:
PUCO Case No. 14- $\alpha 78 \quad$-RR-FED In the matter of the authorization of CSX Transportation and Norfolk Southern Railway to install and interconnect active grade crossing warning devices at Franklin County, City of Columbus, Old Cooke Road

C: Legal Department
Please serve the following parties of record.

## Ms Cathy Stout

Ohio Rail Development Commission
1980 W Broad St, Mailstop \# 3140
Columbus, Oh 43223

Ms Amanda DeCesare
CSX Transportation
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Ft Wright, Ky 41011

Ms Cayela Wimberly
Norfolk Southern Railway
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# OHIO RAIL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION 

TO: George Martin, Rail Division, PUCO<br>

DATE: February 19, 2014

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) established a diagnostic survey at the subject location on Cooke Road. The Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) attended the review. The Diagnostic Team recommended the improvement of warning devices to flashing lights and roadway gates. Copies of the diagnostic review form and the plan and estimate are attached.

PE has already been provided by the railroad. ORDC approves the site plans and estimates as provided. Please issue a construction-only order for the project outlined above. This construction authorization is made with the stipulation and understanding that any field work needs prior approval before the work begins. This authorization is made with the stipulation and understanding that an approved estimate may contain entries for items or activities that may be cited and found to be ineligible for federal participation during the project audit.

It is expected that all work necessary for FHWA acceptance of the warning devices will be completed by the in-service due date and that the railroad will be responsible for this work. This work includes, but is not limited to:

- any ancillary work to make waming devices function as designed and visible to the roadway user, and
- MUTCD compliance - including minor roadway work if necessary.

Thank you for your assistance with these matters.

Attachment: Diagnostic Review
Plan \& Estimate
c: George Martin, PUCO
ORDC Project Manager (file)

OHIO RAIL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Mail Stop \#3140, 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus OH 43223
John R. Kasich, Governor • James G. Bradley, Chairman
February 19, 2014
Ms. Amanda DeCesare
Project Manager
1717 Dixie Highway, Suite 400
Fort Wright, KY 41011
RE: Franklin County, Cooke Road, DOT 528245B
PID 96426, OH0965
Dear Ms. DeCesare:
The plan and estimate dated November 21, 2013, for the referenced project has been reviewed and is acceptable. CSX may proceed with the construction of the proposed grade crossing warning system in accordance with the abbreviated plan. This authorization is made with the stipulation and understanding that the approved estimate may contain entries for items or activities that may be cited and found to be ineligible for federal participation during the project audit. Reimbursement of eligible actual cost is limited to $\$ 183,511.00$. Additional costs must be approved in writing by the ORDC prior to being incurred. Emergency verbal authorizations by ORDC may be permitted and will be confirmed by ORDC in writing within ten (10) business days of the verbal approval.

This authorization is contingent upon CSX accepting the following instructions:

1. CSX will furnish prior written notification of their scheduled date to start construction to George Martin, PUCO, Railroad Division.
2. CSX's project foreman will furnish FAX or written notification five (5) working days prior to the date work will start at the project site to Joseph Reinhardt, Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC), 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223, email joe.reinhardt@dot.state.oh.us or FAX (614) 728-4520, (telephone number 614-5807728 ), and to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio at 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, email George.martin@puc.state.oh.us, (telephone number 614-752-9107). CSX's project foreman will also notify the same of any stops and re-starts of the work activity and of the date work was completed for the project.
3. CSX will arrange for utilities to be located at the project site by the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS) prior to any construction activities at the site. Utilities that are not participating members of the service must be contacted directly by CSX.
4. CSX's project foremen will notify Joe Reinhardt of any changes in the scope of work, cost overruns, material changes, etc. which are not included in the approved plan and estimate and secure approval of same before the work is performed.
5. CSX will furnish two (2) copies of each partial bill to ORDC. Please find the enclosed Encumbrance Estimate to reference when billing.
6. CSX will furnish two (2) copies of the final all-inclusive bill to ORDC stating the exact dates of starting and completing work, the initial and final dates of construction and location where the accounts may be audited.

Thank you for your assistance with these matters.


C: George Martin, PUCO, Grade Crossing Planner ORDC (file)

# OHIO RAIL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION 

## Mail Stop \#3140, 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus OH 43223 John R. Kasich, Governor • James G. Bradley, ORDC Chairman

February 19, 2014
Ms. Cayela Wimberly
Public Projects Engineer
1200 Peach Street, Box 123
Atlanta, Ga. 30309
RE: Franklin County, Cooke Road, DOT 481470J
PID\# 96426, NS Project 10.415
Dear Ms. Wimberly:
The plan and estimate dated November 21, 2013, for the referenced project has been reviewed and is acceptable. NS may proceed with the construction of the proposed grade crossing warning system in accordance with the abbreviated plan. This authorization is made with the stipulation and understanding that the approved estimate may contain entries for items or activities that may be cited and found to be ineligible for federal participation during the project audit.
Reimbursement of eligible actual cost is limited to $\$ 381,533.00$. Additional costs must be approved in writing by the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) prior to being incurred. Emergency verbal authorizations by ORDC may be permitted and will be confirmed by ORDC in writing within ten (10) business days of the verbal approval.

This authorization is contingent upon NS accepting the following instructions:

1. NS's project foreman will furnish written notification five (5) working days prior to the date work will start at the project site to Joe Reinhardt, ORDC, ioe.reinhardt@dot.state.oh.us email and to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio at George.martin@puc.state.oh.us. NS's project foreman will also notify the same of any stops and re-starts of the work activity and of the date work was completed for the project.
2. NS will arrange for utilities to be located at the project site by the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS) prior to any construction activities at the site. Utilities that are not participating members of the service must be contacted directly by NS.
3. NS's project foremen will notify Joe Reinhardt at 614-580-7728 (telephone) or joe.reinhardt@dot.state.oh.us (email) of any changes in the scope of work, cost overruns, material changes, etc. which are not included in the approved plan and estimate and secure approval of same before the work is performed.
4. NS will furnish two (2) copies of each partial bill to ORDC. Please find the enclosed Encumbrance Estimate to reference when billing.

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5. NS will furnish two (2) copies of the final all-inclusive bill to ORDC stating the exact dates of starting and completing work, the initial and final dates of construction and location where the accounts may be audited.

Thank you for your assistance with these matters.


C: George Martin, PUCO, Grade Crossing Planner ORDC (file)

Attachment: 1 (encumbrance estimate)

Diagnostic Review Team Survey
Date: 6/12/13

(Include: Name - Organization - Phone Number - Email)

1. Mike Brahler. NS Signal Supervisor, Cell 614.561 .0592 watoces
2. Amanda Decarase, CSX, Cell: $(770) 508-8221$
3. Tim Bell, City of Columbus, Cell: (614) 554-8138 Dem Ball
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8. $\qquad$
Existing Traffic Control Devices




Potential Red Flags / Project Challenges
Traffic Signal Preemption (include traffic signal intersection name and LHA with jurisdiction over traffic signal, if known):

Crossing Consolidation or Closure:

Real Estate or ROW:

Culverts / Drainage / Ballast Conditions:

Roadway and/or Sidewalks:

Circuitry (e.g. reaches out to other crossings, specific needs, etc.):

Environmental:

Other:


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Field Dimensions



180

TABLE I
Clearing Sight Distances

| Maximum Authorized Train <br> Speed | Distance (dT) Along <br> Railroad from Crossing (ft) |
| :---: | :---: |
| $1-10$ | 240 |
| 15 | 360 |
| 20 | 480 |
| 25 | 600 |
| 30 | 720 |
| 35 | 840 |
| 40 | 960 |
| 45 | 1080 |
| 50 | 1200 |
| 55 | 1320 |
| 60 | 1440 |
| 65 | 1560 |
| 70 | 1680 |
| 75 | 1800 |
| 80 | 1920 |
| 85 | 2040 |
| 90 | 2160 |

Source: R-H Grade Crossing Handbook Table 36 (pp. 132-133)

## Notes:

All calculated distances are rounded up to the next higher 5foot increment.

Distances indicated are for 65-ft double bottom semi-tractor trailers and level single track 90 degree crossings; and may need to be adjusted for multiple tracks, skewed crossings or approaches on grades.

Clearing Sight Distance is to be measured in each vehicle travel direction at non-gated crossings as viewed from a point 25 feet from centerline of nearest track in the center of whichever travel lane is nearest the direction along track being measured.

Table 2
Stopping Sight Distances

| Highway Vehicle Speed | Distance (dH) Along Roadway <br> from Crossing (ft) |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0 | n/a |
| 5 | 50 |
| 10 | 70 |
| 15 | 105 |
| 20 | 135 |
| 25$)$ | 180 |
| 30 | 225 |
| 35 | 280 |
| 40 | 340 |
| 45 | 410 |
| 50 | 490 |
| 55 | 570 |
| 60 | 660 |
| 65 | 760 |
| 70 | 865 |

Source: R-H Grade Crossing Handbook Table 36 (pp. 132-133)

## Notes:

All calculated distances are rounded up to the next higher 5foot increment.

Distances indicated are for 65 -ft double bottom semi-tractor trailers on dry level pavements.

Stopping Sight Distance is to be measured on each roadway approach to crossing from stop bar.



Narrative
ACCORDING TO WITNESS, UNIT \#1 WAS EASTBOUND ON E COOKE RD JUST EAST OF INDIANOLA AVE, AT THE RAILWAY GRADE CROSSING. UNIT \#1 BECAME STUCK ON THE EASTERN MOST TRACK. WITNESS \#1 STATED HE WAS ABLE TO GET DRIVER \#1 TO EXIT THE VEHICLE, BUT THAT DRIVER \#1 RETURNED BACK TO THE VEHICLE JUST BEFORE BEING STRUCK BY A NORTHBOUND TRAIN. THE LOCOMOTIVE IS OWNED BY NORFOLK AND SOUTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY. THE TRAIN CONSISTED OF 1 ENGINE \#6676, AND 72 RAILCARS, ALL EMPTY, WITH A TOTAL WEIGHT OF 2,253 TONS. THE ENGINEER WAS MICHAEL GISH AND THE CONDUCTOR WAS JEREMY YOUNG. EMS 13 PRONOUNCED DRIVER \#1 DECEASED AT 1835 HRS. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS UNIT WAS NOTIFIED AND RESPONDED.


