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**Public Utilities  
Commission of Ohio**

# Memo



**To:** Docketing Division

**From:** George Martin, Grade Crossing Planner, Rail Division

**Re:** In the matter of the authorization of CSX Transportation to install active grade crossing warning devices in Seneca and Wood Counties

**Date:** February 26, 2014

The Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) has authorized funding for CSX Transportation (CSX) to **install mast-mounted flashing lights and roadway gates** at the following locations:

Seneca County, Loudon Township, near Fostoria, Green Rd/TR 108, DOT# 228779S

Wood County, Middleton Township, near Perrysburg, Reitz Rd/TR 101, DOT# 155810W

The crossings were surveyed in September of 2012, and August of 2013, respectively, and were found to warrant the upgrades.

The projects will be paid for with federal funds, and are actual cost. As the plans and estimates have already been submitted and approved, staff requests a Finding & Order with completion of the projects 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- **0303** -RR-FED In the matter of the authorization of CSX Transportation to install active grade crossing warning devices in Seneca and Wood Counties

C: Legal Department

Please serve the following parties of record

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**OHIO RAIL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

**TO:** Randall Schumacher, Supervisor, Rail Division, PUCO  
**FROM:** Cathy Stout, Manager, Safety Section, ORDC  
**BY:** Don Damron, Project Manager, ORDC  
**SUBJECT:** Seneca County, TR 108, Green Road / CSX Transportation  
DOT# 228779S  
PID# 94552  
**DATE:** February 21, 2014

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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) established a Diagnostic Review Team Survey at the subject highway/railroad crossing location on 9/20/2012. The Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) attended the Diagnostic Survey. The Diagnostic Review Team recommended the improvement of warning devices to flashing lights and roadway gates. Copies of the Diagnostic Review Team Survey form and the railroad plan and estimate are attached.

The 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 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.

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Thank you for your assistance with these matters.

**Attachments:**

Diagnostic Review Team Survey dated 9/20/2013  
Force Account Estimate dated 10/25/2013  
Proposed Crossing Layout – PE Approved Plan

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 21, 2014

Amanda DeCesare  
Project Manager – Public Projects  
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RE: Grade Crossing Warning Device Improvement – Construction Authorization  
Wood County, TR 101, Reitz Road  
DOT# 155810W  
PID# 96762  
CSX ACCT. CODE: OH0970

Dear Ms. DeCesare:

The Force Account Estimate dated 1/8/2014 along with the Proposed Crossing Layout for the referenced project has been reviewed and is acceptable. CSX Transportation 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 \$207,730.00. 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 CSX Transportation accepting the following instructions:

1. CSX's project foreman will furnish written notification five (5) working days prior to the date work will start at the project site to Don Damron, ORDC, Mail Stop #3140, 1980 West Broad Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Columbus Ohio 43223, or email [don.damron@dot.state.oh.us](mailto:don.damron@dot.state.oh.us), or Fax 614-728-4520, (phone: 614-466-2509; cell phone: 614-917-8466), and to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio at [George.martin@puc.state.oh.us](mailto:George.martin@puc.state.oh.us) (phone 614-752-9107). The CSX 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. 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.



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3. CSX 's project foremen will notify Don Damron at 614-917-8466 (cell) or [don.damron@dot.state.oh.us](mailto:don.damron@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. CSX will furnish two (2) copies of each partial bill to ORDC. Please find the enclosed ODOT Purchase Order to reference when billing.
5. 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.

Sincerely,



Donald J. Damron  
Project Manager

C: Randall Schumacher, Supervisor, Rail Division, PUCO  
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ORDC (file)

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Railroad Force Account Estimate dated 1/8/2014  
Proposed Crossing Layout revision date 12/16/2013

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ORDC Project Manager (file)



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