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**Public Utilities
Commission of Ohio**

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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 Lorain/Cuyahoga County, and Butler County
Date: October 29, 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 crossings:

Lorain County/Cuyahoga County/City of Strongsville, Marks Rd/CR 180, DOT# 141919W, approved cost \$165,175.00. This crossing is on the county line, and highway maintenance is split between Lorain County and the City of Strongsville.

Butler County, City of Hamilton, Rockford Dr, DOT# 154060K, approved cost \$199,643.00.

These crossings were surveyed during May, 2014 because of their hazard ranking, 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 for the projects 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- **1900** -RR-FED In the matter of the authorization of CSX Transportation to install active grade crossing warning devices in Lorain/Cuyahoga County, and Butler County

C: Legal Department

Please serve the following parties of record.

Ms Cathy Stout

Ohio Rail Development Commission

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Ms Amanda DeCesare

CSX Transportation

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FT Wright, Ky 41011

Mr Ken Mikula

City of Strongsville Engineering Department

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Lorain County Engineer

Ken Carney P.E., P.S.

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Mr Scott Hoover, Engineering Department

City of Hamilton,

345 High Street,

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Ohio Edison, DPL

OHIO RAIL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

TO: Randall Schumacher, Rail Division Chief, PUCO

FROM: Cathy Stout, Manager, Safety Section, ORDC

BY: Mike Forte', Project Manager, ORDC

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SUBJECT: County Road 180, Marks Road/CSX Grade Crossing
Lorain County and City of Strongsville
US DOT 141 919W

DATE: October 20, 2014

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) established a diagnostic survey at the subject location on May 7, 2014. 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 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 warning 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
Plans & Estimates

c: George Martin, PUCO
Susan Arduini, ORDC
ORDC Project Manager (file)

**OHIO RAIL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
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TO: George Martin, Rail Division, PUCO

FROM: Cathy Stout, Manager, Safety Section, ORDC

BY: Tim Perkins, Project Manager *Tim Perkins*

SUBJECT: City of Hamilton, Butler County, Rockford Drive-CSX, DOT No. 154 060 K,
PID No. 98176

DATE: October 21, 2014

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) established a diagnostic survey at the subject location on May 22, 2014. 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.

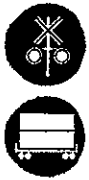
PE has already been provided by the railroad. ORDC approves the site plan and estimate as provided. Please issue a construction-only order for the project outlined above for the necessary roadway work and utility relocations. This construction authorization is made with the stipulation and understanding 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.

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- MUTCD compliance – including minor roadway work if necessary.

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Attachment: Diagnostic Review
Plan & Estimate



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Mail Stop #3140, 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus OH 43223

John R. Kasich, Governor • Mark Policinski, ORDC Chairman

October 20, 2014

Ms. Amanda DeCesare
Project Manager – Public Projects
1717 Dixie Highway
Suite 400
Fort Wright, KY 41011

RE: Cuyahoga County, Marks Rd., OP # OH1013
US DOT 141 919W, PID 98132

Dear Ms. DeCesare:

The plan and estimate submitted with Vicki Sowder's September 30, 2014, email 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 \$165,175. 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 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 Mike Forte', ORDC, email mike.forte@dot.state.oh.us and to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio at George.martin@puc.state.oh.us. 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.
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.
3. CSX's project foremen will notify Mike Forte' at 614.374.9287 or mike.forte@dot.state.oh.us 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.



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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.
6. **The auxiliary flashing lights in the NE quadrant will be positioned facing the driveway in the SE quadrant.**
7. **The curb shown to be constructed in the NE quadrant will not be part of the project.**

Thank you for your assistance with these matters.

Sincerely,



Michael Forte
Project Manager

C: Randall Schumacher, Rail Division Supervisor, PUCO
George Martin, Grade Crossing Planner, PUCO
Susan Arduini, ORDC
ORDC (file)



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Amanda DeCesare
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Public Projects Manager
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RE: City of Hamilton, Butler County, Rockford Drive, DOT No. 154 060 K, PID No. 98176, OH1015

Dear Ms. DeCesare:

The CSX Transportation (CSX) plan and estimate dated September 26, 2014, in the amount of \$199,643.00 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 \$199,643.00. 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 Tim Perkins, Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC), 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223, email Tim.Perkins@dot.state.oh.us or FAX (614) 728-4520, (telephone number 614-644-0284), 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 Tim Perkins 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.



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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.
7. This installation will include any ancillary work to make the warning devices function as designed and meet MUTCD.

Thank you for your assistance with these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tim Perkins".

Tim Perkins
Project Manager

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