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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 Norfolk Southern Railway to upgrade active grade crossing warning devices in Scioto County
Date: February 18, 2015

The Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) has authorized funding for Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) to upgrade the mast-mounted flashing lights and roadway gates at the following locations:

Scioto County, near Wheelersburg, Hayport Rd/CR 257, DOT# 473458G, upgrade to LED inserts on gate arms, 12" LED's on mast-mounted flashing lights, constant warning time crossing circuitry, approved cost \$179,843.25.

Scioto County, Porter Township, Center St/TR 256, DOT# 473459N, upgrade to LED inserts on gate arms, 12" LED's on mast-mounted flashing lights, constant warning time crossing circuitry, approved cost \$159,468.00.

These crossings were recommended for upgrade as part of the Heartland Corridor Project.

The projects will be paid for with federal funds, and are actual cost. As the plans and estimates in the above referenced amounts have already been approved, staff requests a Finding & Order with completion 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. 15- 0363 -RR-FED In the matter of the authorization of Norfolk Southern Railway to upgrade active grade crossing warning devices in Scioto County

C: Legal Department

Please serve the following parties of record

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

TO: George Martin, Rail Division, PUCO
FROM: Cathy Stout, Manager, Safety Section, ORDC
BY: Tim Perkins, Project Manager *Tim Perkins*
SUBJECT: Scioto County, C.R. 257, Hayport Road, DOT No. 473 458 G, PID No. 98947
DATE: February 12, 2015

The Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) established a diagnostic survey at the subject location on September 23, 2014. The Diagnostic Team recommended the modernization of the existing warning devices. 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.

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Thank you for your assistance with these matters.

Attachment: Diagnostic Review
Plan & Estimate

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

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FROM: Cathy Stout, Manager, Safety Section, ORDC
BY: Tim Perkins, Project Manager *Tim Perkins*
SUBJECT: Scioto County, T.R. 256, Center Street, DOT No. 473 459 N, PID No. 98949
DATE: February 12, 2015

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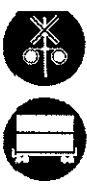
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February 12, 2015

Stephen Klinger
Administrator, Highway Grade Crossings
Norfolk Southern Corporation
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Atlanta, Georgia 30309

RE: Scioto County, County Road 257, Hayport Road, DOT No. 473 458 G, PID No. 98947,
Milepost: N-595.76, S&E Project No. 10.2157

Dear Mr. Klinger:

The plan and estimate dated January 26, 2015, for the referenced project has been reviewed and is acceptable. Norfolk Southern (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 \$179,843.25. 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 Tim Perkins, ORDC, Tim.Perkins@dot.state.oh.us, 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.
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4. Open cut of roadways is *not permitted* except in unusual circumstances and must be coordinated with the local highway authority and preapproved by ORDC.



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5. NS will furnish two (2) copies of each partial bill to ORDC. Please find the enclosed ODOT Purchase Order to reference when billing.
6. 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.
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,

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Tim Perkins
Project Manager

C: Randall Schumacher, Rail Division Supervisor, PUCO
George Martin, Grade Crossing Planner, PUCO
Susan Arduini, ORDC
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RE: Scioto County, TR 256, Center Street, DOT No. 473 459 N, PID No. 98949, Milepost: N-598.48, S&E Project No. 10.1261

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