Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

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To: Docketing Division

From: George Martin, Grade Crossing Planner, Rail Division

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Re: In the matter of the authorization of CSX Transportation to install an active grade warning device in Hardin County

Date: May 31, 2016

The Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) has authorized funding for CSX Transportation (CSX) to install mast-mounted flashing lights and roadway gates at Hardin County, near Ridgeway, SR 273, DOT# 513784X. The crossing was surveyed on October 21, 2015, and was found to warrant the upgrade. The electric utility provider at the crossing is Mid Ohio Energy Cooperative

The project will be paid for with federal funds, and is actual cost. The plan and estimate for the project in the amount of \$258,359.00 has been approved. Construction may commence at once. Staff requests a Finding & Order with completion of the project within 9 months and that the following language be incorporated in the Finding & Order:

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. 16- 1213 -RR-FED: In the matter of the authorization of CSX Transportation to install an active grade crossing warning device in Hardin County

C: Legal Department

Please serve the following parties of record

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Ms Sandy Knott

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Lima, Ohio 45801

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:	Hardin County, SR 273 – 4.02 / CSX Transportation DOT# 513784 PID# 102009
DATE:	May 25, 2016

The Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) established a Diagnostic Review Team Survey at the subject highway/railroad crossing location on 10/21/2015. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) 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 approved 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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- 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.

Attachments:

Diagnostic Review Team Survey dated 10/25/2015 CSX Force Account Estimate dated 3/30/2016 Proposed Crossing Layout – PE Approved Signal Layout

cc: 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

May 25, 2016

Amanda DeCesare Project Manager – Public Projects CSX Transportation 500 Meijer Drive, Suite 305 Florence, KY 41042

RE: Grade Crossing Warning Device Improvement – Construction Authorization Hardin County, SR 273 – 4.02 DOT# 513784X PID# 102009 CSX ACCT. CODE: OH1090

Dear Ms. DeCesare:

The Force Account Estimate dated 3/30/2016 for the referenced project has been reviewed and is acceptable and the Proposed Crossing Layout has been approved as to signal layout only. CSX Transportation may proceed with the construction of the proposed grade crossing warning devise upgrade 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 \$258,359.00. 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:

- 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, 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus Ohio 43223, or email <u>don.damron@dot.ohio.gov</u>, (mobile: 614-917-8466; office: 614-466-2509), and to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio at <u>George.martin@puc.state.oh.us</u> (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.

3. CSX 's project foremen will notify Don Damron at 614-917-8466 (mobile phone) or <u>don.damron@dot.ohio.gov</u> (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.

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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.

Thank you for your assistance with these matters.

Sincerely,

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Donald J. Damron Project Manager

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

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Diagnostic Team Recommendations Quadrants Needed Install/upgrade active devices Automatic Flashing Lights (AFLS) AFLS /Cants NE/SW QUADS AFLS / Gates AFLS / Gates / Cants Bells / number Upgrade circuitry / type Sidelights Guardrail Needed Install/Replace curb Bungalow placement & offset from rail & highway Other (define) Comments: PROT: UPDATES PROVIDE GENIFITS FOR SAFETY PUCO: KES" CONSENSUS : UPBRADE TO LOG. WILL IMPROVE VISIBILITY OF SECOND . TRAINS [] Install/upgrade traffic signal preemption □ No improvements needed [] Other (define) Acknowledgement of Recommendations (each entity represented at the diagnostic must have at least one signature acknowledgement): Rb R bit an **Field Dimensions** Sidewalk Parkway Roadway -12 Roadway Parkway Sidewalk

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TABLE I

Clearing Sight Distances

Maximum Authorized Train Speed	Distance (dT) Along 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 <u>non-gated crossings</u> 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 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

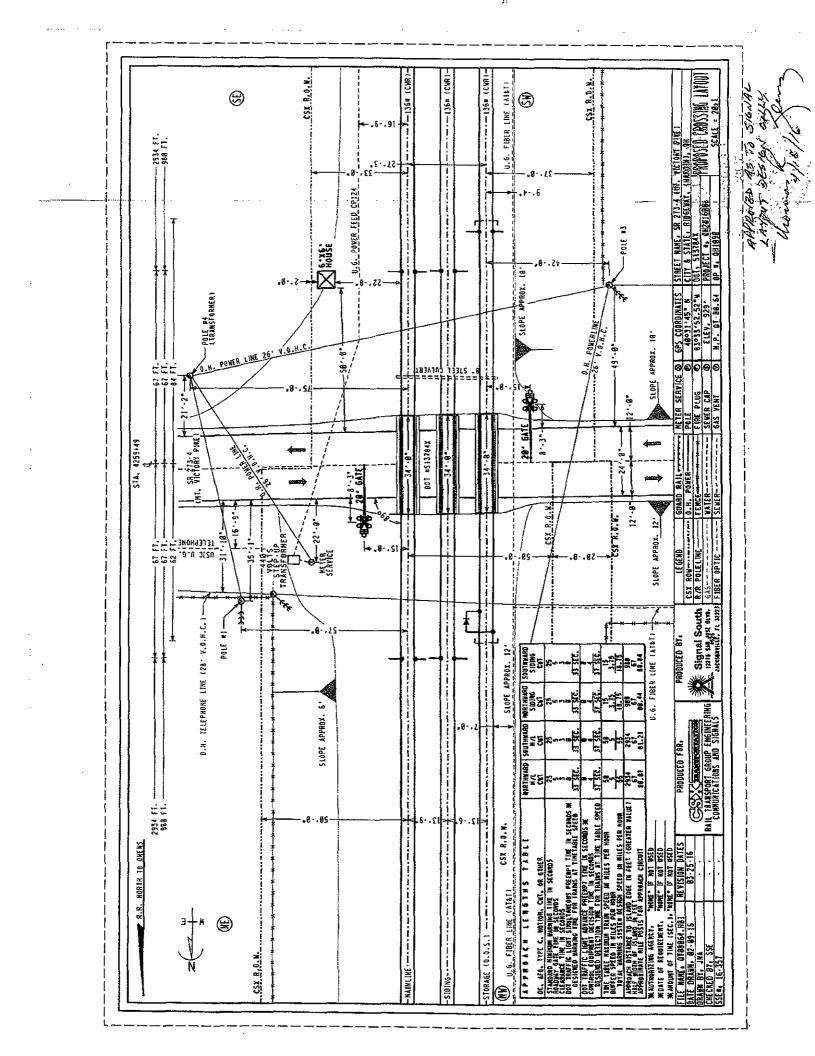
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Notes:

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.



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Cathy & Don,

Looks good. Go ahead and authorize, if you wish, and I'll sign and seal when I'm next in.

Tom Zeinz

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FYI - Diagnostic Form attached.

Don - This is being printed for you.

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Cc: Elliott, Scott (External) <<u>Scott_Elliott@csx.com</u>>; DeCesare, Amanda <<u>Amanda_DeCesare@csx.com</u>> Subject: DESIGN SUBMITTAL-Ridgeway, OH - SR 273-4, OH2016006, OH1090, PID 102009 Design Distribution

Please find attached the Design Submittal for the above named grade crossing upgrade. If you should have any questions please contact Scott Elliott at (904) 359-1276.

Thank you. Nicole Henning Engineering Assistant to Amanda DeCesare (MI, OH, IN, IL) CSX Transportation 500 Meijer Drive Suite 305