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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 an active grade crossing warning device in Washington Township, Shelby County  
**Date:** June 10, 2015

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 crossing:

**Shelby County, Washington Township, Stoker Rd/TR 120, DOT# 538770L, approved cost \$228,844.00.**

The crossing was surveyed on October 20, 2014, due to its hazard ranking, and was found to warrant the upgrade.

The project will be paid for with federal funds, and is actual cost. As the plan and estimate for the project has 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. 15- 1079 -RR-FED In the matter of the authorization of CSX Transportation to install an active grade crossing warning device in Washington Township, Shelby County

C: Legal Department

Please serve the following parties of record.

Ms Cathy Stout  
Ohio Rail Development Commission  
1980 West Broad St, Mailstop 3140  
Columbus, Oh 43223

Mr Troy Creasy  
CSX Transportation  
500 Meijer Drive, Ste 305  
Florence, Ky 41042

Washington Township Trustees  
2562 Hardin-Wapak Rd  
Sidney, Oh 45365

Pioneer Electric Cooperative  
344 West U.S. Route 36  
Piqua, Ohio 45356

**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:** Shelby County TR 120, Stoker Rd / CSX Transportation  
DOT# 538770L  
PID# 99306  
**DATE:** June 12, 2015

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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 10/20/2014. 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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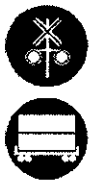
- any ancillary work to make warning devices function as designed and visible to the roadway user, and
- MUTCD compliance – including minor roadway work if necessary.

Thank you for your assistance with these matters.

**Attachments:**

Diagnostic Review Team Survey dated 10/20/2014  
Force Account Estimate dated 4/13/2015  
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

June 12, 2015

Troy Creasy  
Project Manager – Public Projects  
CSX Transportation  
1717 Dixie Highway, Suite 400  
Ft. Wright, KY 41011

RE: Grade Crossing Warning Device Improvement – Construction Authorization  
Shelby County, TR 120, Stoker Rd.  
DOT# 538770L  
PID#99306  
CSX ACCT. CODE: OH 1043

Dear Mr. Creasy:

The Force Account Estimate dated 10/20/2014 and 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 \$228,844.00. 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. The project is to include “*Constant Warning Time*” into the engineering design for this warning device upgrade project.
2. 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, (cell phone: 614-917-8466; desk phone: 614-466-2509), 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.



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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 Don Damron at 614-917-8466 (cell phone) 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.
5. CSX will furnish two (2) copies of each partial bill to ORDC. Please find the enclosed ODOT Purchase Order 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.

Sincerely,



Donald J. Damron  
Project Manager

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