



ICC approves rail crossing upgrades for Carroll County

Springfield, IL – On Thursday, the Illinois Commerce Commission approved funds to improve public safety at three highway-rail crossings in Carroll County. New automatic flashing lights with gates will be installed at the Riverview Circle highway-grade crossing (AAR/DOT #069428D) near Thomson, and the Doty Road (AAR/DOT #069432T) and Powerlab Road (AAR/DOT #093682S) crossings near Savanna.

“These upgrades will save lives, and the Grade Crossing Protection Fund makes it possible to install modernized warning devices at highway-rail crossings in communities across Illinois,” said **ICC Commissioner Michael T. Carrigan**.

The combined total estimated cost of the signal design and construction at all three crossings is \$1,006,736. The Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF) will be used to pay 95 percent of the signal costs, not to exceed \$956,396. BNSF Railway Company will pay the remaining 5 percent of the design and installation costs, all future operating and maintenance costs, and the cost of temporary STOP signs, where required.

The ICC’s decision also approves the allocation of an additional \$38,640 for approach grade modifications at the Powerlab Road crossing, 100 percent of which will be covered by the GCPF. The Carroll County Highway Department will be responsible for all future maintenance costs at the Powerlab Road rehabilitation highway approaches 24 inches past the rails.

All required signal work is to be completed within 18 months of the ICC’s order.

For more information about [Stipulated Agreement 2388](#), visit docket [T25-0086](#).

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About the Illinois Grade Crossing Protection Fund

In 1955, the State of Illinois passed legislation creating the GCPF. Since then, Illinois has strengthened its commitment to public highway-rail safety by increasing funding toward projects such as the closure and consolidation of existing public crossings, installation of new warning systems, highway approach improvements, upgrades to existing warning devices and interconnection to nearby traffic signals, construction/reconstruction of grade separation structures, and the construction of pedestrian grade separations. The ICC administers the GCPF, which is funded by motor fuel tax money designated for rail safety improvements. The General Assembly appropriates \$42 million annually for the GCPF. Read more information on the ICC's annual Crossing Safety Improvement Program [here](#).

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