



ICC approves rail crossing upgrades for Kankakee County

Springfield, IL – On Thursday, the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) approved funds to install automatic flashing lights with gates at the County Road 11000 North (AAR/DOT #167512F) highway-rail grade crossing near Grant Park in Kankakee County. The project also includes highway approach improvements and incidental crossing surface widening.

“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 and incidental crossing surface work is \$701,756. The Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF) will be used to pay 95 percent of the signal design and incidental crossing surface construction costs, not to exceed \$666,668. The Union Pacific Railroad Company will pay the remaining 5 percent of design and installation costs, as well as all future maintenance costs for signals, circuitry, and temporary STOP signs. The Yellowhead Township Road District will be responsible for any highway approach maintenance 24 inches beyond the rails.

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

For more information about [Stipulated Agreement 2312](#), visit docket [T25-0084](#).

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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](#).

About the Illinois Commerce Commission

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