



ICC approves rail crossing upgrade for Galesburg

Springfield, IL – On Thursday, the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) approved public safety upgrades at the 100 East Road highway-rail crossing (AAR/DOT #063049H) in Galesburg, Knox County. The project allocates \$371,383 from the state's Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF) to help install new automatic warning signals and circuitry.

"Illinois' Grade Crossing Protection Fund makes it possible to install modernized safety infrastructure at rail crossings in all parts of the state. The project in Knox County is a perfect example of how our agency is putting GCPF dollars to work," said **ICC Commissioner Michael T. Carrigan**.

The total estimated cost of the signal design and construction is \$390,930, 95 percent of which will be covered by the GCPF. BNSF Railway will pay the remaining 5 percent and the entire cost of any future maintenance.

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

For more information about [Stipulated Agreement 1844](#), visit docket [T25-0091](#).

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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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