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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION  
STIPULATED AGREEMENT 1426

T09-0110

This Agreement made and entered into, by and between the State of Illinois acting by and through the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission"), the Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("Company"), South Litchfield Township Road District ("Township"), and the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation ("Department" or "IDOT").

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Commission through staff evaluation that inquiry should be made into the matter of improving public safety at the N. 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue highway-rail grade crossing of the Company's track near Litchfield, Montgomery County, Illinois, designated as crossing AAR/DOT #480 068L, railroad milepost 439.92-WA; and

WHEREAS, proper investigation has been made of the circumstances surrounding the subject crossing by a representative of the Commission's Transportation Division Railroad Section; and

WHEREAS, the physical aspects, including geometrics of the intersection, train movements, vehicular traffic volume, and sight distances and other pertinent data relating to the crossing have been obtained and shown on Exhibit A, attached to this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the parties are mutually agreeable to accomplish proposed improvements to the crossing upon determination of the Commission by Order.

NOW, THEREFORE in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants and agreements as hereinafter contained the parties pray that the Commission enter an Order according to the provisions of Section 18c-7401 of the Illinois Commercial Transportation Law, 625 ILCS 5/18(c)-7401, requiring that certain improvements as hereinafter stated be made and that the cost for the proposed improvements be divided among the parties according to law and that in the interest of the traveling public the Grade Crossing Protection Fund ("GCPF") of the Motor Fuel Tax Law ("MFT") be required to bear a substantial portion of the cost; To Wit the parties agree as follows:

Section 1 All improvements encompassed by this Agreement shall be made in accordance with all applicable State laws, rules, standards, regulations and orders and procedures in general.

Section 2 The parties are of the opinion that the following improvements in the interest of public safety at the aforesaid crossing should be:

DOCKETED

- (a) Installation of automatic flashing light signals and gates with a bell, controlled by constant warning time circuitry, and equipped with an event recorder and capable of remote monitoring system when available, by the Company.
- (b) Installation of temporary STOP signs at the N. 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue crossing within 30 days of a Commission Order for the installation of new automatic warning devices, by the Company.
- (c) Construction of the highway approach grades, to meet the minimum requirements of 92 Ill. Adm. Code 1535.204 (Exhibit C), by the Township.

**Section 3** The Company has prepared a preliminary "detailed" cost estimate, as well as detailed drawings, circuit plans, and required specifications to accomplish the proposed safety improvements, which may be required by Commission Order. The cost estimate, drawings, circuit plans, and specifications are attached and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit B.

**Section 4** The Company and the Township shall upon Order, according to the requirements contained therein, proceed toward the completion of the proposed improvements, accomplishing the work with its own forces or appropriate contracted services and agrees that an appropriate time for the completion of the proposed improvements should be twelve (12) months from the date of a Commission Order approving this Agreement.

**Section 5** The parties agree that an equitable division of cost for the proposed improvements is as follows:

**COST DIVISION TABLE**

IMPROVEMENT	EST. COST	GCPF	TOWNSHIP	COMPANY	IDOT
Install Automatic Flashing Light Signals and Gates, controlled by CWT Circuitry	\$280,806	(95%) \$266,766 <sup>1</sup>	\$0	(5%) \$14,040 <sup>1,2</sup>	\$0
Install temporary STOP Signs, if ordered	No Estimate Required	0%	0%	100% <sup>2</sup>	0%
Correct Highway Approach Grades	No Estimate Required	0%	100% <sup>3</sup>	0%	0%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$280,806</b>	<b>\$266,766<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$---<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>\$14,040<sup>1,2</sup></b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> Total Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF) assistance not to exceed \$266,766; any installation costs above the total estimated amount of \$280,806 will be divided in the same percentages noted above, upon submittal and review of evidence to support the additional cost and subject to approval by the Commission.

<sup>2</sup> Company responsible for all future operation and maintenance costs associated with the new automatic warning devices and temporary STOP signs.

<sup>3</sup> Township responsible for all future maintenance costs associated with the highway approaches.

Section 6 The Township is financially able and willing to bear an equitable portion of the cost for the proposed improvements as may be assigned by the Order and indicates this intent by Resolution incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit D. The Township shall submit a certified copy of the Resolution at the same time as the Execution Page of this Agreement is submitted to the Commission.

Section 7 Special Provisions: Since the highway approach grade corrections at the crossing will be performed by the Township or its contractor, flagging and contractor liability insurance may be required for the work.

The Company and the Township shall each review the Project Manager Information portion of the Project Status Report sheets, attached as Exhibits E and E1, respectively. If any changes are required, the sheets are to be corrected and sent with this executed Agreement.

The Company and the Township shall each, at six (6) month intervals from the date of the Commission Order approving this Agreement, submit to the Director of Processing and Information, Transportation Bureau of the Commission, a Project Status Report, attached as Exhibit E (Company) and Exhibit E1 (Township) regarding the progress each has made toward completion of the work required by this Agreement. Each Project Status Report shall include the Commission Order's docket number, the Order date, the project completion date as noted in the Order, crossing information (inventory number and railroad milepost), type of improvement, and the name, title, mailing address, phone number, facsimile number, and electronic mailing address of the Company and Township Project Manager.

All bills for work specified in Section 2 of this Agreement authorized for reimbursement from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund shall be submitted to the Fiscal Control Unit, Bureau of Local Roads and Streets, Illinois Department of Transportation, 2300 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62764. The Department shall send a copy of all invoices to the Director of Processing and Information, Transportation Bureau of the Commission. All bills shall be submitted no later than twelve (12) months from the completion date specified in the Commission Order approving this Agreement. The final bill for expenditures from each party shall be clearly marked "Final Bill". The Department shall not obligate any assistance from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund for the cost of proposed improvements described in this Agreement without prior approval by the Commission. The Commission shall, at the end of the 12<sup>th</sup> month from the completion date specified in the Commission Order approving this Agreement, or any Supplemental Order(s) issued for this project, conduct a review to determine if any unused assistance from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund should be deobligated. Upon completion of the review, the Commission shall notify the Department to deobligate all residual funds accountable for installation costs for this project. Notification may be by regular mail, electronic mail, fax, or phone.

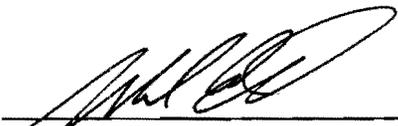
SECTION 8 Billing: For all work specified in Section 2 of this Agreement, and authorized by an Order of the Commission, the Company shall assure that sufficient documentation for all bills is made available for review by the Department of the Department's representative. The minimum documentation that must be made available is outlined below:

- a) Labor Charges (including additives) - Copies of employee work hours charged to the project.
- b) Equipment Rental - Copies of rental agreements for the equipment used, including the rental rate; and the number of hours the equipment was used on the project.
- c) Material - An itemized list of all materials purchased and installed at the crossing location. If materials purchased are installed at multiple crossing locations, a notation must be made to identify the crossing location.
- d) Engineering - Copies of employee work hours charged to the project.
- e) Supervision - Copies of employee work hours charged to the project.
- f) Incidental Charges - An itemized list of all incidental charges along with a written explanation of those charges.
- g) Service Dates - Invoice shall include the beginning and ending date of the work accomplished for the invoice.
- h) Final or Progressive - Each invoice shall be marked as a Progressive or a Final Invoice.
- i) Reference Numbers - Each invoice shall include the AAR/DOT number, the ICC Order number and the state job number when federal funds are involved.
- j) Locations - Each invoice shall show the location, with the street name and AAR/DOT crossing inventory number.

Section 9 This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto, their successors or assigns. Upon execution of this Agreement by all parties, the Commission shall enter an appropriate Order, within 60 days accepting or rejecting such stipulation according to the provisions contained herein.

In Witness Whereof, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers, as of the dates indicated on their respective Execution Pages, attached hereto.

Executed by the Commission this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2009.

  
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Michael E. Stead  
Rail Safety Program Administrator

Attest:

  
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Aaron T. Toliver  
Rail Safety Specialist

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Executed by the Illinois Department of Transportation this 2nd day of November 2009.

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

By:

Christine M. Reed  
Christine M. Reed, Director of Highways / Chief Engineer

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Executed by the Norfolk Southern Railway Company this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2009.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY

By: *Robert W. Baugh*

Attest:

*Kymberly O. Swain*  
Assistant Corporate Secretary

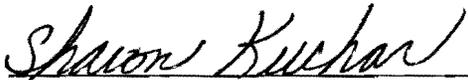
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Executed by South Litchfield Township Road District this 3rd day of December 2009.

SOUTH LITCHFIELD TOWNSHIP  
ROAD DISTRICT

By: 

Attest:



**ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION  
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CROSSING DATA FORM**

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** See Location Sketch

<b>RAILROAD</b>	Norfolk Southern Railway Company
<b>USDOT#, MILEPOST</b>	480 068L, MP 439.92-WA
<b>STREET, CITY, COUNTY</b>	N. 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (TR 301), near Litchfield, Montgomery County
<b>JURISDICTION (RDWY)</b>	South Litchfield Township
<b>LOCATION</b>	Rural
<b>STREET SURFACE</b>	Chip Seal, 19', good condition

**CROSSING DATA:** Also see Location Sketch (Page 3) for roadway profile and trk. ctrs.

<b>TRACK (W-E or N-S)</b>	<b>SURFACE TYPE</b>	<b>SURFACE WIDTH</b>	<b>SURFACE CONDITION</b>
N-S	Rubber & Asphalt	24'	Good (see notes)

**ROADWAY DATA:** See Location Sketch

<b>INTERSECTING ROADS:</b>	CL Old US Rte. 66 - 170' west
<b>TRAFFIC CONTROL</b>	Stop Sign at Old Rte. 66
<b>ADT &amp; SPEED</b>	179 ADT@55mph (unposted)
<b>TRAFFIC TYPE</b>	Passenger, possible all other
<b>ADVANCE WARNING</b>	Yes on both approaches
<b>PAVEMENT MARKING</b>	N/A (Chip Seal)

**RAILROAD DATA:** See Location Sketch

<b>FREIGHT TRAFFIC</b>	18/day @ 60 MPH, 2 Switch Movements, Day & Night
<b>PASSENGER TRAFFIC</b>	None
<b>WARNING DEVICES</b>	Crossbucks with YIELD Signs

**NOTES:**

Crossing surface has some small potholes developing, but still meets the minimum requirements of 92 Ill. Adm. Code 1535. Potholes should be patched by NS.

**VISIBILITY STUDY:** See Location Sketch

<b>Train Speed</b>	60	<b>MPH</b>
<b>Roadway Speed</b>	55	<b>MPH</b>
<b>Required Stopping Sight Distance (SSD)</b>		
<b>Along Roadway</b>	520	<b>FEET</b>
<b>Along Tracks</b>	645	<b>FEET</b>
<b>Required Clearing Sight Distance (CSD) (Along Tracks)</b>	1441	<b>FEET</b>

Distances calculated per American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets, 2001, Fourth Edition.

<b>QUADRANT</b>	<b>CSD (FT)</b>	<b>OBSTRUCTION</b>	<b>SSD (FT)</b>	<b>OBSTRUCTION</b>
<b>NE</b>	ok	None	ok*	*tall corn may obstruct
<b>NW</b>	ok	None	obstr	tree line
<b>SE</b>	ok	None	obstr	tree line
<b>SW</b>	ok	None	obstr	tree line

\*Note: Automatic flashing light signals and gates (AFLS&G) eliminate the need to satisfy minimum Sight Distance criteria.

**APPROACH GRADES:** See Location Sketch

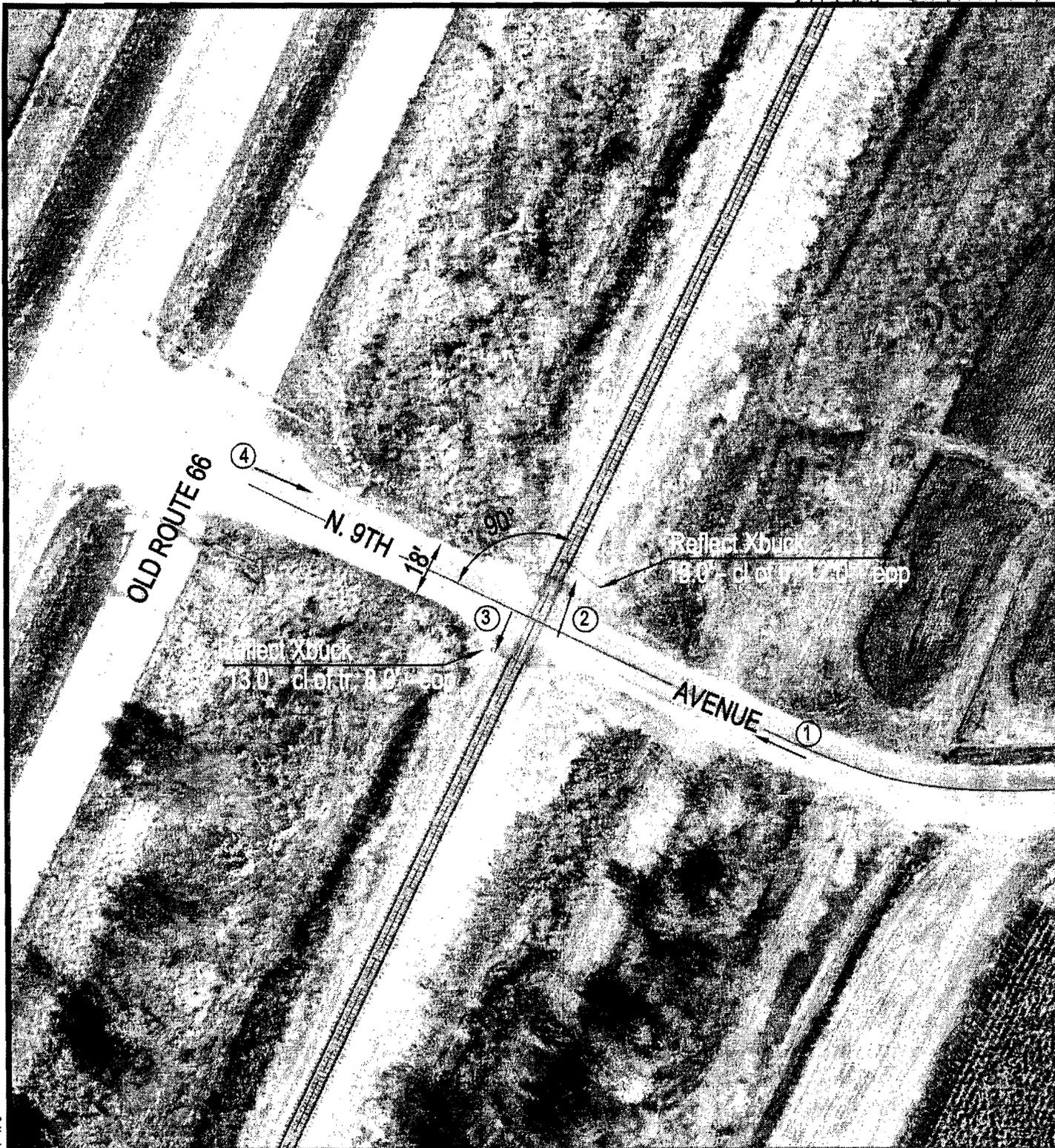
<b>DIRECTION/East</b>			<b>DIRECTION/West</b>		
<b>DISTANCE (FT)</b>	<b>ELEVATION (FT)</b>	<b>GRADE (%)</b>	<b>DISTANCE (FT)</b>	<b>ELEVATION (FT)</b>	<b>GRADE (%)</b>
25	99.3	2.8	25	99.1	3.6
50	99.1	0.8	50	99.1	0.0

Distance measured from outermost rail.

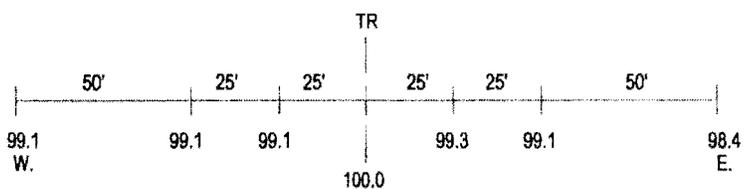
**COMMENTS:**

See Page 3 for a Location Sketch (Aerial Photo) of the crossing.

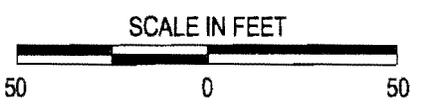
Staff recommends that the Township pay 100% of the costs to improve the highway approaches in order to meet the requirements of 92 Ill. Adm. Code 1535.204. Staff recommends that the cost to improve the highway approaches be considered the Township's contribution to the project.



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**ROAD PROFILE**



③ Photo Location

Crossing #:	480068L
Location:	Montgomery Co., City of Litchfield (N)
Lat/Long:	39°07'55" / 89°40'33"
Railroad:	NS
Street:	N. 9th Avenue
Railroad Milepost:	439.92
Crossing Protection:	Signs



**Detailed Estimate for Grade Crossing Warning Devices**

City/State: LITCHFIELD, IL  
MilePost: D-439.89  
State Proj. No.:  
S&E Proj. No.: 04.0179  
Man Days: 100

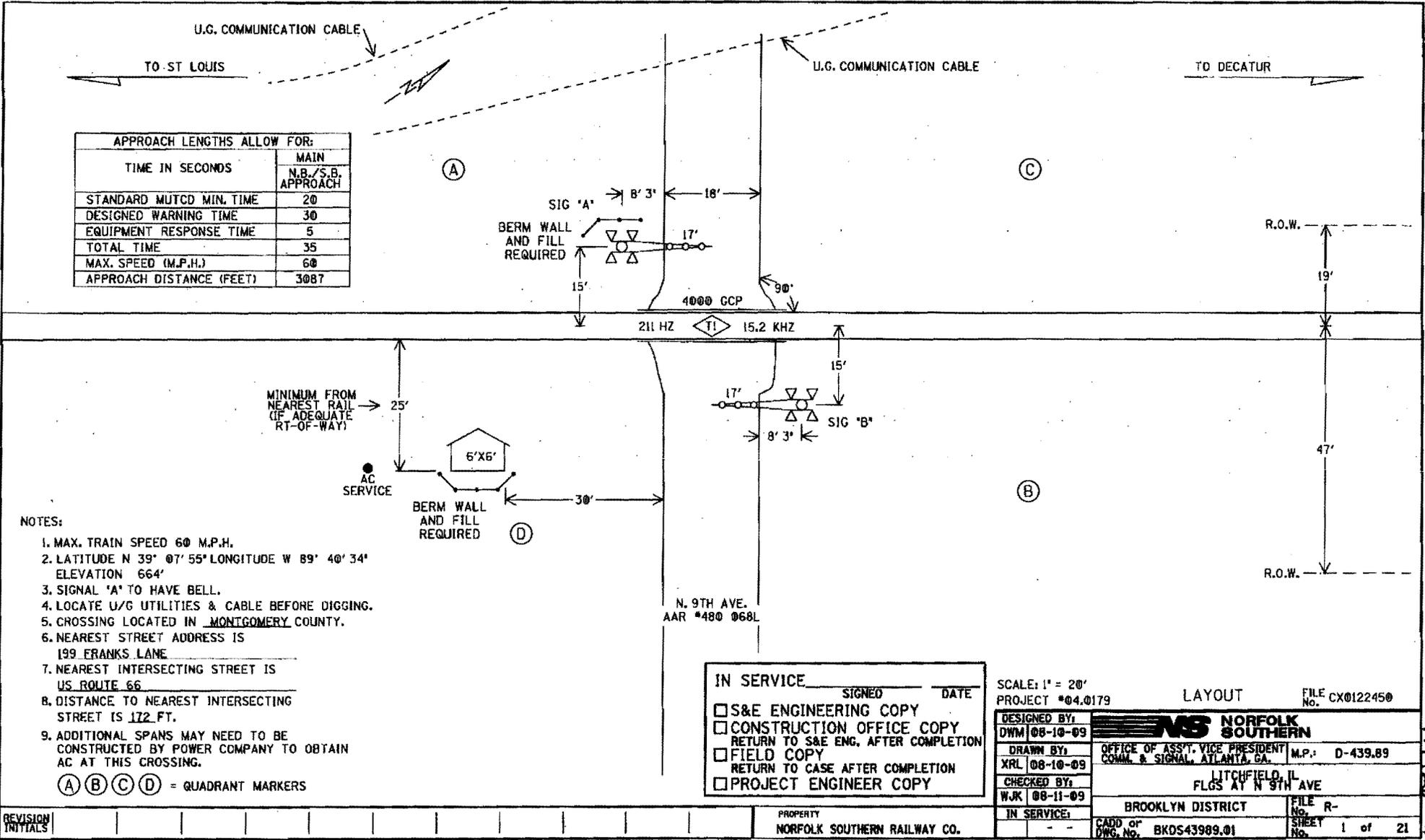
Road: N. 9TH AVE.  
DOT/AAR: 480068L  
County: MONTGOMERY  
AFE: F11446  
File Number:

<b>***Purchases - Others***</b>	
Meals and Lodging:	\$13,440.00
Rental of Equipment:	\$23,800.00
(2 Trucks, 1 Backhoe w/ Trailer and 1 Pipe-Pusher for 25 Days)	
Construction Supervision Vehicle:	\$8,307.60
Purchases - Other Total:	\$45,547.60
<b>***Material And Additives***</b>	
Material Cost:	\$127,873.00
Sales and Use Tax:	\$6,394.00
Material Handling Freight:	\$6,393.66
Material Total:	\$140,660.66
<b>***Labor And Additives***</b>	
Labor Cost:	\$28,000.00
(4 man crew at \$1,120.00 a day for: 25 days)	
Payroll Tax & Overheads:	\$37,195.20
Preliminary Engineering:	\$13,716.84
Construction Supervision:	\$15,685.60
Labor Total:	\$94,597.64
Project Cost:	\$280,805.90
Scrap / Salvage Credit:	\$0.00
<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>\$280,805.90</b>

Estimated on: 14-Sep-09

Estimated by: n5s2v

**Estimate valid for 1 year from date of estimate**



SA 1426 - EXH. B, P. 2





Section 1535.204 Grade Line of Highway Approaches

- a) Unless the Commission otherwise specifically orders, the grade line of highway approaches to grade crossings hereafter established or substantially reconstructed shall be as follows: From the outer rail of the outermost track coincident with a tangent to the tops of the rails for about 24 inches, thence for a distance of 25 feet ascending or descending at a grade which shall not deviate more than 1% from said tangent, thence to the right-of-way line (and as far beyond as the Commission's control may extend in any case) at a grade not to exceed 5%. Where super-elevated track or tracks make strict compliance with this Section impractical the grade of approaches shall be constructed so as to provide the best vertical alignment under the circumstances with due regard to surface regularity.
- b) The width, transverse contour, type of surface or pavement, and other characteristics of each such approach to a grade crossing shall be suitable for the highway and shall in every case conform to the requirements of good practice.

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION  
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Date December 2, 2009

The South Litchfield Township Road District meeting on 12/3/2009,  
(Date)

Resolved to authorize

Raymond Akeman Highway Commissioner  
(Name, Office)

to act as its designated agent in the processing of this Stipulated Agreement and that the South Litchfield Township Road District is financially willing and able to pay a portion of the cost for the proposed improvements as outlined in Section 2 of this Agreement.

**ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION  
TRANSPORTATION DIVISION / RAIL SAFETY SECTION**

**PROJECT STATUS REPORT:**

**TYPE:** (CHECK ONE)

PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/>
COMPLETION	<input type="checkbox"/>

DATE	12-11-09
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**PROJECT INFORMATION:**

Reporting Party:	Norfolk Southern Railway Company
Docket/Order #; Date:	TOQ-0110
Status Reports Due:	6 Months from Order Date
Ordered Completion Date:	12 Months from Order Date
Completion Report Due <sup>1</sup> :	Within 10 days of Completion Date
AAR/DOT#, Milepost:	480 068L, MP 439.92-WA
Street, (in/near) City, County:	N. 9 <sup>th</sup> Av. near Litchfield, Montgomery Co.
Railroad Company:	Norfolk Southern

<sup>1</sup>Completion reports involving changes to the railroad crossing must include an updated USDOT Inventory Form.

**PROJECT MANAGER INFORMATION<sup>2</sup>:**

Name:	Dennis Keith
Title:	Production and Material Control
Representing:	Norfolk Southern
Street Address:	99 Spring Street, Box 123
City, State, Zip:	Atlanta, Georgia 30303
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Office Fax:	404-527-1174
Cellular Phone:	
E-Mail Address:	dlkeith@nscorp.com

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**STATUS OF WORK:** (use additional blank sheet, if necessary)

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527 E. Capitol Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62701-1827

If you have questions contact:

Aaron Toliver, Rail Safety Specialist  
Phone: (217) 785-8420  
Email: [atoliver@icc.illinois.gov](mailto:atoliver@icc.illinois.gov)

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**SIGNAL WORK**

Illinois Department of Transportation  
Fiscal Control Unit  
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2300 S. Dirksen Parkway  
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IDOT, District ##  
Address

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Name:	Ruben Boehler
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Representing:	South Litchfield Township
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City, State, Zip:	Hillsboro, IL 62049
Office Phone:	217/532-6109
Office Fax:	217/532-6642
Cellular Phone:	
E-Mail Address:	r.boehler@gmail.com

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