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Attachments: [Walter Strawn GSU Review Comments - 5.8.2014.pdf](#)

Hello Larry,

Just FYI, this document concerning comments sought by IDOT's consultant Arlin Willams was forwarded to me by ICC rail safety staff. I believe this inquiry is related to the high speed rail project. (I haven't been able to open the .pdf due to damage to the file).

Due to the ongoing litigation concerning the Strawn Road Crossing in T01-0064, ICC Rail Safety Staff will not be providing comments concerning suggested modifications to the crossing apart from those related to potential negotiation and compromise between the parties to the litigation. Furthermore, if IDOT staff or consultants have any questions concerning potential modification to the crossing as part of an effort to resolve Docket T01-0064, as IDOT's attorney, please have those inquiries directed to you and then forward on to me and I will communicate them to our rail safety staff. Please do not have the IDOT staff or consultants contact rail safety staff at ICC directly concerning proposed modifications to the crossing to avoid ex parte communications in Docket T01-0064.

If IDOT staff wishes to have a discussion concerning potential modification to the crossing that might assist in the resolution of T01-0064, do not hesitate to contact me so we can arrange a meeting at which counsel for both parties can be present.

Thank you.

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PMC Team and ICC,

Comments from IDOT D1 are attached.

There is one particular comment that URS needs feedback from the ICC & PMC Team before proceeding. It is Comment #1 in the attached.

IDOT is asking for an additional left turn lane on Strawn for EB traffic. To the best of my knowledge, this does not improve the LOS of the intersection (capacity is overwhelming) and secondly, this could cause a trap to the vehicle in the new left turn lane that does not have access to the new emergency escape area to the right (SB) or the median (NB). Is the second turn lane desired for the short term fix? I understand this crossings may be undergoing greater changes after a large scale traffic study by others. We will need the team's support in our response to D1.

We appreciate the ICC's expeditious response.

Thank you,

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