

Docket No.: T14-0112
Bench Date: 03/11/2015
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

FROM: Latrice Kirkland-Montaque, Chief Administrative Law Judge

DATE: February 26, 2015

SUBJECT: Village of Frankfort, a municipal corporation;
Petitioner,

v.

The Wisconsin Central Ltd., an Illinois Corporation;
Respondent.

Petition for an Order to improve the Pfeiffer Road (AAR/DOT #260 627C, railroad milepost 15.06) highway-rail crossing with Wisconsin Central's track, in the Village of Frankfort, with a multi-use trail.

RECOMMENDATION: Enter Order approving Petition.

On September 16, 2014, the Village of Frankfort filed a Petition with the Commission seeking authority to modify the roadway through the crossing of the Wisconsin Central main track at Pfeiffer Road in the Village of Frankfort in Will County.

Frankfort is seeking authority to modify the roadway at the Pfeiffer Road crossing to include a multi-use path in accordance with the plan's exhibits included with the Petition. The creation of the pathway will increase pedestrian and bicyclist usage. There are nearby entities that will draw usage such as a children's camp, athletic fields, a splash pad, a shopping center and a public library.

In conjunction with this modification, the warning devices will be upgraded to include supplemental pedestrian gates for the multi-use path. The Petitioner agrees to reimburse WC for the costs incurred for the engineering and installation of the widened crossing surface and for the costs associated with the additional gates.

This project has received approval from the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Authority. The proposed budget for this path is \$450,000.00,

80% of which will be funded by the Transportation Alternative Program. The budget for the crossing improvements is \$150,000.00 and WC will be reimbursed for its costs.

Respondent has no objection to the installation of the pathway and its crossing at Pfeiffer Road. However, it objects to the installation of the pedestrian crossing gates due to its belief that the pedestrian traffic would not reach the numbers that would warrant the cost of installing pedestrian crossing gates.

Staff concurs with the need for the project, and supports the installation of pedestrian crossing gates.

I recommend entry of the attached Order approving installation of the sidewalk.