

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

PROJECT STATUS REPORT:

TYPE: (CHECK ONE)

PROGRESS	X
COMPLETION	

DATE	December 22, 2015
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PROJECT INFORMATION:

Reporting Party:	ICC Railroad Safety Section Staff
Docket/Order #; Date:	T13-0048; Entered 03/25/2015
Status Reports Due:	Every 6 Months from Order Date
Ordered Completion Date:	03/25/2016
Completion Report Due:	Within 5 days of Completion Date
AAR/DOT#, Milepost:	AAR/DOT #153 041C, railroad milepost BC-320.74
Street, (in/near) City, County:	West State Street in O'Fallon, St. Clair Co.
Railroad Company:	CSX Transportation, Inc.

PROJECT MANAGER INFORMATION:

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DESCRIPTION OF IMPROVEMENT(S) ORDERED:

- 1) City establish a new pedestrian sidewalk crossing and approaches within the roadway right-of-way along the west edge of the State Street crossing of CSX's track – **Completed (see inspection photos attached).**
- 2) CSX remove existing crossing surface and install a new continuous, approximately 150-foot full-depth concrete crossing surface, per Order and Ill. Admin Code requirements – **Completed (see inspection photos attached).**
- 3) CSX design and install an auxiliary flasher unit with a bell in the northwest quadrant of the crossing to augment the existing automatic warning devices – **Not Completed (see inspection photos attached).**

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

I inspected the West State Street Crossing on December 4, 2015 and found that the all of the work required of the City of O'Fallon by ICC Order T13-0048 has been completed. The only outstanding work item yet to be completed is for CSX Transportation, Inc. to install an auxiliary flasher unit in the northwest crossing quadrant; however, CSX unexpectedly ceased train operations and subsequently filed a Form 1 notice with the ICC, dated October 2, 2015, seeking approval to take the State Street crossing warning devices out of service [see Form 1 and ICC Railroad Safety Section (RSS) Response Letter, dated October 15, 2015, attached]. **See following pages.**

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Because the warning devices and track segment are currently out of service, and trains cannot physically enter the track segment that includes this crossing, there is no current safety benefit associated with the immediate installation of the auxiliary signal. Accordingly, ICC RSS Staff will not object to CSX filing a Petition for a Supplemental Order for a time extension, to and including 12/31/2017, to see if CSX's business needs warrant the resumption of trains during the ensuing time frame.

Per ICC RSS Staff's Response Letter to CSX's Form 1 notice, if the resumption of trains is not undertaken between now and 10/15/2017, ICC RSS Staff will recommend that a Hearing be scheduled for the purpose of seeking an Order for EXEMPT signs, and to address the Order requirement for an auxiliary signal in advance of a 12/31/2017 time extension expiration (if sought and granted).

If the City of O'Fallon (initial funding) and CSX (installation work & future maintenance costs) instead agree to continue with the auxiliary signal installation, on or before 03/25/2016, per the current T13-0048 Order requirement, ICC RSS Staff's recommendation is that TRACKS OUT OF SERVICE signs be installed on the new auxiliary signal mast and that the flasher lamps and hoods be left off of the auxiliary mast until such time as the track and signals are to be returned to service, following a 45 day minimum notification period, as noted in ICC RSS Staff's Form 1 Response Letter of October 15, 2015. These recommendations are also consistent with guidance provided in Chapter 8 of the most current edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and Illinois Supplement (ILMUTCD).

Aaron T. Toliver, P.E.
Railroad Safety Specialist

**APPROX. LOCATION
FOR PROPOSED
AUXILIARY SIGNAL**



STATE OF ILLINOIS



ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION TRANSPORTATION BUREAU / RAIL SAFETY SECTION

Michael E. Stead

Rail Safety Program Administrator

October 15, 2015

Ms. Amanda J. DeCesare
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Dear Ms. DeCesare:

This letter is in response to the CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSX) Form 1 notice, received October 6, 2015, concerning temporarily taking crossing warning devices out of service, until business needs warrant the resumption of trains, at the following locations in St. Clair County, Illinois:

US DOT	Milepost	City, County (in/near)	Street or Highway
153019P	BC-311.58	Summerfield, St. Clair Co. (in)	Main St./FAS 845
153026A	BC-314.61	Lebanon, St. Clair Co. (in)	Madison St./IL 4
153036F	BC-319.78	O'Fallon, St. Clair Co. (in)	Smiley St./FAU 9174
153037M	BC-320.15	O'Fallon, St. Clair Co. (in)	Vine St./MUN 6120
153038U	BC-320.23	O'Fallon, St. Clair Co. (in)	Lincoln St./FAU 9173
153039B	BC-320.31	O'Fallon, St. Clair Co. (in)	Cherry St./MUN 6284
153040V	BC-320.40	O'Fallon, St. Clair Co. (in)	Oak St./MUN 6270
153041C	BC-320.74	O'Fallon, St. Clair Co. (in)	West State St./FAU 9164
153042J	BC-321.20	O'Fallon, St. Clair Co. (in)	Obernueffemann Rd./ FAU 9170
153047T	BC-323.29	Fairview Heights, St. Clair Co. (in)	Old Collinsville Rd./ FAU 9168
153049G	BC-325.59	Fairview Heights, St. Clair Co. (in)	E. O'Fallon Rd./FAU 9148
153052P	BC-327.04	Caseyville, St. Clair Co. (in)	E. O'Fallon Rd./FAU 9148
153053W	BC-327.91	Caseyville, St. Clair Co. (in)	Main St./IL 157

This office takes no exception to the modifications proposed by CSX on the Form 1, including CSX's installation and maintenance of TRACKS OUT OF SERVICE (R8-9) signs at each crossing. CSX shall continue to maintain the crossing surface/approaches and signs/signals at each crossing in accordance with 92 Ill. Adm. Code 1535.206 and 1535.208, respectively, for the duration of the temporary change.

To accompany or replace a Form 2 as notice of completion, please send this office a completely updated United States Department of Transportation Inventory Form (#6180.71) for each crossing within five (5) days of the completion of the proposed modifications. Please select "No Train Traffic" as the "Reason for Update" and update the "Part III: Highway or Pathway Traffic Control Device Information" to accurately reflect the installation of the TRACKS OUT OF SERVICE (R8-9) signs and removal of the gate arms or YIELD (R1-2) signs, where present.

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CSX will need to provide this office and the highway authorities with forty-five (45) days notice prior to resuming any train traffic and placing the crossing warning devices back in service. This notification period is necessary to allow adequate time for the highway authorities to notify emergency responders and school districts of the change, and for Illinois Commerce Commission Railroad Safety Section Staff (Staff) to schedule and complete any reviews and inspections of the crossings and warning devices that may be needed. Accordingly, this letter shall be considered in advance as Staff's written objection, per 92 Ill. Adm. Code 1535.400(c), to any proposed change by CSX that would resume train traffic and place the crossing warning devices back in service with less than forty-five (45) days advance notice.

Finally, per 92 Ill. Adm. Code 1535.400(b)(3), this approval is conditional upon the temporary nature of the proposed change. If CSX should not seek to resume train traffic and place the crossing warning devices back in service within twenty-four (24) months from the date of this letter, CSX will need to file a formal petition for a hearing, before a Commission Administrative Law Judge, seeking to install EXEMPT signs and to formalize permanent changes at each crossing by a Commission Order. At a hearing, Staff may recommend additional permanent changes, up to and including the complete removal of the track and warning devices to fully eliminate the crossing, as provided under the Illinois Commercial Transportation Law (625 ILCS 5/18c) and the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) at abandoned crossings.

I trust this information will be helpful. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Aaron Toliver, Railroad Safety Specialist, at (217) 785-8420 or atoliver@icc.illinois.gov.

Very truly yours,



Michael E. Stead
Rail Safety Program Administrator

Enclosure

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City of O'Fallon
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October 12, 2015

City of O'Fallon
Honorable Mayor Gary L. Graham
255 S. Lincoln Avenue
O'Fallon, IL 62208

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Re: Notice of change in grade crossing marking or warning devices.

Crossing DOT 153 036F, MP BC 319.78, O'Fallon, IL
Crossing DOT 153 037M, MP BC 320.15, O'Fallon, IL
Crossing DOT 153 038U, MP BC 320.23, O'Fallon, IL
Crossing DOT 153 039B, MP BC 320.31, O'Fallon, IL
Crossing DOT 153 040V, MP BC 320.40, O'Fallon, IL
Crossing DOT 153 041C, MP BC 320.74, O'Fallon, IL
Crossing DOT 153 042J, MP BC 321.20, O'Fallon, IL

In accordance with Title 92 Illinois Administrative Code §1535.400, notice is hereby given that pursuant to the track(s) at the above crossing(s) being temporarily taken out of service, the following minor change in marking and/or warning devices at the above crossing(s) is as follows:

As to "crossbucks only" locations, "R8-9 Tracks Out of Service" signs will be installed on masts/posts. Said sign will replace the "Yield" signs.

As to crossings with active warning devices, in addition to "R8-9 Tracks Out of Service" signs installed on masts/posts, the warning signal heads will be rotated, as per the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUCTD), to reflect that the signals are not in operation. Any gate arms will also be removed.

Also in accordance with Title 92 Illinois Administrative Code §1535 and the MUCTD, CSX Transportation, Inc. will be responsible for maintaining the warning devices and the crossing surface(s) in good and safe condition until such time as service is restored or, alternatively, the track and warning devices are removed to eliminate the crossing(s) entirely. In either event, your agency and the Illinois Commerce Commission will be notified at least 15 days in advance of the proposed change.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

STATE OF ILLINOIS
Illinois Commerce Commission
Transportation Division

Form 1

Notice of proposed minor change in crossing protection under 92 Illinois Administrative Code 1535.400(b) and (c).

Date: **October 2, 2015**

To the Illinois Commerce Commission:

CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC. hereby gives notice that it proposes to make a change, designated as a minor change under 92 Illinois Administrative Code 1535.400 (b) and (c) in crossing Number **(see attachment)** located near **(see attachment)**, being the crossing of **(see attachment)**, with **(see attachment)**. A full statement of proposed changes are as follows:

Temporary change: railroad crossings temporarily taken out of service until business needs warrant resumption of trains.

1. As to "crossbucks only" grade crossing locations, "R8-9 Tracks Out of Service" signs will be installed on masts/posts. Said sign will replace the "Yield" signs on the crossbuck assemblies.
2. As to grade crossings with active warning devices, in addition to "R8-9 Tracks Out of Service" signs installed on masts/posts, the warning signal heads will be rotated, as per MUTCD 8B.10, to reflect that the signals are not in operation. Any gate arms will also be removed.
3. The temporary changes at each grade crossing will remain in effect until such time that the grade crossing is returned to service, or until such time as the track(s) and warning devices are removed to eliminate the grade crossing. In either event, a Form 1 Notice will be provided to the Commission with due notice, per 92 Ill. Admin. Code 1535.400.
4. The grade crossings and approaches will continue to be maintained in accordance with 92 Ill. Admin. Code 1535.206 for the duration of the temporary change.
5. The grade crossing signs, signals and other warning devices will continue to be maintained in accordance with 92 Ill. Admin. Code 1535.208 for the duration of the temporary change.

CSX Transportation, Inc

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