

STATE OF ILLINOIS



ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION TRANSPORTATION BUREAU / RAIL SAFETY SECTION

Michael E. Stead

Rail Safety Program Administrator

October 15, 2015

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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 Marion County, Illinois:

US DOT	Milepost	City, County (in/near)	Street or Highway
152923S	BC-255.28	Iuka, Marion Co. (near)	Waggoner Rd./TR 512
152924Y	BC-257.32	Iuka, Marion Co. (near)	Skillet Fork Rd./TR 464B
152926M	BC-258.33	Iuka, Marion Co. (near)	Landmark Rd./TR 442D
152928B	BC-259.33	Iuka, Marion Co. (in)	Main St./FAS 789
152929H	BC-259.40	Iuka, Marion Co. (in)	Cherry St./MUN 6900
152930C	BC-260.32	Iuka, Marion Co. (near)	Duis Rd./TR 410A
152931J	BC-261.32	Iuka, Marion Co. (near)	Metcalf Rd./TR 388
152933X	BC-263.08	Salem, Marion Co. (near)	Bannister Rd./CH 21
152935L	BC-264.33	Salem, Marion Co. (near)	Peach Tree Rd./TR 336
152936T	BC-264.97	Salem, Marion Co. (near)	Kim Lane/TR 318
152937A	BC-265.35	Salem, Marion Co. (near)	County Farm Rd./CH 19
152938G	BC-266.44	Salem, Marion Co. (near)	Robin Rd./TR 280
152940H	BC-267.45	Salem, Marion Co. (in)	Marion Ave./FAU 8566
152941P	BC-267.74	Salem, Marion Co. (in)	Broadway Ave./IL 37
152942W	BC-267.94	Salem, Marion Co. (in)	College Ave./FAU 8564
152944K	BC-268.79	Salem, Marion Co. (in)	Westgate Ave./MUN 7225
152946Y	BC-269.39	Salem, Marion Co. (in)	Hotze Rd./FAU 8571
152947F	BC-269.93	Salem, Marion Co. (in)	Industrial Dr./MUN 6600
152948M	BC-270.43	Salem, Marion Co. (in)	Selmaville Rd./FAU 8570
152949U	BC-271.42	Odin, Marion Co. (near)	Hoots Chapel Rd./TR 150
915471U	BC-273.51	Odin, Marion Co. (in)	Perkins St./FAS 1793
152955X	BC-273.70	Odin, Marion Co. (in)	Merritt St./MUN 7500
152956E	BC-273.89	Odin, Marion Co. (in)	Linton St./MUN 7300
152959A	BC-275.39	Sandoval, Marion Co. (near)	Norton Rd./TR 64
152961B	BC-276.90	Sandoval, Marion Co. (in)	Mine St./US 51
152962H	BC-277.11	Sandoval, Marion Co. (in)	Broadway St./MUN 7000
152963P	BC-277.26	Sandoval, Marion Co. (in)	Main St./MUN 6700

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

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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.

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,



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Rail Safety Program Administrator

Enclosure

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Villages of Iuka, Sandoval & Odin
City of Salem

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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.

By 
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DOT inventory number	(in or near) City or village County	Street or highway	Designation of tracks or lines to be crossed
152923S	IUKA, Marion County	WAGGONER RD/ TR 512	CSX Illinois Div MP BC 255.28
152924Y	IUKA, Marion County	SKILLET FORK RD/TR464B	CSX Illinois Div MP BC 257.32
152926M	IUKA, Marion County	LANDMARK RD/TR442D	CSX Illinois Div MP BC 258.33
152928B	IUKA, Marion County	MAIN/FAS 789	CSX Illinois Div MP BC 259.33
152929H	IUKA, Marion County	CHERRY/MUN6900	CSX Illinois Div MP BC 259.40
152930C	IUKA, Marion County	DUIS RD/TR410A	CSX Illinois Div MP BC 260.32
152931J	IUKA, Marion County	METCALF RD/TR 388	CSX Illinois Div MP BC 261.32
152933X	SALEM, Marion County	BANNISTER RD/CH 21	CSX Illinois Div MP BC 263.08
152935L	SALEM, Marion County	PEACH TREE RD/TR336	CSX Illinois Div MP BC 264.33
152936T	SALEM, Marion County	KIM LANE/TR 318	CSX Illinois Div MP BC 264.94
152937A	SALEM, Marion County	COUNTY FARM RD/ CH 19	CSX Illinois Div MP BC 265.35
152938G	SALEM, Marion County	ROBIN RD/TR 280	CSX Illinois Div MP BC 266.44
152940H	SALEM, Marion County	MARION AVE FAU 8566	CSX Illinois Div MP BC 267.45
152941P	SALEM, Marion County	BROADWAY/ILL 37	CSX Illinois Div MP BC 267.74
152942W	SALEM, Marion County	COLLEGE AVE/FAU 8564	CSX Illinois Div MP BC 267.94
152944K	SALEM, Marion County	WESTGATE AVE/MUN 7225	CSX Illinois Div MP BC268.79
152946Y	SALEM, Marion County	HOTZE RD/FAU 8571	CSX Illinois Div MP BC 269.39
152947F	SALEM, Marion County	INDUSTRIAL DR/MUN 6600	CSX Illinois Div MP BC 269.93
152948M	SALEM, Marion County	SELMAVILLE RD/FAU 8570	CSX Illinois Div MP BC 270.43
152949U	ODIN, Marion County	HOOTS CHAPEL RD/TR 150	CSX Illinois Div MP BC 271.42
915471U	ODIN, Marion County	PERKINS ST/FAS 1793	CSX Illinois Div MP BC 273.51
152955X	ODIN, Marion County	MERRITT ST/MUN 7500	CSX Illinois Div MP BC 273.70
152956E	ODIN, Marion County	LINTON ST/MUN 7300	CSX Illinois Div MP BC 273.89
152959A	SANDOVAL, Marion County	NORTON RD/TR 64	CSX Illinois Div MPBC 275.39
152961B	SANDOVAL, Marion County	MINE ST/ US 51	CSX Illinois Div MP BC 276.90
152962H	SANDOVAL, Marion County	BROADWAY ST/MUN 7000	CSX Illinois Div MP BC 277.11
152963P	SANDOVAL, Marion County	MAIN ST/ MUN 6700	CSX Illinois Div MP BC 277.26