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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

FROM: Michael E. Stead, Railroad Safety Program Administrator

DATE: July 20, 2016

SUBJECT: Norfolk Southern Railway Company, the Village of Hartford, and the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation.

Stipulated Agreement regarding improving public safety at the Robbins Road highway-rail grade crossing of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company's tracks in Hartford, Madison County, Illinois, designated as crossing AAR/DOT #328022K, railroad milepost AE-18.5.

RECOMMENDATION: Enter Order approving Stipulated Agreement.

The recommended Order accepts the terms of Stipulated Agreement 1905, executed by the above named parties, which requires the installation of new automatic flashing light signals and gates, as well as replacement of the advance warning signs and pavement markings at the Robbins Road crossing of NS's track in Hartford, Madison County. The project came to the attention of the Rail Safety Section via an application from NS.

The total estimated cost for the new automatic warning devices is \$261,966. Staff recommends that the Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF) be used to pay 95% of the signal installation costs, not to exceed \$248,868. NS will pay all remaining installation costs, and all future operating and maintenance costs related to the automatic warning devices.

The Village of Harford will pay all costs for replacing and maintaining the advance warning signs and pavement markings. Staff recommends that the placement of the advance warning signs and pavement markings be considered the Village's contribution to the project.

All work is to be completed within twelve (12) months from the Order date. I recommend entry of the attached Order.

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