



# Illinois Department of Transportation

## Memorandum

To: Bruce Dinkheller Attn: Thomas Siekmann  
From: Darrell W. McMurray  
Subject: Grade Crossing Protection Funds  
Date: September 4, 2002

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Illinois Commerce Commission  
RAIL SAFETY SECTION

City of Granite City  
ICC Docket T02-0067  
Pontoon Road Overpass Project  
Section No. 02-00181-00-ES

*Correspondence*

We have reviewed the city's August 28, 2002 request for a Grade Crossing Protection Fund advancement in the amount of \$500,000. In order to assist the city with initial payments for preliminary engineering costs, we agree to the request and will process payment of the initial \$500,000 upon the issuance of an ICC order allocating these funds and receipt of an invoice from your office.

We believe it is appropriate for the city to also bill us for progressive engineering costs, as payments are made until we reach the maximum "not to exceed" amount eligible from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund as set forth in the ICC order.

Engineer of Local Roads and Streets

*Larry D Houser*

By: Larry D. Houser  
Local Project Implementation Engineer

cc- Mike Stead, Illinois Commerce Commission

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# City of Granite City

Granite City, Illinois 62040

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August 28, 2002

Bruce A. Dinkheller, P.E.  
District Engineer  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
1102 Eastport Plaza Drive  
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RE: City of Granite City  
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Dear Mr. Dinkheller:

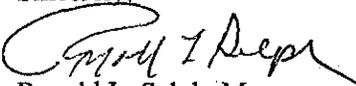
Please be advised that a hearing on the above-referenced matter is scheduled before the Illinois Commerce Commission on Thursday, September 12, 2002.

The petition, a copy of which is enclosed for your reference, states the initial design phase of the project is to be 100% funded by the Grade Crossing Protection Fund. It is our understanding that once an order is issued by the ICC, the funding is established. Therefore, in order to assure timely processing of pay requests throughout the project, we respectfully request \$500,000.00 be advanced to the City of Granite City from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund. The City Treasurer will establish a separate account for these funds. As the project progresses, monthly payment estimates will be forwarded for processing. Advance funding has been discussed with Mr. Jeff Harpring of the Central Office and representatives of the City.

It is our further understanding that after receipt of the initial \$500,000.00, IDOT will continue to reimburse the City for the monthly pay estimates until maximum state and Grade Crossing Protection funds are expended.

As the hearing process is initiating, we are attempting to establish the City's cash flow for the estimated \$23,000,000+ project.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this request, please advise. Your time and consideration given this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
  
Ronald L. Selph, Mayor

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cc: ✓ Jeff Harpring, IDOT  
Tom Siekmann, IDOT  
Ed Fitzhenry, City Attorney