

IV. Project Location Map and/or Photographs

A project location map must be included with the application. The project location map must show the crossing(s) for which application is being submitted, as well as any other improvements that are being submitted in conjunction with this application. If project is a part of a "corridor" project, indicate the limits of the entire "corridor" on the map. Paper size shall not exceed 11 x 17 inches. **If the pedestrian bridge will replace a grade crossing, provide a minimum of 4 digital photographs of the existing crossing (photos should show the existing warning devices, the existing crossing surface, and the existing highway approaches). If the new structure will replace an existing bridge, provide a minimum of 3 digital photographs of the existing structure (photos should show the width of the existing roadway surface on the bridge, the existing bridge spanning the railroad track, and the existing highway approaches.)**

V. Project Summary.

Application to (check all that apply):

- Reconstruct Existing Grade Separation Construct New Grade Separation
 Close Adjacent Crossing Increase Vertical Clearance at Highway Underpass
 Other (please specify) _____

Is application for: Design Only Construction only Design and Construction

Is application part of a larger "corridor" project: Yes No

Use the space below to provide a narrative of the proposed project. Items to include in this section are extenuating circumstances unique to this crossing, such as heavier seasonal traffic, visibility restrictions caused by trees, buildings, etc., proximity of schools and public buildings, etc., which explain why this crossing should be funded. Explain any work to be done by the local agency, such as roadway improvements in the immediate vicinity of the grade separation project. Approximate costs must be listed for each item of work to be done.

Provide a copy of feasibility or preliminary design report for a new structure, or a bridge condition report for an existing structure.

VI. Evidence of Community Effort and Support

Any preliminary engineering or planning studies, along with cost estimates, that have been prepared for this project must be included with your application. List any past efforts to improve safety at railroad crossings within applicant's jurisdiction. Any studies that have been conducted, regarding railroad crossing elimination or consolidation, must also be included.

VII. Financial Need

This narrative must justify the local government's need for assistance from the GCPF. One copy of the applicant's most recent financial audit must be included with your application (local government agencies only).

VIII. Project Schedule

Provide information on when this project is anticipated to commence, or when improvements must be implemented. Provide an approximate time-line listing key milestones concerning the design and/or construction phases of the project.

Forms may be submitted by electronic mail or regular mail. Mailing addresses are noted below:

Email: to ICC.Railsafety@illinois.gov

Regular Mail: Rail Safety Program Administrator
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 E. Capitol Avenue
Springfield, Illinois 62701

[NOTE: ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE DIGITAL PHOTOS OF THE GRADE CROSSING, HIGHWAY-RAIL BRIDGE, or PEDESTRIAN-RAIL BRIDGE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE APPLICATION. ANY APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED WITHOUT THE PHOTOS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNTIL THE PHOTOS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE ICC RAIL SAFETY SECTION.]