

Henry County Railroad Safety Task Force
Friday, June 6, 2008
MEETING MINUTES

The Henry County Railroad Safety Task Force met Friday, June 6, 2008, at 1:00 p.m., at the Monroe Township Firehouse in Malinta. The following is the list of people in attendance and their respected email addresses:

Name	Email
Nicholas Rettig	hencopc@bright.net
Bob Hastedt	bhastedt@henry-net.com
Chris Holt	christian.holt@puc.state.oh.us
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Not in attendance: Nancy Hatfield, Ken Gilsdorf, Rich Bennett, Richard Gill, and Craig Schneiderbauer

The following matters were discussed:

- Patrick McColley signed everyone in
- National Gateway Project
 - *Upgrading CSX's rail lines*
 - *Double stack trains to be moving through the after the upgrades are complete*
 - *North Baltimore to be CSX's hub (Like Detroit Airport is for Northwest Airlines)*
 - *See attached "CSX Expansion Project Meeting" file*
- Randy and Patrick informed the task force of letters received regarding railroads in Henry County, of which include:
 - *A letter from Michelle Erford regarding the Indiana and Ohio rail crossing at Township Road K*
 - *A letter from Jacob Berg regarding stone being used to fill the gap between the rails at the Indiana and Ohio rail crossing at Township Road B*
 - *Letter forwarded to Chris Holt*
 - *A letter from Jacob Rettig regarding the approach grade for the I&O rail crossing on Township Road E*
 - *Will look into increased signage and pavement markings*
 - *A letter from Ashley Klein regarding uneven tracks at County Road M and the I&O rail crossing*
- Discussed the financial difficulties the Indiana and Ohio Railroad Company is having
- Discussed researching alternatives to the current crossing at County Road E and State Route 18
 - *When school buses are on County Road E and stop at State Route 18 the back end of the bus is over the railroad track*
 - *Chris will look into and research options and funding sources to redirect E along the railroad and connect it to County Road 7*
- Discussed the CSX railroad crossing at County Road F

- *CSX closed the road and tore up the crossing without notifying the County*
 - *Patrick documented the incident on April 22nd*
 - *Images are attached*
- Discussed ORC 4955.33 which states that each crossbuck sign shall be accompanied by the Buckeye crossing sign
 - *Chris informed us that even though that part of the law has not been redacted, a newer law has overridden that portion of the law.*
- Chris informed us that a new design for the crossbuck sign is coming
- Discussed the supplemental assistance program offered through PUCO
 - *Can get up to \$5,000 per crossing*
 - *The grant money is very easy to get*
 - *Patrick has all the forms and estimates filled out for applicable crossings along the CSX's Southwest to Northeast rail, these funds will allow the highway department to upgrade and install additional warning devices (signs, pavement markings, etc.)*
 - *The applications the Engineer's Office has filled out are for the following crossings:*
 - *County Road A (AARDOT No. 155749V)*
 - *County Road B (AARDOT No. 155750P)*
 - *County Road C (AARDOT No. 155752D)*
 - *County Road E (AARDOT No. 155761C)*
 - *County Road 3 (AARDOT No. 155751W)*
 - *Today was Bonnie Johrendt (PUCO's Grade Crossing Planner) last day*
 - *Chris suggested we try to get the supplemental assistance for the I&O next year*
- Discussed Jahns Road Crossing
 - *Maumee Western Rail Company had told Chris they would replace the stone with asphalt when the asphalt plants open*
 - *Stone is still there*
 - *Chris will contact the Railroad Company*
 - *Discussed the safety concerns regarding stone at that crossing, since that part of the railroad is just barely out of the city and there is no posted speed limit, the speed limit defaults to 55 mph*
- Chris mentioned a video on YouTube titled "Truck vs. Train" two different videos can be found at:
 - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LBR2yAAN_RM
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7HWrhtYPuR8>
 - *Or you can go to www.YouTube.com and search for "Truck Vs. Train"*
- A determination was made for the Task Force to have its next meeting in September
- Decided that Patrick will arrange the next meeting via email
- Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick McColley, E.I.
Henry County Engineer's Office