

Henry County Railroad Safety Task Force
Friday, September 19, 2008
MEETING MINUTES

The Henry County Railroad Safety Task Force met Friday, September 19, 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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Craig Schneiderbauer	craig.schneiderbauer@dot.state.oh.us
Rich Myers	rich.myers@henrycountyohio.com

Not in attendance: Nancy Hatfield, Ken Gilsdorf, Louie Streicher, Rich Bennett, Richard Gill, and Randy Germann

Additional Attendees: Sheila Naveau, Northwest Signal

The following matters were discussed:

- Everyone signed in
- Discussed Supplemental Assistance Program
 - *Passed around sample of preformed thermoplastic that will be applied at railroad grade intersections*
 - *Told taskforce that the County Engineer was approved for a \$5,000 grant per each crossing. (a total of 5 applications for 5 crossings was submitted)*
 - *The grant money is 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)*
 - *Grant money is only applicable to crossings without lights and gates*
- *Discussed Jahns Road crossing*
 - *Patrick showed recent pictures of the Jahns Road crossing*
 - *Discussed how citizens were filling the potholes at the crossing*
 - *Chris said he got an email from the Maumee-Western saying that they have contacted Gerken Paving about paving that crossing*
 - *Chris reference the O.R.C. 4955.20 and 4955.22 (<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/4955>)*
 - *Chris made the suggestion for us to get our prosecutor involved*
- *Nick discussed ditch that goes along side the CSX railroad just west of Holgate*
 - *One end of the ditch is filled up with mud and silt and does not drain properly*

- *There is an active fiber line buried around the area*
 - *Wants ditch cleaned/dipped out*
- Nick and Patrick informed the task force of complaints received regarding railroads in Henry County, of which include:
 - *A letter from Sue Gagnon regarding the Maumee-Western rail crossing at County Road 17*
 - *Nick Informed the task force of 4 phone calls the commissioners received regarding the Jahns Road Crossing*
- Discussed the crossing at County Road E and State Route 18
 - *Chris informed us that a gated crossing is much harder to close than a passive crossing*
 - *Chris has a meeting set up with the ORDC regarding that crossing*
 - *The possibility of redirecting the road increases if we are willing to close one of our roads at a rail crossing.*
- Patrick informed taskforce that meeting minutes can now be obtained online at www.henrycountyengineer.com
- Patrick will arrange the next meeting via email
- Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

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