

**Michigan Department of Transportation
Local Grade Crossing Program
Highway-Railroad Grade Crossing Elimination**

The Local Grade Crossing Program (LGCP) includes an on-going initiative to support the United States Department of Transportation's goal to reduce the nationwide number of grade crossings by twenty-five percent. To achieve this goal, the Program works with local road agencies and railroads to permanently eliminate crossings, providing funding to support the closures.

Crossing Elimination (Roadway Closure) Funding

MDOT provides cash incentives to local road authorities who elect to permanently close their roadway on both sides of a crossing. Incentives typically range from \$50,000 to \$200,000, based on an LGCP evaluation of the crossing's characteristics. These incentives are directed to a road authority's Act 51 account and may be used towards the cost of closure and/or any transportation purpose within the same jurisdiction.

Crossing Elimination (Track Relocation) Funding

MDOT provides up to 100% of actual project costs to relocate or realign active rail line with preservation of service to on-line rail customers, based on an LGCP evaluation of crossing characteristics. Incentives typically range from \$50,000-\$200,000 and are capped at the lesser value of project cost or the calculated award amount. Any costs over the capped amount are to be borne by the railroad and/or the road agency, as negotiated between the participants.

Crossing Elimination (Spur Removal) Funding

MDOT provides up to \$50,000 of actual project costs to remove spur track crossings and restore roadway surfaces not otherwise subject to abandonment law or Surface Transportation Board jurisdiction. MDOT participation is capped at the lesser value of project cost or the award amount, with priority given to roadway surface restoration. Any costs over the capped amount are to be borne by the railroad.

Benefits of Crossing Eliminations

Public Safety:	Elimination of vehicle-train crashes and their potentially tragic consequences.
Roadway Closures:	Reduced traffic speed and traffic volume on the closed street Elimination of maintenance costs for signals and surfaces Creation of quiet cul-de-sacs.... No train horns!
Track Relocation:	Improved traffic flow at removed crossing location Elimination of maintenance costs for signals and surfaces No train horns!
Spur Removal:	Improved traffic flow at removed crossing location Elimination of maintenance costs for signals and surfaces

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