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Dear Local Road Authority Partner:

**ANNUAL LOCAL GRADE CROSSING SURFACE PROGRAM CALL FOR PROJECTS**

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Office of Rail is now soliciting competitive applications from local road agencies who wish to partner with railroads to improve the condition of railroad crossing surfaces within their communities.

**This year's program will continue to use the OneSpan on-line application tool as introduced last year. The OneSpan platform complies with the State's requirement for collecting and certifying electronic signatures. Applicants will be required to accept the Agreement to Electronically Sign State of Michigan Documents prior to completing the 2071 application form. Details and instructions are on our web site (link provided below).**

As always, there is no cost or obligation for local road agencies to participate in this program. If selected, projects are covered by 60% state funding with a 40% railroad match.

This program is specifically for the repair or reconstruction of railroad crossing surfaces and only covers work items that are to be performed by the railroad company. By law, roadway approach repairs remain the responsibility of the road agency and the establishing legislation specifically excludes roadway approach work from participation in crossing surface project awards.

Guidance for the 2025 Program follows below:

- Applications may only be submitted by local road authorities, in cooperation with a participating railroad.
- **Applications must include detailed railroad estimates, proof of 40% railroad match, and updated traffic counts.**
- Eligible project costs include materials, labor and equipment for railroad work items: engineering costs and roadway approach work are not eligible.
- **Applications will be accepted if received via OneSpan by September 30, 2024.**
- Project selection will be in compliance with the criteria established by law.
- **Applications will be evaluated and projects should be selected/announced by late November.**

*It is incumbent upon railroads and road agencies to work together to assure that applications are complete and accurate.* It should also be noted there are significant public advantages if a proposed project includes coordinated adjacent road work. Therefore, road agencies are encouraged to seek opportunities to combine adjacent roadway surface improvement projects with any pending railroad crossing surface applications, as this project category will receive priority consideration in the 2025 Program.

This program is administered in compliance with enabling legislation, details of which can be found in Act 51, MCL 247.661(1)(d). Application materials and instructions are available on-line at [www.michigan.gov/mdotrail](http://www.michigan.gov/mdotrail), and a list of railroad contact information is attached for your reference. Please feel free to contact the Local Grade Crossing office directly at 517-897-2103 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Rail Safety & Administration Section

Enclosure: Railroad Crossing Contact List

# **RAILROAD CROSSING CONTACT LIST**

<b>Adrian &amp; Blissfield Railroad (ADBF)</b>	Chris Bagwell (989) 251-7220
<b>AMTRAK</b>	Troy Mason (312) 544-5152
<b>Ann Arbor Railroad (AA)</b>	Steve Ayala (419) 206-8172
<b>Charlotte Southern Railroad (CHS)</b>	Chris Bagwell (989) 251-7220
<b>Canadian National (CN)</b>	Thomas Brasseur (248) 452-4854
<b>Conrail (CR)</b>	Larry Henshaw (856) 231-2182
<b>Coopersville &amp; Marne Railway (CM)</b>	Tom Byle (616) 293-3126
<b>CSX Transportation (CSX)</b>	Brad Armstrong (513) 853-1221
<b>Delray Connecting Railroad (DC)</b>	Joseph Campeau (313) 749-5209
<b>Detroit Connecting Railroad (DCON)</b>	Chris Bagwell (989) 251-7220
<b>Escanaba &amp; Lake Superior Railroad (ELS)</b>	Tyler Delvaux (906) 399-7972
<b>Grand Elk Railroad (GDLK)</b>	Joe Grupeczynski (269) 365-7513
<b>Grand Rapids Eastern Railroad (GRE)</b>	Luke Ziesemer (989) 529-0022
<b>Great Lakes Central Railroad (GLC)</b>	Mike Livermore (989) 429-3111
<b>Huron &amp; Eastern Railway (HE)</b>	Luke Ziesemer (989) 529-0022
<b>Indiana Northeastern Railroad (IN)</b>	Troy Strane (517) 278-4614
<b>Indiana &amp; Ohio Railway (IO)</b>	Michael McGraw (513) 222-5301
<b>Jackson &amp; Lansing Railroad</b>	Chris Bagwell (989) 251-7220
<b>Lapeer Industrial Railroad (LIRR)</b>	Chris Bagwell (989) 251-7220
<b>Lake State Railway (LSRC)</b>	Mark Pennell (989) 529-6640
<b>Lake Superior &amp; Ishpeming (LSI)</b>	Charles Bleau (906) 282-9897
<b>Marquette Rail (MQT)</b>	Luke Ziesemer (989) 529-0022
<b>Michigan Shore Railroad (MS)</b>	Luke Ziesemer (989) 529-0022
<b>Michigan Southern Railroad (MSO)</b>	Derek Metts (904) 265-0617
<b>Mid-Michigan Railroad (MM)</b>	Luke Ziesemer (989) 529-0022
<b>Mineral Range Railroad (MR)</b>	Christopher Jones (608) 745-8009
<b>Norfolk Southern Railway (NS)</b>	Rick Meredith (404) 782-1805
<b>West Michigan Railroad (WMI)</b>	Mike Hnatiuk (989) 615-1037

***SPECIAL NOTE: in compliance with MCL 462.309(4), any change in elevation of a grade crossing greater than 1 inch requires advance mutual agreement between the railroad and road agency. Please be sure to review all proposed work and coordinate with the railroad accordingly.***