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Safety Upgrades to Three Grade Crossings Cuyahoga, Stark & Trumbull Counties

(Columbus) --- Two grade crossings now guarded by only the traditional “crossbuck” warning signs and a third crossing with flashing lights are slated to get state-of-the-art safety upgrades. Work orders have been issued by ORDC to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to authorize the Norfolk Southern Railroad (NS) and the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway (W&LE) to commence engineering and construction on the following crossings:

- ***Carter Street crossing at the W&LE tracks in Solon (Cuyahoga Co.)***
- ***Navarre Road crossing at the W&LE tracks in Massillon (Stark Co.)***
- ***Logan Gate Road crossing with the NS near Youngstown (Trumbull Co.)***

The Carter St. and Navarre Road crossing projects will replace existing “crossbucks” with new, electronic lights and gates. The railroad has one year from the date of the work orders being issued to complete construction and make the lights and gates operational.

The Logan Gate Road crossing projects will upgrade both the electronics and add roadway gates to the existing flashing lights.

These projects are three out of 19 grade crossings that have been identified as priority projects by the PUCO under the Hazard/Safety Index. All of these crossings will begin to see significant safety upgrades over the coming months. The complete inventory of Ohio's public grade crossings can be accessed through the ORDC website:

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These grade crossing safety projects are part of ORDC's statewide crossing safety program, which to date has upgraded approximately 1,250 out of Ohio's 6,000 public grade crossings since the program began in the mid-1990's.

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