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## **Hazardous Grade Crossings Get New Lights & Gates**

**(Columbus)** – A pair of railroad crossings in Champaign and Clinton Counties will get important safety upgrades. Both crossings were the scenes of fatal car-train collisions within the past year, and are currently protected only with the standard “crossbuck” warning sign.

The Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) has authorized the Indiana & Ohio Railroad to begin engineering and construction work on the following grade crossings:

**Champaign Co. TWP Road 28 / Dialton Road**  
**Clinton Co. Co. Road 11 / Starbuck Road**

The railroad will have one year from the date of the work order to have new lights and gates installed and operational.

The Dialton Road Crossing was the scene of a fatal car-train collision on November 27, 2006 in which the driver of the motor vehicle.

The Starbuck Road Crossing was the scene of a fatal car-train collision in dense fog early on the morning of November 14, 2006, in which the female driver of the motor vehicle was killed.

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