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Old Crossings Get Modern Safety Upgrades New Lights & Gates OK'd for Crossings in Fayette, Lorain and Madison Counties

(Columbus) – The traditional and historic railroad “cross buck” signs will disappear from four more Ohio grade crossings as part of the on-going grade crossing safety upgrades by the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC). ORDC has issued work orders to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to authorize the railroads to begin engineering and construction of state-of-the-art lights and gates at the following grade crossings:

- ***Fayette County Yeoman Rd. / Co. Rd. 70 crossing at the Indiana & Ohio Railroad***
- ***Fayette County Jasper Coil Rd. / Co. Rd. 64 crossing at the Indiana & Ohio Railroad***
- ***Lorain County West Road/Co. Rd 38 crossing at the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad***
- ***Madison County Roberts Mill Road crossing at the Norfolk Southern Railroad***

These four projects are the most recent in a series of 19 grade crossings that have been identified as priority projects by the PUCO under their Hazard/Safety Index. All of these crossings will see significant safety

upgrades over the coming months. A complete inventory of Ohio's public grade crossings can be accessed at the ORDC website:

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

(The Ohio Rail Development Commission is an independent agency operating within the Ohio Department of Transportation. ORDC is responsible for economic development through the improvement and expansion of passenger and freight rail service, railroad grade crossing safety and rail travel & tourism issues. For more information about what ORDC does for Ohio, visit our website at

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