

# NEWS

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## Four Entities Team Together to Fund Three Medina County Crossings Get Major Safety Upgrades

(Columbus) – The traditional “cross buck” passive warning signs at three Medina County railroad grade crossings will be replaced with state-of-the-art lights and gates that will greatly upgrade safety for motorists. The Ohio Rail Development Commission has partnered with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the North American Railway Foundation and the two railroads involved to fund the improvements. The ORDC has recently authorized the PUCO to issue an order for the engineering and construction for all three crossing projects at the following locations:

- Eastlake Road / County Road 181 at CSX Railroad
  - Neff Road / County Road 128 at CSX Railroad
- State Street / Township Road 44 at Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad

There have been no recorded car-train collisions at any of these crossings in the past five years. The most recent were at Neff Road (2001 / no injuries) and State Street (1994 – 1 injury).

The railroads will have one year from the issuance of a PUCO Order to complete the installation of the new lights and gates, which will have “constant warning time” technology that adjusts the activation of the lights and gates according to the speed of the approaching train. This enables motorists to have adequate warning to come to a full stop at the grade crossing.

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