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TO: Docket Control
DATE: September 6, 2016
FROM: Chairman Doug Little's Office
SUBJECT: RR-00000E-16-0152

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Memorandum

To: Chairman Doug Little, Arizona Corporation Commission
Date: September 2, 2016
From: Jeff Hatch-Miller, Brian Lehman, and Chris Watson, ACC Safety Division
Subject: Grade Crossing at 35th Avenue, Grand Avenue and Indian School Road, Phoenix, AZ
Docket Number: RR-00000E-16-0152

Mr. Chairman

Your memorandum to this Docket on May 12, 2016 references the five Maricopa County crossings on the Federal Railroad Administrations list of dangerous crossings. This memorandum is to provide you with an update of the progress made toward upgrading one of these grade crossings (35th Avenue and Lower Indian School). This crossing was the topic of your recent meeting with Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton.

On July 29, 2016, a follow up meeting was held at the ACC Safety Division office. The subject of this meeting was the Grade Crossing at 35th Avenue, Grand Avenue and Indian School Road.

Attending were: Jeff Hatch-Miller, ACC, Chris Watson, ACC, Ray Dovalina, City of Phoenix, Bruce Littleton, City of Phoenix, Rick Evans, City of Phoenix, Jason Pike, ADOT, and Ruben Alonzo representing the Phoenix Mayor's office.

Consensus was reached that the project at 35th Avenue will proceed as ordered by the Commission. The project consists of installing a traffic pre-signal at the 35th Avenue grade crossing, for northbound vehicle traffic and installing advanced preemption. The Federal Railroad Administration believes that this crossing enhancement will prevent most of the incidents at this crossing.

The City of Phoenix has committed to securing all Rights of Way and Utility clearances necessary for the project. The Safety Division is contacting the City on a weekly basis to check on their progress, with the latest update being on August 23, 2016.

Once easements are secured, the project is then forwarded to Jason Pike of ADOT, who will prepare the needed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). ADOT has committed to having the IGA written by October, 2016. Once the IGA is signed, the project will be 100% funded through the Federal Highway Administration's Section 130 funding.

The City of Phoenix needs a Notice to Proceed from ADOT before they can advertise the job and receive bids for completing the work. ADOT will attempt to have this notice to the City by late-September. The bid process that follows is expected to take 2-3 months.

City of Phoenix personnel (Bruce Littleton/Rick Evans) predict that by January 2017 they will be "moving dirt on the project." It will take approximately 60 days to complete the project. If everyone fulfills their commitment the project completion date is expect to be March of 2017.

ACC Railroad Section staff believe that the above mentioned time lines are very doable. With all the pertinent parties' cooperation, the completion of this project will significantly reduce incidents on 35th Avenue and Lower Indian School Road.

We will keep close watch over the phases as they are being completed and will report such progress to you as it occurs.

Attachment "A"

Below is a Google Earth image of the grade crossing at 35th Avenue and US 60. The photo shows the white cross-hatching warning motorists not to stop on the crossing. Notice how cars are beginning to queue up on top of the crossing in this image. The inserted red line signifies the new pre-signal stop point to be installed at the crossing. This pre-signal prevents vehicles from queuing up on the crossing by stopping them prior to the railroad crossing.

