



October 10th, 2024

Union Pacific Railroad Company
(Delaware Corporation, May 2, 1982)
C.T. Corporation System
301 South Bedford Street, Suite 1
Madison, WI 53703

Re: Regarding Maintenance of the Railroad Crossing at East Pearl Street & Hammond Street (Crossing Number 184025D) on State Highway 95

To Whom It May Concern at Union Pacific Railroad,

We wish to formally bring to your attention the urgent need for maintenance and repair of the railroad crossing located at East Pearl Street and Hammond Street (Crossing Number 184025D) on State Highway 95 in the Village of Merrillan, Wisconsin.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Resolution 20-2024 passed by the Board of the Village of Merrillan on October 10th, 2024 and to be filed with the Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Railroads.

This crossing has been identified as posing significant safety risks due to the following ongoing issues:

- The railroad tracks are in poor condition, creating potential hazards for both motorists and pedestrians.
- Loose track materials have been observed, leading to debris on the roadway that endangers drivers and vehicles.
- Dislodged railroad spikes have compromised the stability of the tracks further, making this crossing particularly dangerous.
- Traffic is increasingly being diverted to avoid the damaged crossing, which causes frustration and could result in additional safety risks on alternate routes.

Despite previous complaints made to your organization, and the involvement of local authorities including the Jackson County Highway Department and the Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Railroads, no visible response or action has been taken to ameliorate these safety concerns.

We urgently request the following actions:

- An immediate and thorough assessment of the railroad crossing to ensure compliance with safety standards.
- Maintenance and repairs to restore the crossing to a safe condition for all users.
- Establishment of a regular maintenance schedule to prevent future hazards at this location.
- Timely communication regarding plans for repair and maintenance to keep all stakeholders informed.
- This petition reflects the collective concern for public safety and the well-being of all individuals who travel through this critical intersection.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this serious matter. We look forward to seeing swift action taken to ensure a safe crossing for all.

Thank you,

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