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June 15, 2021

Starke County  
Attn: Dan Dipert

**SUBJECT – County Road 225 South. - DOT # 478569R– Highway/Rail Grade Crossing Consolidation**

Dear Mr. Dipert:

Thank you for taking the time to speak with my authorized representative, Alexander Ricci, regarding the various reasons to pursue permanent closure of the Norfolk Southern railroad crossing at County Road 225 South in Starke County.

Safety has always been a top priority at Norfolk Southern. Furthermore, we support the Federal Rail Administration's goal of consolidating 25% of the nation's public at-grade crossings. All railroads in the country have been tasked, by the FRA, to work with local communities to eliminate redundant crossings or un-needed crossings. Norfolk Southern has a program with incentive offers to assist your community with this consolidation process. This program exists because Norfolk Southern wants to prevent collisions with trains, which can result to injury or death.

The Norfolk Southern Grade Crossing Group would like to make an offer of \$52,500 for the permanent closure of **County Road 225 South - DOT # 478569R** in Starke County, IN. In addition to the above incentive, INDOT has agreed to initiate a matching funds payment of \$7,500, using Section 130 funds.

We ask for your assistance in informing the proper Starke County officials of our offer and the process for permanently closing the crossing at County Road 225 South. We look forward to working with you and the County on this important safety project.

It will be necessary for the County to pass a resolution vacating the crossing. Once this is done, NS will process the request for the incentive payment to Norfolk Southern senior management. When the check is sent, NS will then close the crossing by removing the asphalt from between the rails out to our right-of-way. This will be done at NS' expense. Norfolk Southern is also willing to install signage and barricades at the closed off crossing at NS' expense. These will be MUTCD compliant and will be the responsibility of the County to maintain after initial installation.

If you have any questions regarding this proposal, please give my authorized representative, Alexander Ricci, a call at 215-606-9972.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'W. R. Miller'.

W. R. Miller  
NSR Public Safety Director