MEETING MINUTES

ITE Grade Crossing Committee Meeting

Date: August 8, 2023

Time: 8:00 am - 9:00 am EST

Location: Microsoft Teams meeting

Participants:

Jason Field Nicole Aquino Maryam Hedayati Karen Hankinson J. Mark Mathis **Brent Ogden** Nicole Jackson Paul Rathgeber Rick Campbell Carmen Talavera Jeannelia Liu Phil Poichuk Debra Chappell Joanna Bush Shavne Gill **Douglas Noble** John Ayers **Esther Strawder** Sanjeev Tandle **Gary Thomas** Stephen Laffey Antonino Genoese Pierre Marcotte Tom Lancaster

Brian Gilleran Marty Amundson

AGENDA

Annual Conference Session + Tour

o Some committee members will be attending ITE Conference in Portland

Updated Committee name and Website Updates

- New ITE Website
- o New Committee Name: Joint Rail Grade Crossing Committee
- https://www.ite.org/about-ite/councils/traffic-engineering/joint-rail-grade-crossing-committee/

ITE Annual Meeting: Mega Meeting, Grade Crossing Committee Session/Speakers and Grade Crossing Tour

Committee Products:

- Cycle Track Quick Bite (now out and will be presented at this meeting!)
- Skewed Crossing Quick Bite
- 2nd Train Coming Report
- Traffic Signal Maintenance at Grade Crossings Quick Bite

General Discussion:

- Sanjeev shared that Sound Transit recently installed ANOTHER TRAIN COMING signs (for pedestrians) at several crossings for their Link Light rail
- Jason shared a cycle track at a grade crossing in Charlotte, NC with a 3 quad gate application



- Brian shared ADA guidelines with the group:
 - The Access Board has published new guidelines under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) that address access to sidewalks and streets, crosswalks, curb ramps, pedestrian signals, on-street parking, and other components of public rights-of-way. These guidelines also review shared use paths, which are designed primarily for use by bicyclists and pedestrians for transportation and recreation purposes.
 - https://www.access-board.gov/prowag/
- o Karen shared Missouri's plans to upgrade and close their rail crossings
 - https://eedition.kansascity.com/infinity/article_popover_share.aspx?guid=fd20eefc-5862-4f3c-a9ef-8e8b6c08d660
- Maryam shared Transport Canada's Grade Crossings Handbook that has some examples of Typical Grade Crossings with bike path
 - https://tc.canada.ca/en/rail-transportation/grade-crossings/grade-crossingshandbook/part-h#appendix-m
- Karen shared information on FRA Webinar on RR Maintenance Agreements webinar and the
 2023 Eastern Crossing Seminar
 - https://connectdotcqpub1.connectsolutions.com/content/connect/c1/7/en/events/event/shared/1112389207/event_landing.html?connect-session=breezbreezztvu6enaz7bwn7s3&sco-id=1366763058& charset =utf-8
 - https://easterncrossingseminar.com/
- Doug shared that the Final Rule on Accessibility Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way was released on 8/8.
 - https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/08/08/2023-16149/accessibility-guidelines-for-pedestrian-facilities-in-the-public-right-of-way
- o Karen and Nicole Jackson to look into future date for the following committee meeting.
- Annual Meeting Abstracts Due right after Thanksgiving

