

STATE OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT
PROJECT PERMIT SUPPLEMENT

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**RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF RAILROAD
GRADE CROSSINGS ON STATE HIGHWAYS**

1. A railroad grade crossing may be constructed on a state highway only after a permit has been obtained from the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD).
2. Application for permit must be on the LA DOTD Project Permit form and may require a guarantee deposit made payable to the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development to insure satisfactory completion of work.
3. The application for permit or letter of transmittal must give the following information:
 - a. The purpose of the crossing.
 - b. Whether the crossing is a main line or a spur.
 - c. Anticipated number of train movements on this crossing per 24 hours and time of day or night movements are to be made.
 - d. Anticipated speed of train movements across the highway.
 - e. Proposed method of affording warning to highway traffic at the crossing.
 - f. Sight distance in each direction along the highway from the point of crossing.
4. Four sets of drawings must accompany the application for permit. These drawings must show the following:
 - a. A plan and profile of the proposed crossing. (The finished elevation of the track must conform to the finished surface of the roadway. Track is not to be superelevated.)
 - b. The type of crossing to be constructed shall be a concrete crossing conforming to DOTD's Qualified Products List No. 35 and special provisions for concrete highway/rail crossings. DOTD has a standard of 12" of asphalt to be used under the new highway/rail crossing's ballast. If the applicant proposes a surface other than concrete special DOTD approval will be required.
 - c. Drainage structures to provide for drainage in the highway side ditches. (The proposed drainage plan shall be approved by DOTD.)
 - d. A plan profile drawing of the highway for a minimum distance of 1200' in each direction from the point of crossing.
5. All necessary precautions for warning the traveling public must be observed during construction of the crossing. Undue delay to traffic will not be permitted. Signing at the location during construction shall be in accordance with DOTD's Standards / Details for Traffic Control (TC Details).
6. Where concrete highways are to be cut, an entire section of slab between joints shall be removed. Replacement of slab shall be in accordance with DOTD's current Standard Specifications for Roads and Bridges.
7. The DOTD Highway/Rail Safety Engineer must approve proposed warning devices (see#3e) prior to their installation at the crossing. All warning devices must be in conformance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, published by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and shall be furnished and installed by the applicant. This includes all signs, markings and active warning devices that may be required at these sites. DOTD will maintain the railroad advance warning signs and markings, whereas, the applicant will be responsible for the future maintenance of the warning devices at the crossing site.
8. DOTD may, in the future, require tracks to be removed, the highway/rail crossing to be widened or a grade separation constructed by the applicant.
9. The applicant shall be held responsible for the future maintenance of the crossing and appurtenances to DOTD's satisfaction. If the grade crossing is in a poor state of repair and the applicant, after fifteen days notice in writing, fails to make repairs, DOTD reserves the right to make the repairs and charge the expense thereof to the applicant. This is in accordance with IRS 48:386.
10. The applicant shall obtain a U.S. Department of Transportation Railroad Crossing ID No. from the primary service railroad. This will enable the inclusion of this crossing in the National Inventory Data Base maintained by the Federal Railroad Administration, DOTD, and the primary service railroad.