GRADE CROSSING HAZARD ELIMINATION

The purpose of the ALDOT Rail-Highway Safety Programs (Rail Programs) Hazard Elimination Application is to strategically provide an opportunity for local agencies, road authorities, ALDOT Region and Area Offices, and railroad companies to identify crossing locations that demonstrate a significant hazard to the traveling public and request funds for rail safety improvements. The application is a parallel program option to the Priority Ranking List. The application process will aid in prioritizing locations with hazards identified. The funding shall be administered in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws, regulations, policies, and procedures including executive orders. Submission of an application does not guarantee or constitute selection or funding from the program.

ELIGIBILITY:

This section provides guidance for eligible work and impacts that qualify for the elimination hazards funding. All works are subject to approval. Eligible work includes but is not limited to:

- Improvements at public grade crossings to eliminate hazards posed by blocked crossing due to idling trains.
- Crossing consolidation, elimination, relocation of roadway to eliminate a grade crossing.
- Installation or upgrade of active or passive warning devices at crossings to eliminate hazards.
- Road improvements such as: installation of median barriers at crossings, road geometry to improve approach grades, etc.
- Eliminating hazards through corridor approach by addressing safety improvements at multiple crossings along the same segment of rail tracks to include crossing consolidation or eliminations (a corridor shall include a minimum of 5 crossings).

Eligibility is subject to change, reference application guidelines for additional information and details.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Applications are accepted annually during the application acceptance period. Visit our website for application and submittal deadlines. All completed applications shall be submitted electronically or furnished on digital storage media, such as USB flash drive (any submissions presented in any other form will be rejected).

Applications shall be submitted to: Alabama Department of Transportation
Attn: Rail-Highway Programs Group (DESIGN)
1409 Coliseum Boulevard
Montgomery, AL 36110
aldotrail@dot.state.al.us

PROGRAM’S ANNUAL FUNDING LEVEL:

Funding under this program is subject to both availability and eligibility of Federal funds in accordance with 23 CFR 130 (f)(3) and availability of federal funding obligation authority within the ALDOT. In accordance with 23 CFR 130(f)(3), federal funding will account for a maximum of 90% of the project total cost for Section 130 Rail Safety Program grade crossing safety improvements. A minimum 10% non-federal funding match of the project total cost is required. Reference the application guidelines for additional funding information.

APPLICATION TIMELINE:

This information is provided as a guide and is subject to change without notice.

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