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Subject: FW: Public At-Grade Crossing #339942T

Hi Mr. Lane,

Per [Florida Statutes 335.141](#), The Florida Department of Transportation shall have regulatory authority over all public railroad-highway grade crossings in the state, including the authority to issue permits which shall be required prior to the opening and closing of such crossings. Florida Gulf and Atlantic Railroad company submitted an application for the closure of public at-grade railroad crossing [#339942T](#) in Chipley, FL due to safety concerns (i.e. humped crossing).

Low clearance vehicles can get hung up and stuck on the tracks or drag across the crossing damaging its integrity. Furthermore, low-clearance vehicles that are low to the ground relative to the distance between axles pose the greatest risk of becoming immobilized due to contact with the track or highway surface. There are alternative crossings nearby, so I don't believe mobility and/or emergency operations will be negatively affected.

The purpose of this email is to seek your support in moving forward with the railroad crossing closure to make the area safer. Do you have any availability this week for a quick chat about this matter? If so, please advise on your availability, and I will setup a virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams.

Thanks,

Eugene Jules, FCCM

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Subject: RE: Public At-Grade Crossing #339942T

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FGA is willing to support the closure of this crossing. I will work on filling out the closure application.

Thank you,

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