

## Appendix C1: FIELD DATA FORMS



*Passive Crossings*



Date of Assessment:

Assessment Team Members & Affiliations:

Reason for Assessment:    \_\_\_ periodic assessment            \_\_\_ significant change in infrastructure            \_\_\_ significant change in road or rail volumes  
    \_\_\_ cessation of whistling            \_\_\_ significant change in train operations            \_\_\_ significant change in road or rail speeds  
    \_\_\_ change in vehicle types            \_\_\_ 2+ fatal collisions in 5yr. period            \_\_\_ other collision experience (see below)

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| <b>Railway Authority:</b>                 |       |
| Crossing Location:                        |       |
| Location Number:                          |       |
| Municipality:                             |       |
| Railway:                                  | Mile: |
| Sub-division:                             | Spur: |
| Type of Grade Crossing: [SRCS, FLB, FLBG] |       |
| Track Type: [mainline, etc.]              |       |

|   |
|---|
| <b>Road Authority:</b>  |
| Road Name / Number:   |
| Province:   |
| Location Reference (control section, etc.):                                   |
| Road Classification<br>(freeway/expressway arterial, collector, local, etc.): |

**Collision History (5-year period):**

|   |       |                            |       |
|---|-------|----------------------------|-------|
| Property Damage collisions:               | _____ | Number of Persons Injured: | _____ |
| + Personal Injury collisions:             | _____ | Number of Persons Killed:  | _____ |
| + Fatal Injury Collisions:                | _____ |                            |       |
| = Total Collisions in last 5 year period: | _____ |                            |       |

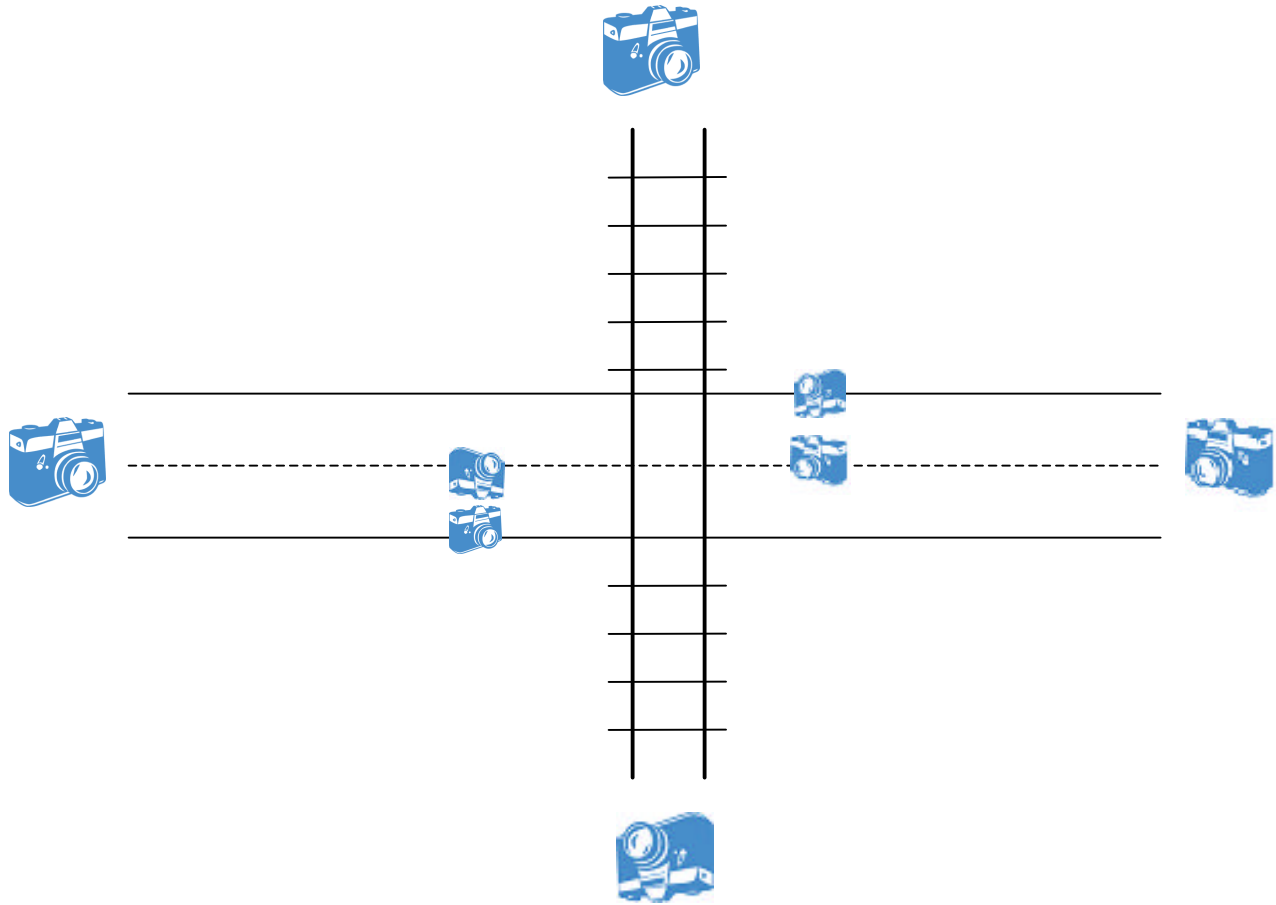
**Provide Details of the collisions and any remedial measures taken if available:**

- identify main contributing factors

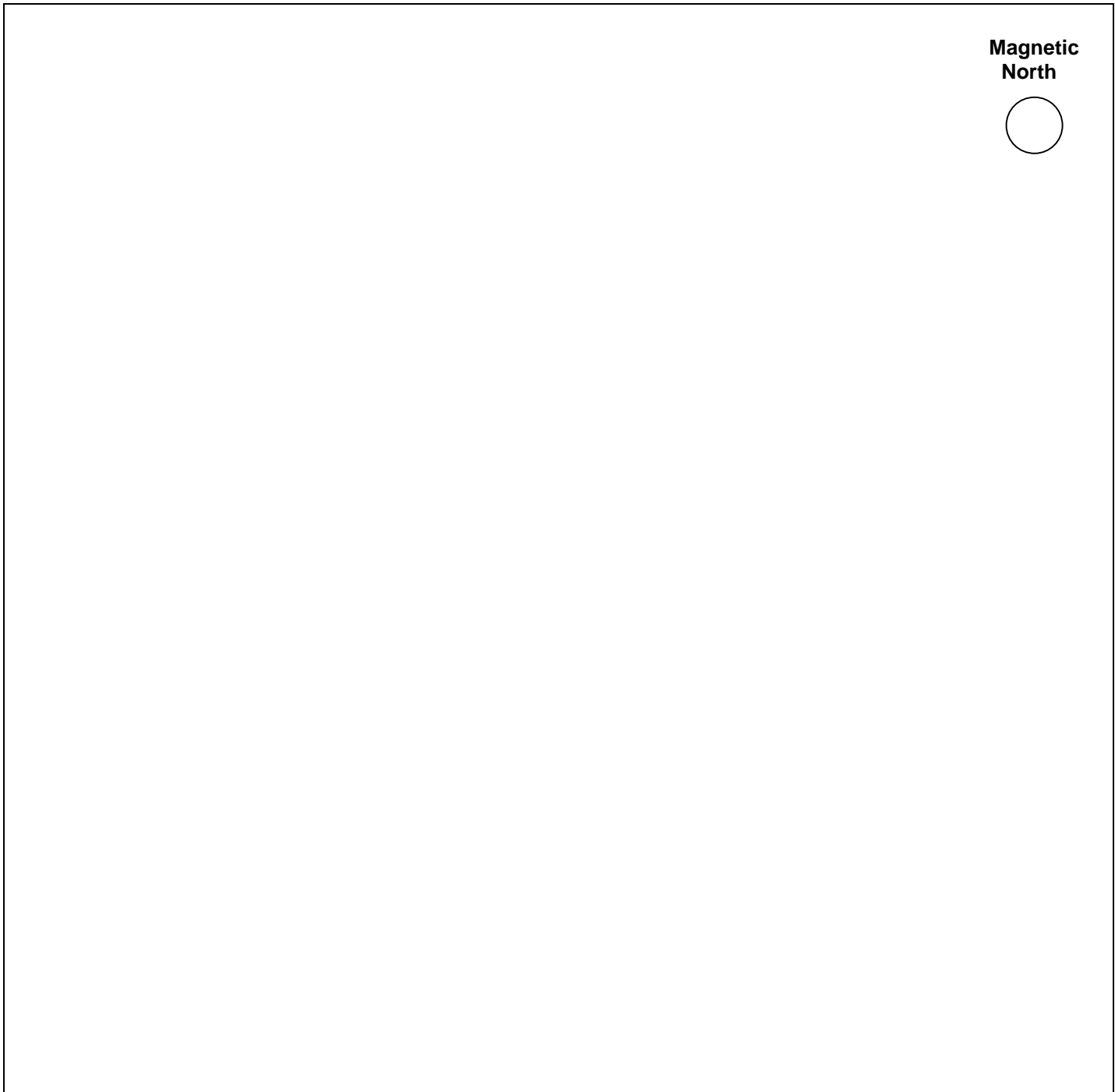
-attach collision diagrams if available

## SCENE PHOTOGRAPHS

- as a minimum, take pictures all road/rail approaches and each quadrant
- key the orientation of pictures to the scene sketch (Sheet 2a)



**NOTE:** All references to direction in this safety review are keyed to this diagram.



**Include:**

- directions to nearby municipalities for both road & rail approaches (use arrows)
- adjacent intersections
- landmarks
- geographical features
- relevant road signs/signals
- crosswalks/paths
- bus stops, etc.



| Source  | Item   | Reference |
|---------|--|-----------|
| Rail    | Maximum Railway Operating Speed, $V_T$ = (mph)   | Sect. 2.1 |
| Rail    | Daily Train Volume: = (freight trains/day)<br>= (passenger trains/day)   |           |
| Rail    | Switching during daytime? Y/N nighttime? Y/N   |           |
| Road    | Avg. Annual Daily Traffic, AADT = (vpd) Year of count: _____   |           |
| Road    | High seasonal fluctuation in volumes?  |           |
| Road    | Pedestrian Volumes = (ped./day)  |           |
| Road ✓  | Is crossing on a School Bus route?   |           |
| Road ✓  | Do Dangerous Goods trucks use this roadway?  |           |
| Road    | Cyclist Volumes = (cyclists/day)   |           |
| Road ✓  | Regular use of crossing by persons with Assistive Devices ?  |           |
| Road ✓  | Other special road users? type _____ daily volume _____  |           |
| Road    | Forecasted AADT <sup>2</sup> = (vpd) Forecast Year: _____  |           |
| Road ✓  | Design Speed: _____ km/h Posted Speed: _____ km/h<br>Maximum Operating Speed: _____ km/h<br>note: provide details if all approaches are not the same | Sect. 2.1 |
| Road ✓  | Road Surface Type (asphalt, concrete, gravel, etc.):   |           |
| observe | Surrounding Land Use: Urban / rural?   |           |
| observe | Any schools, retirement homes, etc. nearby ?   |           |

**Notes:**

✓ indicates information should be confirmed by field observation

- Road Authority should provide plans if available.
- Forecast AADT until next assessment if significant developments are expected or if a planned bypass may reduce volumes.

# RTD Section 4

Figure 4-1: Clearance Distance for Grade Crossings

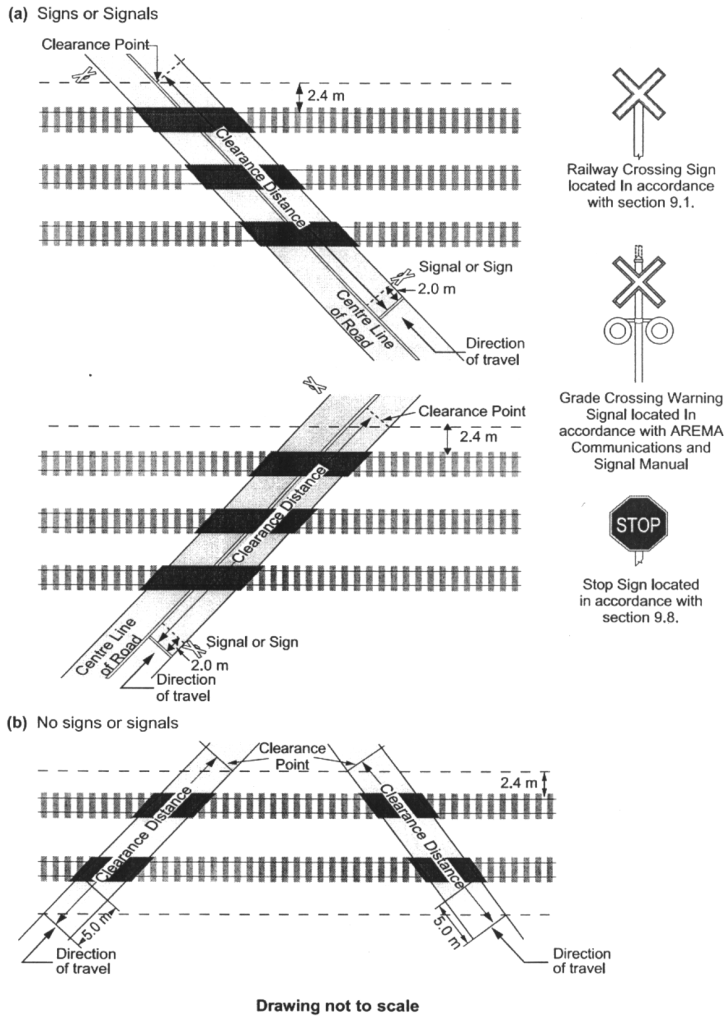


Figure 4-2 Assumed Acceleration Curves - General Design Vehicles (Geometric Design Guide)

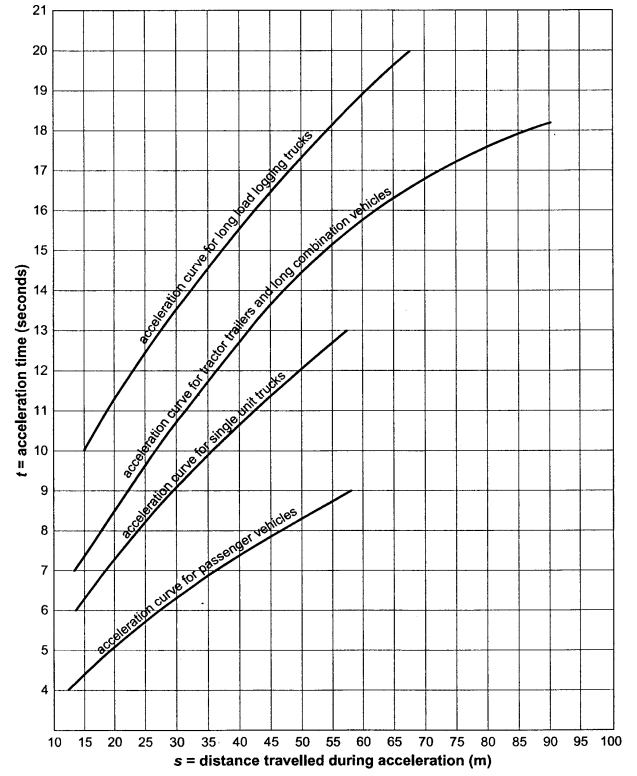


Table 4-6: Ratios of Acceleration Times on Grades

| Design Vehicle              | Road Grade % |     |     |     |     |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|                             | -4           | -2  | 0   | +2  | +4  |
| Passenger Car               | 0.7          | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.3 |
| Single Unit Truck and Buses | 0.8          | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.3 |
| Tractor- Semitrailer        | 0.8          | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.7 |



| Source    | Item  | Reference |
|-----------|---|-----------|
|           | <b>Design Vehicle</b>   |           |
| Road      | Type:   | T 4-1     |
| look-up   | Length, L = m   | T 4-1     |
| look-up   | <b>Stopping Sight Distance, SSD</b> = m (required)                            | T 4-5     |
| measure   | <b>Clearance Distance, cd</b> = m   | Fig 4-1   |
| calculate | <b>Vehicle Travel Distance: S = L+cd</b> = m                                  | Sect. 4.6 |
| look-up   | <b>Vehicle Departure Time, t</b> = sec  | Fig 4-2   |
|           | Road Grade Effect:  |           |
| Road ✓    | maximum approach grade within 'S': = ± %                                      |           |
| look-up   | grade adjustment factor =   | T4-6      |
| calculate | <b>T = t x adjustment factor</b> = sec  |           |
| calculate | <b>Design Vehicle Departure Time, Td = J + T + K</b>                          |           |
|           | where J = 2 sec perception & reaction   | Sect. 4.7 |
|           | where K = additional time due to crossing conditions                          |           |
| calculate | <b>Td =</b> = sec   |           |
| observe   | Do field acceleration times exceed Td?  |           |
| look-up   | <b>Pedestrian, cyclist &amp; Assistive Devices Departure Time</b><br>Tp = sec | T 4-7     |

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Table 4-1: General Vehicles

| Class                | General Vehicle Descriptions             | Length (m) |
|----------------------|--|------------|
| Passenger Car        | 1. Passenger Cars, Vans, and Pickups (P) | 5.6        |
| Trucks               | 2. Light Single-Unit Trucks              | 6.4        |
|                      | 3. Medium Single-Unit Trucks             | 10.0       |
|                      | 4. Heavy Single-Unit Trucks              | 11.5       |
|                      | 5. WB-19 Tractor-Semitrailers            | 20.7       |
| Tractor Trailers     | 6. WB-20 Tractor-Semitrailers            | 22.7       |
|                      | 7. A-Train Doubles (ATD)                 | 24.5       |
| Combination Vehicles | 8. B-Train Doubles (BTD)                 | 25.0       |
|                      |  |            |
| Buses                | 9. Standard Single-Unit Buses (B-12)     | 12.2       |
|                      | 10. Articulated Buses (A-BUS)            | 18.3       |
|                      | 11. Intercity Buses (I-BUS)              | 14.0       |

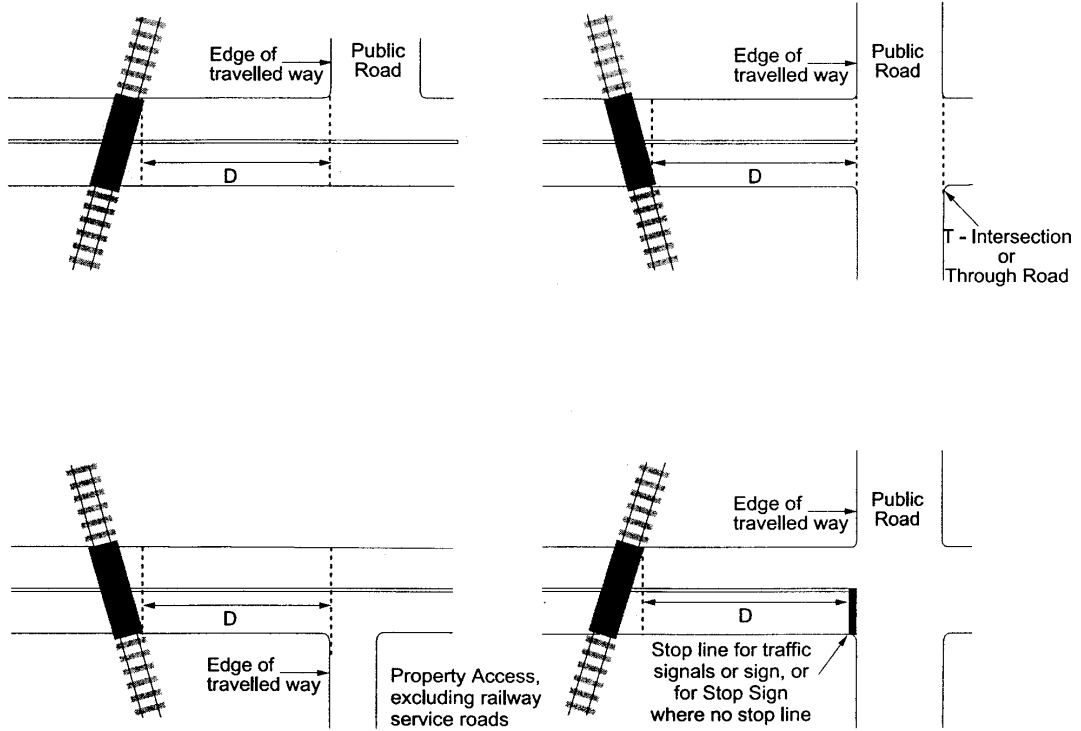
Table 4-5: Stopping Sight Distances (level grade, on wet pavement and gravel surfaces)

| Stopping Sight Distances (SSD)      |                         |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Maximum Road Operating Speed (km/h) | Passenger Car Class (m) | Truck Class (m) |
| 40                                  | 45                      | 70              |
| 50                                  | 65                      | 110             |
| 60                                  | 85                      | 130             |
| 70                                  | 110                     | 180             |
| 80                                  | 140                     | 210             |
| 90                                  | 170                     | 265             |
| 100                                 | 210                     | 330             |
| 110                                 | 250                     | 360             |

Table 4-7: Departure Time - Pedestrians, Cyclists, Persons Using Assistive Devices

| Clearance Distance (m) | Departure Time (s) |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 9                      | 7.4                |
| 14                     | 12                 |
| 18                     | 15                 |
| 22                     | 18                 |
| 26                     | 22                 |
| 30                     | 25                 |

**Figure 5-1: Restrictions on the Proximity of Intersections and Entraceways to Unrestricted Grade Crossing**



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**NOTE:**

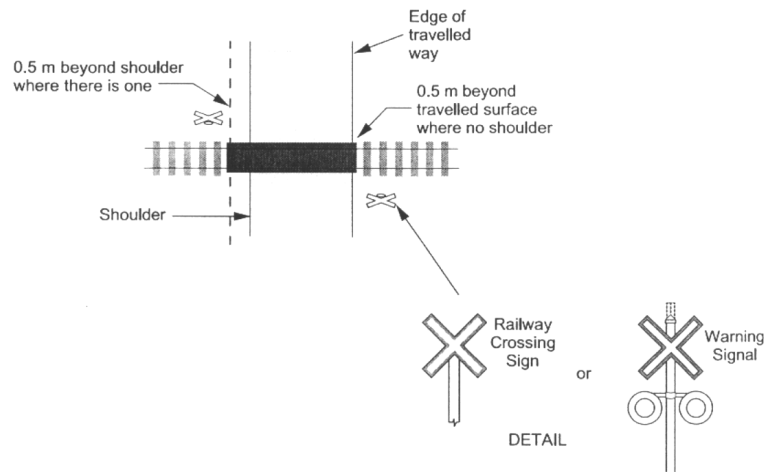
D not less than 30 m where the maximum railway operating speed exceeds 15 mph.

| Source  | Item  | Reference |
|---------|---|-----------|
| observe | "D" should not be less than 30m for either approach if the train speed exceeds 15 mph.  | Fig 5-1   |
| observe | Are there pedestrian crossings on either road approach that could cause vehicles to queue back to the tracks?   |           |
| observe | Is "D" insufficient such that road vehicles might queue onto the rail tracks?<br><br>Is "D" insufficient such that road vehicles turning from a side street might not see warning devices for the crossing?<br>-comment below |           |

**Comments Following Site Visit:**

Figure 6-1: Grade Crossing Surface - Plan View

a) ROAD, INCLUDING A PATH OR TRAIL



b) SIDEWALK, PATH, OR TRAIL ALONGSIDE A ROAD

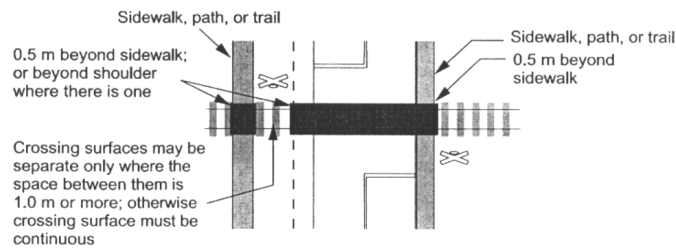
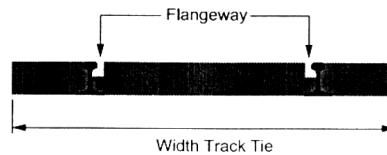


Figure 6-2: Grade Crossing Surface - Cross Section



| a) Flangeway:  |  |          |
|--|--|----------|
| Width:   | Installation all grade crossings   | 65-76 mm |
|  | Maximum wear limit   | 76 mm    |
|  | Grade crossings regularly used by a person using an assistive device   |          |
|  | All other grade crossings  | 100 mm   |
| Depth:   | Minimum  | 50 mm    |
|  | Maximum:   |          |
|  | Urban areas and any other grade crossing regularly used by a person using an assistive device  | 76 mm    |
|  | All other grade crossings  | none     |
| b) Space for Field Side Rail Grinding:   |  |          |
| A space is permitted on the outer side of the rail at locations where there is frequent rail grinding, except for grade crossings regularly used by a person using an assistive device.  |  |          |
|  | Maximum width:   | 50 mm    |
|  | Minimum depth:   | 38 mm    |
| c) Elevation of Top of Rail with respect to the Crossing Surface:  |  |          |
| The top of rail shall be installed as close as possible to the crossing surface, with the exception of a grade crossing regularly used by a person using an assistive device, where the top of rail may be installed above the crossing surface within the wear limit. |  |          |
| Wear limits: Any route identified for regular use by a person using an assistive device  |  |          |
|  | Maximum distance above crossing surface  | +13 mm   |
|  | Minimum distance below crossing surface  | -7 mm    |
|  | Unrestricted grade crossings for vehicle use, and other grade crossings if used regularly by passenger cars, trucks other than off-road trucks, and recreational vehicles. | ± 25 mm  |
|  | All other grade crossings  | ± 50 mm  |

| Source  | Item   | Reference |
|---------|--|-----------|
| observe | Is the crossing smooth enough to allow road vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists, and other road users to cross at their normal speed without consequence?<br>-comments below |           |
| observe | <b>Grade Crossing Surface Material:</b><br>(e.g., asphalt, wood, concrete, rubber, etc.)   |           |
| observe | Approach Road Surface Type:<br>Approach Road Surface Condition:<br>Roadway Illumination?:  |           |
| measure | <b>Road Surface crossing width</b> = _____ m (note: min. = 8m)<br>note: measured at right angle to roadway centre line   | Fig 6-1   |
| measure | <b>Road Surface extension beyond travel lanes</b> (note: min. = 0.5m)<br>= _____ m N / E approach = _____ m S / W approach   | Fig 6-1   |
| measure | <b>Sidewalk/Path/Trail crossing width</b> = _____ m (note: min. = 1.5m)  | Fig 6-1   |
| measure | Sidewalk/Path/Trail extension beyond sidewalk (note: min. = 0.5m)<br>= _____ m N / E approach = _____ m S / W approach   | Fig 6-1   |
| measure | Distance Between Travel Lane and Sidewalk = _____ m  |           |
|         | <b>Cross-Section:</b>  |           |
| measure | Flangeway width = _____ mm (note: max. = 76 or 100mm)  | Fig 6-2   |
| measure | Flangeway depth = _____ mm (note: min. = 50mm/ max.=76mm or none)  | Fig 6-2   |
| measure | Side Grinding width = _____ mm (note: max. = 50mm or 0 <sup>1</sup> )  | Fig 6-2   |
| measure | Side Grinding depth = _____ mm (note: min.= 38mm)  | Fig 6-2   |
| measure | Elevation of Top Rail above road surface = _____ mm<br>(note: max. = 13mm <sup>1</sup> , 25mm, or 50mm)  | Fig 6-2   |
| measure | Elevation of Top Rail below road surface = _____ mm<br>(note: min. = -7mm <sup>1</sup> , -25mm, or -50mm)  | Fig 6-2   |

1. if frequent use by persons using assistive devices

**Comments Following Site Visit:**

-rough crossing surface, loose timbers, etc.

-surface distress of roadway approaches

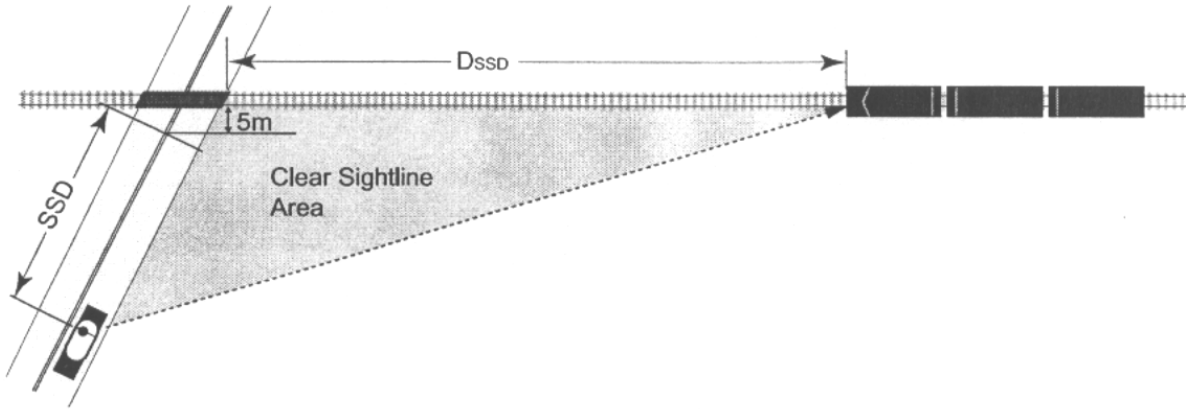
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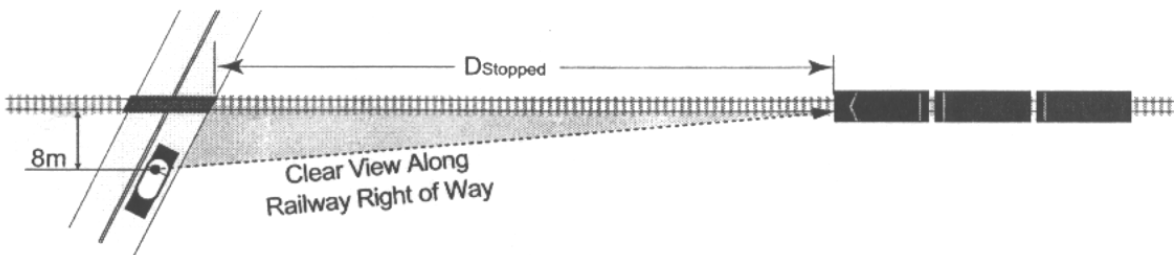


**Figure 8-1: Minimum Sightlines - Grade Crossings Without A Grade Crossing Warning System**

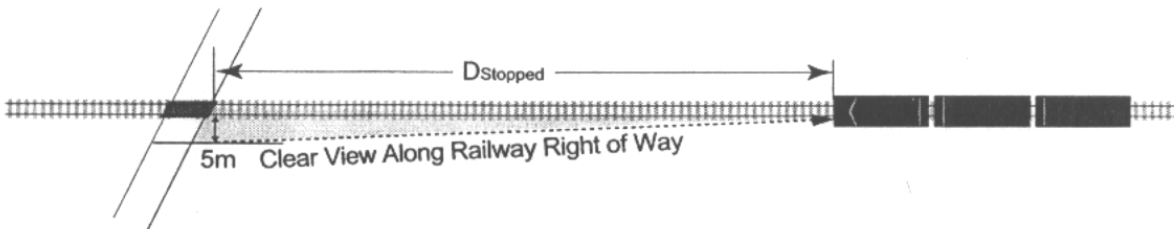
(A) Minimum Sightlines for Drivers Approaching a Grade Crossing



(B) Minimum Sightlines for Drivers Stopped at the Grade Crossing



(C) Minimum Sightlines for Pedestrians and Cyclists Stopped at the Grade Crossing





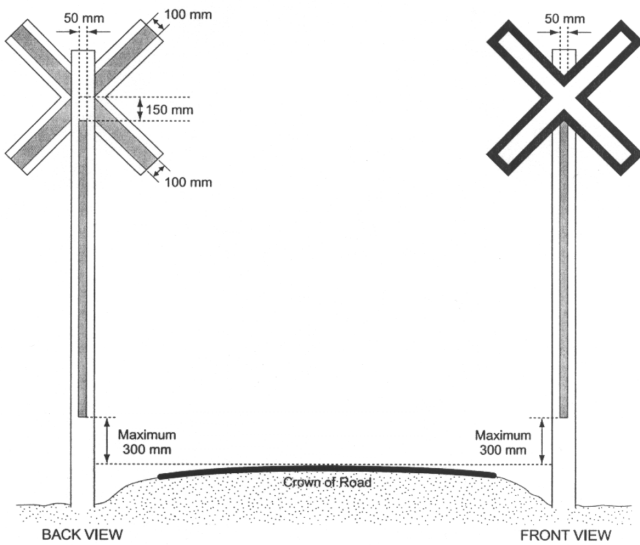
|                   |   |                   |   |
|-------------------|---|-------------------|---|
| Driver Eye Height | = | 1.05m             | passenger vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists & assistive devices |
|                   | = | 1.80m             | buses & straight trucks                                       |
|                   | = | 2.10m             | large trucks & tractor-trailers                               |
| Target Height     | = | 1.20m above rails |   |

| Source  | Item   | Reference  |
|---|--|------------|
| observe   | Are sightlines within the rail R.O.W. clear of bushes/vegetation; 15 m on each side of the track and, 30 m along the track, on each side of the crossing?<br>-if no, detail the location   | Sect. 8-1  |
| observe   | Are sightlines on the road R.O.W. within 15m of the rail crossing clear of bushes/vegetation?<br>-if no, detail the location   | Sect.8-1   |
| look up   | <b>SSD</b> minimum =                    m                    (from sheet #4)   |            |
| measure   | <b>SSD</b> actual: N / E approach =                    m                    S / W approach =                    m  | Sect. 8.5  |
| <b>Warning: some formulae are based on Imperial units while others are Metric</b> |  |            |
| calculate   | <b>D<sub>SSD</sub></b> minimum (ft) = <b>1.47V<sub>T</sub> x T<sub>SSD</sub></b> where V <sub>T</sub> is from sheet #4   | Sect. 8-5  |
|   | T <sub>SSD</sub> is the greater of: [(SSD+cd+L)/0.28V] →V=max. road operating speed in km/h<br>or 10 seconds   |            |
|   | <b>D<sub>SSD</sub></b> minimum =                    ft.                    m                    (calculate or use Table 8-1)   | T 8-1      |
| measure   | <b>D<sub>SSD</sub></b> actual:<br>N / E approach =                    m (to driver's left); =                    m (to driver's right)<br>S / W approach =                    m (to driver's left); =                    m (to driver's right)                           | Fig 8-1    |
| calculate   | <b>D<sub>STOPPED</sub></b> minimum (ft) = <b>1.47Vt x Td</b> with Td from sheet #4   | Sect. 8.5  |
|   | <b>D<sub>STOPPED</sub></b> minimum =                    ft.                    m                    (calculate or use Table 8-1)   | T 8-1      |
| measure   | <b>D<sub>STOPPED</sub></b> actual:<br>N / E approach =                    m (to driver's left); =                    m (to driver's right)<br>S / W approach =                    m (to driver's left); =                    m (to driver's right)                       | Fig 8-1    |
| look up   | <b>Ped./Cyclist D<sub>STOPPED</sub></b> (m)                    using Table 8-1 and Tp (from sheet #4)  | T 4-7      |
| measure   | <b>Ped./Cyclist D<sub>STOPPED</sub> Actual:</b><br>N / E approach =                    m (to cyclist's left); =                    m (to cyclist's right)<br>S / W approach =                    m (to cyclist's left); =                    m (to cyclist's right)      | Fig 8-1    |
| observe   | Are there any obstacles within the sight triangles (Figure 8-1) other than traffic signs/utility poles that might affect visibility?   | Fig 8-1    |
|   | Consideration should be given to also utilizing the newer methodologies for determining sight distances and clearance times developed by M. Gou, 2003<br><a href="http://www.tc.gc.ca/tdc/summary/14100/14172e.htm">http://www.tc.gc.ca/tdc/summary/14100/14172e.htm</a> | [TP14172E] |

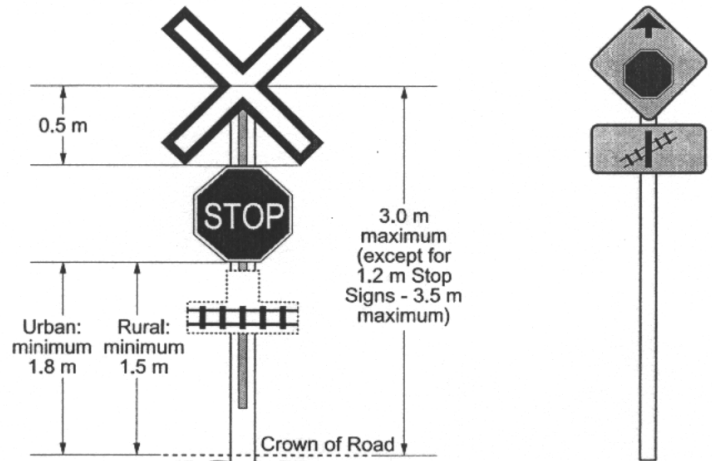
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| <b>Comments Following Site Visit:</b>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-visibility along the track impaired due to the angle of crossing?</li> <li>-special considerations for large trucks?</li> <li>-can sightlines be maintained on an ongoing basis? (snow)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-check visibility at all pedestrian crossing points</li> <li>-special design vehicle?</li> <li>-photos</li> </ul> |

## RTD Section 9

**Figure 9-2: Retroreflective Material on the Back of the Railway Crossing Sign and on the Post (unrestricted grade crossing without grade crossing warning system)**



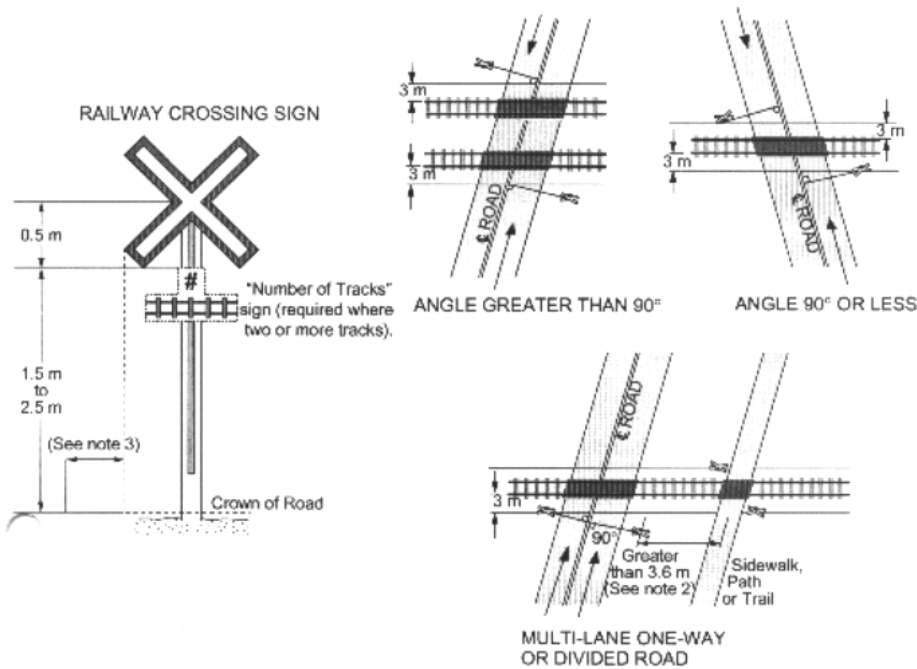
**Figure 9-4: Stop Signs and Stop Ahead Signs**



**Note:**

- 1) Top of stop sign should be at the elevation of the lowest points of crossing sign.


**Figure 9-3: Location of Railway Crossing Signs and Number of Tracks Signs (unrestricted grade crossings without grade crossing warning systems)**



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**NOTES:**


1. Where a road crosses adjacent tracks and the minimum distance between track centre lines, measured along the travelled surface parallel to the axis of the road, is more than 30 m, each track or set of tracks so separated shall have separate Railway Crossing Signs.
2. A sidewalk, pedestrian or bicycle path, or trail with its centreline more than 3.6 m (12 ft.) from a Railway Crossing Sign supporting post beside a road for vehicle traffic shall have separate Railway Crossing Signs.
3. Signs shall be located between 0.75 m and 1.25 m from the face of curb, or outer edge of road shoulder; or, where there is no curb or shoulder, 2.0 m to 2.5 m from the edge of travelled way.
4. Railway Crossing Signs shall be located as close as possible to the travelled way of the road, within the limits shown, to be clearly visible to all persons approaching the grade crossing on the grade crossing road or intersecting roads. Location outside the limits specified is permissible to the extent necessary to make the sign visible to approaching drivers, pedestrians, cyclists and persons using assistive devices.

| Source  | Item  | Reference          |
|---------|---|--------------------|
|         | <b>Railway Crossing Sign</b>   | Sect. A2.2.4 MUTCD |
|         | --comment on the following in the field:  |                    |
| observe | location:   | Fig 9-2/9-3        |
| observe | height:   | Fig 9-3            |
| observe | retroreflective material on back of crossing signs?: front & back of posts?   | Fig 9-2            |
| measure | retroreflectivity readings:<br>N / E approach: sign = cd/lux/m <sup>2</sup> post = cd/lux/m <sup>2</sup><br>S / W approach: sign = cd/lux/m <sup>2</sup> post = cd/lux/m <sup>2</sup> | Fig 9-2            |
| observe | Number of Tracks sign?  | Fig 9-3            |

**Comments Following Site Visit:**

-general condition      -clear sightlines to the sign      -posts      -photos

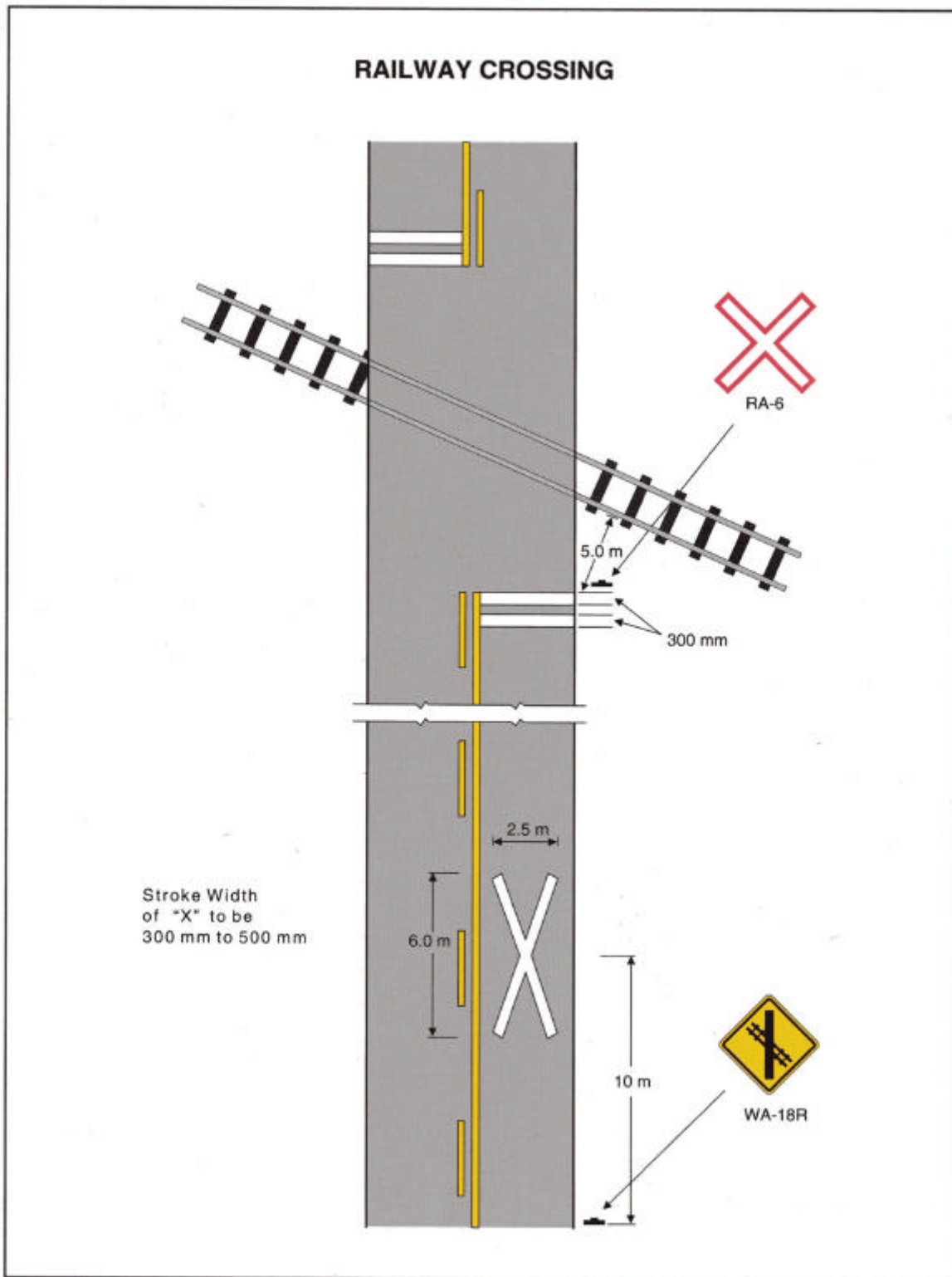
| Source  | Item  | Reference  |
|---------|---|------------|
|         | <b>DO NOT STOP ON TRACK</b>  | U.S. MUTCD |
| Road ✓  | Does queued traffic routinely encroach closer than 5m from the crossing surface?                                | Sect. 9.5  |
| observe | Are these signs present on either approach?   | Sect. 9.5  |

✓ indicates information should be confirmed by field observation

**Comments Following Site Visit:**


  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  

general condition      -clear sightlines to the sign      -posts      -photos



**FIGURE C1-5**


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| Source         | Item  | Reference            |
|----------------|---|----------------------|
|                | <b>Railway Crossing Ahead Sign (WA18-20)</b><br> | Sect. 3.4.2<br>MUTCD |
| <i>look-up</i> | Is AADT > 100? (see sheet #3)   |                      |
| <b>observe</b> | Is area urban such that WA18-20 is <u>not</u> required?   | Sect. 9.3b           |
| <b>measure</b> | Distance from nearest rail to sign = m N / E approach<br>= m S/ W approach  | Fig C1-5             |
|                | --comment on the following in the field:  |                      |
| <b>observe</b> | location:   | Fig C1-5             |
| <b>observe</b> | height:   |                      |
| <b>observe</b> | appropriate orientation of symbol   | Fig C1-5             |

**Comments Following Site Visit:**

-general condition      -clear sightlines to the sign      -posts      -aligned to the driver      -photos

| Source         | Item   | Reference             |
|----------------|--|-----------------------|
|                | <b>ADVISORY SPEED SIGN</b><br><br>normally used in conjunction with WA18-20 signs if reduced speeds are necessary to provide adequate sight distance. | Sect. A3.2.5<br>MUTCD |
| <b>observe</b> | Are they present on both approaches?<br>Posted speed limit?  |                       |
| <i>look-up</i> | Are they required on either approach?  | check SSD (sheet 8)   |

**Comments Following Site Visit:**

-general condition      -clear sightlines to the sign      -posts      -photos

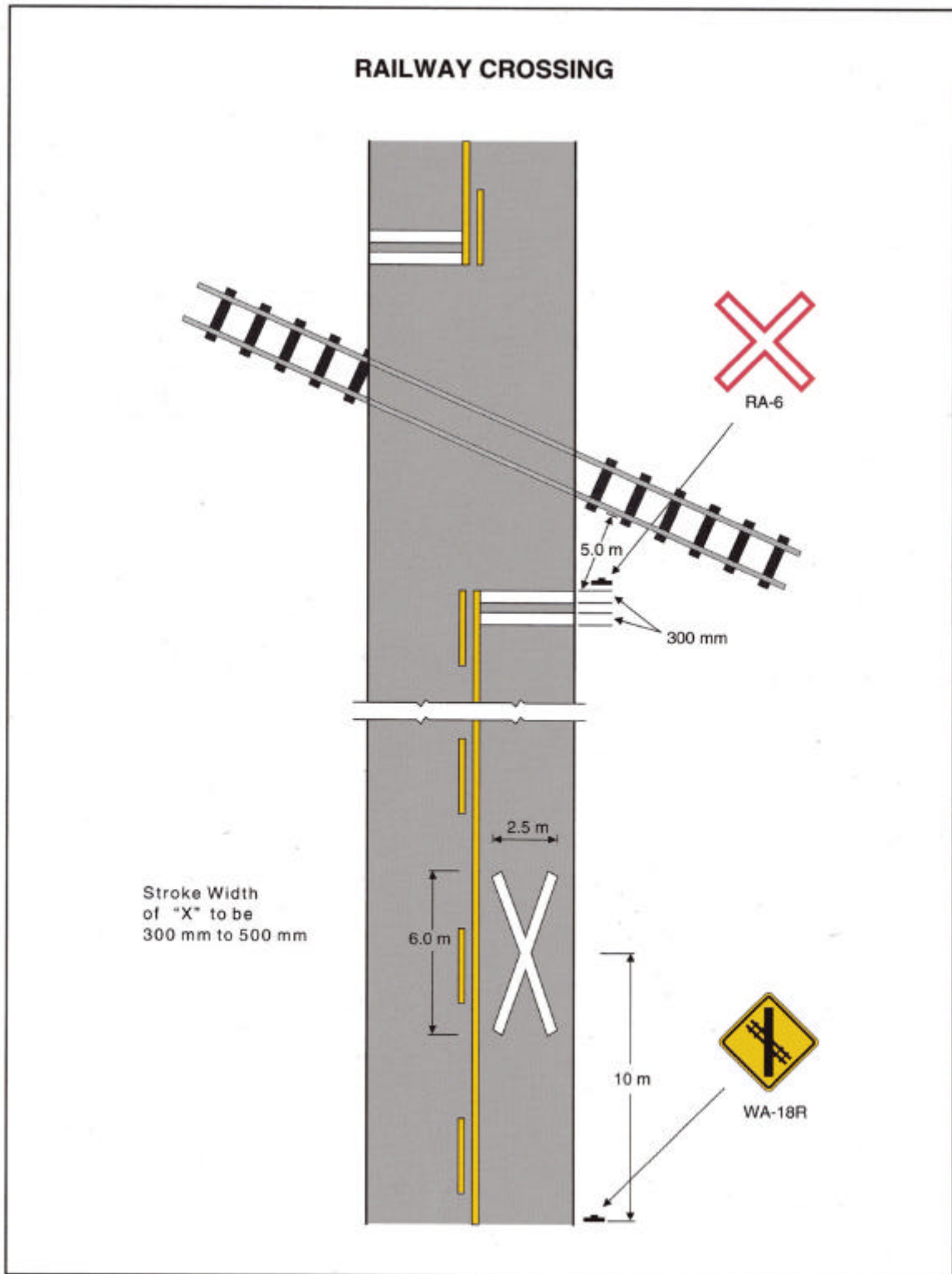




FIGURE C1-5

| Source         | Item   | Reference             |
|----------------|--|-----------------------|
|                | <b>STOP SIGN AHEAD</b>  | Sect. A3.6.1<br>MUTCD |
| <b>observe</b> | Is sign present on either approach?  |                       |
| <i>look-up</i> | Is sign required on either approach?   | check SSD             |
| <b>observe</b> | Is there an advisory tab with a track symbol present?  |                       |
| <b>measure</b> | What is the distance from the nearest rail to the sign?<br>= m N / E approach<br>= m S / W approach      |                       |

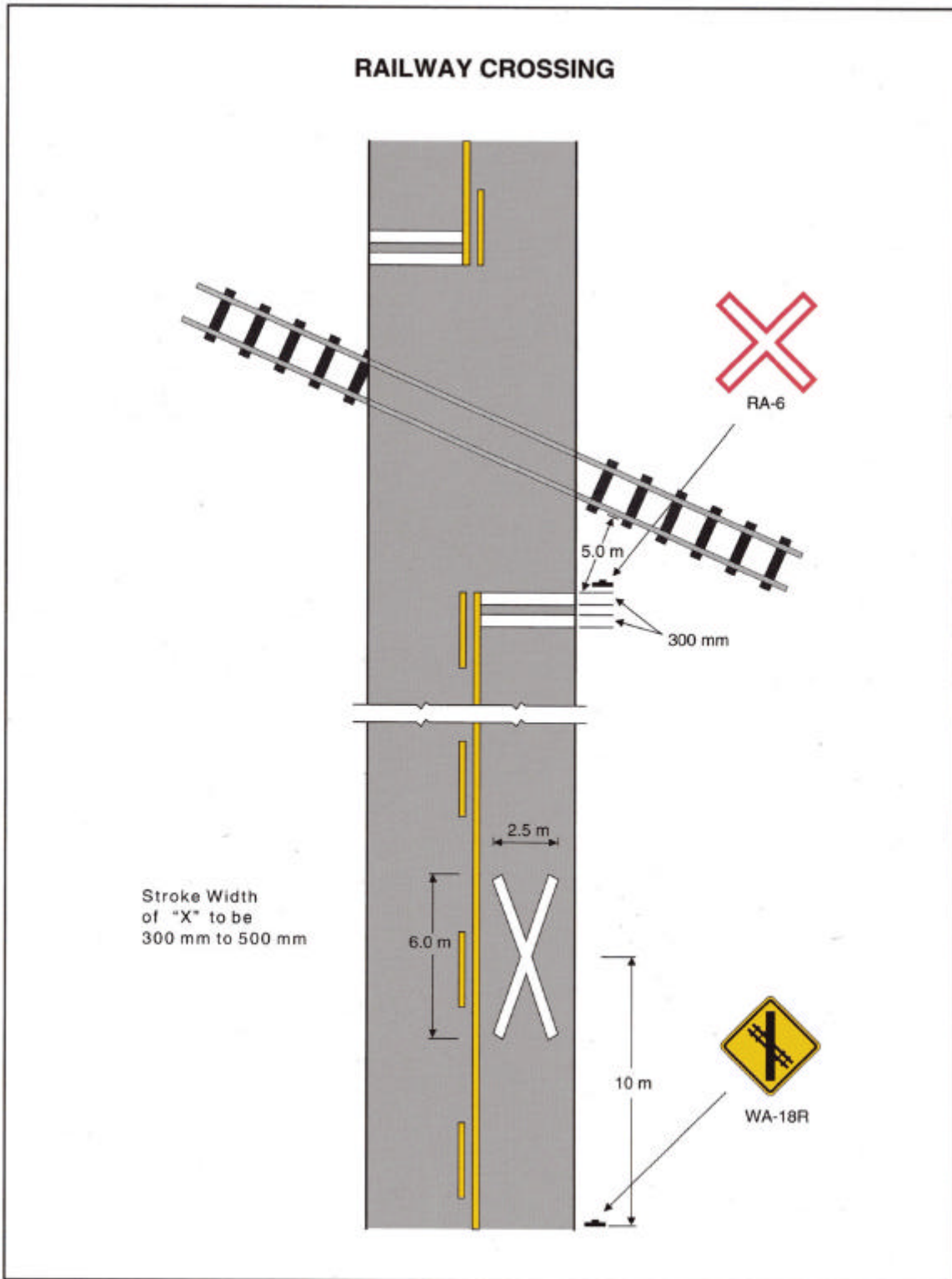
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| Source         | Item   | Reference                     |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------|
|                | <b>STOP SIGN</b>  | Sect. A2.2.1<br>MUTCD         |
| <b>observe</b> | Is sign present on either approach?  |                               |
| <i>look-up</i> | Is sign required on either approach?   | check<br>D <sub>STOPPED</sub> |
| <b>observe</b> | Are signs mounted on same post as Railway Crossing Signs?  | Fig 9-4                       |
| <b>measure</b> | What is the distance from the nearest rail to the sign?<br>= m N / E approach<br>= m S / W approach  | Fig C1-5                      |

**Comments Following Site Visit:**

-general condition      -clear sightlines to the sign      -position      -posts      -aligned to the driver      -photos



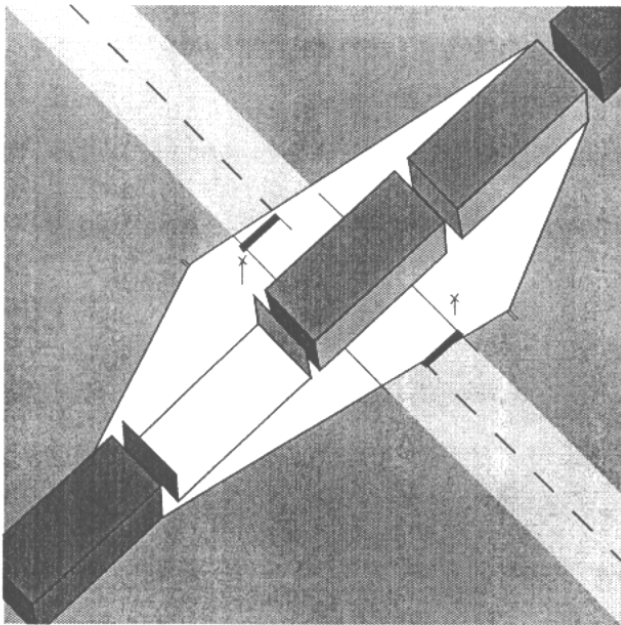
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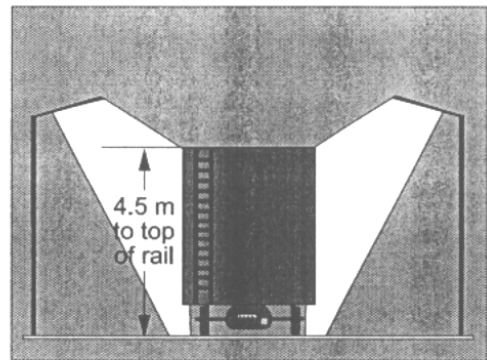




**Figure 10-1: Train Illumination:  
Grade Crossings without Grade Crossing Warning Systems**



Plan View



Height to be covered by luminaire

**TRAIN ILLUMINATION**  
 (only for crossings without warning systems)

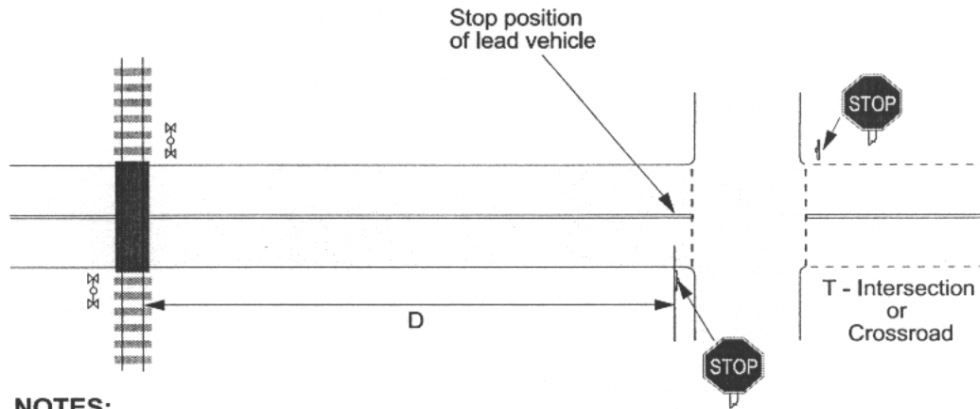
| Source         | Item   | Reference |
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|                | Flood lighting is required if <b>all</b> of the following exist:<br>-unrestricted grade crossing<br>-road speed limit is $\geq 50$ km/h<br>-routinely equipment on rails after dark is either stopped or traveling $\# 15$ mph | sec 10.1  |
| <b>Rail</b>    | Are luminaires required?   |           |
| <b>observe</b> | Are luminaires present on both approaches?   | Fig 10-1  |

**Comments Following Site Visit:**

-general condition of luminaires      -visibility at night      -adjacent commercial lighting?      -appropriate orientation of lights?

**Figure 11-1: Proximity of Grade Crossing Warning Systems to Stop Signs and Traffic Signals**

a) NEAR STOP SIGNS

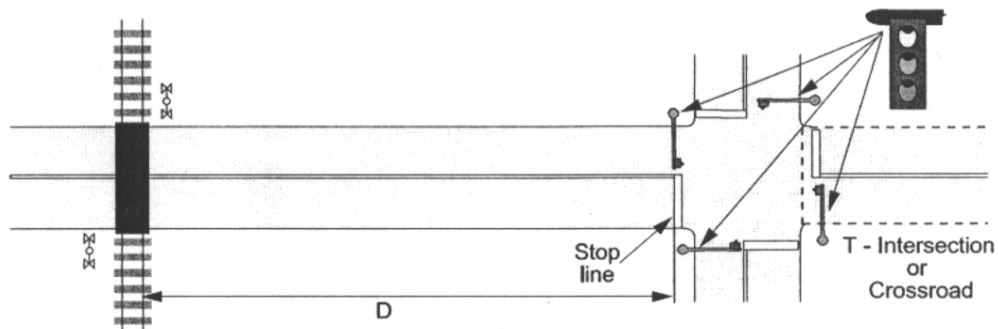


**NOTES:**

Where the maximum railway operating speed exceeds 15 mph:

- if D is less than 30 m, a grade crossing warning system including gates is required;
- if D is 30 m or greater, a grade crossing warning system including gates is required unless a traffic study indicates that traffic will not normally queue to within 2.4 m of the rail nearest the road intersection. For grade crossings or road intersections nearby an existing grade crossing, where the maximum railway operating speed exceeds 15 mph:

b) NEAR TRAFFIC SIGNALS



**NOTES:**

For grade crossings or road intersections nearby an existing grade crossing, where the maximum railway operating speed exceeds 15 mph:

- if D is less than 60 m, a grade crossing warning system including gates is required;
- if D is 60 m or greater, a grade crossing warning system including gates is required unless a traffic study shows that traffic will not queue to within 2.4 m of the rail nearest the road intersection.



| Source         | Item   | Reference         |
|----------------|--|-------------------|
|                | <b>Warning System Warrants</b><br>-if any of A through E below are met, then a warning system is warranted | Sect. 11.1 & 11.2 |
| <i>look-up</i> | Existing AADT = _____ Forecast AADT = _____ (if available)   | sheet 3           |
| <i>look-up</i> | Daily Train Volume = _____   | sheet 3           |
| calculate      | <b>A. Cross-Product</b> = _____ (1,000 min.)   | Sect. 11.1        |
| <i>look-up</i> | <b>B. Maximum Rail Operating Speed</b> = _____ mph<br>(max = 80mph or 60 mph with crosswalk)               | sheet 3           |
| <b>Rail</b> ✓  | <b>C. Number of Tracks</b> = _____<br>.....if ≥ 2, can trains pass one another?                            | Sect. 11.1        |
| <i>look up</i> | <b>D. Are Sightlines obscured?</b> (see form 8)  | Sect. 8.3         |
| <b>observe</b> | <b>E. Is at least one of the proximity conditions met to warrant a warning system?</b>                     | Fig. 11-1         |

✓ indicates information should be confirmed by field observation

**Comments Following Site Visit:**

-extraordinary conditions why warning system should be installed

-on a school bus route?

**Table 16-1: Requirements for Public Grade Crossings Within an Area Without Train Whistling**

| Maximum Railway Operating Speed | Grade Crossings for Vehicle Use |                          | Grade Crossings Exclusively for Pedestrians, Cyclists or Assistive Devices; and Sidewalks, Paths, or Trails with the centreline no closer than 3.6 m (12 ft) to a warning signal for vehicles (Refer to Figure 13-5) |                                       |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
|                                 | No. of Tracks                   |                          | No. of Tracks  |                                       |
|                                 | 1                               | 2 or more                | 1  | 2 or more                             |
| <i>Stop &amp; proceed</i>       | Manual protection or FLB        | Manual protection or FLB | -----  | -----                                 |
| <i>Up to 15 mph</i>             | FLB                             | FLB or FLB & G (Note 1)  | 'Z' barriers & guide fencing (Note 3)  | 'Z' barriers & guide fencing (Note 3) |
| <i>16 - 49 mph</i>              | FLB or FLB & G (Note 2)         | FLB & G                  | FLB, 'Z' barriers & guide fencing (Note 3)   | FLB & G                               |
| <i>50 mph or more</i>           | FLB & G                         | FLB & G                  | FLB & G  | FLB & G                               |

*Where:*  
 Manual protection is by a member of the train crew in accordance with the Canadian Rail Operating Rules.  
 FLB is a grade crossing warning system consisting of flashing lights and a bell.  
 FLB & G is a grade crossing warning system consisting of flashing lights, gates, and a bell.

| Source  | Item   | Reference |
|---------|--|-----------|
| Rail    | Is train whistling prohibited at this crossing? <span style="float: right;">24 hours?</span>                 | sec 16.1  |
| Observe | Is there evidence of routine unauthorized access (trespassing) on the rail line in the area of the crossing? | sec 16.7  |
| Observe | Are the requirements of Table 16-1 met?  | sec 16.2  |

**Comments Following Site Visit:**





## Additional Prompt Lists

### **Human Factors:**

- Control device visibility / background visual clutter.
- Driver workload through this area (i.e., are there numerous factors that simultaneously require the driver's attention such as traffic lights, pedestrian activity, merging/entering traffic, commercial signing, etc.).
- Driver expectancy of the environment (i.e., are the control measures in keeping with the design levels of the road system and adjacent environment).
- Need for positive guidance.
- Conflicts between road and railway signs and signals.

### **Environmental Factors:**

- Extreme weather conditions.
- Lighting issues (night, dawn/dusk, tunnels, adjacent facilities, headlight or sunlight glare, etc.)
- Landscaping or vegetation.
- Integration w/ surrounding land use (e.g., parked vehicles blocking sightlines, merging traffic lanes, etc.)

### **All Road Users:**

- Have needs of the following been met:
  - pedestrians (including strollers, baby carriages, and blind persons)
  - children / elderly
  - assistive devices (wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, etc)
  - bicyclists
  - motorcyclists
  - over-sized trucks
  - buses
  - recreational vehicles
  - golfcarts
  - hazardous materials
- Significant volume of pedestrians requiring special safety measures:  
(maze barriers/guide fencing, sign indicating potential presence of 2<sup>nd</sup> train at a multi track crossing, etc)

### **Other:**

- Should closure of the crossing be considered due to inactivity, presence of nearby adjacent crossings, etc.

### **Comments Following Site Visit:**

