

CN Railroad Grade Separation and Road Realignment Project
Kimball and Port Huron Townships
St. Clair County, MI
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Description of the Project

The CN Railroad and the St. Clair County Road Commission (SCCRC) have developed a project to eliminate the delays to traffic caused by trains. The overall project will construct two grade separations and provide connecting roads to allow traffic to cross the tracks despite the presence of any trains waiting for inbound or outbound “slots” through the St. Clair River tunnel. The project will:

- Substantially enhance motorist and pedestrian safety and permit full mobility and access for emergency medical and fire vehicles.
- Eliminate the hazardous environment of the at-grade highway rail crossings.
- Alleviate the economic and environmental impact of idling motor vehicular traffic resulting from blocked crossings.

Most significantly, the project will provide the necessary time for train inspection to ensure full compliance with U.S. Customs and homeland security requirements.

The project has been split into two phases.

Phase 1

A bridge will be built over the tracks on Michigan Road south of Griswold Road. The intersection of Griswold Road and Michigan Road will be improved with turn lanes and a traffic signal. Completion of Phase 1 will ensure unrestricted access over the tracks.

Phase 2

The at-grade crossings on Griswold Road west of Michigan Road and on Range Road north of Griswold Road will be closed. A new road will be constructed to the north of the CN Railroad tracks to connect Griswold and Range Roads. One bridge will be built over the railroad and connect to the existing intersection of Griswold and Range Roads. This intersection will be replaced with a modern roundabout to facilitate traffic movement.

See the attached drawings.

At this time only enough funding has been secured to complete Phase 1. Efforts are continuing to acquire the added funds to complete Phase 2.