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September 25, 2017-via email and regular mail

Board of Selectmen
Town of Charlemont
P. O. Box 677
Charlemont,
Massachusetts 01339

Re: Eleanor Rowley-80 Deer Run Lane

Selectboard:

Eleanor Rowley has consulted me concerning a serious drainage issue she is experiencing at her property located at 80 Deer Run Lane in Charlemont. Her property is on the lower side of the road and as a result ,without a proper channel on the downhill side of the road, when it rains water not only runs over the bank down onto her property but it runs down her driveway as well which has washed away the gravel on her driveway creating a rocky surface such that she cannot get anyone to plow her driveway in winter for fear of doing damage to their plow. Furthermore, her water source is located at the end of this driveway near the corner of the house and this situation has the potential of contaminating her well.

It would be appreciated if a member of your board would investigate this situation and ask the highway department to take the appropriate action to take fix this problem as soon as possible. Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Yours very truly,


John W. Richardson

Emailed copy to
Highway Department



PAN AM RAILWAYS

1700 IRON HORSE PARK
NO. BILLERICA, MA 01862

September 21, 2017

Ms. Sarah Reynolds
Select Board Member
Town Of Charlemont
157 Main Street
P.O. Box 677
Charlemont, MA 01339

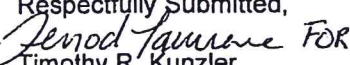
Dear Ms. Reynolds,

Thank you for taking the time yesterday to stop and speak with my colleagues and me. As was discussed, Pan Am Railways is under agreement with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to upgrade the grade crossing warning system at West Hawley Road. This crossing is one of many within the state that has been chosen to receive critical safety improvements as part of a Federal Highway Administration program. Many upgrades will be made to improve safety; state of the art train detection technology, highly visible twelve inch LED lights, and video monitoring to name a few. However, even with these improvements, serious safety concerns will persist without the assistance of the Town of Charlemont. Specifically, the railroad proposes to alter traffic flow patterns by installing stop signs on West Hawley Road to allow southbound traffic to have the right of way over the at-grade rail crossing and through the intersection.

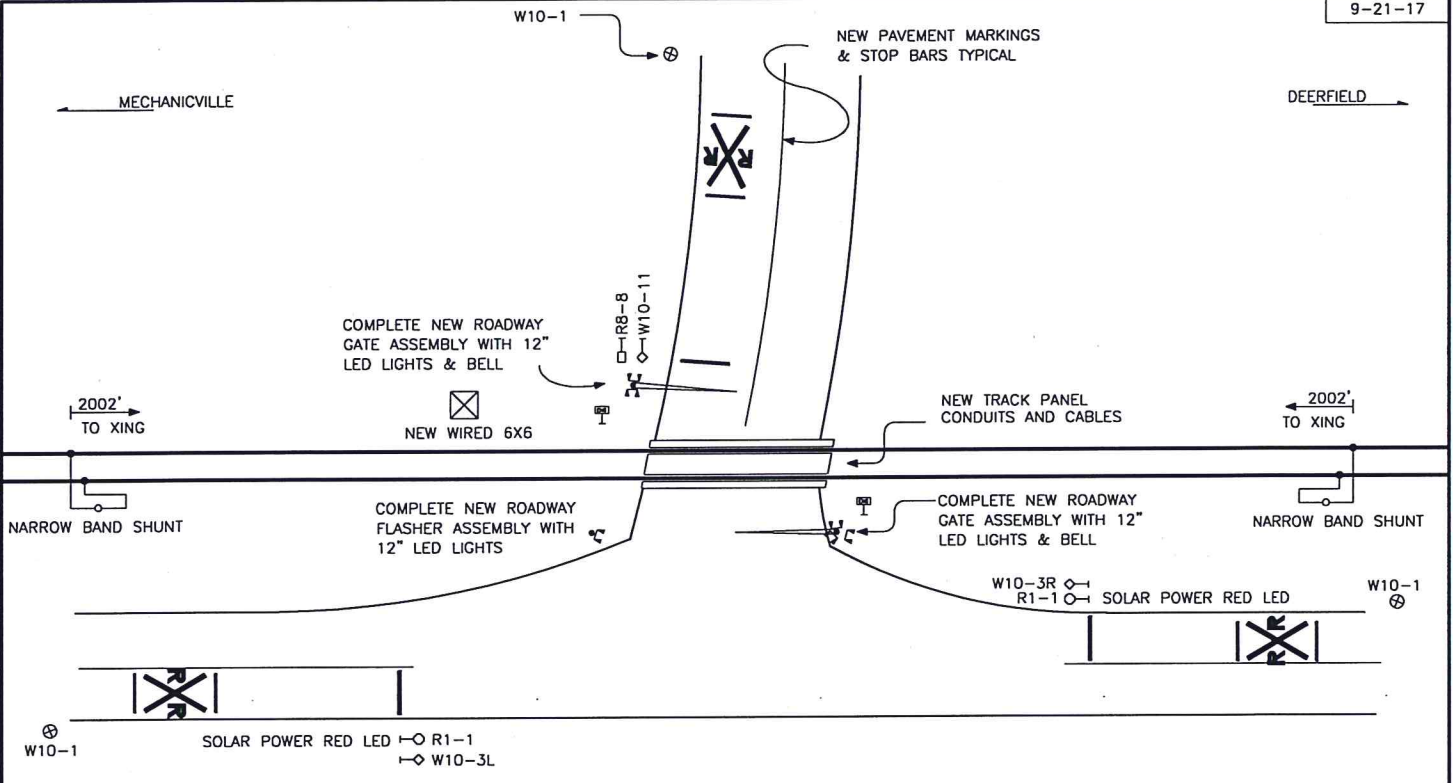
As you are aware, eastbound and westbound traffic traversing West Hawley Road currently has the right of way. This pattern creates a situation where a southbound motorist operating over the at-grade rail crossing must wait for those traveling on West Hawley Road, thus allowing for traffic to back-up onto the crossing. This is of particular concern for a school bus or larger vehicles, including those carrying hazardous materials. Again, because southbound traffic has to stop to wait for passing east/west traffic, and because of the intersection's proximity to the rail crossing, southbound vehicles are potentially left waiting at the intersection while fouling the railroad track.

In the attached plan, you will notice the proposed installation location of stop signs. Though this drawing is not to scale, it more clearly represents our proposal. If approved, sign placement and pavement markings will be located under the direction of Mr. Hathaway. I have also attached additional documentation related to signage for the Board to review. Please note, that funding for all improvements including the proposed solar powered flashing stop signs will be paid for by the project and will come at no cost to the Town.

I would like to thank you, the rest of the Board members, as well as Mr. Hathaway for taking the time to consider implementing this critical safety improvement. If you should have any questions, or would like to meet again, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to your earliest favorable response.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy R. Kunzler FOR
AVP, Engineering
Pan Am Railways
978-500-2476

Attachments (2)



- ◇ BIDIRECTIONAL CONSTANT WARNING PREDICTOR (XP4)
WARNING TIME 35 SEC + 4 SEC ACQUISITION
- Ⓜ MUTCD SIGNS TO BE INSTALLED IN OPPOSING LANE DIRECTIONS
CAMERA INSTALLATION INCLUDED WITH NEW BUNGALOW
IN ACCORDANCE WITH MASSDOT STANDARDS, ALL ROADWAY
RECONSTRUCTION WILL BE LIMITED TO 9' BEYOND THE
EDGE OF NEAREST RAIL.

LENGTH OF CROSSING PANEL (TF)	40
LENGTH OF RAIL REPLACEMENT (TF)	170
LENGTH OF TRACK REHABILITATION (TF)	184

CHARLEMONT, MA
 FREIGHT MAIN LINE
WEST HAWLEY RD
 ENG. STA.
 DOT # 052482V

FROM THE OFFICE OF
 CHIEF ENGINEER C&S
 SPRINGFIELD TERMINAL RAILWAY
 NO. BILLERICA, MA.

APPROVED: _____
 CHIEF ENGR COMM & SIGS

Table 8B-1. Grade Crossing Sign and Plaque Minimum Sizes

Sign or Plaque	Sign Designation	Section	Conventional Road		Expressway	Minimum	Oversized
			Single Lane	Multi-Lane			
* Stop w/ RED LED	R1-1	8B.04, 8B.05	30 x 30	36 x 36	36 x 36	—	48 x 48
Yield	R1-2	8B.04, 8B.05	36 x 36 x 36	48 x 48 x 48	48 x 48 x 48	30 x 30 x 30	—
No Right Turn Across Tracks	R3-1a	8B.08	24 x 30	30 x 36	—	—	—
No Left Turn Across Tracks	R3-2a	8B.08	24 x 30	30 x 36	—	—	—
* Do Not Stop on Tracks	R8-8	8B.09	24 x 30	24 x 30	36 x 48	—	36 x 48
Tracks Out of Service	R8-9	8B.10	24 x 24	24 x 24	36 x 36	—	36 x 36
Stop Here When Flashing	R8-10	8B.11	24 x 36	24 x 36	—	—	36 x 48
Stop Here When Flashing	R8-10a	8B.11	24 x 30	24 x 30	—	—	36 x 42
Stop Here on Red	R10-6	8B.12	24 x 36	24 x 36	—	—	36 x 48
Stop Here on Red	R10-6a	8B.12	24 x 30	24 x 30	—	—	36 x 42
Grade Crossing (Crossbuck)	R15-1	8B.03	48 x 9	48 x 9	—	—	—
Number of Tracks (plaque)	R15-2P	8B.03	27 x 18	27 x 18	—	—	—
Exempt (plaque)	R15-3P	8B.07	24 x 12	24 x 12	—	—	—
Light Rail Only Right Lane	R15-4a	8B.13	24 x 30	24 x 30	—	—	—
Light Rail Only Left Lane	R15-4b	8B.13	24 x 30	24 x 30	—	—	—
Light Rail Only Center Lane	R15-4c	8B.13	24 x 30	24 x 30	—	—	—
Light Rail Do Not Pass	R15-5	8B.14	24 x 30	24 x 30	—	—	—
Do Not Pass Stopped Train	R15-5a	8B.14	24 x 30	24 x 30	—	—	—
No Motor Vehicles On Tracks Symbol	R15-6	8B.15	24 x 24	24 x 24	—	—	—
Do Not Drive On Tracks	R15-6a	8B.15	24 x 30	24 x 30	—	—	—
Light Rail Divided Highway Symbol	R15-7	8B.16	24 x 24	24 x 24	—	—	—
Light Rail Divided Highway Symbol (T-Intersection)	R15-7a	8B.16	24 x 24	24 x 24	—	—	—
Look	R15-8	8B.17	36 x 18	36 x 18	—	—	—
* Grade Crossing Advance Warning	W10-1	8B.06	36 Dia.	36 Dia.	48 Dia.	—	48 Dia.
Exempt (plaque)	W10-1aP	8B.07	24 x 12	24 x 12	—	—	—
* Grade Crossing and Intersection Advance Warning	W10-2,3,4	8B.06	36 x 36	36 x 36	48 x 48	—	48 x 48
Low Ground Clearance	W10-5	8B.23	36 x 36	36 x 36	48 x 48	—	48 x 48
Low Ground Clearance (plaque)	W10-5P	8B.23	30 x 24	30 x 24	—	—	—
Light Rail Activated Blank-Out Symbol	W10-7	8B.19	24 x 24	24 x 24	—	—	—
Trains May Exceed 80 MPH	W10-8	8B.20	36 x 36	36 x 36	48 x 48	—	48 x 48
No Train Horn	W10-9	8B.21	36 x 36	36 x 36	48 x 48	—	48 x 48
No Train Horn (plaque)	W10-9P	8B.21	30 x 24	30 x 24	—	—	—
* Storage Space Symbol	W10-11	8B.24	36 x 36	36 x 36	48 x 48	—	48 x 48
Storage Space XX Feet Between Tracks & Highway	W10-11a	8B.24	30 x 36	30 x 36	—	—	—
Storage Space XX Feet Between Highway & Tracks Behind You	W10-11b	8B.24	30 x 36	30 x 36	—	—	—
Skewed Crossing	W10-12	8B.25	36 x 36	36 x 36	48 x 48	—	48 x 48
No Gates or Lights (plaque)	W10-13P	8B.22	30 x 24	30 x 24	—	—	—
Next Crossing (plaque)	W10-14P	8B.23	30 x 24	30 x 24	—	—	—
Use Next Crossing (plaque)	W10-14aP	8B.23	30 x 24	30 x 24	—	—	—
Rough Crossing (plaque)	W10-15P	8B.23	30 x 24	30 x 24	—	—	36 x 30

- Notes: 1. Larger signs may be used when appropriate
 2. Dimensions in inches are shown as width x height
 3. Table 9B-1 shows the minimum sizes that may be used for grade crossing signs and plaques that face shared-use paths and pedestrian facilities

- Solar Powered (110V Version available)
- No AC Power Required
- Easy Installation
- MUTCD Compliant
- Proprietary Day-Viz™ Circuitry
- 52.9% Reduction in Blow-Throughs



TAPCO's brilliant innovation of enhancing traffic signs with LEDs (Light-Emitting Diodes) makes intersections safer, reduces accidents and saves lives!

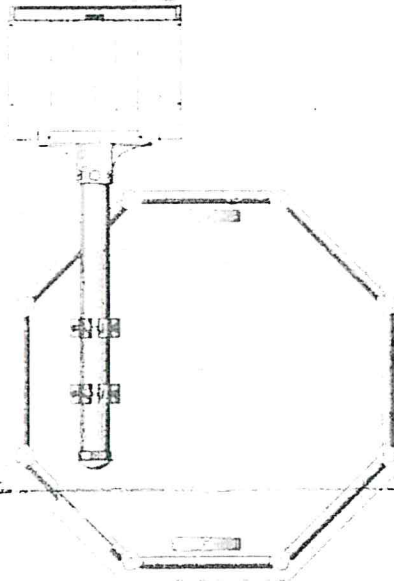
Day-Viz™ (Daylight Visible) BlinkerSigns feature an array of incredibly bright LEDs that flash in unison, once per second, commanding the attention of drivers DAY AND NIGHT. Any MUTCD sign can be transformed into a BlinkerSign!

FEATURES

- Installs easily onto any new or existing sign post
- Can be integrated into an ITS (Intelligent Transportation System)
- High intensity Day-Viz™ LEDs command attention day and night
- Can be programmed to operate continuously (24/7) or on solar time clocks, push-buttons and/or motion (vehicle) detectors
- Proprietary circuitry automatically adjusts light output for maximum visibility and battery efficiency
- Multiple signs can be synchronized
- Heightened driver awareness
- Increased visibility at high incident intersections

APPLICATIONS

- New stop sign locations
- High incident intersections
- Rural roads



Patents #6,943,698; #6,693,556
Other Patents Pending

STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

Sign Specification- MUTCD #R1-1

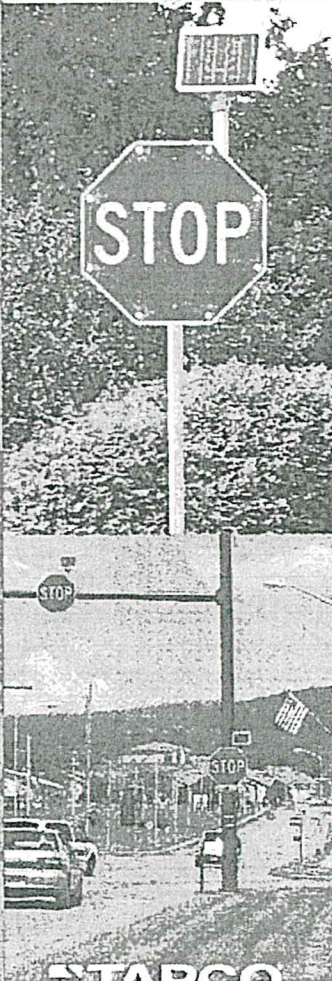
Sign Substrate	.080 Highway Grade Aluminum
Reflective Sheeting	3M™ DG ³ - with anti-graffiti overlay
MUTCD Compliance	MUTCD Section 2A.08 Compliant
Day-Viz™ Management System (patent pending)	
Battery	Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH)—14,000mAh
Battery Lifespan	Up to 5 years
Autonomy- Functionality without Charge	Up to 30 days in 24/7 operation
Flash Pattern	MUTCD Compliant
LED Type	High Power Luxeon— 1 watt
LED Life Expectancy	Over 100,000 hours
Warranty	
Term	1 Full Year Warranty
Smart Activation Options	
24/7 continuous	
Time clock activation (Windows based software programmable)	
Wireless control activation	
Vehicle detection activation	

All specifications subject to change without notice.

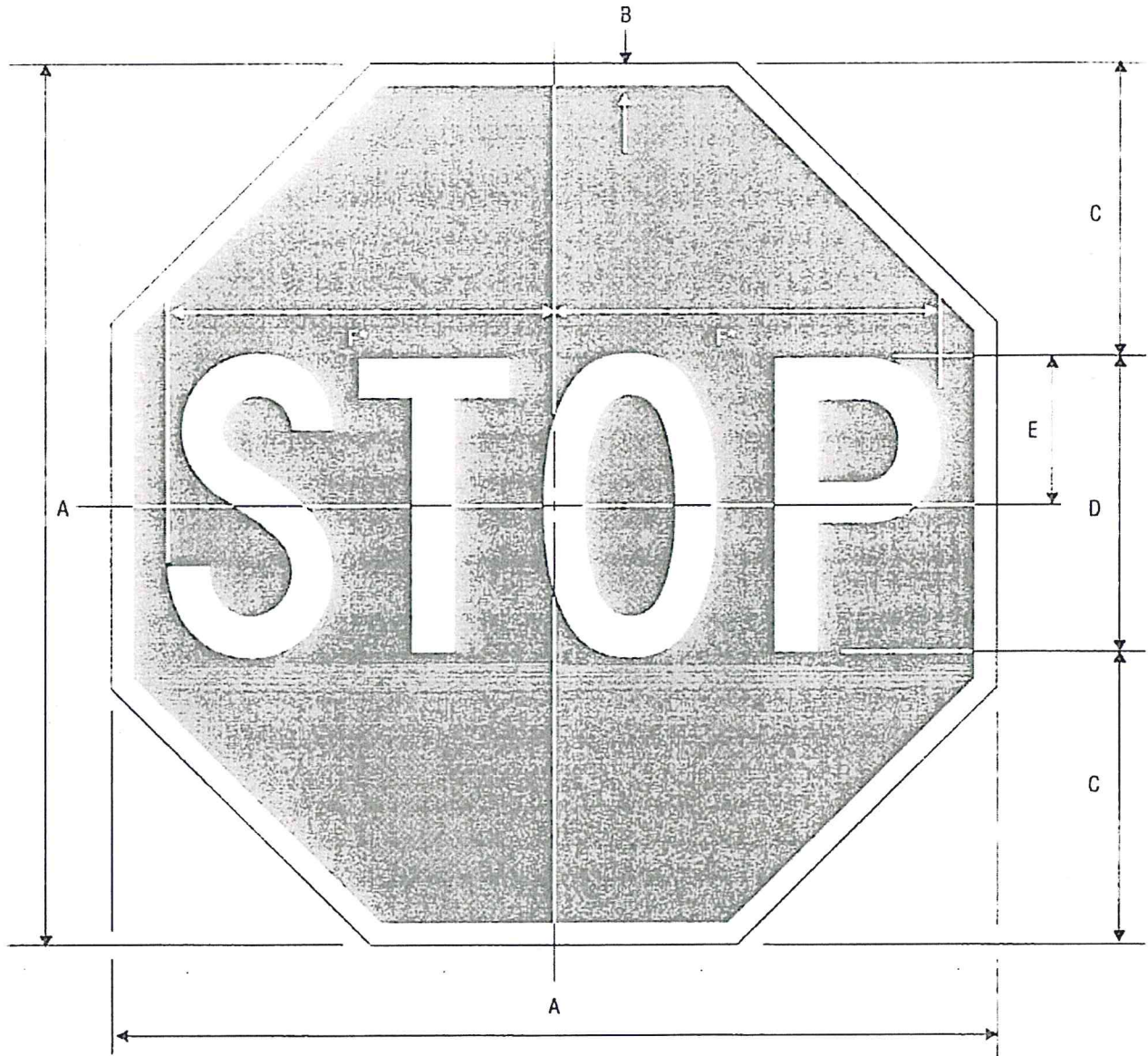
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DELIVERED



R1-1
STOP

*Reduce spacing 40%



A	B	C	D	E	F
18	.375	6	6 C	3	7.75
24	.625	8	8 C	4	10
30	.75	10	10 C	5	12.5
36	.875	12	12 C	6	15
48	1.25	16	16 C	8	20

COLORS: LEGEND — WHITE (RETROREFLECTIVE)
BACKGROUND — RED (RETROREFLECTIVE)



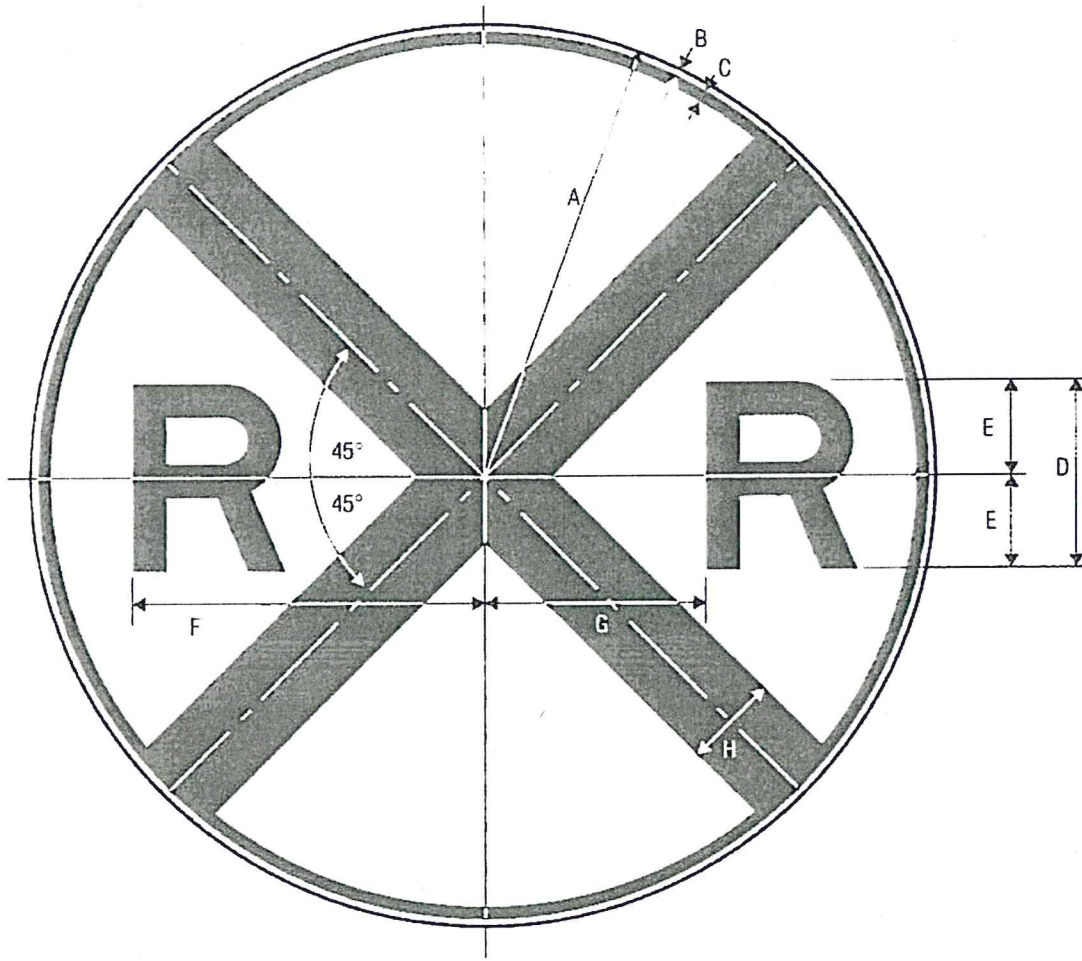
R8-8

DO NOT STOP ON TRACKS



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N
24	30	.375	.625	3.625	4 D	2.25	9.25	9.625	6.563	3.5	10	1.5
36	48	.625	.875	6	6 D	4	14	14.438	9.75	5.25	15	2.25
48	60	.75	1.25	7.25	8 D	4.25	18.5	19.25	13.125	7	20	3

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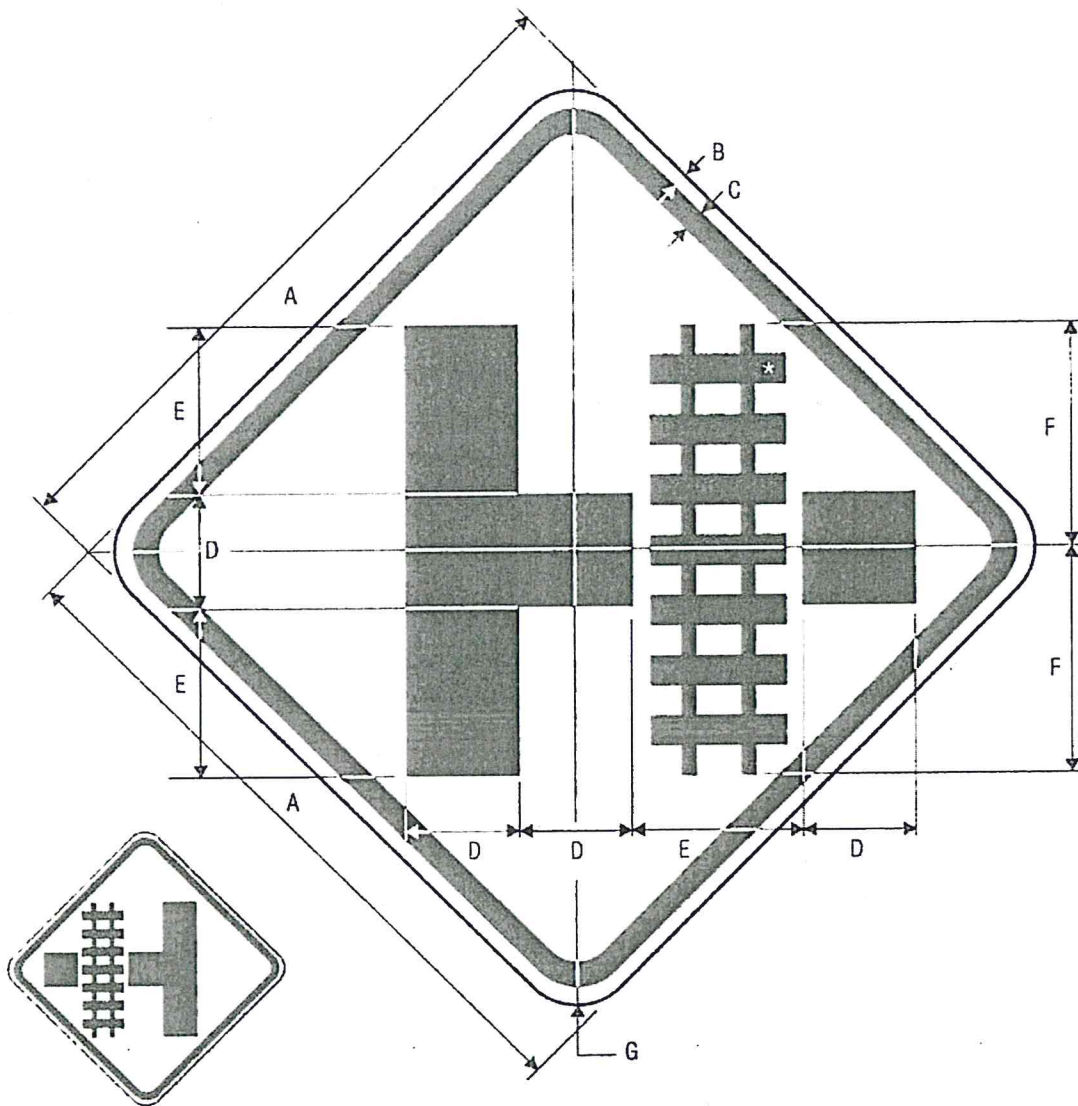


W10-1

HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE CROSSING ADVANCE WARNING

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	9	.25	.375	4 E	2	7.187	4.312	2
	12	.375	.625	5 E	2.5	9.187	5.812	2.5
C	15	.375	.625	7 E	3.5	12.375	7.125	3
✱	18	.5	.75	8 E	4	14.375	8.625	4
	24	.75	1.25	10 E	5	18.375	11.625	5

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W10-3L

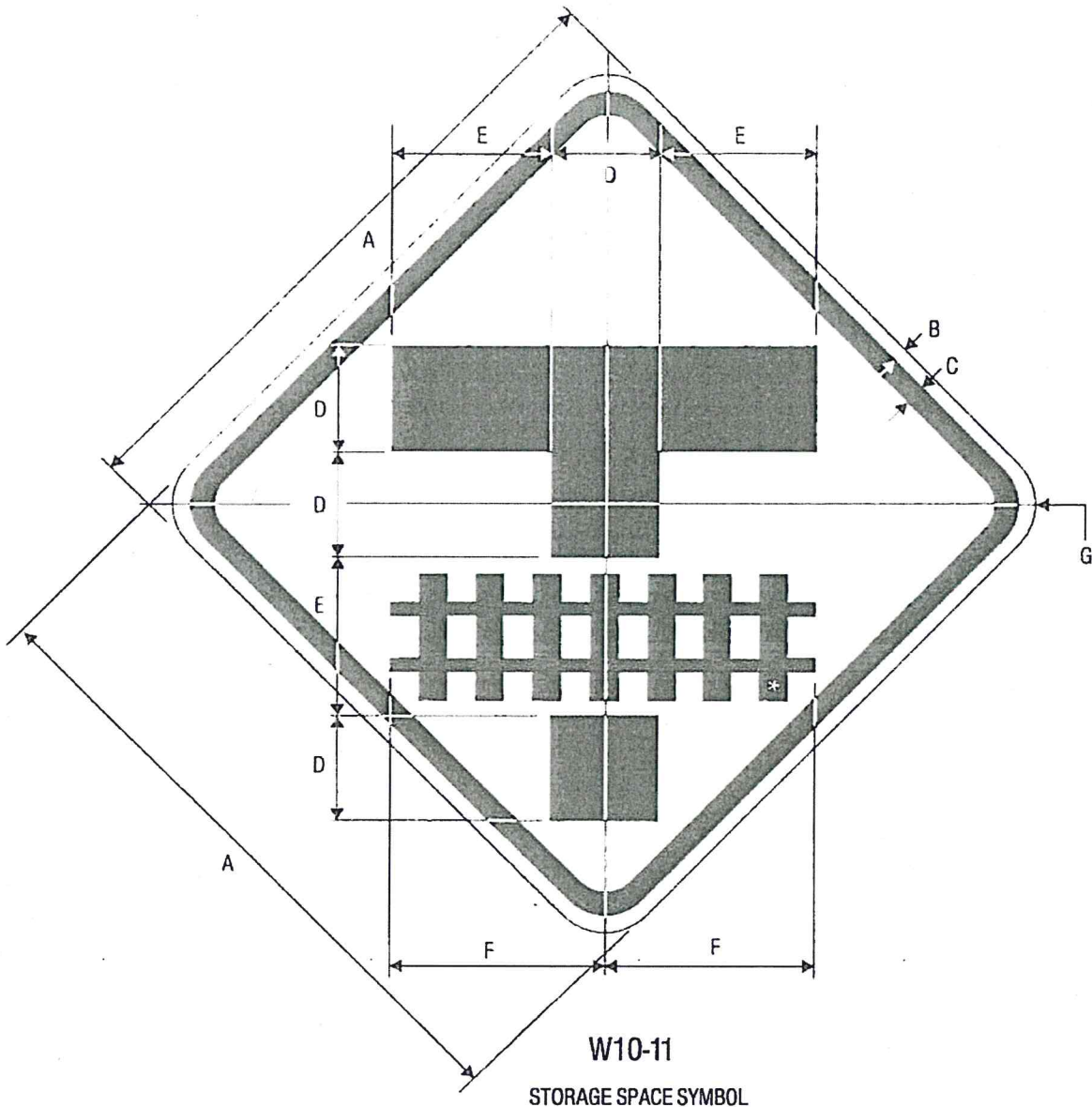
W10-3R

HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE CROSSING ADVANCE WARNING

*See page 6-24 for symbol design.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
18	.375	.625	3	4.483	6	1.5
24	.375	.625	4	6	8	1.5
30	.5	.75	5	7.485	10	1.875
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48	.75	1.25	8	12	16	3

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