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Conor McCormack,
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Mr. McCormack,

The Providence and Worcester Railroad (P&W) has several concerns at Rice Road crossing involving public safety. Currently Rice Road meets all requirements for the existing conditions of the area. The following are the eight main considerations taken when determining the necessity to installing upgraded active warning devices:

- Public and Employee safety
- Volume of vehicular traffic
- Volume of railroad traffic
- Speed of vehicular traffic
- Speed of railroad traffic
- Volume of pedestrian traffic
- Collision record
- Sight distance restrictions

The only variable with this project is the addition housing units and the widening of Rice Road, which will significantly increase the volume of vehicular and pedestrian traffic along with vehicular speed at this crossing, causing the current warning assembly to be out of compliance. It is not the financial responsibility of the P&W to upgrade existing satisfactory railroad assets to align with increased standards necessary to support the modifications being made to the surrounding properties that do not directly involve the railroad.

Respectfully,

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