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At-Grade Rail Crossing on West Waukesha Bypass gets Green Light

Today, Commissioner of Railroads Yash Wadhwa approved an at-grade railroad crossing for the West Waukesha Bypass just north of Sunset Drive in Waukesha. The Commissioner had previously ordered a bridge over the railroad tracks.

Waukesha County, the Department of Transportation (DOT), the City of Waukesha and the Town of Waukesha jointly developed the West Waukesha Bypass to handle safety issues and growing commercial needs. The Bypass is unique in tying together government, communities, and funding. Any significant increase in costs would have put the project at risk, as the original agreement capped costs at \$50.7 million.

“I would like to thank Commissioner Wadhwa, the Wisconsin Southern Railroad, the state DOT, and the local elected officials in Waukesha,” said Rep. Scott Allen (R-Waukesha). “Putting in a bridge would have put the entire project in jeopardy, and the estimated \$7 million in additional costs would have been borne by taxpayers.”

Rep. Allen advocated for an at-grade crossing to protect taxpayers from a potential budget overrun. Since December, the representative has had a number of meetings with the Wisconsin Southern Railroad, the Wisconsin DOT, and Waukesha County officials. He also submitted comments to the Commissioner during the public notice and comment period.

“This is good news for our community and Wisconsin taxpayers.”

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*The 97th Assembly District includes portions of the City of Waukesha
and the Towns of Waukesha, Genesee, and Mukwonago.*