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Mr. Aaron Adams
City of Knoxville
Assistant City Manager
305 S. Third St.
Knoxville, IA 50138

Dear Mr. Adams,

BNSF would like to pursue the closure of the Sherman Street at-grade crossing in Knoxville, IA. BNSF has had a strong program since 2001 to eliminate at-grade crossings that are not needed to cross our tracks other than for convenience purposes, per the recommendation in the FHWA's MUTCD manual. The elimination of grade crossings on BNSF's system has helped reduce the number of vehicle/train collisions significantly in Illinois and the other states that we operate in.

In consideration for the proposed closure of the public at-grade crossing Sherman Street, DOT# 063408W in the City of Knoxville, BNSF Railway is willing to help the City apply for the closure incentive payment of $7,500 from Iowa Department of Transportation. BNSF will also contribute $7,500 toward the closure. The combined closure incentive totals $**15,000**.

I look forward to hearing back from you regarding our proposal. I can be reached at my office number or by email which are listed above. If you would like me to attend your monthly township meeting to answer any questions regarding our offer, I would make myself available to do so.

Sincerely,

Calvin Nutt
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