

# City of Edmonton Whistle Cessation Report

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Dear Mr. Mark:

Project No: 60519258

Regarding: City of Edmonton Whistle Cessation Report

Enclosed is one copy of the above noted report for the city of Edmonton. We trust this submission meets your current needs.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide this service to the City of Edmonton, we look forward to the opportunity to work with you again in the future.

Sincerely,

**AECOM Canada Ltd.** 

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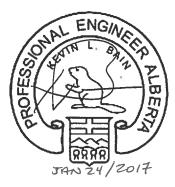
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# **Executive Summary**

The City of Edmonton commissioned AECOM to conduct a whistle cessation report and crossing assessment for 16 crossing sites within the City limits..

The purpose of the report is to provide a detailed assessment of the crossings pursuant to Transport Canada's *Grade Crossing Regulations* dated November 27, 2014, Grade Crossing Standards dated July 2014, and CN's requirements for crossing assessments. Identify any non-compliance issues, and recommend mitigation and estimated cost to bring the crossings into compliance for whistle cessation.

In our review of the crossings, AECOM found the following crossing sites are already covered by whistle cessation or removed:

- Site 2: 117 Street east of 167 Street, CN mile 0.74 Norwester Ind. Lead
- Site 4: 17 Street north of Whitemud Drive, CN mile 6.22 Camrose Subdivision
- Site 5: 167 Avenue and Fort Road, CN mile 0.64 Coronado Subdivision.
- Site 7: 137 Avenue east of 184 Street CN confirmed crossing closed and whistle posts removed.
- Site 8 118 Avenue west of 163 Street, CN mile 0.56 Norwester Ind. Lead
- Site 9: Maple Road east of 12 Street, CN mile 7.21 Camrose Subdivision
- Site 15 76 Avenue east of 34 Street, CN mile 4.32 Camrose Subdivision

AECOM's review also identified several non-compliant items that need to be addressed to comply with Transport Canada's Grade Crossing Standards and meet the requirements for Whistle Cessation.

The identified items and their estimated costs are summarized as follows:

All estimated costs are 2016 Canadian dollars including GST and are subject to change.

#### Site 1: 162 Avenue east of 142 Street, CN mile 2.90 Westlock Subdivision

>Extend paved crossing surface minimum of 0.5m beyond edge of road, both sides. Estimated cost = \$8,000

- >Install 2 advance warning signs. Estimated Costs = \$3,000
- >Address trespassing 210m north of crossing, Close off opening in wood fence. = \$1,000
- >Install road crossing warning system consisting of flashing lights and bell. Estimated cost = \$350,000

#### Total estimated cost = \$362,000

#### Option 2: Upgrade to a gated crossing with sidewalk and widened road section

- >Extend paved crossing surface minimum of 0.5m beyond edge of road, both sides. Estimated cost = \$8,000
- >Install 2 advance warning signs. Estimated Costs = \$3,000
- >Address trespassing 210m north of crossing, Close off opening in wood fence. = \$1,000
- >Install Flashing lights and bell with gates. Estimated cost = \$391,200
- >Widen road section to urban standard including sidewalk. Estimated cost = \$61,000
- >Relocate two power poles. Estimated cost = \$20,000 (Ball Park estimate)

#### Total Estimated cost Option 2 = \$484,200

Note: Extending the sidewalk east, past the crossing will also involve drainage modifications which are not part of the above estimates.

Note triggers for installing gates. One or more of the following conditions at the crossing are usually present for installing gates: Forecast cross product is 50,000 or more

2 or more tracks

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Rail speed is more than 50mph

There is stop sign for an intersection less than 30 m from the nearest rail.

There is an intersection with traffic lights within 60m of the crossing.

None of the above conditions currently exist at the crossing at the time of this report.

#### Site 3: 17 Street south of 195 Avenue, CN mile 120.72 Vegreville Subdivision

>Clear brush around advance warning signs. Estimated cost = \$5000

>Re-grade road profile to achieve a 2% or less grade within 8m of nearest rail for both approaches. See Figure 3B. Estimated Cost = \$35,470

>Install road crossing warning system consisting of flashing lights and bell and gates. Estimated cost = \$450,000

#### Total estimated cost = \$490,470

#### Site 6: Meridian Street north of 178 Avenue, CN mile 121.96 Vegreville Subdivision

>Re-grade road profile to achieve a 2% or less grade within 8m of nearest rail for the south approach. Estimated cost = \$40,835

>Paint stop lines on both road approaches to crossing. Estimated cost = \$2,000

#### Total estimated cost = \$42,835

#### Site 10: 127 Avenue at Dunvegan Road, CN mile 0.05 Westlock Subdivision

>Paint stop line on westbound approach. Estimated cost = \$1000

>Install 3 advance warning signs. Estimated cost = \$4,500

>Install short arm gate for sidewalk in northwest quadrant. Estimated cost = \$100,000

#### Total estimated cost = \$105,500

#### Site 11: 167 Avenue east of 142 Street, CN mile 3.26 Westlock Subdivision

>Paint stop line on westbound approach. Estimated cost = \$1,000

>Install 2 advance warning signs. Estimated cost = \$3,000

#### Total estimated cost = \$4,000

#### Site 12: 101 Street South of Ellerslie Road, CPR Mile 90.02 Leduc Subdivision (Tag 600509)

>Install 2 advance warning signs. Estimated cost = \$3,000

>Relocate access. Estimated cost = \$68,500 (25% contingency added) \* Note this estimated cost is ball park, as no survey or field investigation was conducted.

#### Total estimated cost = \$71,500

#### Site 13: 64 Avenue East of 30 Street, CN Mile 5.08 Camrose Subdivision

>Re-grade road profile to achieve a 2% or less grade within 8m of nearest rail for both approaches.- See Figure 13B Estimated Cost = \$20,420

>Install 2 advance warning signs. Estimated cost = \$3,000

#### Total estimated cost = \$23,420

#### Site 14: 34 Street & 94 Avenue, CPR Mile 168.38 Scotford Subdivision (Tag 30726)

>Install 2 advance warning signs. Estimated cost = \$3,000

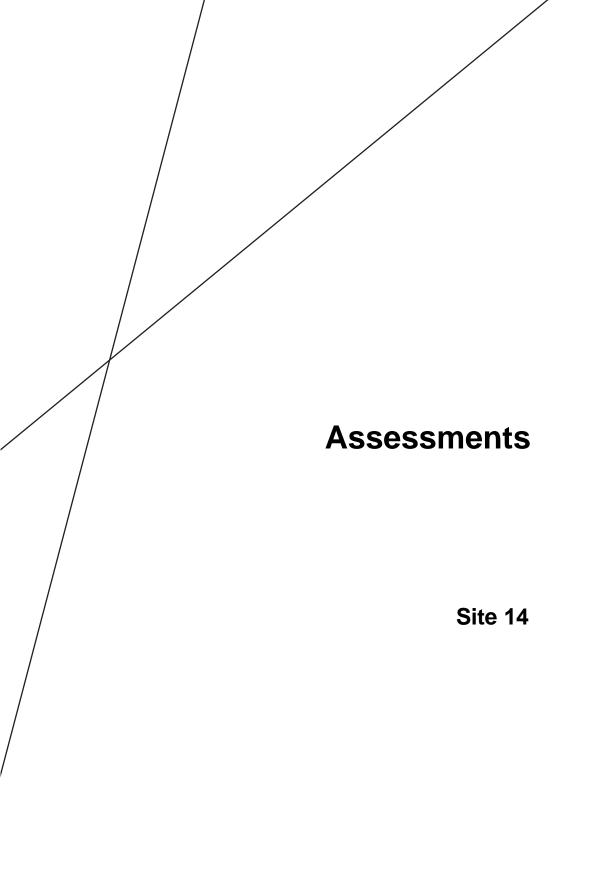
#### Total estimated cost = \$3,000

#### Site 16: Celanese Road & 17 Street, CN Mile 259.89 Wainwright Subdivision

>Install advance warning sign. Estimated cost = \$1,500.

- >Paint stop lines at both approaches to crossing. Estimated costs = \$2,000
- >Extend paved crossing surface. Estimated costs = \$16,000
- >Re-grade approach to crossing (See Figure 16-B) Estimated cost = \$54,280

Total estimated cost = \$73,780



Road Name: 34 Street & 94 Avenue
CPR Mile 168.38 Scotford Subdivision (Tag 30726)
Road Authority: City of Edmonton
General Information
Crossing protected with Flashing lights, bell (FLB's) and gates
Number of tracks: 1
No. of tracks sign on crossing posts: Yes / No_X_
Stop sign on Railway post <u>East</u> : Yes / No_X_ , If No are there stop signs at the crossing: Yes / No_X_ Stop sign on Railway post <u>West</u> : Yes / No_X_ , If No are there stop signs at the crossing: Yes / No_X_
Railway emergency sign on the crossing posts or signal mast: Yes _X_ / No
Number of Traffic Lanes: _2_
Railway Speed: 20mph
Road crossing design speed: Posted road speed 60 km/h
Width of travelled lane: 3.6m, 3.9m, paved surface
Width of shoulder (where evident): 2.5m, 1.7m
Sidewalks: Yes/ No_X_
Crossing Impact: Re: Switching Operations: Yes _X_ / No
Track Switches within 1000 ft. of Crossing Location: West: 12.0m Switch for Imperial Oil Limited, East: 32.0m switch for Alta Steel.
Crossing Impact Re: Seasonal Traffic (if applicable): NA
Crossing Pedestrian Volume: 0
Crossing Cyclist Volume: 0
Crossing Impact: School Bus Route/Dangerous Goods Route/Emergency Services: Dangerous Goods Route/Emergency Services
Crossing Accessibility Designation: Vehicles
Assisted Devices or other special users: None
Forecasted AADT: Unknown 2015 count = 11512
Crossing Special Applications Exemptions (Active or Future Request): Anti-Whistling Request
Surrounding Land: Residential / Industrial _X_ / Rural / Urban _X_
Other examples: Schools/Emergency Services: NA
Design Considerations: None

Site 14:

#### **Location of Grade Crossing**

Is there a road intersection within 30m of the crossing and if so what is the distance: Yes 75 feet ( 22.8m) 94 Avenue in southeast quadrant. CPR access within CPR right of way in the other quadrants Recommendations for any mitigation work: NA

Grade Crossing Surface Section 5
Crossing surface extends a min. of 0.5m beyond the road surface: Yes _X_ / No Recommendations for any mitigation work: NA
Type and Length of Crossing Surface Material: Concrete _X_62.7 feet (19.1m) / Rubber / Asphalt / Wood Recommended Crossing Surface Material: NA
Location of crossing with respect to track design: Tangent _X_ / Curve / Super-elevated
Angle of crossing: 50 Degrees.
Other Special Vehicle Requirements or Restrictions: NA
Road Geometry Section 6 – Road Profile Grades
Grades at stopped, 5 m from rail: North 0.10%, South 0.97%
Drainage Conditions: Open Ditch _X_ / Catch Basin
Additional Road Design Impacts: Steep approaches: NA Horizontal Curves in roads: NA
Access points within 100 feet (30m): CPR access within CPR right of way in the northeast, southeast and southwes Quadrants.
Entrances/Private Driveways/Parallel Roads: see above
Recommendations for any mitigation work: NA
Sightlines Section 7
Clear view at 5m from nearest rail along railway corridor: Yes _X_ / No
See Figure 14-A for sightlines See Appendix 14-B for calculations
Recommendations for any mitigation work if required: NA
Signage Section 8
Height of standard reflectorized crossing sign (SRCS) from ground to center of standard reflectorized crossing sign (SRCS) and ground to bottom of stop sign: North / East: SRCS, South / West:SRCS, : NA, crossing has flashing lights, bell (FLB's) and gates
Location Specific Signage, Example: Multi-track signage, speed tabs, advance warning: No advance warning sign or south approach. North approach advance sign too close to crossing.
Condition of Retro-reflectorization on railway crossing signs: Good condition, see Appendix 14-A for photos

Recommendations for any mitigation work: Install 2 advance warning signs. See Figure 14-A

**Warning System Specifications:** 

Section 9

Flashing lights and bell \_X\_ / Cantilevers \_\_\_\_\_ / Gates \_X\_

Interconnected with traffic lights: NA

Grade Crossing Standard Section 9 and 10 (Departure time gate delay etc. from Signal Board Plans.):

Cross Product = 115,120

Intersections within 60m: 94 Avenue

Recommendations for any mitigation work: NA

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Table D-1 of the Grade Crossing Standards

Fencing requirement and condition: Railway Fenced, see Figure 14-A

Local Stakeholders: Commercial development in all quadrants.

Confirm known development plan for area: Commercial or industrial zoned.

Review Collision history last 5 years: No collisions reported: 2013 - 2015

Nearby Crossing and Impacts: None

Intersections/parallel roads: None

Trespassing: No evidence of trespassing

Recommendations for any mitigation work: NA

Additional Safety Concerns and Local Observations Comment on the following

Human Factors: NA

Control Device Visibility/ Background Visual Clutter: NA

Driver Workload through this area (are there a number of factors that simultaneously require the driver's attention such as traffic lights, pedestrian activity, merging traffic, commercial signage): NA

Driver expectancy of the environment (are the control measures within the design levels of the road system and adjacent environment?): NA

Need for positive guidance: NA

Conflicts between road and railway signage: NA

**Environmental Factors:** 

Extreme Weather Conditions: NA

Lighting Issues (night, dawn/dusk, tunnels, adjacent facilities, headlight or sunlight glare etc.): NA

Landscaping or vegetation: NA

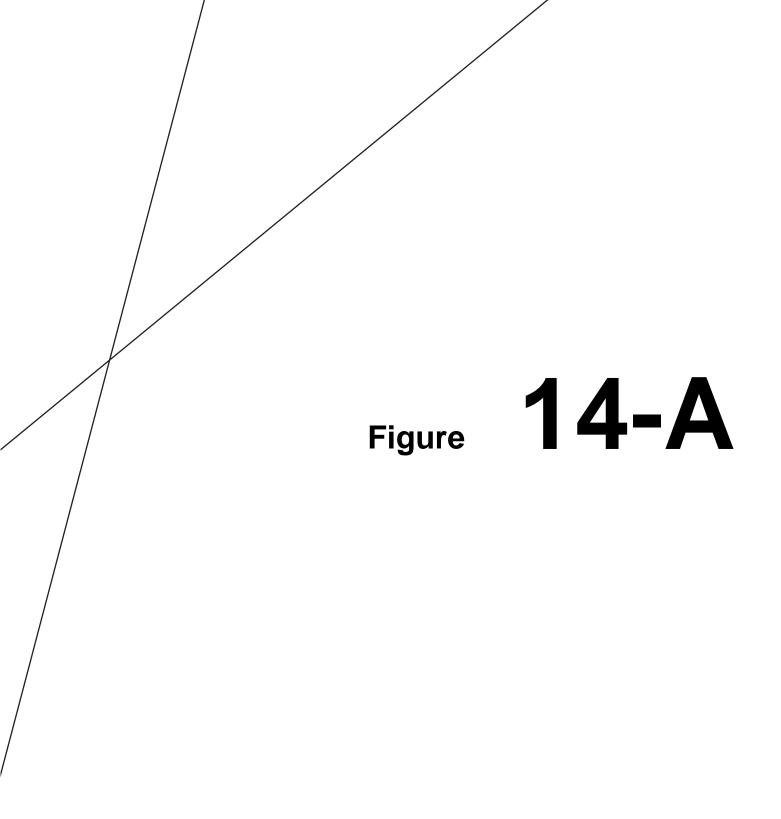
Integration with surrounding land use (parked vehicles, parking spots blocking sightlines merging traffic lanes etc.): NA

Pedestrians (strollers, blind persons): NA, No sidewalk at crossing

Children/Elderly: NA

Assistive Devices: NA Bicyclists: NA Motorcyclists: Yes Over-sized trucks: Permit required Buses: NA Recreational Vehicles: Not authorized on road Golfcarts: Not authorized on road Hazardous Material Vehicles: Yes, DC route Significant Volume of Pedestrians requiring special safety measures: NA Maze Barriers: NA Guide Fencing: NA Pedestrian Bell/Gates: NA Additional Signage (2nd track, etc.): NA Other: NA Review closure of this crossing if inactivity or presence of nearby adjacent crossings. Crossing provides legal access for commercial developments in all quadrants. **Detailed Conclusions and Recommendations** All estimated costs are 2016 Canadian dollars and subject to change. >Install 2 advance warning signs. Estimated cost = \$3,000. **Drawings and Appendixes:** See Crossing Drawing Figure 14-A See Appendix 14-A for Photos See Appendix 14-B for Calculations Railways Comments:

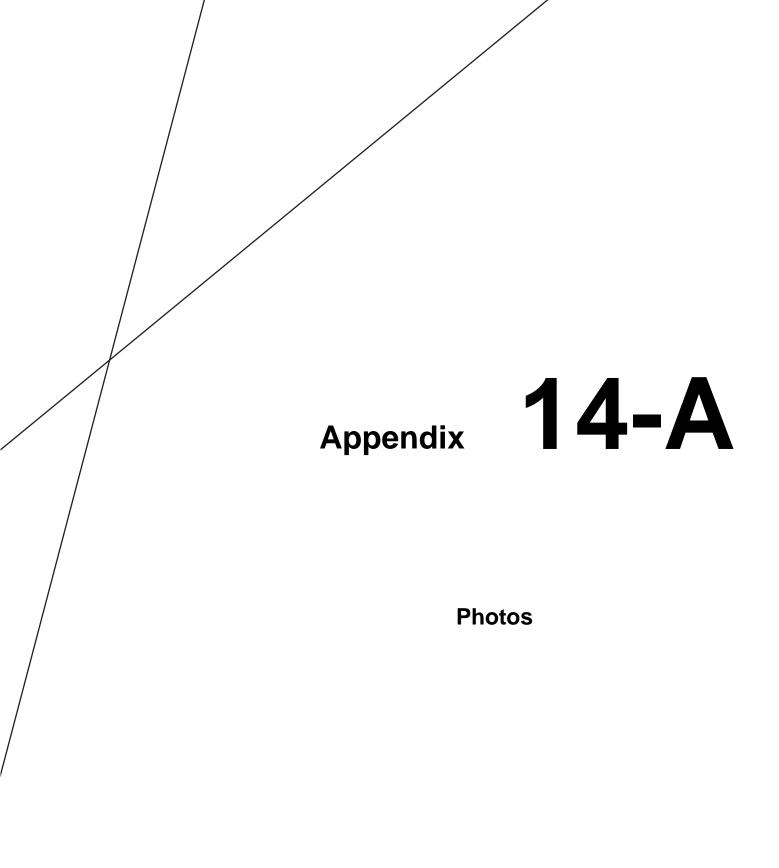
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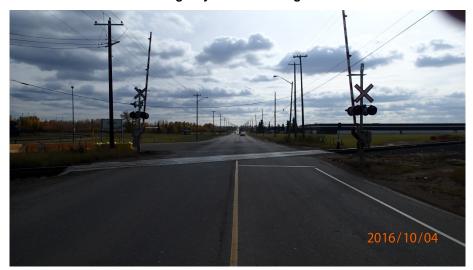
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**Looking East** 



**Looking South** 

**Looking West** 

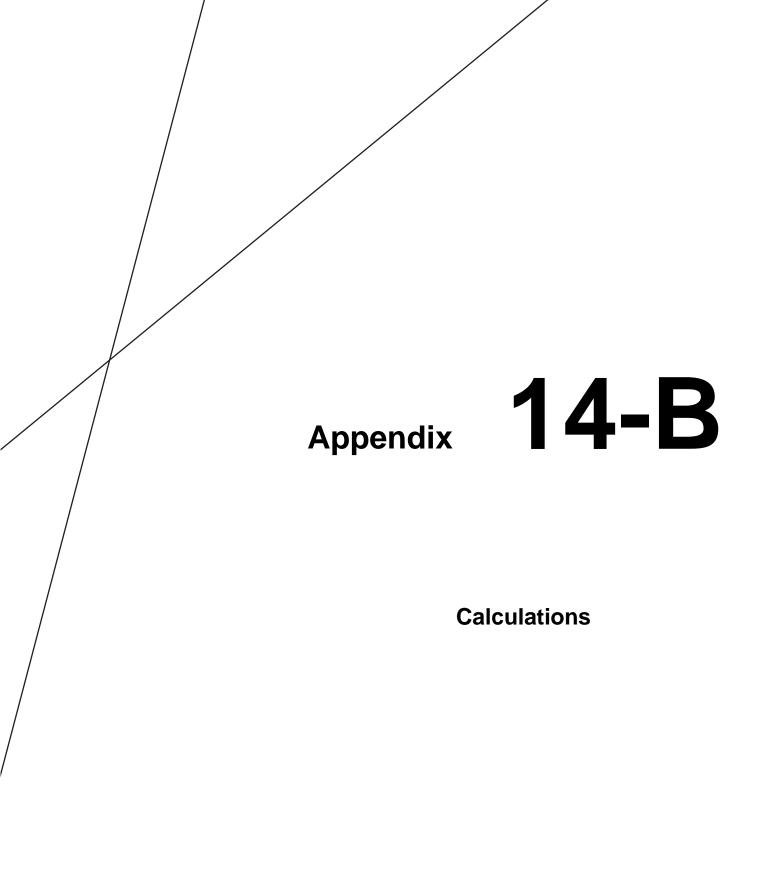
Site 14: 34 Street near 94 Avenue - CP Mile 168.38 Scotford Subdivision

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**Looking North** 

Site 14: 34 Street near 94 Avenue - CP Mile 168.38 Scotford Subdivision



## **CROSSING SIGHTLINE CALCULATIONS**

#### 34 Street - 94 Avenue

#### Mile 168.38 CP Scotford Subdivision

Design Vehicle										
General Vehicle Descri	es (BTD)		Length							
Design Vehicle Class		Truck		L	25.0	m				
Road Crossing Design Speed (V)				V	60	km/h				
Railway Design Speed (Vt)				Vt	20	mph				
Road Approach Gradients	North	0.8 %	Rul	ing	0.5	%				
- from survey data	South	0.5 %		dient						
Stopping Sight Distance (SSD)			North	SSD	130	m				
- from Table 3 for truck	c class		South S		130					
Grade Crossing Clearance Distant		- 12 // m	No. C	Of Tracks cd	1 8.87	ea				
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Minimum Stopping Sight Distance										
Tssd = [(SSD + cd + L / (	(0.278 x V)	]		Tssd	9.82	sec				
Minimum Sightlines Along Rail L	ine From S	SSD Approach I	Point (Dssd)	)						
-	OR		(= 555.)	Dssd	90	m				
Dssd = .278 x Vt x Tssd	(m)				87	m				
Dictance To Travel During Accele	ration (s)									
Distance To Travel During Accelerate s = cd + L	eration (s)			S	33.87	m				
Acceleration Time (t)										
- from Graph 1				t	11.6	sec				
Road Departure Gradients	North	0.3 %	Rul	ing	0.6	%				
- from survey data	South	0.6 %		dient						
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Ratios of Acceleration Times on - from Table 5	Grades (G	)		G	1.10					
nom rable s				J	1.10					
Design Vehicle Departure Time (	Td)									
Td = 2 + (t*G)				Td	14.8	sec				
Departure Time - Pedestrians, Cyclists, Persons Using Assistive Devices (Tp)										
Tp = cd/Vp	7.3	sec								
Minimum Sightlines Along Rail L - from Table 6	133	m								
<ul> <li>from Table 6 using greater of Td or Tp Dstopped</li> <li>Dstopped = .278 x Vt x Tstopped (m)</li> </ul>						m				
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