

SENIORITY TRANSFER AT RAIL CROSSINGS

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Crossing Seniority Transfer

Crossing seniority can be transferred from an existing or unopened road allowance to another location, within a short distance. The transfer is usually requested for future maintenance cost consideration. Concurrence from both the railway and the road authority is needed to transfer the seniority.

With an agreement to transfer the seniority, the party planning to relocate an existing crossing is responsible for the costs of relocating the crossing surface, crossing signals if any, and closing the existing crossing.

If the road authority seniority is transferred from an unopened road allowance to a new crossing, the railway, being the junior party, is responsible for constructing the crossing surface at the new crossing and the maintenance thereafter.

See attached flowchart which outlines the process on seniority transfer of a crossing.

References to Standards

Canada Railway	Grade Crossings
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Seniority Transfer Flow Chart

