**Railroad Clearance for CDOT Projects**

FHWA has requested that a statement regarding the completion, or arrangement for, any railroad work within CDOT projects be made prior to the advertisement of the project per 23 CFR 635.309(b). The statement will be made typically by the Region Utility Engineer or the Resident Engineer. It is anticipated that a Railroad Requirements Specification will be attached to the Railroad Clearance Memorandum.

*23 CFR 635.309(b) A statement is received from the State, either separately or combined with the information required by § 635.309(c), that either all right-of-way clearance, utility, and railroad work has been completed or that all necessary arrangements have been made for it to be undertaken and completed as required for proper coordination with the physical construction schedules. Where it is determined that the completion of such work in advance of the highway construction is not feasible or practical due to economy, special operational problems and the like, there shall be appropriate notification provided in the bid proposals identifying the right-of-way clearance, utility, and railroad work which is to be underway concurrently with the highway construction.*

The statement will be one of these types:

1. There is no railroad involvement within the limits of this project.
2. The railroad has no work on this project, but were notified and have approved the plans.
3. The railroad work on this project has been completed prior to advertisement of the CDOT work.
4. The railroad work has been arranged for it to be undertaken and completed as required for proper coordination with the physical construction schedules of the CDOT project work.

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New Section 7.04.02 Railroad Clearance is hereby added to the *Project Development Manual*. To update your copy of the PDM, print-out the attached file, remove the old pages, and insert the new pages at the end of Section 7:



**References:**

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