

While crossing gates and train whistles are possible safety measures.

I believe it would be wise for the FRA to take into account Train speeds at known hazardous crossings. In the Neenah Wisconsin area, train speeds were increased from 25 mph to 50 mph. Since this speed increase

several crossing fatalities have occurred.

Due to federal regulations the local and state municipalities are powerless to control these speeds.

I believe many motorists become accustomed to lower speeds and therefore misjudge the timing of an approaching train. Railroads are allowed to operate like they are their own government, with no consequences to their actions.

Train whistles are blasted within residential areas, when at times it is obvious at some crossings that no traffic hazard is present. Common sense use of these whistles is neglected.

Avoiding the train whistle ordinances should be the objective of all parties involved, including the FRA.

Higher train speeds are allowed, with two results, increased whistle use and higher accident rates.

I am a former railroad conductor of 13 years, so do have some experience in these matters.