

**Criteria for replacement of existing level crossings (other than those provided on deposit terms') with Road Over/Under Bridges on cost sharing basis:**

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(A) Minimum Train Vehicle Units on a Level Crossing should be 1 lakh per day to become eligible for replacement with Road Over/Under Bridges on 'Cost Sharing' basis. However, this could be relaxed in the following cases:-

- (a) Suburban sections having high frequency of train services; and
- (b) Near stations where detentions to road traffic are very high on account of either shunting operations or multi-directional receipt/despatch of trains or stabling of trains etc.

(2) Preference should be given to the Level Crossings located on trunk routes vis-à-vis those located on branch lines. In any case, minimum number of times the Level crossing is required to be closed against the road traffic should at least be 12 times per day.

(3) Subject to (1) and (2) above, priority should generally be accorded by the Concerned State Government giving preference to Level crossings on National Highways.

(4) In case of Road Over/Under Bridges constructed in replacement of busy level crossings situated in Municipal/ Corporation/ Metropolitan areas where Light Vehicular traffic is considerable and where the Railways are satisfied that closure of the level crossings would cause hardship, additional provision may be made for construction of the subway or a light Over Bridge with ramps for the use of light vehicular traffic at the time of framing the proposal for the construction of Road Over/Under Bridges. The proposals for providing the ramps/sub-way should be examined critically and should be provided for only in the case of genuine hardships and not as a matter of course. The cost of these ramps/subway will be shared equally with the Sponsoring Authority on 50:50 basis.

(5) Closure of the Level Crossings should be ensured before commissioning of the Road Over/ Under Bridges. All such cases where State/Local Authorities do not agree to abide by this should be reported to the Railway Board promptly. (*Para 925 of Indian Railway Permanent Way Manual*)