



# Grade Crossing Regulations Resources

## INFORMATION SHARING

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The federal government passed Grade Crossing Regulations, which require information sharing between municipalities and federally-regulated rail companies (CN/CP) by **November 27, 2016**. This information sharing will help road authorities and railway companies determine what needs to be done to make grade crossing safer, and SUMA encourages members to make a good-faith effort to provide the best information possible. To help in this effort, we've compiled some resources you may find useful.

Let's start with two important notes:

- The information gathered during this period does not need to be stamped a professional engineer. (It's not until any design changes are required for the crossing to confirm to standards that you will need to engage the services of a professional engineer.)
- Transport Canada engineers are available to offer advice and assistance to municipalities that have trouble understanding how to evaluate your crossing.

## TOOLS

You may wish to review the [Grade Crossing Regulations](#) and the website for [Transport Canada's Rail Safety Branch](#) (the [FAQs](#) on the Grade Crossing Regulations may be particularly helpful).

Transport Canada created forms to help collect and share the information about each rail crossing. The [job aid for road authority sharing of information](#) provides definitions and instructions that will help you fill out [the form created by Transport Canada](#). You aren't required to submit in this particular format, but these two items are very useful. Railway companies have been provided with similar forms to provide information to road authorities, as well.

[The Grade Crossing Inventory](#) will help you identify the crossings within your municipality, and the road authority responsible. It also contains several pieces of the information you will need to share with railway companies such as latitude, longitude, road speed, and more.

SUMA's sister association, the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), has also created some tools to help with this process, and has generously agreed to share them with SUMA members:

- [Six instructional videos](#) on how to perform in-field measurements
- [A field measurement form](#) to provide instruction and capture measurements
- [A spreadsheet](#) to automatically calculate measurements based on your input, and walk you through additional steps

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