



COMMUNITY CONNECT

TRAINS & RAIL





TIMELINE OF RAIL IN NEW HAVEN



1858
Wabash Railroad lays tracks
through New Haven for
trains traveling between
Toledo and Logansport

Lake Erie, Wabash & St. Louis Railroads
combine and restructure
1877

1882
A second railroad company, the
Nickel Plate, places tracks in New
Haven for trains running between
Buffalo, New York and Chicago

Nickel Plate Road opens 50-acre
East Wayne Yard
1951

1964
Wabash & Nickel Plate Railroads
merge with Norfolk & Western
Railway to become midwestern
powerhouse

Norfolk & Western merges with
Southern Railway to become
today's Norfolk Southern, which
operates exclusively through New
Haven. The East Wayne Yard
serves as Norfolk Southern's
logistics center
1982

WHY ALL THE STOPPED TRAINS?

- East Wayne Yard is a major logistics center for NFS
- When the Nickel Plate and Wabash merged, the two different tracks were never fully connected
- Trains are forced to back in and out of the yard in order to move from one set of tracks to another





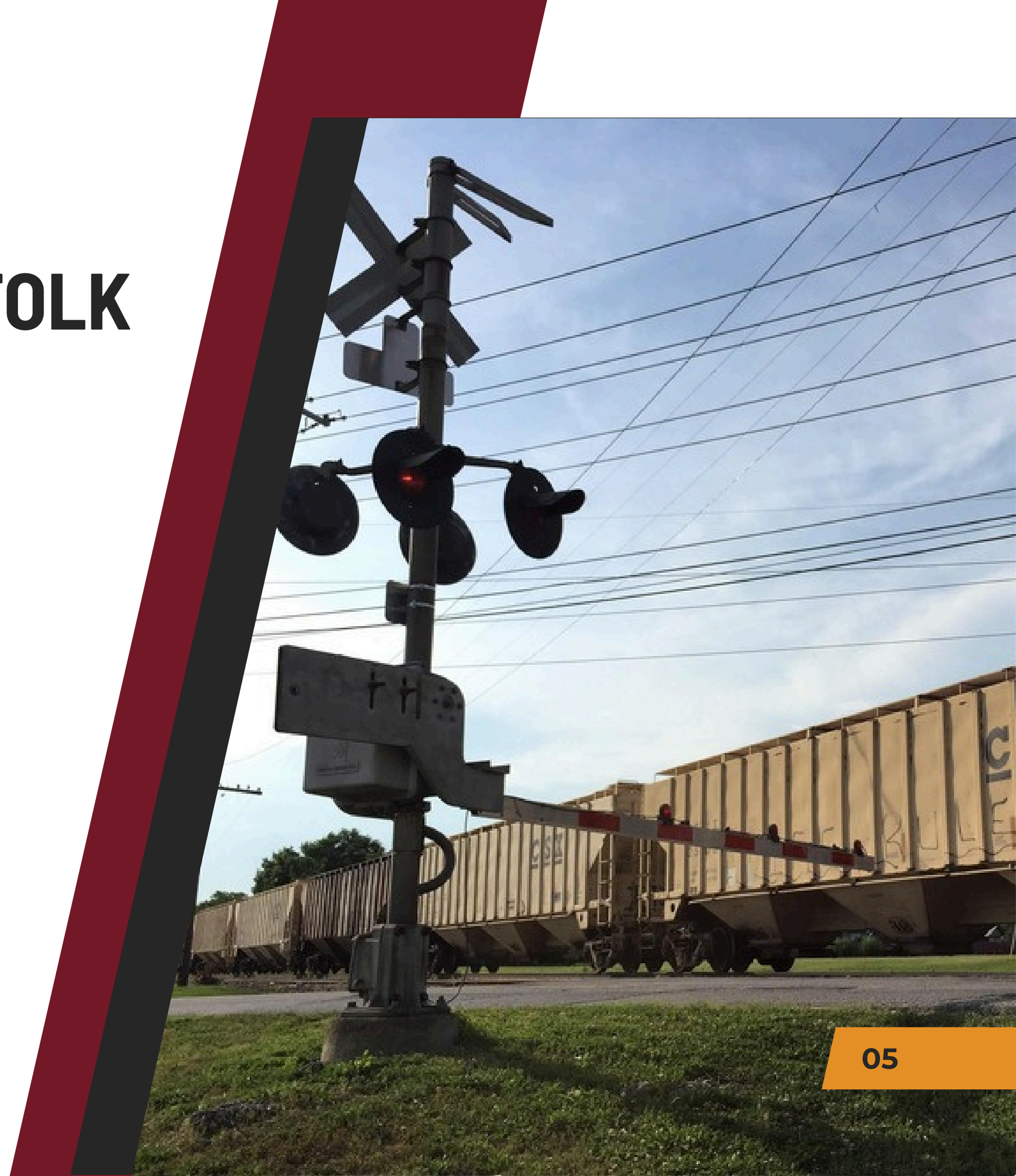
THE BLOCKED CROSSING LAW





STATE OF INDIANA V. NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAIL CO. (2018)

- Between Dec. 2014 and Dec. 2015, NFS received 23 citations for blocking crossings near its East Wayne Yard
- NFS asked for a summary judgment on the citations
- Indiana Supreme Court eventually ruled the blocked crossing law was preempted by federal law, so it could no longer be enforced
- ✕ ✕ ✕ ✕ • Similar ruling in **State of Ohio v. CSX (2024)** in US Supreme Court



BROADWAY

1. Overpass

- Would need to be similar in size to Maplecrest overpass
 - **Right-of-way 190 feet**
 - **22 feet, 8 inches high**
 - **1,900 feet end-to-end**

2. Underpass

- Infrastructure required would be too costly (\$40-\$60 million)

3. Raise the tracks

- Technically impossible due to proximity of rail yard & height needed to provide clearance





WHAT'S BEING DONE?

- Trainfo
- Local Entrepreneurs
 - **NHtracks.org**
- Grant funding for pedestrian bridge at Broadway crossing
- Advocacy at federal level
- Continuing to engage with NFS locally
- Sign petition urging legislators to pass the Build America 250 Act
- Feasability studies & CRISI grants

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**SIGN A LETTER TO SEND
TO YOUR LAWMAKERS!**

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WE GET IT!

Blocked crossings can make it tough to get in and out of the city. It can be frustrating. But we're doing our best and we need your help to get legislation changed at the federal level. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

QUESTIONS?

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