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### **Commission Ordered Railroad Crossing Upgrade Completed in Pima County**

(Phoenix) The Corporation Commission is pleased to announce the completion of a Commission ordered railroad crossing in Pima County. The improvements were made at Colossal Cave Road which is a main thoroughfare through Vail, with schools on both sides of the crossing and a historic tourist attraction.

“This crossing is really a great example of partnering with the local community, Pima County, Union Pacific Railroad and especially the Arizona Corporation Commission,” said Sandi Garrick, Pima County Utilities Liaison. “This project had a lot of challenges and we were really able to work together to create this beautiful benefit to the community.”

The upgrades, which were ordered in December of 2016, include improving the at-grade crossing, replacing existing gates, lights and train detection equipment, and adding medians to discourage drivers from going around a lowered gate.

The Arizona Corporation Commission’s Railroad Safety Section has eight inspectors who inspect railroad operations statewide. Each has a designated practice: mechanical equipment, tracks, hazardous materials, operating practices, and signals. They investigate accidents and work with communities and local government to proactively determine where safety upgrades can be made. To see a video on the upgrade and learn more about the Railroad Sections work click the following link <https://youtu.be/eXcEs0iwtUs> or visit our website at [www.azcc.gov](http://www.azcc.gov).

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