

Recommendation Status Report



Report Title	Fatal accident at Alice Holt footpath crossing, Hampshire
Report Number	14/2017
Date of Incident	05/10/2016

Rec No.	Status	RAIB Concern	Recommendation	RAIB Summary of current status
14/2017/01	Implemented	None	<p>The intent of this recommendation is to ensure that appropriate action is taken where necessary to take account of mobility scooter use of passive level crossings. Modification of all crossings is not required as Network Rail's legal duty to make modifications is limited to circumstances when it is reasonably practicable to do so. It is expected that Network Rail will take account of principles identified by recent research when modifying crossings. It may be possible to achieve the first four bullet points by providing level crossing managers with guidance to be applied during the crossing visits and narrative risk assessment which already form part of Network Rail's existing level crossing management process.</p> <p>Using the modifications already implemented at Alice Holt footpath crossing as an example, Network Rail should review and, where necessary, modify its management processes for passive level crossings to take account of use by people on mobility scooters in addition to other users. The review should include consideration of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The size, speed and turning characteristics of mobility scooters. The position of users' heads relative to ground level and relative to the front, back and sides of mobility scooters. The increasing use of mobility scooters. How risk assessments at individual level crossings consider: 	<p>ORR has reported that Network Rail has reported that it has completed actions taken in response to this recommendation. ORR proposes to take no further action unless they become aware that the information provided becomes inaccurate.</p>

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		<p>o the likelihood of use by people on mobility scooters; and</p> <p>o whether it is both necessary and reasonably practicable to improve crossing arrangements (eg providing areas where scooter users can safely decide when to cross, improving sight lines and providing visual/tactile prompts encouraging safe use).</p> <p>I Educating mobility scooter users about how to cross the railway safely. Methods to be considered should include targeted advertising, working with appropriate interest groups and use of both social media and websites. Content should be compatible with risk assessment output (eg advertising any need to turn perpendicular to the railway before deciding whether to cross).</p>	
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