

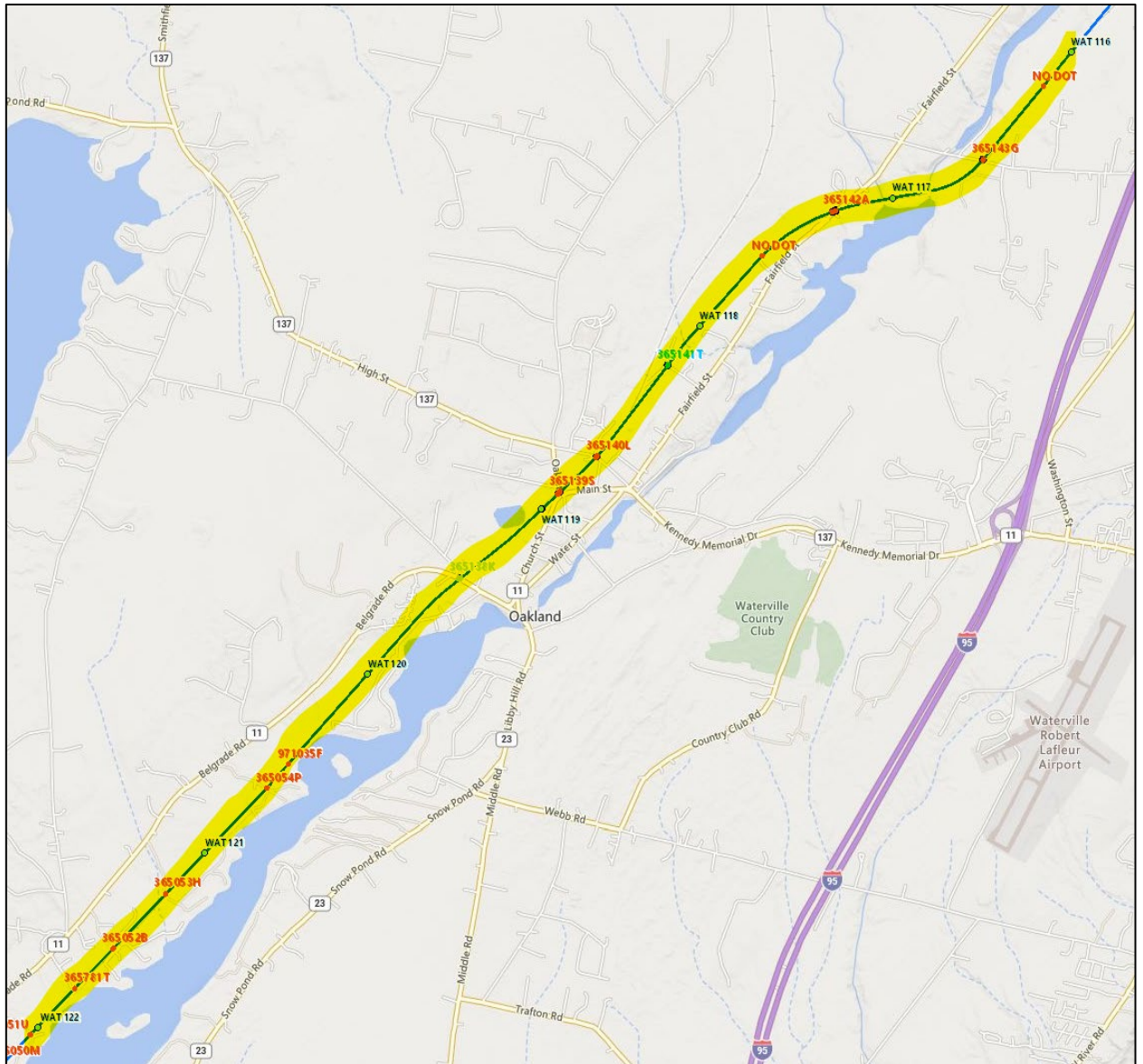


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This is intended as a formal notice that CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSX") which operates through Oakland, Maine, will be increasing its train speeds in the area from 25 miles per hour to 40 miles per hour between mileposts WAT 116 and WAT 122.





At CSX, safety encompasses every aspect of company operations. Guided by a policy to ensure the safety of our employees, our customers and the communities we serve, CSX works relentlessly to prevent injuries and accidents through education, programming and advocacy at all levels.

**I ask that you please share the following information with your community –**

### **Railroad Crossing Safety Tips**

Safety is everyone's responsibility, and when it comes to railroads, your decisions have an impact on your safety and the safety of others. Keep in mind these safety tips every time you see a train or approach railroad tracks:

- Always look out for warning signs and signals. Flashing red lights indicate a train is approaching. Do not cross the tracks until the lights have stopped flashing and it is safe to do so.
- Always assume a train is coming. Look carefully in each direction before crossing the tracks. Trains can run on any track, in either direction, at any time.
- If it won't fit, don't commit! Be sure there is enough space to clear the crossing without stopping. For your safety, leave at least 15 feet between the rear of your vehicle and the tracks.
- If your vehicle stalls on a crossing, get everyone out immediately. Move far away from the tracks even if you don't see a train approaching. Call the emergency notification number posted on or near the crossing, or call local law enforcement.
- Trains cannot stop quickly. The average freight train traveling 55 miles per hour may take a mile or more to stop.
- Watch for vehicles such as school buses and trucks carrying hazardous materials that are required to come to a full stop at railroad crossings.
- Make sure you cross the tracks only at designated crossings, and never try to beat a train through a crossing.
- Any issue or incident on or near CSX tracks that risks the safety of any person should be reported immediately to our Public Safety Coordination Center at 800-232-0144.



This notice is also intended to ensure that in increasing its train speeds, CSX is following the rules and regulations promulgated by the federal government subsequent to the passage of the Federal Railroad Safety Act (the "Act"). In the early 1970s, Congress passed this Act to promote railroad safety, recognizing that the railroad industry is necessarily an interstate operation that is more appropriately governed by a uniform body of federal rules. After the passage of the Act, the federal government enacted regulations specifically relating to train speed which were intended to preempt any local ordinances on the subject.

Please be assured that this change in speed should not have any impact on grade crossing safety in your community. Accordingly, CSX will be operating its trains through Oakland, Maine in accordance with federal regulations embodied in 49 CFR Part 213.