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## **Trains to pass through Jim Wells County, Texas, faster following track upgrades**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Following recently completed track infrastructure upgrades in the region, the maximum track speed for freight trains operating through Jim Wells County, Texas, will rise this week. Effective on April 24, trains will pass through the area at a maximum of 60 mph, up from the current maximum of 50-55 mph.

The Federal Railroad Administration strictly regulates track speed for freight trains, and CPKC crews have been upgrading the track surface and adjusting signals to safely accommodate the change. The speed change will improve traffic flow for trains and vehicles by shortening the amount of time trains block crossings. This will reduce delays for motorists and pedestrians.

Residents should be mindful of the following safety tips when approaching any rail corridor:

- Always be prepared to stop when approaching train tracks.
- Do not attempt to drive around activated crossing gates.
- If a crossing has no flashing lights or gates, look both ways and ensure no trains are approaching before entering the crossing.
- It can take a mile or more for a train to come to a complete stop after brakes are applied.
- If your car stalls on the tracks, get out of your vehicle, exit the tracks, and call 911. The number to reach CPKC Police directly (800-716-9132) is posted at every public grade crossing.
- Never walk on the railroad tracks. The only legal place to cross a railroad line is at a marked grade crossing.

For more information about rail safety, visit the Operation Lifesaver website at [www.oli.org](http://www.oli.org).

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