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## **NDDOT sent team to review bus/train crash site with county officials on Wednesday**

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) on Wednesday sent a multi-disciplinary team to work with Grand Forks County officials to evaluate the railroad crossing located east of Larimore, where the recent bus/train crash occurred.

“The NDDOT would like to express our sympathies to families involved in the crash and the community of Larimore,” said NDDOT Director Grant Levi. “The NDDOT sent the review team and also offered financial assistance to Grand Forks County if the county decides to add enhanced safety features to the railroad crossing.”

The Department of Transportation often works with local officials on reviews of railroad crossings. The initial review shows the crossing currently meets federal safety standards, however the local road authority could decide to request additional safety features for the railroad crossing.

“The crash is still under investigation and facts are being gathered about the incident. Grand Forks County appreciates NDDOT’s assistance and is working with the team on the crossing review.” said Grand Forks County States Attorney Peter Welte.

Any safety enhancements supported by Grand Forks County would also require approval by BNSF Railway.