

# HARTWELL RAILROAD COMPANY

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June 22, 2004

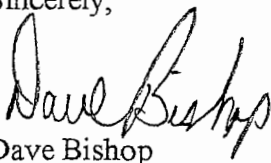
Mr. Gary Fesperman  
City Manager  
City of Lavonia  
P. O. Box 564  
Lavonia, GA 30553

Dear Mr. Fesperman:

The Hartwell Railroad submitted a request for the closing of the Adams Street crossing on April 30, 2004. Our desire it to be a good corporate citizen and to work with the City of Lavonia in the attainment of objectives which promote the public safety as well as provide service to the community. Concurrent with that, the railroad's intent is to provide a viable means which can attract industry, jobs and a tax base to the area which will enhance the overall quality of life for the community as a whole.

Therefore, pursuant to the City of Lavonia's request and due to the fact that the applicable Georgia Code was changed recently, the Hartwell Railroad is withdrawing the above submission without prejudice to refile. A new request will be submitted in order to allow the City of Lavonia the opportunity to address the applicable changes and attain compliance as necessary.

Sincerely,

  
Dave Bishop

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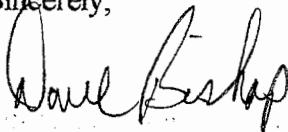
In the interest of public safety, the Hartwell Railroad Company requests that the at grade crossing at Adams Street in Lavonia be closed. The DOT inventory number for the crossing is 717520T and the attached map reflects the location of the crossing.

In accordance with O. C. G. A. Section 32-6-193.1, the following information is supplied:

1. No passenger trains operate through this crossing.
2. The time table speed of trains for this crossing is 25 MPH. Generally, a minimum of 10 with up to 15 trains per day will operate through this crossing.
3. The distance to alternate crossings is 0.06 miles south at Crawford Street and 0.2 miles north at Burton Street.
4. There have been no accidents at this crossing in the past five years.
5. Warning devices are railroad crossbucks and one stop sign on the west side.

Should you or the City of Lavonia need any further information from the railroad in evaluating the crossing pursuant to the Georgia Department of Transportation's Guide for Evaluating Highway-Rail Crossing Safety, please feel free to contact me at 770-464-0761 or email at [GRWR1@bellsouth.net](mailto:GRWR1@bellsouth.net).

Sincerely,



Dave Bishop

Enclosure