

Instructions to Create Railroad Crossing and Route Hazard Reports in Edulog.NT

There is a BIG difference in this operation performed in Edulog.NT and PTSIII.

The RRCRS reporting does not ask for an input file as it did in PTSIII. It reads only one file named **RRCRS.DAT**.

You must copy your RRCRS.DOT file to RRCRS.DAT when ready to print a report on the DOT hazard crossing node numbers.

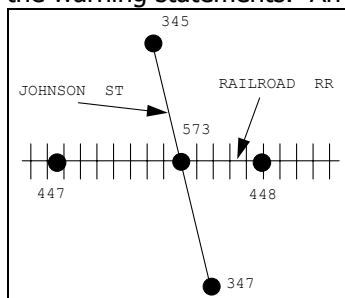
You must copy your RRCRS.HAZ to RRCRS.DAT to print the warning statements in the bus run reports. Detailed instructions are outlined in this document.

Your district may have had four hazard reporting files existing in the PTSIII software:

RRCRS.HAZ	included all hazards
RRCRS.DOT	included ONLY the DOT grade crossing numbers
RRCRS.BRG	included bridge crossings
RRCRS.DAT	included hazard warning statements for run directions

Edulog.NT will only accept the file named **RRCRS.DAT** file as the input and the other files (RRCRS.DOT and RRCRS.HAZ) must be renamed RRCRS.DAT when you are ready to print the different reports. It is suggested that you keep copies of the file(s) in your \STA directory with the correct extensions and use the copy/paste file feature in Explorer to correctly name them RRCRS.DAT as needed. Keeping the file names in this manner will reduce the chance of the file(s) being accidentally copied and renamed to another file name.

You will need to build the files, using the BUILD.TXT text file editor; you must first find the railroad crossing nodes as well as the corresponding node numbers in order to correctly build the file to contain the warning statements. An example is given below:



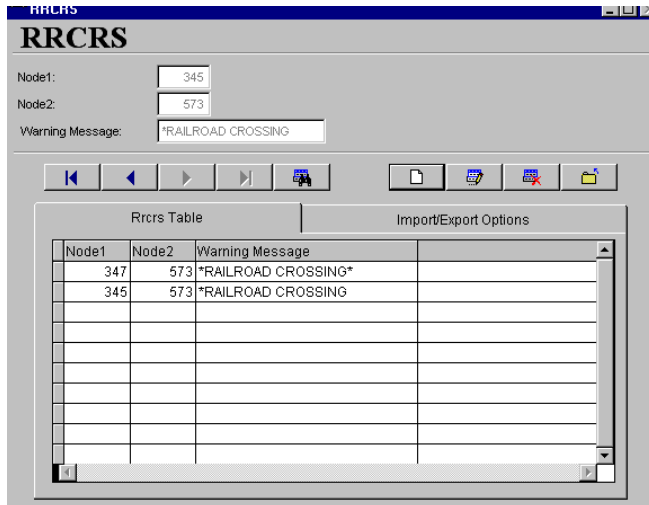
The railroad crosses Johnson St. at node 573. The bus could possibly travel towards node 573 from node 347 and 345. Using Maris, you will want to look at the railroad crossing nodes and identify the connecting nodes at the railroad-crossing node. Once you have the nodes identified, you will need to use the buildtxt feature described on the following page to build the necessary files for reporting the warning statements or DOT hazard node numbers.

NOTE: Problems can exist if stops exist on the segment that has a railroad-crossing node attached, therefore, the segment will need to be split and a new node created.

***** See Appendix A for a sample .HAZ and .DOT file.**

Building the Files

Using the buildtxt file editor, the RRCRS file entries for this crossing should follow the example below:
(Click on ELT\EXE\REPORT\buildtxt.exe) or the Buildtxt icon. Choose the RRCRS tab to begin building the file.



Once the file has been built, using the Export file option tab, export the file to:
ELT\SERVER\STA as RRCRS.HAZ - keep in mind the file extensions discussed on the first page of this document. You will need to use Explorer to copy and paste the file as RRCRS.DAT in order for the file to be used for reporting.

A quick tip – to build the DOT hazard node number file, use the same file, but use the DOT hazard node number to replace the warning statement. Export the file to
\ELT\SERVER\STA as RRCRS.DOT. Copy and paste this file-using Explorer as RRCRS.DAT as needed if you wish to print the DOT hazard node reports.

Special Reminder: Editing the Geocode

In the event that you have to edit your geocode and add in a new street/sub-division and you split the segment leading up to a RR node, then the existing node pair for that segment will change and the RRCRS.DOT & RRCRS.HAZ file will be incorrect. Using this picture as an example:

	<p>If your RRCRS files are created with the node pairs:</p> <table><tr><td>345</td><td>573</td></tr><tr><td>347</td><td>573</td></tr></table> <p>and you split the top segment for Johnson St. between nodes 345 and 573, then you will have new node pair numbers and your entries will be wrong. You will need to update the RRCRS files and remove node 345 and enter the new node number:</p> <table><tr><td>new#</td><td>573</td></tr><tr><td>346</td><td>573</td></tr></table>	345	573	347	573	new#	573	346	573
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Creating DOT Hazard Node Warning Report

Printing the list of RR crossings for DOT is accomplished through the reporting module. Using Explorer, make a copy of your RRCRS.DOT file. Rename the copy to RRCRS.DAT. Follow the instructions listed on page 2 if you have to build the file.

You will need to generate run directions by ROUTE in Edulog.NT and run DUMPALL.

To print the DOT hazard node warnings, go to the reports module, and click on to RR Crossing tab.

Choose all routes, Time of Day: Total; and check the boxes for Include Warning and Include Nodes.

The screenshot shows the 'RR Cross Report' form in the 'Query Maker Reports' application. The 'Choose Routes' section has an 'Available' list with routes 101-109 and a '>>' button circled. The 'Choose Time of Day' section has the 'Total' radio button selected and circled. The 'Choose Load Type' section has the 'Assigned' radio button selected. The 'Choose Student Fields' section has an 'Available' list with fields like 'student Last Name' and 'student First Name'. The 'Choose Output Device' section has the 'File' radio button selected and circled. On the right, the 'Update Data', 'Run Report', and 'Exit Form' buttons are visible, with 'Update Data' and 'Run Report' circled.

Choose Output Device as File

Name the file RRDOT.XXX (xxx=your LEA#)

Click the Update Data tab

Click Run Report tab

File will be created and sent to your \\ELT\EXE\REPORT\ folder.

Appendix A

RRCRS.HAZ file (*sample*)

1043	779	WARNING RRX DWNGRADE
865	779	WARNING RRX DWNGRADE
1481	3277	WARNING RRX NO X ARMS
1482	3277	WARNING RRX NO X ARMS
225	3287	WARNING RRX SHORT ST
236	3287	WARNING RRX SHORT ST
2309	3288	WARNING RRX UPGRADE
446	3288	WARNING RRX UPGRADE
1749	3300	WARNING RRX BLD CURV
1745	3300	WARNING RRX BLD CURV
1165	3321	WARNING RRX FOUR TRK
1166	3321	WARNING RRX FOUR TRK
760	3323	WARNING RRX TWO TRK
795	3323	WARNING RRX TWO TRK
1381	3333	WARNING RRX POOR VIS
1370	3333	WARNING RRX POOR VIS

NOTE: If your file does not contain two columns of nodes and then a column of the RR crossing warnings, then your file is not correct and needs to be fixed. Notice that each row contains the railroad crossing node as well as the corresponding node number of that segment. NOTE: there is a 20 character maximum on the warning messages.

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RRCRS.DOT file (*sample*)

1043	779	435373U
865	779	435373U
1481	3277	465626P
1482	3277	465626P
225	3287	465609Y
236	3287	465609Y
2309	3288	465605W
446	3288	465605W
1749	3300	465580D
1745	3300	465580D
1165	3321	656523E
1166	3321	656523E
760	3323	630031H
795	3323	630031H
1381	3333	630406P
1370	3333	630406P

NOTE: If your file does not contain two columns of nodes and then the corresponding crossing numbers, then your file is not correct and needs to be fixed. These two columns of node numbers are in the same order as above in the RRCRS.HAZ file. The only difference is that the warning statement gets replaced with the crossing number and any other additional non-railroad hazard warnings for segments. Note: there is a 20-character maximum where the crossing number is entered.