

Street Blocking Will Stop, Railroad Says

WEST SPRINGFIELD—A letter to selectmen Thursday night from F. Lombardi, signal supervisor for the New York Central Railroad, assured selectmen that prolonged blockings of traffic on Front St. will cease.

Last week selectmen received letters of complaint from three major manufacturing concerns stating that the railroad frequently blocked off Front St. for unreasonably long periods, thus jeopardizing the firms by cutting off police and fire protection.

Lombardi's letter said that "the . . . railroad recently installed a new remote-control interlocking system . . . with an associated traffic control system between Springfield and West Springfield," and "the change . . . has caused some . . . delays to . . . traffic."

"However," the letter continued, "it is expected that the crossing will be blocked for minimal periods . . . in the future."