
Subject: Mandatory braking in front of a steep gradient (was: last open points for speedProfiles in railML 2.2)

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Dear railML users,

At the railML conference in Berlin, the issue of this thread was discussed. A summarized Trac ticket text is copied at the end of this posting.

I found no proper discussion thread about this issue in this forum but the following mentioning.

Christian Rahmig <coord@infrastructure.railml.org> writes:

- > 4. How to define an "obligational stop" where all or only certain
- > trains have to stop prior going on with the same speed aspect as
- > before?
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- > A maximum speed vMax="0" within a <speedChange> can be interpreted
- > as a mandatory stop. If we want to qualify the information of
- > vMax="0", we need to add another attribute to the <speedChange>
- > element, e.g. "specialPurpose". Its enumeration values like
- > 'mandatoryStop' or 'mandatoryBraking' may cover all cases of
- > obligational stops.
- >
- > [1] <https://trac.assembla.com/railML/ticket/41>

I summarized the opinions from the conference in Trac ticket #227 [2]:

During the last railML conference (2013-03-06) in Berlin the discussion came to this aspect of the current speedChange implementation:

If a goods train driver has not used its train brakes during a specified time (e.g. last hour) it should do an "operational braking" - not until standstill, but to check, if the brakes work properly.

This operation is indicated at the drivers timetable.

It seems, that the scenario is a very special German one, that is covered by the German operational rules. Brake tests are done very differently across other countries. It is not a general infrastructure specific issue, but more an operational one.

Therefore the implementation of "mandatoryBraking" in the element "speedChange" should be removed.

railML partners should use an "any"-Attribute as a short-term solution.

For re-inventing this feature it should be modeled in another way.
There were no further proposals.

Any comments* appreciated.

Kind regards...
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[2] <http://trac.assembla.com/railML/ticket/227>
* +1, -1, hints, questions...

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