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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Transportation
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Harrisburg, PA 17105- 3265

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Application of the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for approval to alter the public at-grade crossing by the installation of new automatically operated flashing-light crossing warning signals where South Third Street (T-559) crosses the single track of Norfolk Southern Railroad Company (DOT No.:535152 B) in Guilford Township, Franklin County *all in accordance with the Federal Grade Crossing Program* and the allocation of costs incident thereto.

Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing, please find the original and three (3) copies of the application of the Department of Transportation.

A copy of this application has been served upon the parties in the Certificate of Service attached to the application.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Gillespie, P.E.
Assistant District Executive - Design
Engineering District 8-0
Department of Transportation

**BEFORE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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To the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

1. The name and address of applicant are Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Michael S. Gillespie, P.E., Assistant District Executive for Design, Engineering District 8-0, 2140 Herr Street, Harrisburg, PA 17103-1699
2. The name and address of attorney for the applicant are William J. Cressler, Chief Counsel, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Office of Chief Counsel, P.O. Box 8212, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8212.
3. The applicant is an agency of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, organized and existing under the Administrative Code of 1929, 71 P.S. § 511, et. seq. and generally 36 P.S. § 670 - 401 et. seq., filing this application on behalf of Guilford Township, Franklin County as evidenced by Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto.
4. It is desirable to alter the subject at-grade crossing by replacing the existing cross bucks with new automatically operated flashing-light crossing warning signals with short arm gates where South Third Street Road (T-559) crosses at-grade the single track of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company (DOT#535152 B) in Guilford Township, Franklin County. (For location map see Exhibit "B" attached.)
5. The names and addresses of the persons, parties and entities concerned in, or affected by the proposed construction, to the best of the applicant's knowledge, are shown in the certificate of service. *In addition to those served the applicant requests that the following also receive service of all documents in this matter.*

Mr. Mark J. Chappell, P.E., Chief
Utilities & Right-of-Way Section
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
P.O Box 3362
Harrisburg PA 17105-3362

Mr. William J. Cressler
Office of Chief Counsel
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
P.O Box 3365
Harrisburg PA 17105-3265

6. South Third Street (T-559) crosses at-grade the single track of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company and said crossing should be altered as indicated. The ADT for South Third Street Crossing is 254 vehicles with 2% trucks.

7. The estimated total cost for the installation of new automatically operated flashing light crossing warning signals with short arm gates is \$267,800.00. The funding for the project will be 100% federal funds.

8. Guilford Township agrees to reimburse Norfolk Southern Railway Company for its actual design costs up to \$6,500.00 (refer to Exhibit "A") and Norfolk Southern agrees to pay any costs over \$6,500.00. The Department agrees to provide 100% Federal Funds for construction for construction of new automatically operated flashing-light crossing warning signals with short arm gates.

9. This project is necessary and proper for the safety and convenience of the public.

10. A conference of all parties of interest should be held to discuss the proposed alteration.

Wherefore, applicant respectfully requests that the Public Utility Commission approve the application:

Respectfully Submitted:



Michael S. Gillespie, P.E
Assistant District Executive
Engineering District 8-0
Department of Transportation

GUILFORD TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

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September 19, 2014

Ahmed Lasloudji
PennDOT Grade Crossing Administrator
2140 Herr Street
Harrisburg, PA 17103-1699

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Dear Ahmed,

At our meeting September 18, 2014 the Guilford Township Supervisors agreed to pay the engineering costs, not exceeding \$6,500, to design gated train signals for the Norfolk Southern rail crossing on Third Street (T-559).

The Guilford Township Supervisors believe gated train signals on this crossing will add extreme safety to the traveling public as this crossing is skewed looking north and south - making it difficult to see an oncoming train.

Guilford Township authorizes PennDOT to file an application before the Public Utility Commission (PUC) and to issue a Notice To Proceed to Norfolk Southern to begin the design and subsequent construction.

Sincerely,
GUILFORD TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS



Gregory L. Cook
Chairman

Exhibit "A"

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Lasloudji, Ahmed

From: Klinger, Stephen J. <Stephen.Klinger@nscorp.com>
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 8:50 AM
To: Lasloudji, Ahmed
Cc: Wimberly, Cayela J.; Vaughn, Gregory; Bankieris, Gus B
Subject: RE: NS Project

Ahmed – Since the city is unable to pick up fees in excess of \$6,500 and in order to assure that this project isn't cancelled Norfolk Southern can pick up the charges.

Thank you,

Stephen Klinger | Administrator Grade Crossing Program | Norfolk Southern Corp.
1200 Peachtree St. NE, Box 123 | Atlanta, GA 30309
T: 404.529.1234 | F: 404.527.2901 | stephen.klinger@nscorp.com

From: Lasloudji, Ahmed [<mailto:alasloudji@pa.gov>]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 8:09 AM
To: Klinger, Stephen J.
Cc: Wimberly, Cayela J.; Vaughn, Gregory; Bankieris, Gus B
Subject: RE: NS Project

Stephen,

Norfolk Southern have been all the time very cooperative in keeping up design charges. In Ray Rick and Cayela time Norfolk Southern we've never had any problems with getting NS partner with PennDOT and local government to install warning signal at local railroad crossings. PennDOT pick up total cost for design and construction when the railroad crossing is located on State Routes (not on local roads). There were so many instances for which NS covered 100% of the design cost: Inglenook Road Project is one very recent example. For this project Guilford Township is paying for the design cost up to \$6,500.00. PennDOT will bear 100% of the construction costs. We're asking NS to cover all cost in excess of \$6,500.00. Please keep in mind that the State as of this writing never covered design cost for local projects. Therefore, it would be very difficult to initiate with NS future grade crossings projects if NS is reluctant to pick up any charges for local projects. We would have to cancel this project ultimately. I've attached for your use and information the State regulation regarding design funding. Please advise if we should cancel this project, I'll inform Guilford Township to remove this project from their monthly meeting agenda. Thank you

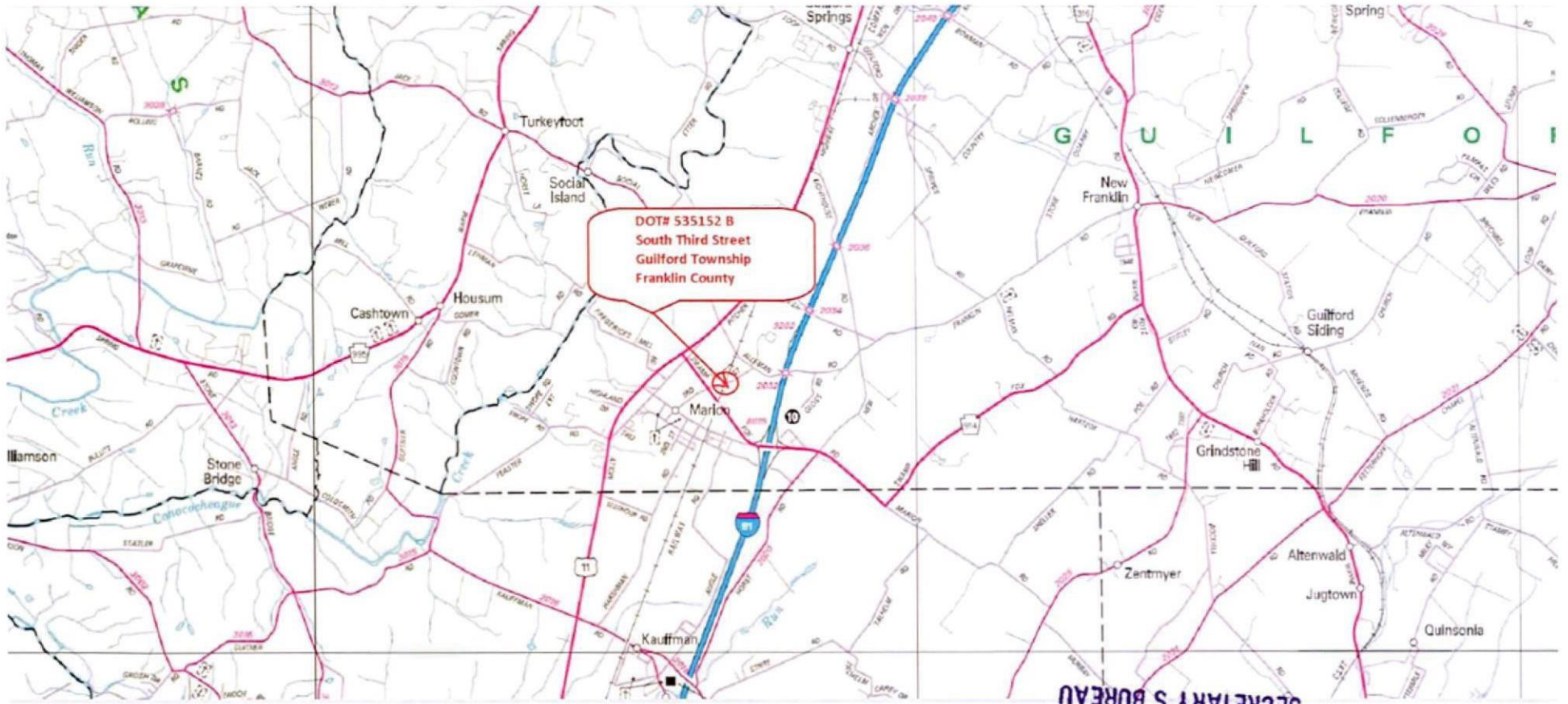
Ahmed Lasloudji | Senior Civil Engineer
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From: Klinger, Stephen J. [<mailto:Stephen.Klinger@nscorp.com>]
Sent: Saturday, September 13, 2014 7:02 PM
To: Lasloudji, Ahmed
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Exhibit "A"

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Location Map



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VERIFICATION

I, Ahmed Lasloudji, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. §4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Date: 01/29/2015


Ahmed Lasloudji,
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Engineering District 8-0
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document upon the participants listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code §1.54, by first class mail, postage prepaid:

Michael S, Gillespie, P.E
Assistant District Executive – Design
Engineering District 8-0
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Harrisburg, PA 17103-1699
Attn: Ahmed Lasloudji

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Guilford Township
Guilford Township Supervisors
115 Spring Valley Road
Chambersburg, PA 17202

Mr. Stephen Klinger, HGC
Norfolk Southern Railway Company
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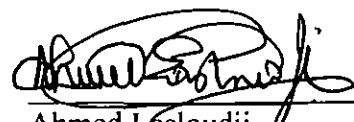
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Dated January Day of 29th 2015



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Engineering District 8-0



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