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December 10, 2012

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

RE: Application of the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the approval to temporarily alter the public at-grade crossing by detouring traffic in one direction where State Route (SR) 2010 (Bridge Street) crosses one track of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company (DOT No. 361 687 R) in Weissport Borough, Carbon County as part of the bridge project SR 0209, Section 10B and the allocation of costs thereto.

Dear Secretary 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 and Exhibits have been served upon the parties in the Certificate of Service to the Application.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact District Grade Crossing Engineer Rodney O. Rehnert at (610) 871-4562.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James R. McGee".

James R. McGee, PE
Assistant District Executive – Design
Engineering District 5-0

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Enclosures

**BEFORE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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To the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

1. The name and address of applicant are James R. McGee, PE, Assistant District Executive, Engineering District 5-0, 1002 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101.
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, PO 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.
4. It is desirable to temporarily alter the subject crossing by detouring traffic in one direction. It will be necessary for the railroad to relocate a flashing light signal mast with gate. (For Preliminary Detour Plan sheet and Crossing Location, see Exhibit "A" 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:

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Utilities and Right of Way Section
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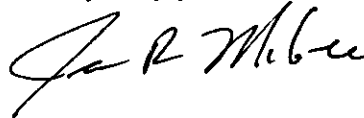
Gina M. D'Alfonso
Office of Chief Counsel
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-326

6. SR 2010 (Bridge Street), crosses at-grade the one track of Norfolk Southern Railway and said crossing should be altered as indicated. The crossing is located at Segment 0010, Offset 1802. The ADT for SR 2010 is 6,023 vehicles with 2 percent trucks

7. The total estimated cost for the entire project is approximately \$17,000,000. The funding will be provided with 80 percent Federal Funds and 20 percent State Funds.
8. This project is necessary and proper for the safety and convenience of the public.
9. A conference of all parties of interest should be held to discuss the proposed improvement.

Wherefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Public Utility Commission to approves this application:

Very truly yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. McGee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "M".

James R. McGee, PE
Assistant District Executive – Design
Engineering District 5-0

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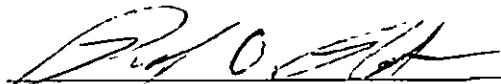
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VERIFICATION

I, Rodney O. Rehnert, 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: 12/10/12

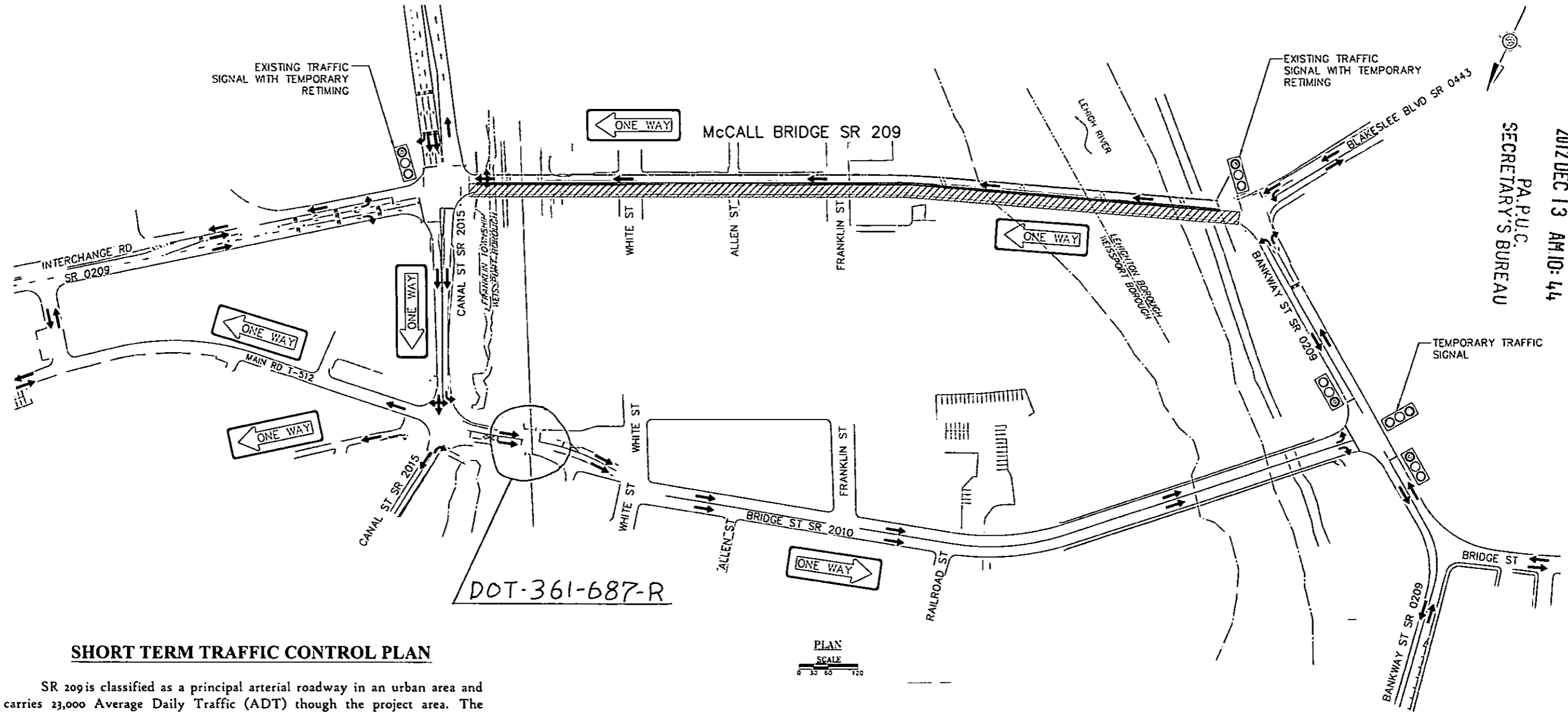

Rodney O. Rehnert,
District Grade Crossing Administrator
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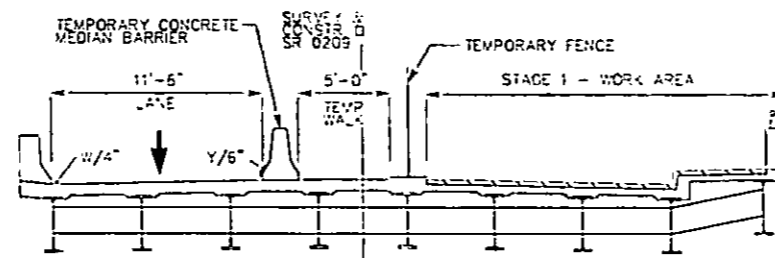
S.R. 209 Thomas J. McCall Memorial Bridge Rehabilitation



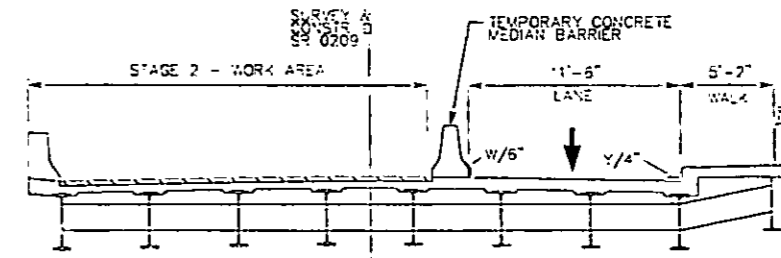
SHORT TERM TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN

SR 209 is classified as a principal arterial roadway in an urban area and carries 23,000 Average Daily Traffic (ADT) through the project area. The existing bridge accommodates two 11'-6" lanes of traffic with an additional 11'-0" "left turn only" lane at each end. The bridge also carries a 5'-2" sidewalk on the north side.

The curb-to-curb width of the bridge is not wide enough to accommodate two-directional traffic during the deck repair construction. Therefore, one lane of S.R. 0209 northbound traffic will be maintained on the bridge while the southbound traffic will be detoured via S.R. 2015 (Canal Street), S.R. 2010 (Bridge Street), and Bankway Street. A 5-foot sidewalk will be provided throughout construction. This detour duration is expected to be 3-4 months during bridge deck repairs.



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STAGE 2 TYPICAL SECTION
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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:

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Dated this 10th Day of December, 2012

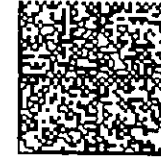
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