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February 2, 2015,

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

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 and replacement of the existing surface crossing where Paradise Lane (T-484) crosses the single track of Strasburg Railroad Company (DOT No.:856455 W) in Strasburg Township, Lancaster 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 Strasburg Township, Lancaster 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 and replace the existing surface crossing with the installation of new rubber rail seal and asphalt where Paradise Lane (T-484) crosses at-grade the single track of the Strasburg Railroad Company (DOT#856455 W) in Strasburg Township, Lancaster 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. Paradise Lane (T-484) crosses at-grade the single track of the Strasburg Railroad Company and said crossing should be altered as indicated. The ADT for Paradise Lane Crossing is 406 vehicles with 5% trucks.

7. The estimated total cost for the installation of new automatically operated flashing light crossing warning signals with short arm gates is \$327,818.00. The funding for the project will be 100% federal funds.

8. Strasburg Railroad agrees to provide 100% of the design costs as evidenced by Exhibit "A" and the Department agrees to provide 100% Federal Funds for construction for the installation of new automatically operated flashing lights crossing warning signals with short arm gates and new rubber rail seal and asphalt crossing surface.

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



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November 6, 2014

Mr. Ahmed Lasloudji, P.E.  
PennDOT District 8-0  
Grade Crossing Unit  
2140 Herr Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17103

Re: Paradise Lane Crossing – DOT 856455W  
Design Costs

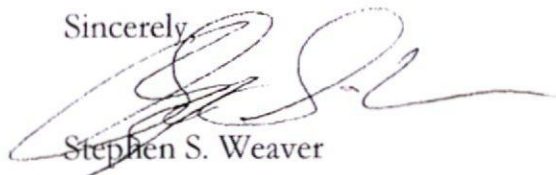
Dear Mr. Lasloudji:

Please be advised as part of our local arrangements with Paradise Township and Strasburg Township, that the Strasburg Rail Road Company will be bearing one hundred (100%) per cent of our design costs related to the rehabilitation of this grade crossing.

Mr. Mark Daimler, P.E., the engineer for Strasburg Township, is working with us with respect to any design considerations required by the Township.

If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely



Stephen S. Weaver

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February 2, 2015

Ahmed Lasloudji  
PA Department of Transportation  
District 8-0  
Grade Crossing Unit  
2140 Herr Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17103

Subject: Paradise Lane Crossing Upgrade

Dear Mr. Lasloudji:

Strasburg Township hereby grants PADOT permission to file the application with the Public Utility Commission on the Township's behalf. Strasburg Township further authorizes PADOT to issue the Notice to Proceed for Design and Construction.

Also, it is understood that Strasburg Township has no financial obligation relating to the upgrade of the aforementioned crossing.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Deimler,  
PE, BCO

Digitally signed by Mark A. Deimler, PE, BCO  
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Mark A. Deimler, PE, BCO, SEO  
Township Administrator

Cc: Board of Supervisors

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Location Map

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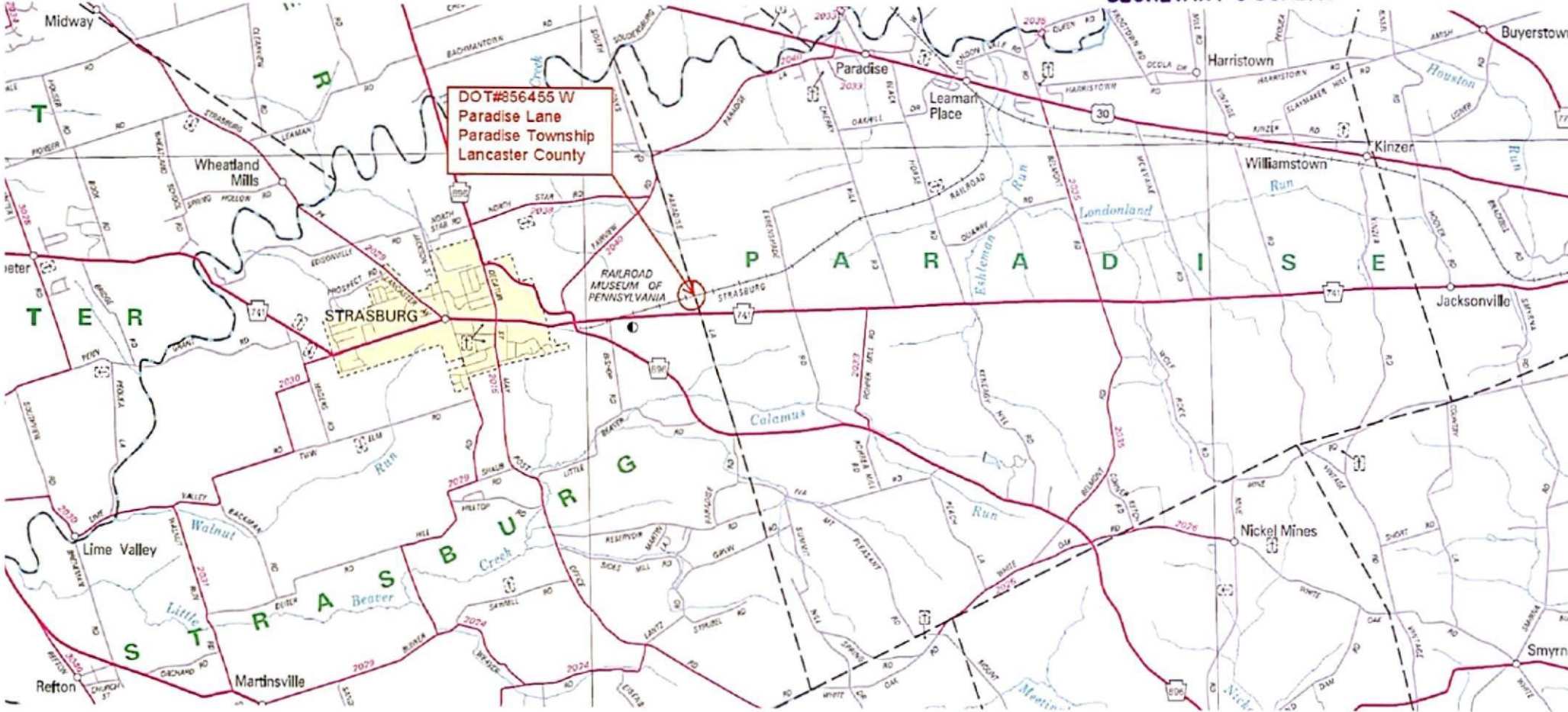


Exhibit B

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 and replacement of the existing surface crossing where Paradise Lane (T-484) crosses the single track of Strasburg Railroad Company (DOT No.:856455 W) in Strasburg Township, Lancaster County *all in accordance with the Federal Grade Crossing Program* and the allocation of costs incident thereto.

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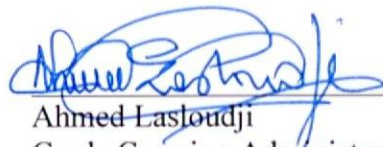
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VERIFICATION

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: 2/2/2015



Ahmed Lasloudji  
Grade Crossing Administrator  
Engineering District 8-0  
Department of Transportation

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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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Engineering District 8-0  
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation  
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Harrisburg, PA 17103-1699  
Attn: Ahmed Lasloudji

Mr. Mark A. Deimler, PE, SEO, BCO  
Solanco Engineering Associates, LLC  
Land Development and Municipal Consulting  
Commerce Commons Business Center  
103 Fite Way Suite "C"  
Quarryville, PA 17566

Mr. Stephen S. Weaver, Chief Engineer  
Strasburg Railroad Company  
Route 741 East  
P.O. Box 96  
Strasburg, PA 17579-0096


Mr. Dennis P. Stuckey, Chairman  
Lancaster County Commissioners  
Commissioners Office  
150 N. Queen Street, Suite 715  
Lancaster, PA 17603

Ms. Charlotte Krupa  
PPL Electric Utilities Corporation  
Two North Ninth Street, GENN3  
Allentown, PA 18101-1179

Ms. Deborah Delia  
Verizon Pennsylvania LLC  
15 East Montgomery Place, 2nd Floor  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Mr. Mark Deatrick  
Construction Coordination  
Comcast Cable Communication  
1131 South Duke Street  
Lancaster, PA 17602

Dated Second Day of Feb 2015

  
Ahmed Lasloudji  
Grade Crossing Administrator





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INTEROFFICE

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