



July 29, 2020

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
400 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Application of the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for approval to alter five public crossings by the installation of new automatically operated flashing-light crossing warning signals with short arm gates where State Route 1011 and four (4) municipal routes cross, at-grade, the single track of Norfolk Southern Railway Company in New Holland Borough, Lancaster County *all in accordance with the Federal Grade Crossing Program* and the allocation of costs incident thereto.

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing, please find the Application of the Department of Transportation.

I certify that a copy has been sent to all parties of record by eservice and email, if available, as indicated by the Certificate of Service. Other parties will be served by hard copy upon the reopening of the physical offices of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, also as indicated by the Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ahmed Lasloudji".

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

Attachments

cc: Parties of Record  
Daniel Leonard, P.E., Acting Chief, Right-of-Way and Utilities Section, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, CKB  
Gina M. D'Alfonso, Senior Counsel in Charge, Office of Chief Counsel, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, CKB  
Ronald J. Hull, P.E., Supervisor, Rail Safety Engineering Section PUC, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, CKB



BEFORE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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To the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

1. The name and address of applicant are the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Christopher A. Drda, P.E., Assistant District Executive, Engineering District 8-0, 2140 Herr Street, PA 17103-1699
2. The name and address of attorney for the applicant are Jason D. Sharp, 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., filing this Application on its behalf and on behalf of the local government as evidenced by Exhibit A which is attached hereto.
4. 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 the matter:

Daniel Leonard, P.E., Acting Chief  
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5. It is desirable to alter five (5) at-grade crossings by replacing the existing cross-bucks with new automatically operated flashing-light crossing warning signals with short arm gates where State Route 1011 (Brimmer Avenue) and four (4) municipal roads cross, at-grade, the single track of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company in New Holland Borough, Lancaster County. A location Map is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "B".

Highway:	DOT No.:	Municipality:
S. Hoover Street Holland Borough	517 757 P	New
Brubaker Avenue Holland Borough	517 758 W	New
Custer Avenue Holland Borough	517 760 X	New
S. Railroad Avenue Holland Borough	517 761 E	New
Brimmer Avenue (SR 1011) Holland Borough	517 762 L	New

6. State Route 1011 (Brimmer Avenue) crosses, at-grade, the single track of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company at Segment 0140, Offset 0811; the four (4) other crossings are on municipal roads. The average daily traffic for State Route 1011 is 3,483 vehicles with 19% trucks. The traffic and truck percentages on the municipal roadways are unknown.

7. The estimated total cost for the upgrade of the corridor project involving all five (5) crossings is approximately \$2 million. The funding for the construction of the project will be 100% Federal 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 alteration.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher H. Drda P.E." The signature is written in a cursive style.

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Christopher A. Drda, P.E.  
Assistant District Executive-Design  
Engineering District 8-0  
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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: 7/29/20



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Ahmed Lasloudji  
Grade Crossing Administrator  
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 by electronic mail as permitted during the closure of state offices:

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Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of 2020

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Ahmed Lasloudji  
Grade Crossing Administrator  
Engineering District 8-0





RESOLUTION #515

A RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HOLLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHROIZING THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (PENNDOT) TO REQUEST RAILROAD CROSSING UPGRADES AT VARIOUS STREET LOCATIONS IN NEW HOLLAND BOROUGH, INCLUDING SOUTH HOOVER, BRUBAKER AVENUE, SOUTH CUSTER AND SOUTH RAILROAD AVENUE, TO THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION (PA PUC)

WHEREAS, the roadways, South Hoover Avenue, Brubaker Avenue, South Custer Avenue and South Railroad Avenue are all public roadways under the jurisdiction of the Borough of New Holland; and

WHEREAS, a railway operates through New Holland, and said railway owns and maintains crossings over the above cited Borough owned roadways; and,

WHEREAS, in order for the safety improvements to be made pertaining to the railway crossings, such improvements must be submitted to the PA PUC by and through PennDOT.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Council of New Holland Borough, as follows:


1. PennDOT is authorized on behalf of and for New Holland Borough to request approval of the PA PUC to install or permit the installation of crossing upgrades, including but not limited to, appropriate warning devices at the railway crossings as noted above in New Holland Borough.
2. PennDOT is further authorized on behalf of and for New Holland Borough to request approval of the PA PUC to issue Notice to Proceed letters to the railroad for design and/or construction at the railroad crossings as cited above in New Holland Borough.
3. The appropriate Borough officials are authorized to sign such Resolution and necessary documents to proceed with the crossing improvements.

AS RESOLVED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2020.

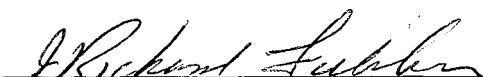
ATTEST:

  
Richard Fulcher, Secretary

New Holland Borough Council

  
Donald J. Herrington, President

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Resolution #515; adopted May 5, 2020, by the New Holland Borough Council.

  
Richard Fulcher, Secretary (Seal)

April 20, 2020

Mr. Richard Fulcher, Manager  
New Holland Borough  
E. Main Street  
New Holland, PA 17557

Lancaster County  
New Holland Borough  
AT-GRADE CROSSING  
S. Hoover Street (517757P); Brubaker Avenue (517758);  
Custer Avenue 517758 W; S. Railroad Avenue (517760 X)  
MPMS# 114225

Dear Mr Fulcher:

As you may be aware, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of transportation (the Department) is filing an application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) for the approval to alter the four (4) referenced above public crossings where various local roads cross, at-grade, the single track of Norfolk Southern Railway Company located in New Holland Borough, Lancaster County.

This action is in accordance with the Section 130 Federal Rail Safety Program, which provides 100 percent Federal funding for the construction of railroad warning devices on public roads. The Railroad will seek reimbursement from the Department for 100 percent of the construction costs.

Please sign, date, and affix the New Holland Borough seal at the space provided on this letter and return the original to the District office. Please also provide a resolution agreeing to allow the Department to file this application on your behalf and authorizing the Department to issue Notice to Proceed letters to the railroad for design and construction. If a resolution is not provided it will be presumed that by signature, date, and seal of this letter that you concur with these conditions and authority is granted, and no resolution is necessary.

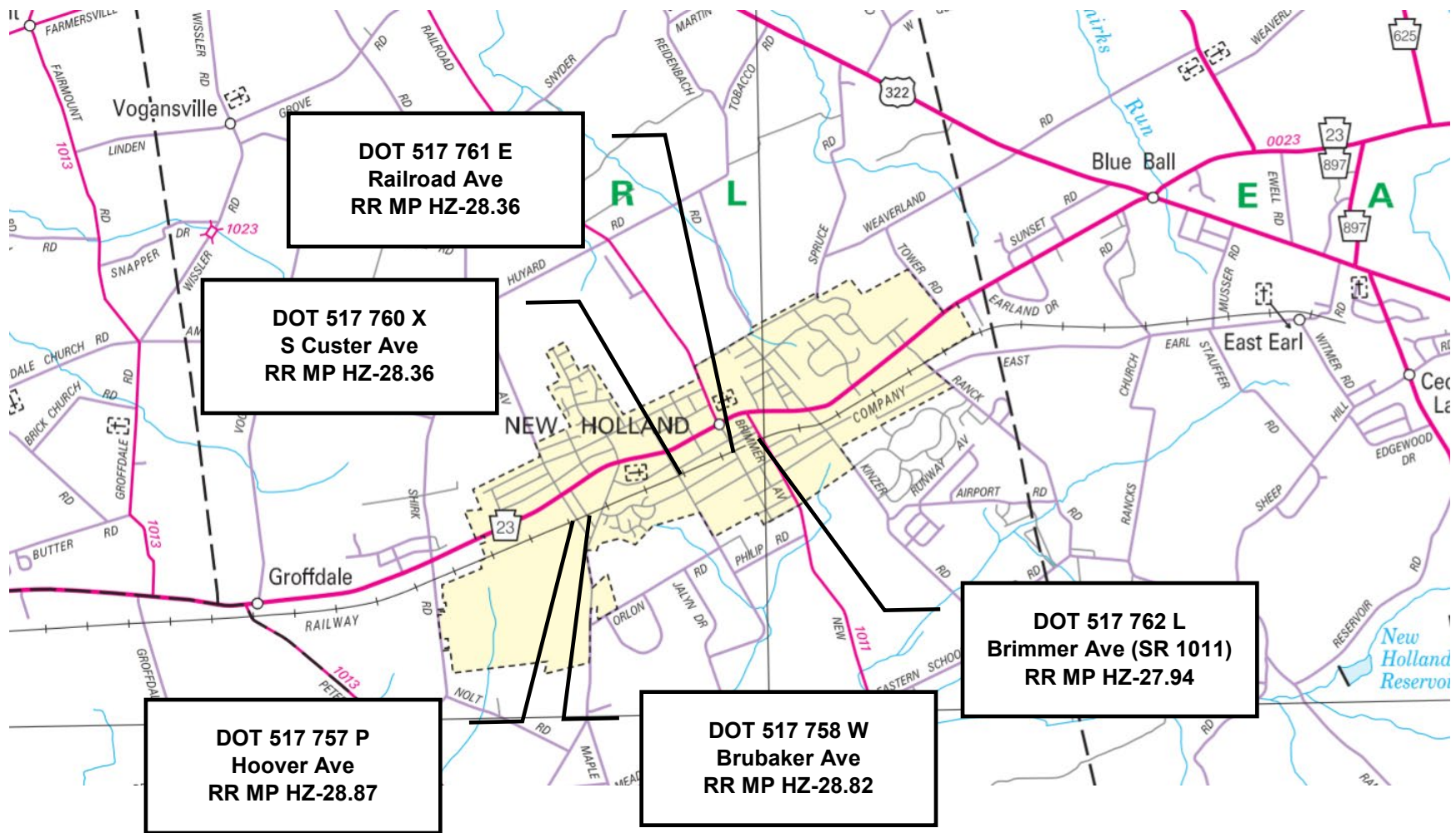
*J. Richard Fulcher* *5-5-2020*  
Municipality Signature Date (Municipality Seal)

As a result of this action, the Municipality will receive a copy of the application that will be made by the Department to the PUC, which will then be followed by a letter from the PUC advising of a subsequent field conference at the crossing. Should there be any questions with regards to this matter, please contact Ahmed Lasloudji at (717) 787 - 4732.

Sincerely,



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



**NEW HOLLAND BOROUGH, LANCASTER COUNTY**

**LOCATION MAP**

**EXHIBIT "B"**