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Subject: RE: South Whitehall Twp, PA - CX1113689 - FJ-7.01 - Eck Road (T-498) XAG - Task 717
Attachments: 2020.11.09 IPT ALLENTOWN DC LLC - PUC For Norfolk Southern Crossing - 2017-104.pdf; Norfolk Southern Exhibit A 2019-05-31.pdf; 240045601-NORFOLK SOUTHERN EXHIBIT B-5 2020-08-27.pdf; At grade Cost Estimate 8-27-20.pdf

Dear Mr. Hull and Helfrich,

As a follow up to my previous email below, we are submitting the attached documents for your review and comment.

Attached are the following:

- PUC application signed by South Whitehall Township
- Exhibit A – Showing developing lands on either side of the railroad, revised 5-31-19
- Exhibit B - Concept of the at-grade crossing improvements, revised 8-27-20
- Opinion of Probable Construction Costs, dated 8-27-20

Norfolk Southern has recommended that I contact the PUC to request a field conference.

Thanks,

Fidel Gonzalez
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Dear Mr. Hull and Helfrich,

I was given your names by Shawn Starling at Norfolk Southern Railway. My client is developing lands on either side of the railroad and the Township is requiring roadway improvements along the property frontage. These improvements will impact an existing at-grade railway crossing on Eck Road (T-498). The Township submitted a concept of the at-grade crossing improvements to Norfolk Southern, see attached.

Norfolk Southern has recommended that I contact you to understand the process of requesting a field conference with the PUC.

What is the process to request a field meeting with the PUC?

Thanks,

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**BEFORE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

In re: Application of South Whitehall Township for approval of the alteration, of the crossing CX1113689 –FJ-7.01 where Eck Road crosses at grade, the tracks of Norfolk Southern located in the Township of South Whitehall in Lehigh County.

Application
Docket No.

To Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

1. The name and address of applicant are South Whitehall Township, 444 Walbert Ave., Allentown, PA 18104.

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2. The name and address of applicant’s attorney are Joseph A. Zator II, Zator Law, 4400 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, PA 18104.

3. South Whitehall Township is a First Class Township located in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. South Whitehall Township is authorized to make alterations to the crossing in question in conjunction with the proposed roadway improvements to Eck Road.

4. The existing at-grade crossing at Eck Road needs to be widened in order to allow for the installation of a road shoulder and sidewalk for pedestrian and vehicle safety. See attached Exhibits for details on the widening of the crossing.

5. The following entities will be affected by the proposed alteration to the crossing:

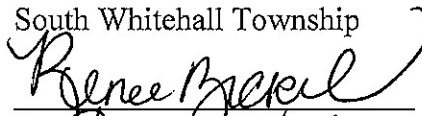
- UGI Gas
- PPL Electric Utilities
- South Whitehall Township. See attached verified consent demonstrating that South Whitehall Township consents to the widening of the crossing.

6. Based on the Transportation Impact Study prepared by Langan Engineering, last revised 12-17-2018, Langan utilized available information to calculate the number of vehicles and pedestrians crossing the railroad tracks on Eck Road for a typical weekday. For the existing conditions, the Average Daily Traffic (ADT) over the railroad tracks is approximately 230 trips (170 northbound direction, 60 southbound direction). For the proposed build-out conditions, the ADT over the railroad tracks will be approximately 520 trips (280 northbound direction, 240 southbound direction). Langan observed no pedestrians crossing the railroad tracks for the existing conditions and do not expect any pedestrians crossing the tracks for the build-out conditions. Langan has determined that the existing and proposed ADTs along Eck Road are relatively low when compared to the ADT for the at-grade crossing at Blue Barn Road (located to the west of Eck Road) which has an ADT of 3,290 trips crossing the railroad tracks on a typical weekday.

7. The cost of the proposed at-grade crossing alteration is expected to be approximately \$100,000 to \$150,000, which will be paid for by the Developer of the adjacent Crackersport Road and Eck Road Warehouse Project.

8. The alteration of the crossing is necessary or proper as part of the roadway improvements on Eck Road being undertaken by South Whitehall Township. The road widening and associating crossing widening will allow for the installation of a road shoulder and sidewalk, which will improve vehicle and pedestrian safety.

Wherefore, the Applicant respectfully requests that your Honorable Commission to approve the within Application.

South Whitehall Township

By: Renee Brckel
Title: Township Manager

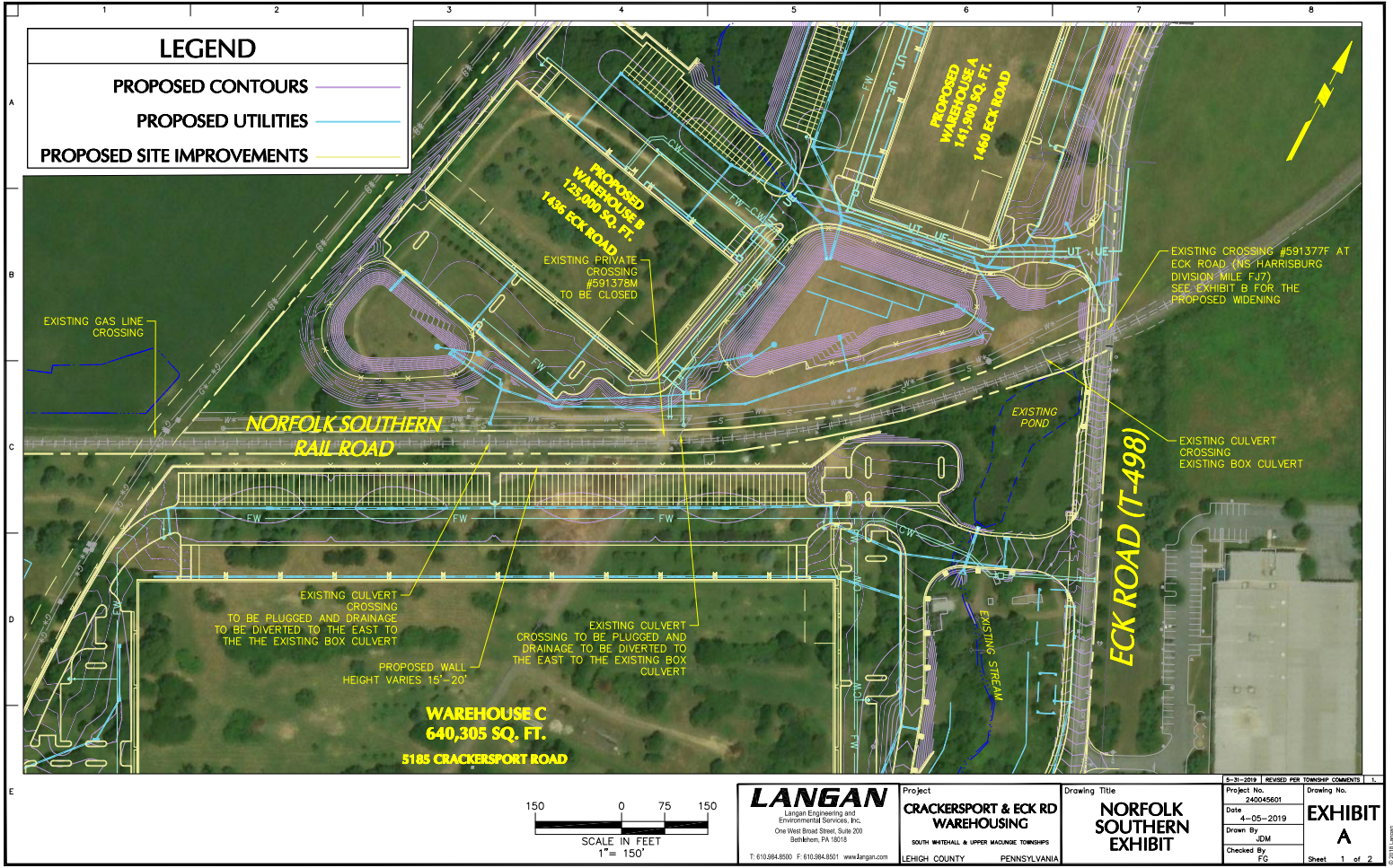
VERIFICATION

I, Renee Bickel, am the Township Manager of South Whitehall Township. I hereby verify that South Whitehall Township consents to the widening of the Norfolk Southern railroad crossing at Eck Rd. in South Whitehall Township as more fully described in this Application. I further state that the facts set forth above 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 false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4904, relating to unsworn falsifications to authorities.

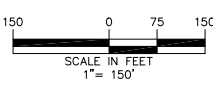
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Renee Bickel", is written over a horizontal line.

Renee Bickel
Township Manager.

Date: August __, 2020



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PROPOSED CONTOURS	
PROPOSED UTILITIES	
PROPOSED SITE IMPROVEMENTS	

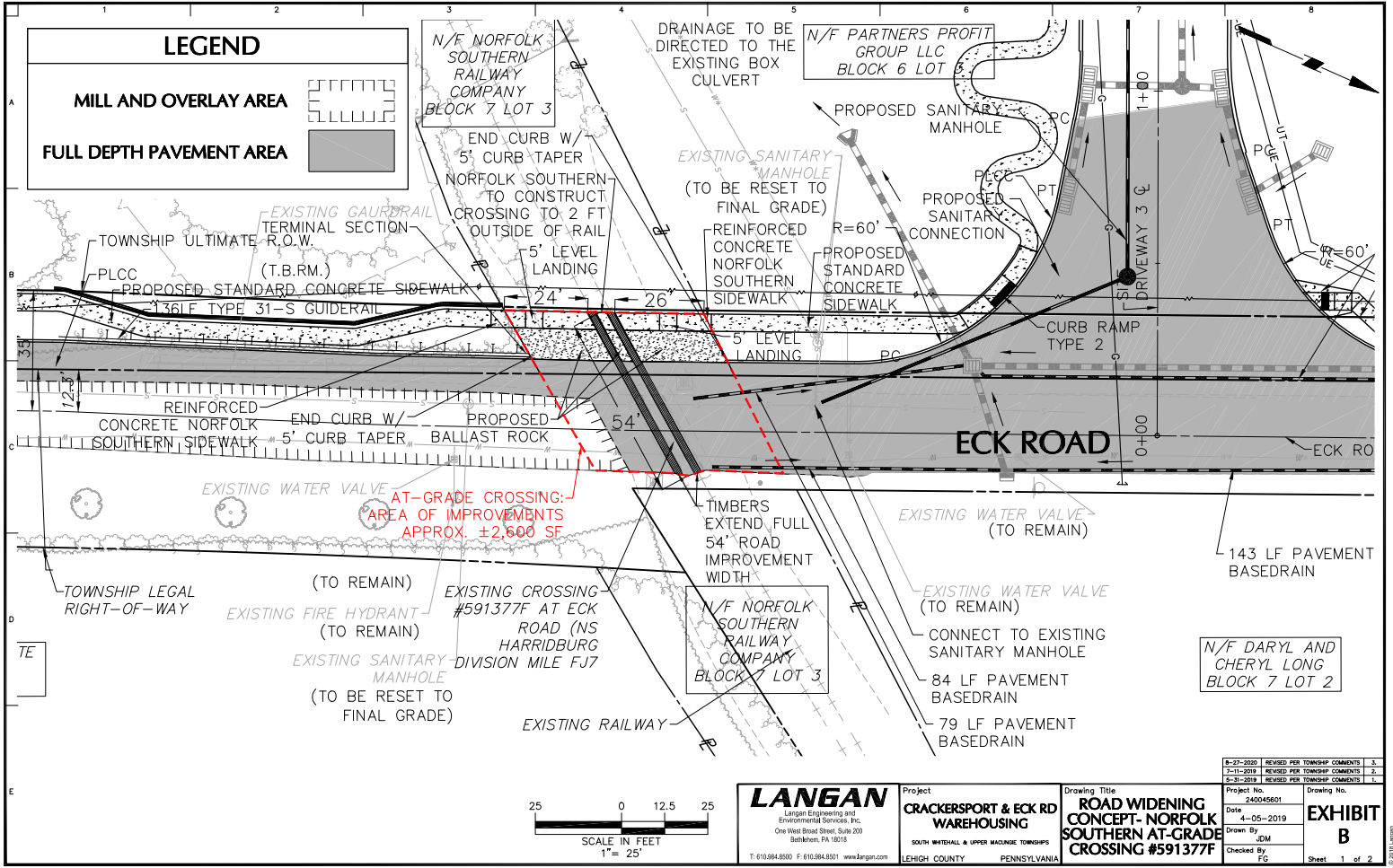


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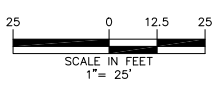
Drawing Title
**NORFOLK
 SOUTHERN
 EXHIBIT**

6-31-2013	REVISED PER TOWNSHIP COMMENTS	1
Project No.	240045601	Drawing No.
Date	4-05-2019	EXHIBIT A
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LEGEND	
MILL AND OVERLAY AREA	
FULL DEPTH PAVEMENT AREA	

N/F DARYL AND
CHERYL LONG
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Drawing Title
**ROAD WIDENING
CONCEPT- NORFOLK
SOUTHERN AT-GRADE
CROSSING #591377F**

8-27-2020	REVISED PER TOWNSHIP COMMENTS	3	
7-11-2019	REVISED PER TOWNSHIP COMMENTS	2	
5-31-2019	REVISED PER TOWNSHIP COMMENTS	1	
Project No.	240045601	Drawing No.	
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LANGAN ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COST
Norfolk Southern at Grade Crossing Improvements -Eck Road
August 27, 2020

Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Amount
A Earthwork (See Note 1)				
Class 1 Excavation	20	CY	\$18.27	\$365.40
Milling of Bituminous pavement Surface	1,245	SY	\$2.30	\$2,863.50
B Pavement Section				
Sawcut	110	LF	\$4.20	\$462.00
6" Subbase No. 2A	333	SY	\$12.51	\$4,165.83
10" Superpave Asphalt, WMA Base Course	333	SY	\$38.17	\$12,710.61
2.5" Superpave Asphalt, WMA Binder Course	333	SY	\$11.57	\$3,852.81
1.5" Superpave Asphalt, WMA Wearing Course	333	SY	\$9.26	\$3,083.58
C Pavement Marking & Signing Improvements				
Pavement Marking & Signing Improvements	1	LS	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
D Maintenance and Protection of Traffic				
Maintenance and Protection of Traffic	1	LS	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
E Other				
Ballast Rock	45	SY	\$50.00	\$2,250.00
Rail Improvements by Norfolk Southern and charged to the Developer	54	LF	\$1,000.00	\$54,000.00
			SUBTOTAL:	\$90,753.73
Construction Contingencies (20%)				\$18,150.75
			TOTAL ESTIMATE:	\$108,904.48

Notes:

1. Class 1 Excavation is for roadways, roadway appurtenances, and structures.
2. This Opinion of Probable Cost does NOT include: As-Built Drawings, Soils Testing, Bonding, As Built, Rock Excavation, Allowance for Unsuitable Material, or sinkhole remediation.

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 § 1.54 *(relating to service by participant)*.

(List names, addresses and email addresses of participants served.)

South Whitehall Township
444 Walbert Ave
Allentown, PA 18104
Renee Bickel, Manager
Email: bickelr@southwhitehall.com

Norfolk Southern Railway Corporation
1200 Peachtree Street N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30309
Shawn Starling, P.E., Senior Engineer Public Improvements
Email: Douglas.Starling@nscorp.com

Dated this _____ 8 _____ day of _____ January _____, 2021 ____.



(Signature)