

April 5, 2021

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 the public at-grade crossing by the installation of new active traffic control devices where Township Road 380, Struble Road, crosses the track(s) of the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority (DOT Number 506 378 J) in College Township, Centre 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.

A copy of this Application and Exhibits has been served upon the parties in the Certificate of Service to the Application by email.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Schultz
District Grade Crossing Administrator
Engineering District 2-0
Department of Transportation

Attachments

cc: Parties of Record

Mark J. Chappell, P.E., Chief, Right-of-Way and Utilities Section, 7th Floor, CKB
Gina M. D'Alfonso, Senior Counsel in Charge, Office of Chief Counsel, 9th Floor, CKB
Ronald J. Hull, P.E., Supervisor, Rail Safety Engineering Section PUC, 3rd Floor, CKB

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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Docket No. _____

Electronically Filed

APPLICATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

Applicant, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, files this Application pursuant to the provisions of 66 Pa.C.S § 2702 and 52 Pa. Code § 5.13 for the alteration of the public at grade crossings where Township Road 380, Struble Road, crosses the track(s) of SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority (DOT Number 506 378 J) in College Township, Centre County as described below:

1. The name and address of Applicant are Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation Dean D. Ball, P.E., Assistant District Executive, Engineering 2-0, 70 PENNDOT Drive, Clearfield, PA 16830.
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 behalf of College Township as evidenced by the Resolution Letter dated March 18th, 2021 which is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit “A”.

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 this matter:

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5. The Applicant is seeking approval for SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority to alter the public at grade crossing by the upgrade of active traffic control devices including circuitry and preemption where Township Road 380, Struble Road, crosses the railroad at railroad milepost 041.52, pursuant to the Federal Grade Crossing Program. A Location Map is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit “B”.

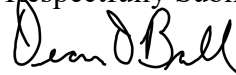
6. The Applicant is not aware of (a) prior Public Utility Commission order(s).

7. The average daily traffic for Township Road 380, Struble Road, at this crossing is unknown.

8. The estimated cost of the project subject to the application and described above is \$375,000. The Applicant agrees to reimburse SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority for its actual costs for the active traffic control devices including circuitry and preemption for this project in accordance with the Federal Grade Crossing Program.
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 this application:

Respectfully Submitted:



Dean D. Ball, P.E.
Assistant District Executive
Engineering District 2-0
Department of Transportation
70 PENNDOT Drive
Clearfield, PA 16830
Phone 814-765-0439
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Dated: 4-2-2021

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VERIFICATION

I, Mark A. Schultz, 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: 4/2/2021



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Grade Crossing Administrator

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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 pursuant to the Emergency Order at Docket Number M-2020-3019262:

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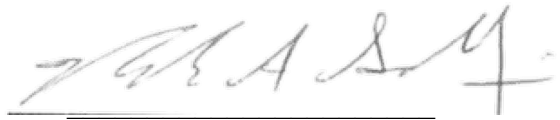
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Dated this 2nd Day of April, 2021



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**COLLEGE TOWNSHIP
CENTRE COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION R-21-12

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP of COLLEGE, CENTRE COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING PENNDOT TO REQUEST RAILROAD
CROSSING UPGRADES AT STRUBLE ROAD FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, Struble Road is a public roadway under the jurisdiction of College Township; and

WHEREAS, a railroad operates through College Township which Railroad maintains a crossing over Struble Road; and

WHEREAS, in order for the improvements to the warning devices to be made pertaining to the railroad crossing, such improvements must be submitted to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) by and through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation ("PennDOT");

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of College Township as follows:

1. PennDOT is authorized on behalf and for College Township to request approval of the PUC to install or permit the installation of crossing upgrades, including, but not limited to, appropriate warning devices at the railroad crossing at Struble Road in College Township.
2. PennDOT is authorized on behalf and for College Township to issue Notice to Proceed letters to the Railroad for design and/or construction at the railroad crossing at Struble Road in College Township.

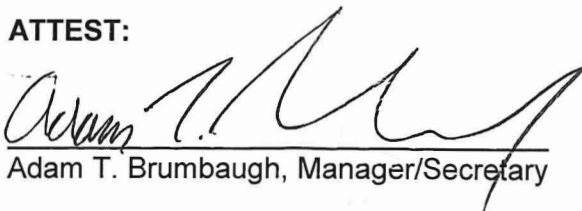
DULY ADOPTED this 18th day of March, 2021, by the Council of the Township of College, Centre County, Pennsylvania.

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL:



L. Eric Bernier, Chair

ATTEST:


Adam T. Brumbaugh, Manager/Secretary

CERTIFIED true and correct copy of Resolution No. R-21-12 adopt March 18, 2021, by Council of College Township.

Exhibit 'A'

Centre County, College Township
Struble Road, Section R17
DOT# 506 378 J
SEDACOG Joint Rail Authority, Inc.
Nittany & Bald Eagle Railroad
c/o North Shore Railroad

MPMS # 113890

Upgrade of Active Traffic Control Devices.

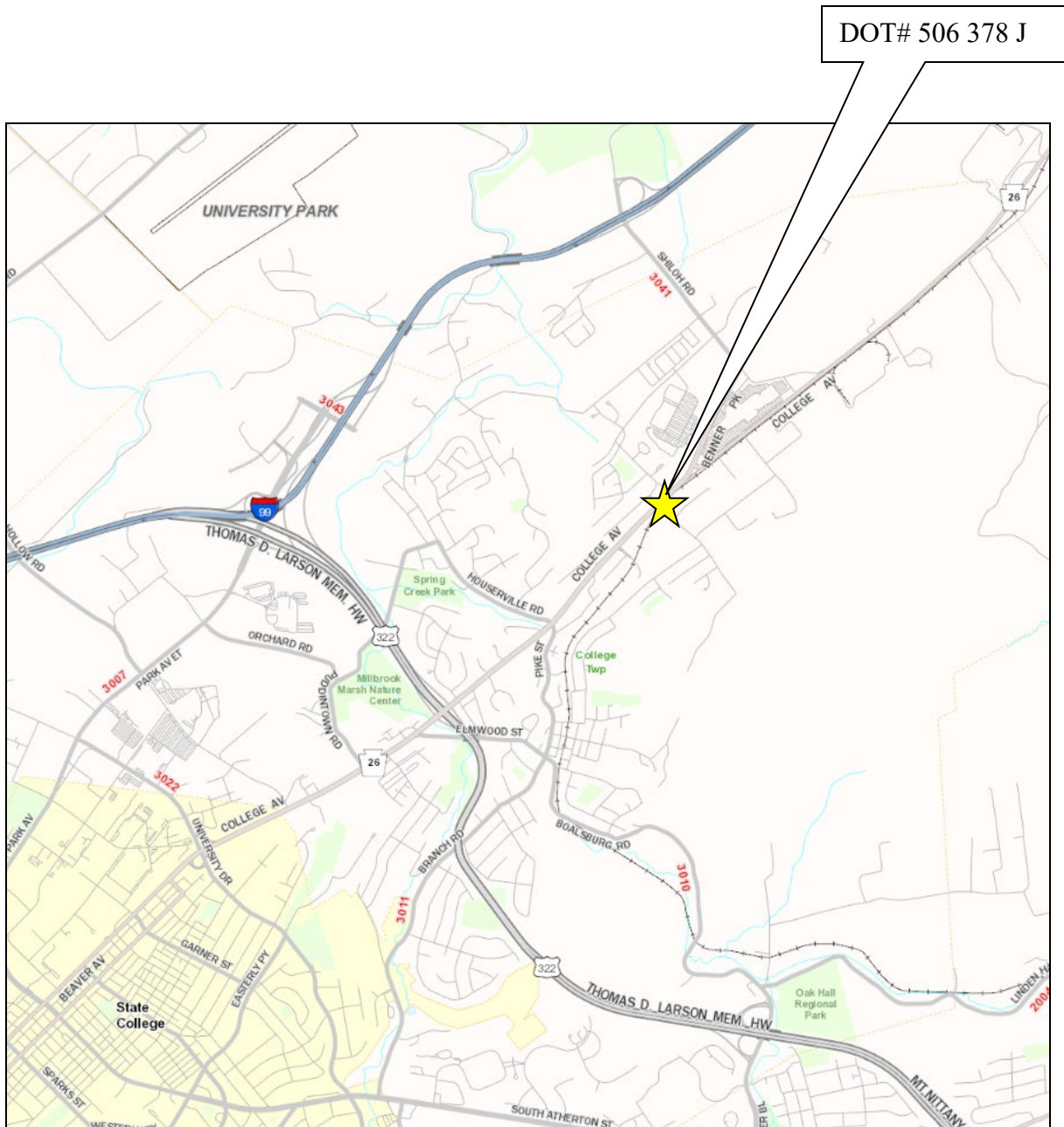


EXHIBIT "B"