

November 16, 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 where Railroad Street crosses the track(s) of SEDACOG Joint Rail Authority, DOT Number 843 019 V in Bellefonte Borough, Centre County 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.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Schultz, Planning Manager
Engineering District 2-0
Department of Transportation

Attachments

cc: Parties of Record
Mark Chappell, P.E., Right-of-Way and Utilities Section, 7th Floor, CKB
Karen L. Cummings, Office of Chief Counsel, 9th Floor, CKB
William Sinnick, P.E., Rail Safety Engineering Section PUC, 3rd Floor, CKB

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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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 crossing where Railroad Street crosses tracks of SEDACOG Joint Rail Authority at DOT Number 843.019.V in Bellefonte Borough, 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 District 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 Bellefonte Borough as evidenced by the Resolution dated October 4, 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 to alter the existing at grade crossing. An adjacent bridge replacement project may incorporate new alignment and altered roadway approaches to the railroad crossing. The railroad crossing is adjacent and within 50 feet of the existing bridge structure. A Location Map is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit “B”.

6. The Applicant is not aware of prior Public Utility Commission proceedings for this crossing.

7. The average daily traffic for Railroad Street at this crossing is 394 vehicles with 5% trucks.

8. The estimated total cost for the project subject to the application and described above is \$1,000,000.00. The Applicant anticipates that the funding for the project will be 0% federal funds.
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 project

Wherefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Public Utility Commission approve this Application.

Respectfully Submitted:



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Dated: 11-16-2021

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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: 11-16-2021



Planning Manager

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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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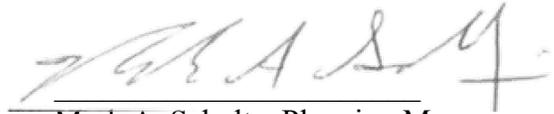
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Dated this 16th Day of November 2021



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**BOROUGH OF BELLEFONTE
CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 10042021-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF BELLEFONTE BOROUGH, CENTRE COUNTY, AUTHORIZING PENNDOT TO REQUEST RAILROAD CROSSING UPGRADES AT RAILROAD STREET, BELLEFONTE, PA 16823 FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, Railroad Street is a public roadway under the jurisdiction of the Borough of Bellefonte; and

WHEREAS, a railroad operates through Bellefonte Borough, which Railroad maintains a crossing over Railroad Street; and

WHEREAS, in order for the proposed improvements to the Railroad Street bridge structure 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");

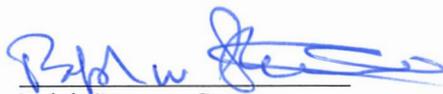
NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Council of Bellefonte Borough as follows:

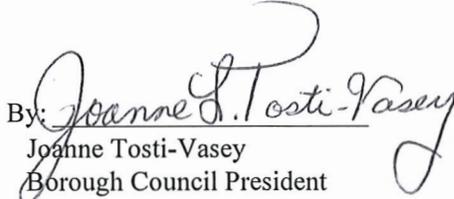
1. PennDOT is authorized on behalf and for Bellefonte Borough to request approval of the PUC for the proposed improvements to the Railroad Street bridge structure near the railroad crossing at Railroad Street in Bellefonte Borough.
2. PennDOT is authorized on behalf and for Bellefonte Borough to issue Notice to Proceed letters to the Railroad for design and/or construction at the railroad crossing at Railroad Street in Bellefonte Borough.

RESOLVED, this 4th day of October, 2021, in public meeting duly noticed and assembled.

ATTEST:

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH


Ralph Stewart, Secretary

By: 
Joanne Tosti-Vasey
Borough Council President

CERTIFIED true and correct copy of Resolution No. 10042021-01 adopted October 4, 2021 by the Borough Council of Bellefonte Borough.

Centre County, Bellefonte Borough
Railroad Street
DOT# 843 019 V
SEDACOG Joint Rail Authority, Inc.
Nittany & Bald Eagle Railroad
c/o North Shore Railroad

MPMS # 114728

Adjacent Bridge Work.

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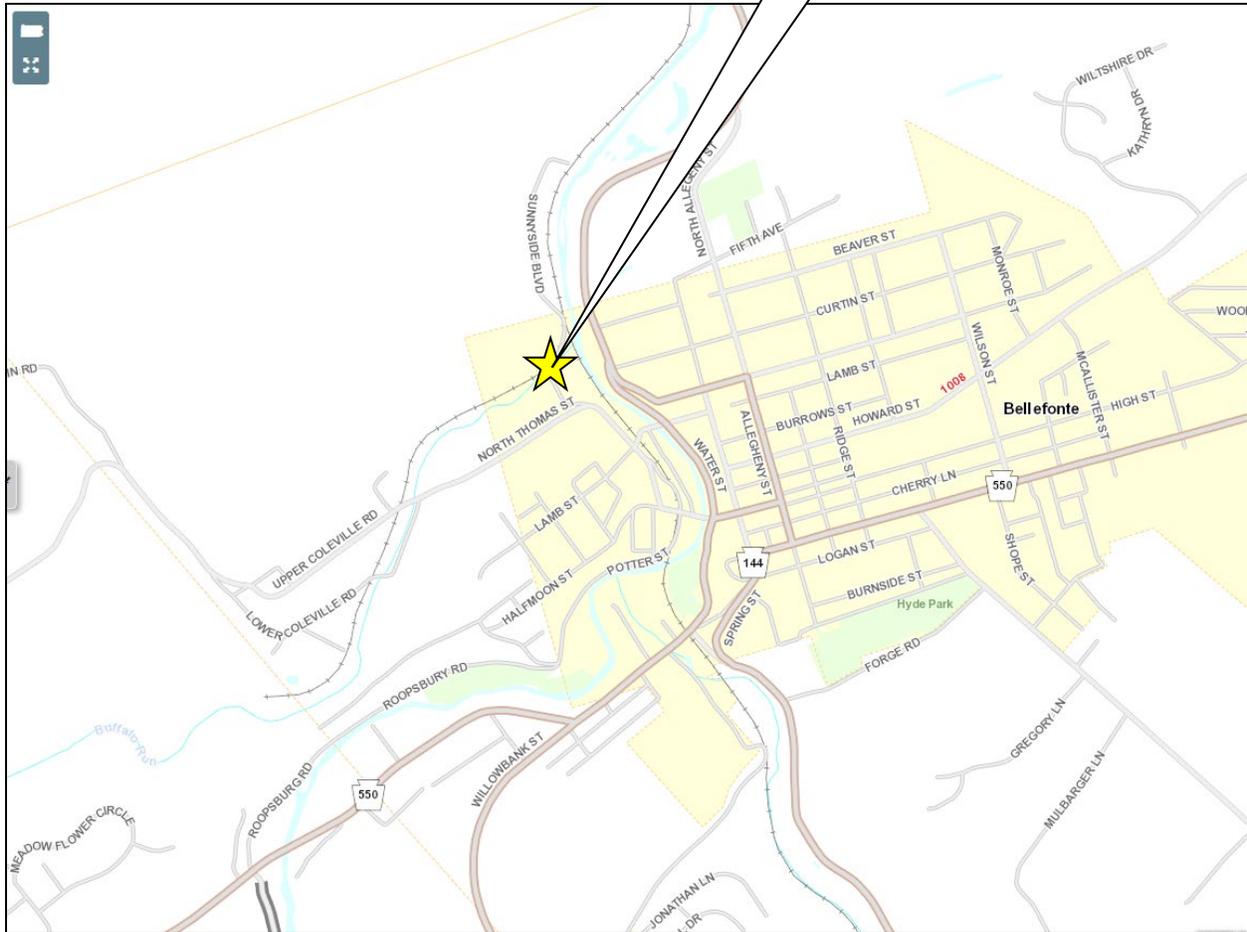


EXHIBIT "B"