



165 Beach Lake Highway

Honesdale, Pennsylvania 18431

**PPL Electric Utilities**  
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Right of Way Agent Representing PPL  
(267) 541-4166

November 4, 2022

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

**RE: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC CROSSING  
AT CROSSING 361582C  
BLACKMAN STREET  
RJ CORMAN RAILROAD  
LUZERNE AND SUSQUEHANNA RAILWAY  
CITY OF WILKES-BARRE  
COUNTY OF LUZERNE**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta,

In accordance with Public Utility Code, Title 66, Chapter 2702, enclosed please find an application requesting permission to alter crossing of **RJ Corman Railroad/Luzerne and Susquehanna Railway**. Said crossing will be within the public right of way confines of Blackman Street. It is located in the City of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County.

Said crossing will consist of replacement of PPL's pole adjacent to track of **Norfolk Southern Corporation** tracks and right of way. The **poles, overhead cables and conductors** will be located with the Public Right of Way. This is an existing crossing .

PPL Electric Utilities will provide copies of same to all parties listed under its Certificate of Service.

Please review and provide the appropriate authorization to this office. Should you have any questions please contact this office.

Sincerely,

  
Dustin Stockholm  
Supervisor – Right of Way

Enclosures

cc: Rodney D. Bender, P.E.  
Chief- Bureau of Rail

**BEFORE**  
**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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In re: Application of PPL Electric Utilities for approval of the alteration of crossing 361582C by the replacement of utility pole structure where Blackman St crosses over the tracks of Luzerne and Susquehanna Railway, located in Wilkes-Barre City, Luzerne County.

Application  
Docket No.

To Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

1. The name and address of applicant are:

PPL Electric Utilities Corporation  
Two North Ninth Street  
GENN3  
Allentown, PA 18101

2. The name and address of the applicant's attorney are Mallory Jane Sweeney, Associate General Counsel, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, Two North Ninth Street, Allentown, PA 18101-1179.

3. PPL Electric Utilities wishes to replace existing utility pole in Wilkes-Barre City, Luzerne County, PA, to support existing and future loading conditions. Aerial cables that cross Luzerne and Susquehanna Railway rails within the public right-of-way of Blackman St are to be raised to meet clearance requirements. The above ground communication facility to be replaced is PPL pole #50768N39383.

4. The proposed change is the replacement of the existing utility pole on the west side of the railroad crossing and raising the neutral cable going over the tracks. The communication facility will be aerial. Blackman St intersects the railroad via overpass. See attached Exhibit "A". The proposed completion date for this project is February 13, 2022.

5. The public utilities, municipalities, corporations and property owners concerned in, or affected by, the crossing alteration are identified in Exhibit "B" attached hereto

6. The expected cost for the construction procedure is \$20,000. PPL Electric Utilities will pay all costs of construction or alteration of the facility, in addition to being responsible for installing, maintaining and inspecting the facilities.

7. The alteration is necessary or proper for the following reasons: to provide adequate, efficient, and reasonable communication facilities and power to the public in Luzerne County and surrounding areas.

Wherefore, applicant prays your Honorable Commission to approve the application:



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**§ 1.36. Verification.**

(a) Applications, petitions, formal complaints, motions and answers thereto containing an averment of fact not appearing of record in the action or containing a denial of fact shall be personally verified by a party thereto or by an authorized officer of the party if a corporation or association. Verification means a signed written statement of fact supported by oath or affirmation or made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities). If verification is required, notarization is not necessary.

(b) The Verification form should comply substantially with the following:

**VERIFICATION**

I, DUSTIN STOCKHOLM, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct (or 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: 11-4-22

Dustin Stockholm

(Signature)

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) .

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Luzerne County Courthouse  
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200 N River Street  
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Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

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ION Holdco LLC (First Light)  
Attn: Engineering/Permitting  
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Victor, NY 14564  
scharney@firstlight.net

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022

  
(Signature)

## EXHIBIT "B"

The public utilities, municipalities, corporations, and property owners concerned in, or affected by, the crossing alteration are:

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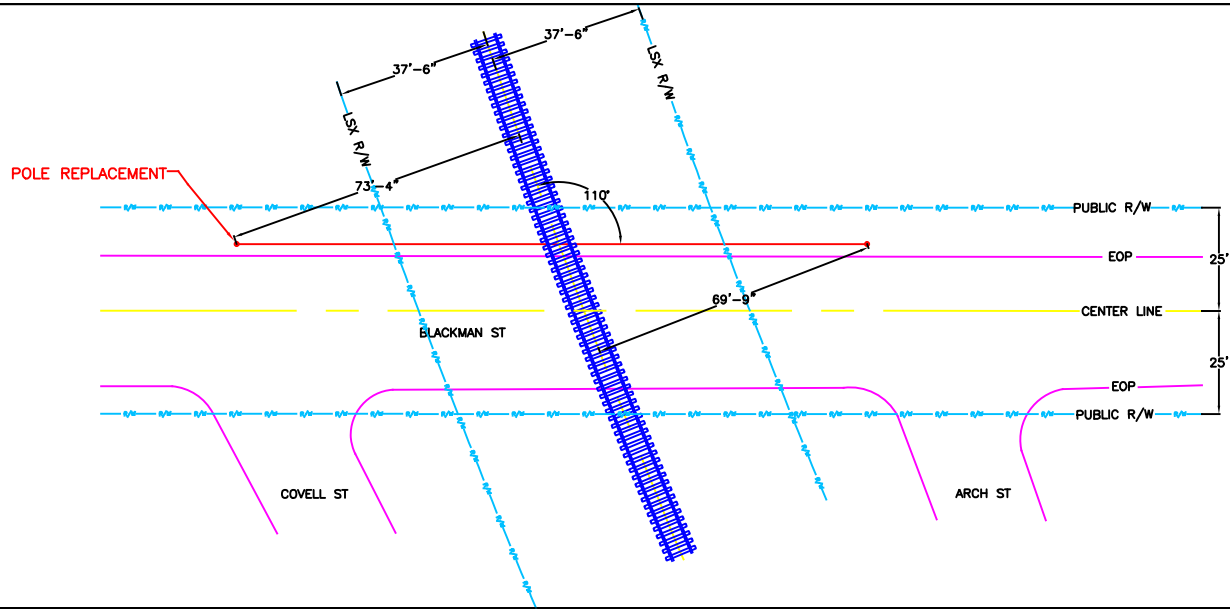
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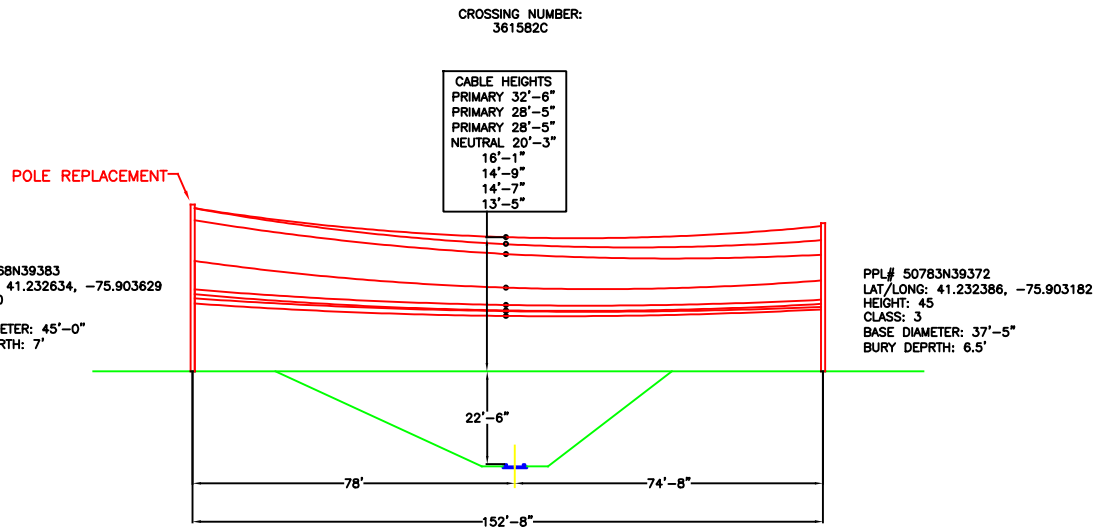
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**PLAN VIEW**



**PROFILE VIEW**



PREPARED BY:

CITY: WILKES-BARRE  
 COUNTY: LUZERNE  
 STATE: PENNSYLVANIA  
 DATE: 5/3/2022  
 DRAWN BY: NIYS

TITLE: 2020 CENTRAL/SUSQUEHANNA  
 PROJECT NO:  
 PRINT NO: 1  
 NO. OF PRINTS: 1  
 ENGINEERED BY: KATAPULT



FILENAME:  
 EXHIBIT A

# U. S. DOT CROSSING INVENTORY FORM

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

OMB No. 2130-0017

Instructions for the initial reporting of the following types of new or previously unreported crossings: For public highway-rail grade crossings, complete the entire inventory Form. For private highway-rail grade crossings, complete the Header, Parts I and II, and the Submission Information section. For public pathway grade crossings (including pedestrian station grade crossings), complete the Header, Parts I and II, and the Submission Information section. For Private pathway grade crossings, complete the Header, Parts I and II, and the Submission Information section. For grade-separated highway-rail or pathway crossings (including pedestrian station crossings), complete the Header, Part I, and the Submission Information section. For changes to existing data, complete the Header, Part I Items 1-3, and the Submission Information section, in addition to the updated data fields. Note: For private crossings only, Part I Item 20 and Part III Item 2.K. are required unless otherwise noted. An asterisk \* denotes an optional field.

<b>A. Revision Date</b> (MM/DD/YYYY) 05 / 23 / 2022	<b>B. Reporting Agency</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad <input type="checkbox"/> Transit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<b>C. Reason for Update (Select only one)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change in Data <input type="checkbox"/> Re-Open <input type="checkbox"/> New Crossing <input type="checkbox"/> Date Change Only <input type="checkbox"/> Closed <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Primary Operating RR <input type="checkbox"/> No Train Traffic <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet Zone Update <input type="checkbox"/> Admin. Correction	<b>D. DOT Crossing Inventory Number</b> 361582C
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## Part I: Location and Classification Information

<b>1. Primary Operating Railroad</b> LUZERNE & SUSQUEHANNA RAILWAY [LSX]		<b>2. State</b> PENNSYLVANIA	<b>3. County</b> LUZERNE		
<b>4. City / Municipality</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In <input type="checkbox"/> Near WILKES BARRE	<b>5. Street/Road Name &amp; Block Number</b> BLACKMAN ST (Street/Road Name) * (Block Number)		<b>6. Highway Type &amp; No.</b> SR 2005		
<b>7. Do Other Railroads Operate a Separate Track at Crossing?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, Specify RR		<b>8. Do Other Railroads Operate Over Your Track at Crossing?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, Specify RR			
<b>9. Railroad Division or Region</b> <input type="checkbox"/> None ATLANTIC	<b>10. Railroad Subdivision or District</b> <input type="checkbox"/> None LEHIGH	<b>11. Branch or Line Name</b> <input type="checkbox"/> None WILKES BARRE SE	<b>12. RR Milepost</b> 0174.52 (prefix)   (nnnn.nnn)   (suffix)		
<b>13. Line Segment</b> * BR 174	<b>14. Nearest RR Timetable Station</b> * S WILKES-BAR	<b>15. Parent RR (if applicable)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<b>16. Crossing Owner (if applicable)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
<b>17. Crossing Type</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private	<b>18. Crossing Purpose</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Highway <input type="checkbox"/> Pathway, Ped. <input type="checkbox"/> Station, Ped.	<b>19. Crossing Position</b> <input type="checkbox"/> At Grade <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RR Under <input type="checkbox"/> RR Over	<b>20. Public Access (if Private Crossing)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>21. Type of Train</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Freight <input type="checkbox"/> Transit <input type="checkbox"/> Intercity Passenger <input type="checkbox"/> Shared Use Transit <input type="checkbox"/> Commuter <input type="checkbox"/> Tourist/Other	<b>22. Average Passenger Train Count Per Day</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than One Per Day <input type="checkbox"/> Number Per Day 0
<b>23. Type of Land Use</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space <input type="checkbox"/> Farm <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> RR Yard					
<b>24. Is there an Adjacent Crossing with a Separate Number?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, Provide Crossing Number			<b>25. Quiet Zone (FRA provided)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 24 Hr <input type="checkbox"/> Partial <input type="checkbox"/> Chicago Excused Date Established		
<b>26. HSR Corridor ID</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<b>27. Latitude in decimal degrees</b> (WGS84 std: nn.nnnnnn) 41.2324700	<b>28. Longitude in decimal degrees</b> (WGS84 std: -nnn.nnnnnn) -75.9034800		<b>29. Lat/Long Source</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated	
<b>30.A. Railroad Use *</b>			<b>31.A. State Use *</b>		
<b>30.B. Railroad Use *</b>			<b>31.B. State Use *</b> LSX		
<b>30.C. Railroad Use *</b>			<b>31.C. State Use *</b>		
<b>30.D. Railroad Use *</b>			<b>31.D. State Use *</b>		
<b>32.A. Narrative (Railroad Use) *</b>			<b>32.B. Narrative (State Use) *</b>		
<b>33. Emergency Notification Telephone No. (posted)</b>		<b>34. Railroad Contact (Telephone No.)</b>		<b>35. State Contact (Telephone No.)</b> 717-772-3079	

## Part II: Railroad Information

<b>1. Estimated Number of Daily Train Movements</b>					
<b>1.A. Total Day Thru Trains (6 AM to 6 PM)</b> 0	<b>1.B. Total Night Thru Trains (6 PM to 6 AM)</b> 0	<b>1.C. Total Switching Trains</b> 0	<b>1.D. Total Transit Trains</b>	<b>1.E. Check if Less Than One Movement Per Day</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> How many trains per week? _____	
<b>2. Year of Train Count Data (YYYY)</b>		<b>3. Speed of Train at Crossing</b> <b>3.A. Maximum Timetable Speed (mph)</b> 0 <b>3.B. Typical Speed Range Over Crossing (mph)</b> From 0 to 0			
<b>4. Type and Count of Tracks</b> Main 0 Siding _____ Yard _____ Transit _____ Industry _____					
<b>5. Train Detection (Main Track only)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Constant Warning Time <input type="checkbox"/> Motion Detection <input type="checkbox"/> AFO <input type="checkbox"/> PTC <input type="checkbox"/> DC <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> None					
<b>6. Is Track Signaled?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<b>7.A. Event Recorder</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<b>7.B. Remote Health Monitoring</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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## Part III: Highway or Pathway Traffic Control Device Information

<b>1. Are there Signs or Signals?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>2. Types of Passive Traffic Control Devices associated with the Crossing</b>				
<b>2.A. Crossbuck Assemblies (count)</b> 0	<b>2.B. STOP Signs (R1-1) (count)</b> 0	<b>2.C. YIELD Signs (R1-2) (count)</b> 0	<b>2.D. Advance Warning Signs (Check all that apply; include count)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> W10-1 _____ <input type="checkbox"/> W10-3 _____ <input type="checkbox"/> W10-11 _____ <input type="checkbox"/> W10-2 _____ <input type="checkbox"/> W10-4 _____ <input type="checkbox"/> W10-12 _____		
<b>2.E. Low Ground Clearance Sign (W10-5)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (count _____) <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>2.F. Pavement Markings</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Stop Lines <input type="checkbox"/> Dynamic Envelope <input type="checkbox"/> RR Xing Symbols <input type="checkbox"/> None		<b>2.G. Channelization Devices/Medians</b> <input type="checkbox"/> All Approaches <input type="checkbox"/> Median <input type="checkbox"/> One Approach <input type="checkbox"/> None	<b>2.H. EXEMPT Sign (R15-3)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>2.I. ENS Sign (I-13) Displayed</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>2.J. Other MUTCD Signs</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Specify Type _____ Count _____ Specify Type _____ Count _____ Specify Type _____ Count _____		<b>2.K. Private Crossing Signs (if private)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>2.L. LED Enhanced Signs (List types)</b>		
<b>3. Types of Train Activated Warning Devices at the Grade Crossing (specify count of each device for all that apply)</b>					
<b>3.A. Gate Arms (count)</b> Roadway 0 Pedestrian 0	<b>3.B. Gate Configuration</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Quad <input type="checkbox"/> Full (Barrier) Resistance <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Quad <input type="checkbox"/> Median Gates <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Quad	<b>3.C. Cantilevered (or Bridged) Flashing Light Structures (count)</b> Over Traffic Lane 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Incandescent Not Over Traffic Lane 0 <input type="checkbox"/> LED	<b>3.D. Mast Mounted Flashing Lights (count of masts) 0</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Incandescent <input type="checkbox"/> LED <input type="checkbox"/> Back Lights Included <input type="checkbox"/> Side Lights Included	<b>3.E. Total Count of Flashing Light Pairs</b> 0	
<b>3.F. Installation Date of Current Active Warning Devices: (MM/YYYY)</b> ____/____/____ <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required		<b>3.G. Wayside Horn</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Installed on (MM/YYYY) ____/____/____	<b>3.H. Highway Traffic Signals Controlling Crossing</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>3.I. Bells (count)</b> 0	
<b>3.J. Non-Train Active Warning</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Flagging/Flagman <input type="checkbox"/> Manually Operated Signals <input type="checkbox"/> Watchman <input type="checkbox"/> Floodlighting <input type="checkbox"/> None			<b>3.K. Other Flashing Lights or Warning Devices</b> Count 0 Specify type _____		
<b>4.A. Does nearby Hwy Intersection have Traffic Signals?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>4.B. Hwy Traffic Signal Interconnection</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Not Interconnected <input type="checkbox"/> For Traffic Signals <input type="checkbox"/> For Warning Signs	<b>4.C. Hwy Traffic Signal Preemption</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Simultaneous <input type="checkbox"/> Advance	<b>5. Highway Traffic Pre-Signals</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Storage Distance * 0 Stop Line Distance * _____	<b>6. Highway Monitoring Devices (Check all that apply)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Photo/Video Recording <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Vehicle Presence Detection <input type="checkbox"/> None	

## Part IV: Physical Characteristics

<b>1. Traffic Lanes Crossing Railroad</b> <input type="checkbox"/> One-way Traffic <input type="checkbox"/> Two-way Traffic Number of Lanes _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Divided Traffic	<b>2. Is Roadway/Pathway Paved?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>3. Does Track Run Down a Street?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>4. Is Crossing Illuminated? (Street lights within approx. 50 feet from nearest rail)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>5. Crossing Surface (on Main Track, multiple types allowed)</b> Installation Date * (MM/YYYY) ____/____/____ Width * _____ Length * _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Timber <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Asphalt and Timber <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Concrete and Rubber <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Rubber <input type="checkbox"/> 7 Metal <input type="checkbox"/> 8 Unconsolidated <input type="checkbox"/> 9 Composite <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Other (specify) _____			
<b>6. Intersecting Roadway within 500 feet?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, Approximate Distance (feet) 0		<b>7. Smallest Crossing Angle</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 0° - 29° <input type="checkbox"/> 30° - 59° <input type="checkbox"/> 60° - 90°	
<b>8. Is Commercial Power Available? *</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

## Part V: Public Highway Information

<b>1. Highway System</b> <input type="checkbox"/> (01) Interstate Highway System <input type="checkbox"/> (02) Other Nat Hwy System (NHS) <input type="checkbox"/> (03) Federal AID, Not NHS <input type="checkbox"/> (08) Non-Federal Aid	<b>2. Functional Classification of Road at Crossing</b> <input type="checkbox"/> (0) Rural <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Urban <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Interstate <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Major Collector <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Other Freeways and Expressways <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Other Principal Arterial <input type="checkbox"/> (6) Minor Collector <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Minor Arterial <input type="checkbox"/> (7) Local	<b>3. Is Crossing on State Highway System?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>4. Highway Speed Limit</b> 0 _____ MPH <input type="checkbox"/> Posted <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory
<b>5. Linear Referencing System (LRS Route ID) *</b>			
<b>6. LRS Milepost *</b>			
<b>7. Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT)</b> Year 2020 AADT 11827	<b>8. Estimated Percent Trucks</b> 3 %	<b>9. Regularly Used by School Buses?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Average Number per Day 0	<b>10. Emergency Services Route</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Submission Information - This information is used for administrative purposes and is not available on the public website.**

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed and completing and reviewing the collection of information. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, a federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for information collection is 2130-0017. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection, including for reducing this burden to: Information Collection Officer, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, MS-25 Washington, DC 20590.