

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of Allegheny Valley Railroad :
Company for approval of the abolition of : **Docket No.**
nine separated grade crossings of the :
tracks of its Brilliant Line located in the :
City of Pittsburgh and the Borough of : **Filed Electronically**
Aspinwall, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania :

APPLICATION TO ABOLISH CROSSINGS

Allegheny Valley Railroad Company ("Applicant"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby files this Application, pursuant to the provisions of 66 Pa. C.S. § 2702 and 52 Pa. Code § 5.13, for the abolition of nine public rail-highway crossings in the City of Pittsburgh ("City") and Borough of Aspinwall, Allegheny County, based upon the following:

1. The name and address of the Applicant is Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, John Ashbridge, Senior Vice President, Building 1, Suite 100, 519 Cedar Way, Oakmont, Pennsylvania, 15139.
2. The name and address of counsel for the Applicant is Thomas J. Healey, Fletcher & Sippel, LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, Illinois, 60606-3208.
3. The Applicant is a Pennsylvania corporation and a freight railroad engaged in the business of transportation of property. It makes this Application pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. § 2702.
4. Applicant intends to file before the Surface Transportation Board a notice of exemption for abandonment of the following portions of Applicant's rail lines:

Portions of AVR's Brilliant Branch, beginning at approximately Railroad Mile Post 0.7 in East Liberty, in the City of Pittsburgh, crossing AVR's Allegheny Branch and the Allegheny River, passing through the Borough of Aspinwall and ending at approximately Railroad Mile Post 3.0, in the City of Pittsburgh; its Brilliant Branch-West Leg Wye beginning at approximately Railroad Mile Post 0.0 on AVR's Allegheny River Bridge in the Borough of Aspinwall and ending at approximately Railroad Mile Post 0.5, in the Township of O'Hara; and a portion of its Allegheny Branch Connection in the City of Pittsburgh beginning at

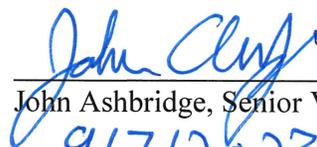
approximately Railroad Mile Post 1.8, being at the connection to the Brilliant Branch, and ending at approximately Railroad Milepost 2.6, being approximately 528 feet westerly of its connection to AVR's Allegheny Branch; and together containing a total of 3.6 route miles of railroad lines, collectively referred to herein as the "Subject Lines."

5. The subject crossings which Applicant seeks to abolish on the Subject Lines are as follows:
 - a. Railroad over River Avenue in Aspinwall – DOT # _____¹
 - b. Railroad over Norfolk Southern in Aspinwall
 - c. Railroad over Lock Way E in Pittsburgh – DOT # 511 003 G
 - d. Railroad over Allegheny River Blvd in Pittsburgh – DOT # 511 004 N
 - e. Railroad over Allegheny River Blvd in Pittsburgh – DOT # 511 005V
 - f. Railroad over Leech Farm Road in Pittsburgh – DOT # 511 006 C
 - g. Railroad under Larimer Avenue in Pittsburgh – DOT # 511 007 J
 - h. Railroad over Lincoln Avenue in Pittsburgh – DOT # 511 008 R
 - i. Railroad over Silver Lake Drive in Pittsburgh – DOT # 933 769 E
6. Maps showing the location of the subject crossings are attached as Exhibit A.
7. All parties potentially interested in this matter are identified in Exhibit B.
8. No physical changes are planned for any of the subject crossings as a result of the abandonment process.
9. AVR intends to convey all its right, title and interest (if any), subject to a right to reactivate rail service, in the Subject Lines to the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County ("RAAC") a body corporate and politic created and existing pursuant to the Pennsylvania Urban

¹ Crossings a and b are remnant structures on which no trains have operated for more than 30 years.

VERIFICATION

I, John Ashbridge, Senior Vice President of Carload Express, Inc., in the foregoing proceeding, do make the following statement subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. '4904, relating to unsworn falsifications to authority, and do state that as Vice President of Carload Express, Inc., I am authorized to make this statement on behalf of Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, and that the facts set forth in the foregoing **Application to Abolish Crossings** are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. To the extent that the contents of the pleading are that of counsel, verifier has relied upon counsel in making this verification.



John Ashbridge, Senior Vice President
9/7/2023

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Emily Gurney, hereby certify that I served one (1) copy of the Application to Abolish Crossings of Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, this day, via electronic mail addressed to:

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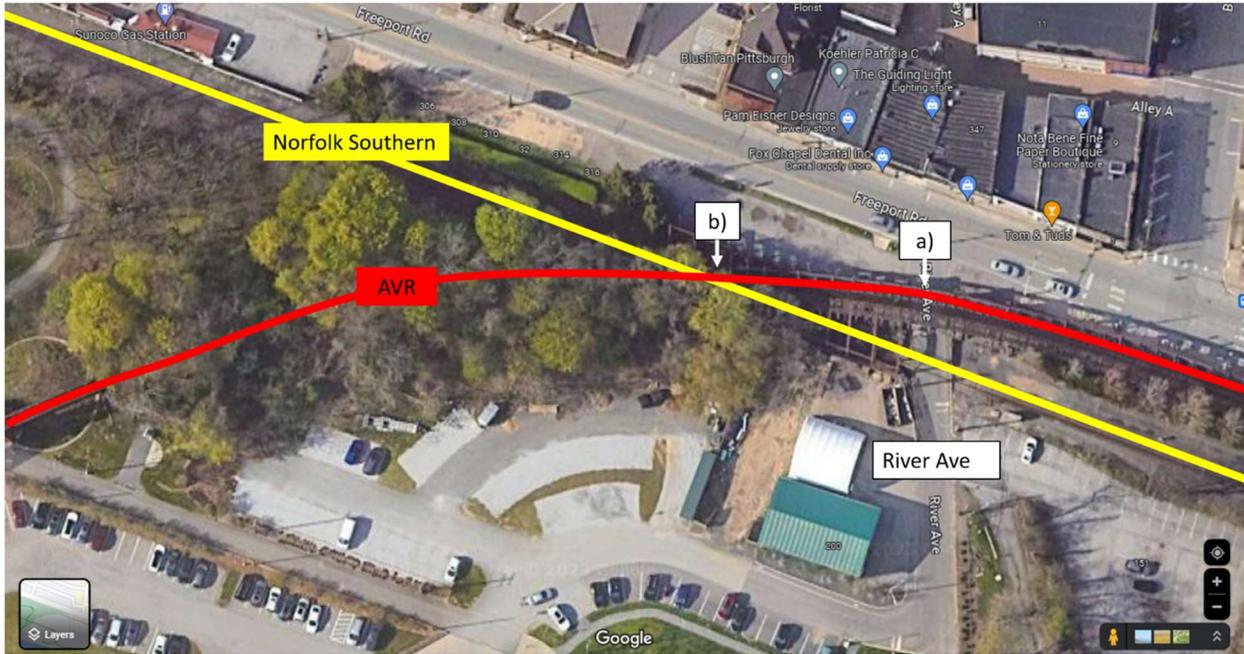
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EXHIBIT "A"

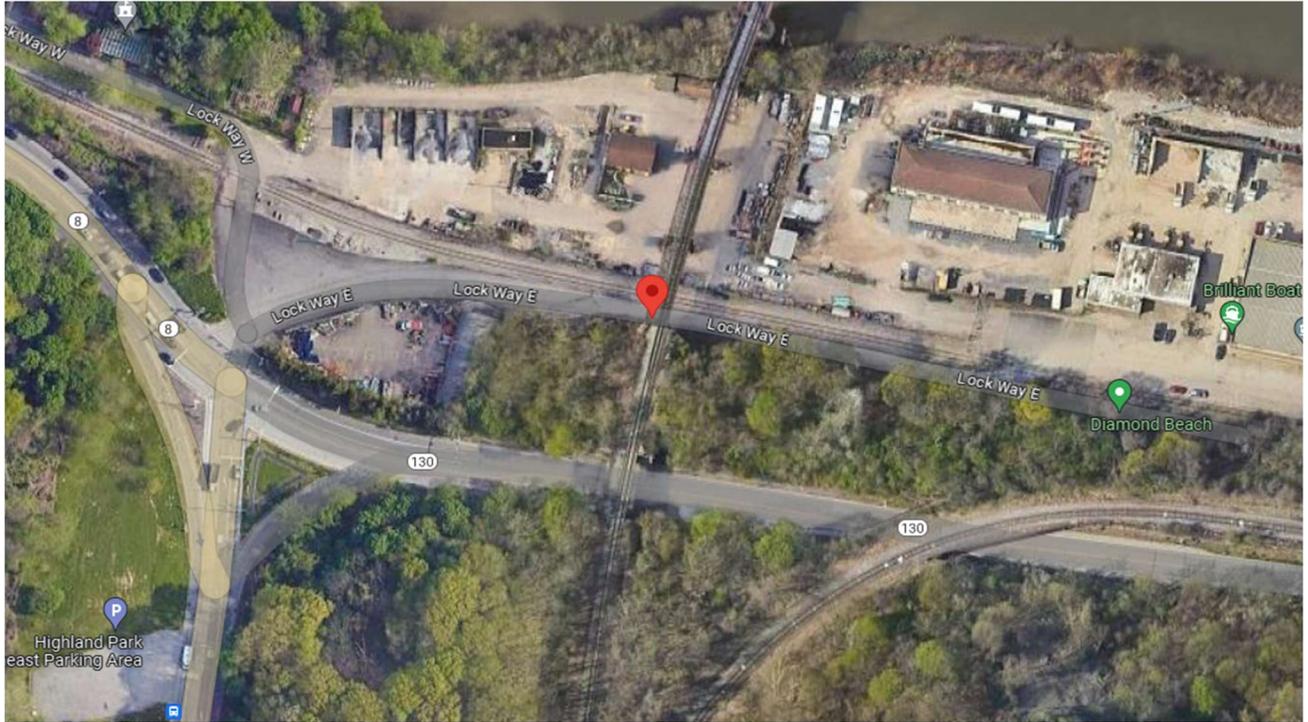
a) MAP OF RAILROAD OVER RIVER AVENUE – DOT # _____¹

b) MAP OF RAILROAD OVER NORFOLK SOUTHERN IN ASPINWALL

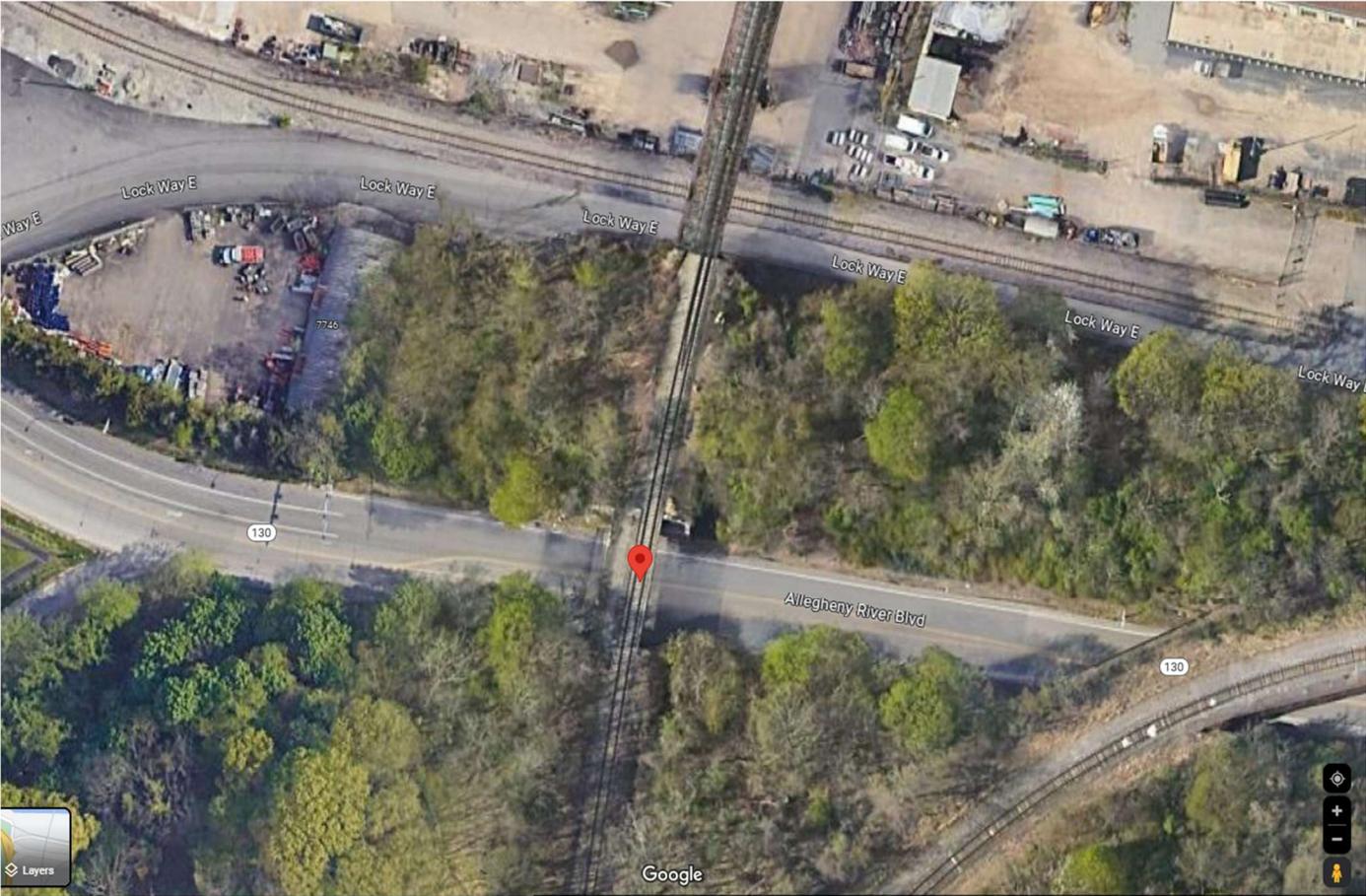


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MAP OF RAILROAD OVER LOCK WAY E - DOT #511 003 G



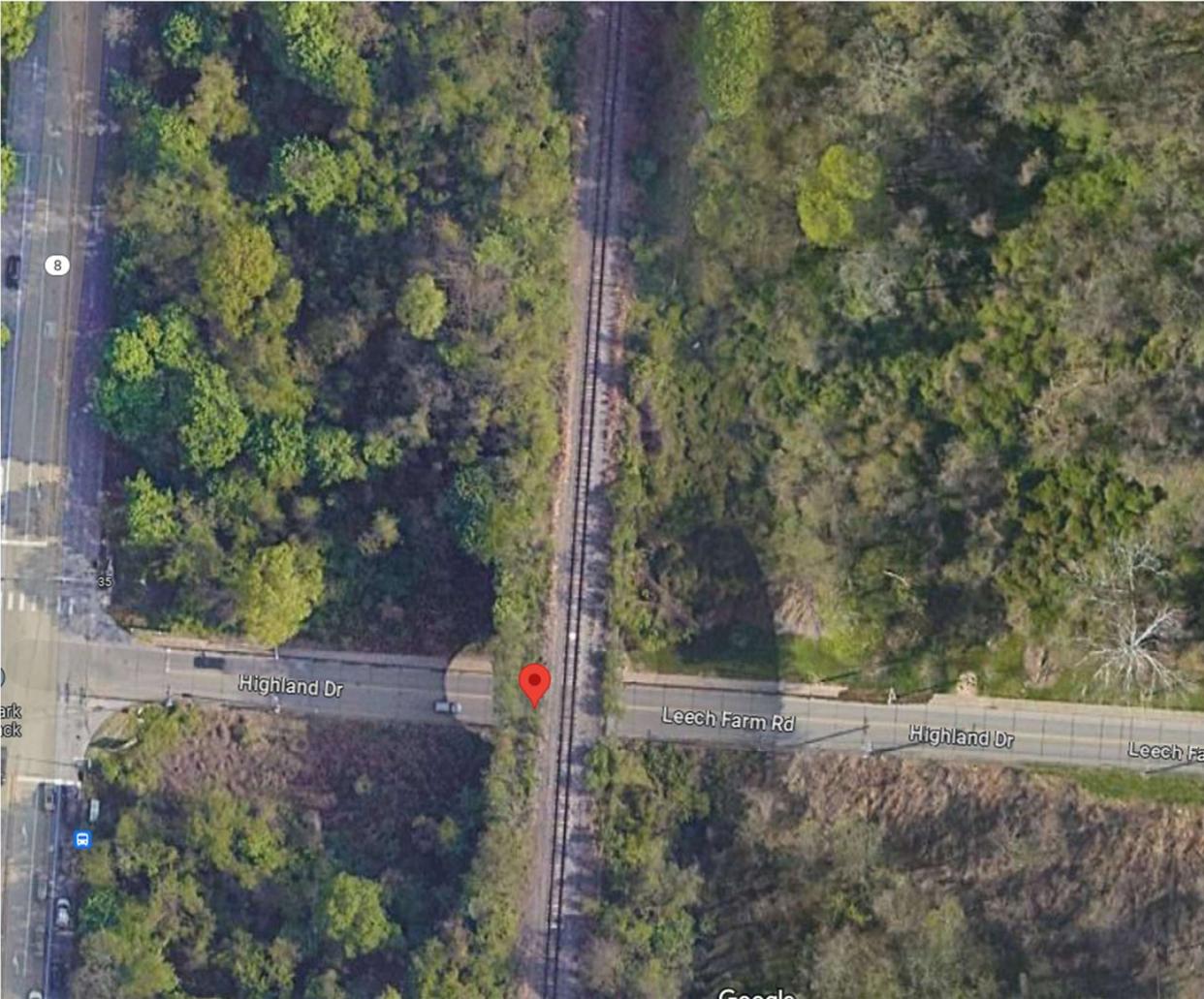
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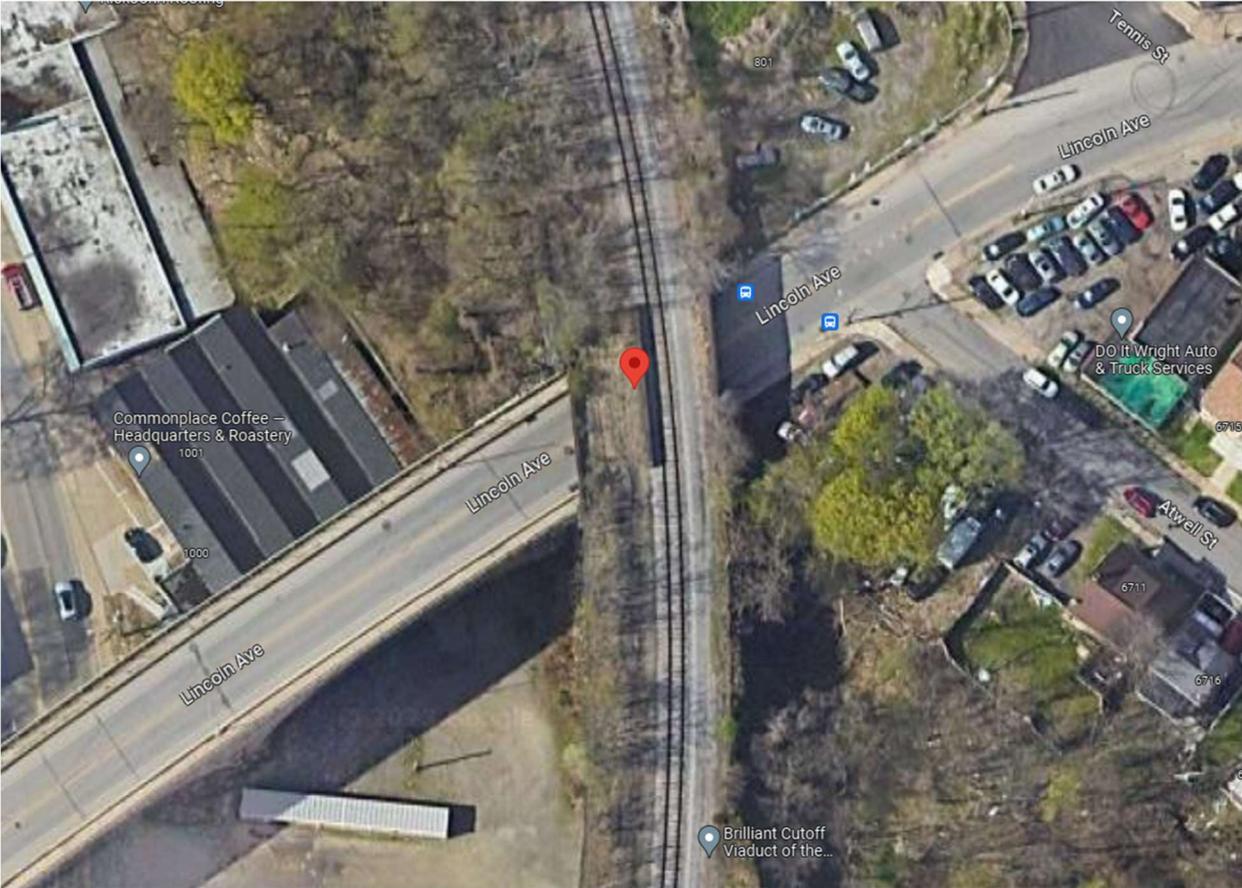
MAP OF RAILROAD OVER LEECH FARM ROAD – DOT # 511 006 C



MAP OF RAILROAD UNDER LARIMER AVENUE – DOT # 511 007 J



MAP OF RAILROAD OVER LINCOLN AVENUE – DOT # 511 008 R



MAP OF RAILROAD OVER SILVER LAKE DRIVE – DOT # 933 769 E

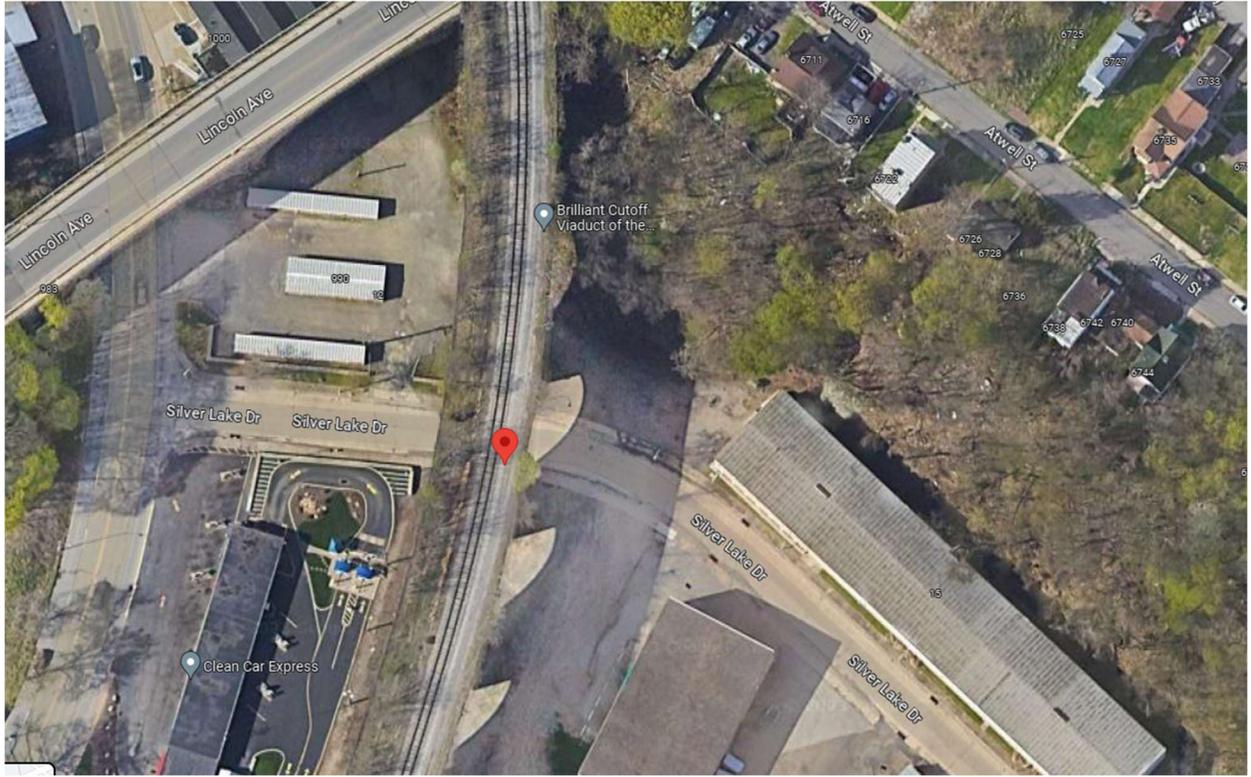


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