



May 28, 2024

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

Re: Application of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation for approval to alter three (3) public at grade crossings by the installation of new warning devices where Main Street, Galley Street and Stouffer Street cross the tracks of CSX Transportation Inc. (DOT Nos. 145 454 B, 145 457 W and 145 462 T, respectively) in Dawson Borough, Fayette 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas A. Ryczek Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Thomas A. Ryczek Jr.  
District Grade Crossing Administrator  
Engineering District 12-0  
Department of Transportation

Attachments

cc: Parties of Record  
Mark J. Chappell, P.E., Right-of-Way, Utilities & Grade Crossing Division  
Karen L. Cummings, Office of Chief Counsel  
William Sinick, P.E., Rail Safety Engineering Section, PUC

**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 alterations of the public at grade crossings where Main Street, Galley Street and Stouffer Street crosses tracks of railroad at DOT Nos. 145 454 B, 145 457 W and 145 462 T, respectively in Dawson Borough, Fayette County as described below:

1. The name and address of Applicant are Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Jeremy M. Hughes, P.E., Assistant District Executive, Engineering District 12-0, PO Box 459, 825 North Gallatin Avenue, Uniontown, PA 15401.
  
2. The name and address of attorney for the Applicant are Leah J. Bobula, Assistant 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 Dawson Borough as evidenced by the resolution dated July 10, 2023, 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:

Mark J. Chappell P.E., Chief  
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5. The Applicant is seeking approval to perform alterations as stated on the Docket No. A-2020-3020537 Settlement Term Sheet. A Location Map is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit “B”.

6. The Applicant is aware of prior Public Utility Commission orders for these crossings at Docket Number(s): A-00106322, A-2020-3020537, A-2011-2255521

7. The Applicant does not have an average daily traffic count for these local crossings.

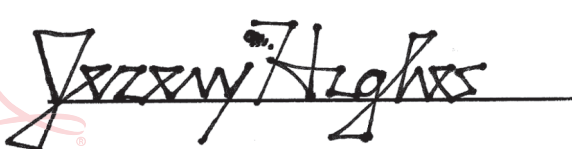
8. The estimated total cost for the project subject to the application and described above is \$1,300,000.00. The Applicant anticipates that the funding for the project will be 100% federal funds.

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: \_\_\_\_\_ 

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VERIFICATION

I, Thomas A. Ryczek Jr., 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: 28 May 2024

  
Thomas A. Ryczek Jr.  
District 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, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54, by first class mail, postage prepaid:

Mr. Michael Sliper  
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Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2024



Thomas A. Ryczek Jr.  
District Grade Crossing Administrator

**BOROUGH OF DAWSON**  
**FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-2**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF DAWSON BOROUGH, FAYETTE COUNTY, AUTHORIZING PENNDOT TO REQUEST RAILROAD CROSSING UPGRADES AT MAIN STREET, GRISCOM STREET, GALLEY STREET, STRICKLER STREET AND STOUFFER STREET FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, Main Street, Griscom Street, Galley Street, Strickler Street and Stouffer Street is a public roadway under the jurisdiction of the Borough of Dawson; and

WHEREAS, a railroad operates through Dawson Borough, which Railroad maintains a crossing over Main Street, Griscom Street, Galley Street, Strickler Street and Stouffer Street; 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, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Borough of Dawson as follows:

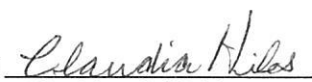
1. PennDOT is authorized on behalf and for Dawson Borough to request approval of the PUC to install or permit the installation of crossing upgrades, including, but not limited to, appropriate warning devices Main Street, Galley Street and Stouffer Street and removal of crossings at the railroad crossings at Griscom Street and Strickler Street in Dawson Borough.
2. PennDOT is authorized on behalf and for Dawson Borough to issue Notice to Proceed letters to the Railroad for design and/or construction at the railroad crossings at Main Street, Griscom Street, Galley Street, Strickler Street and Stouffer Street in Dawson Borough.

RESOLVED, this 10 day of July, 2023, in public meeting duly noticed and assembled.

ATTEST:

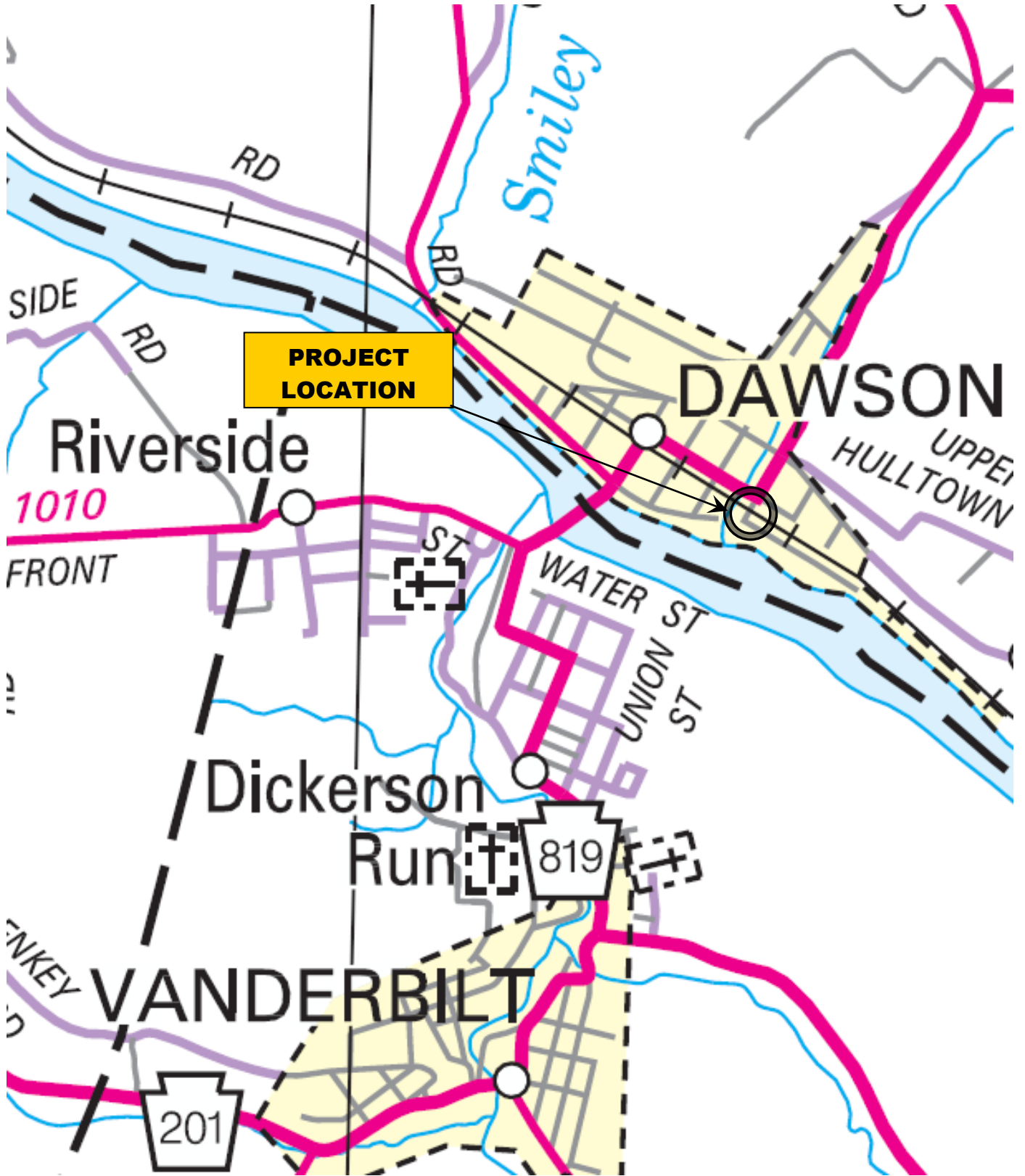
  
Secretary

DAWSON BOROUGH

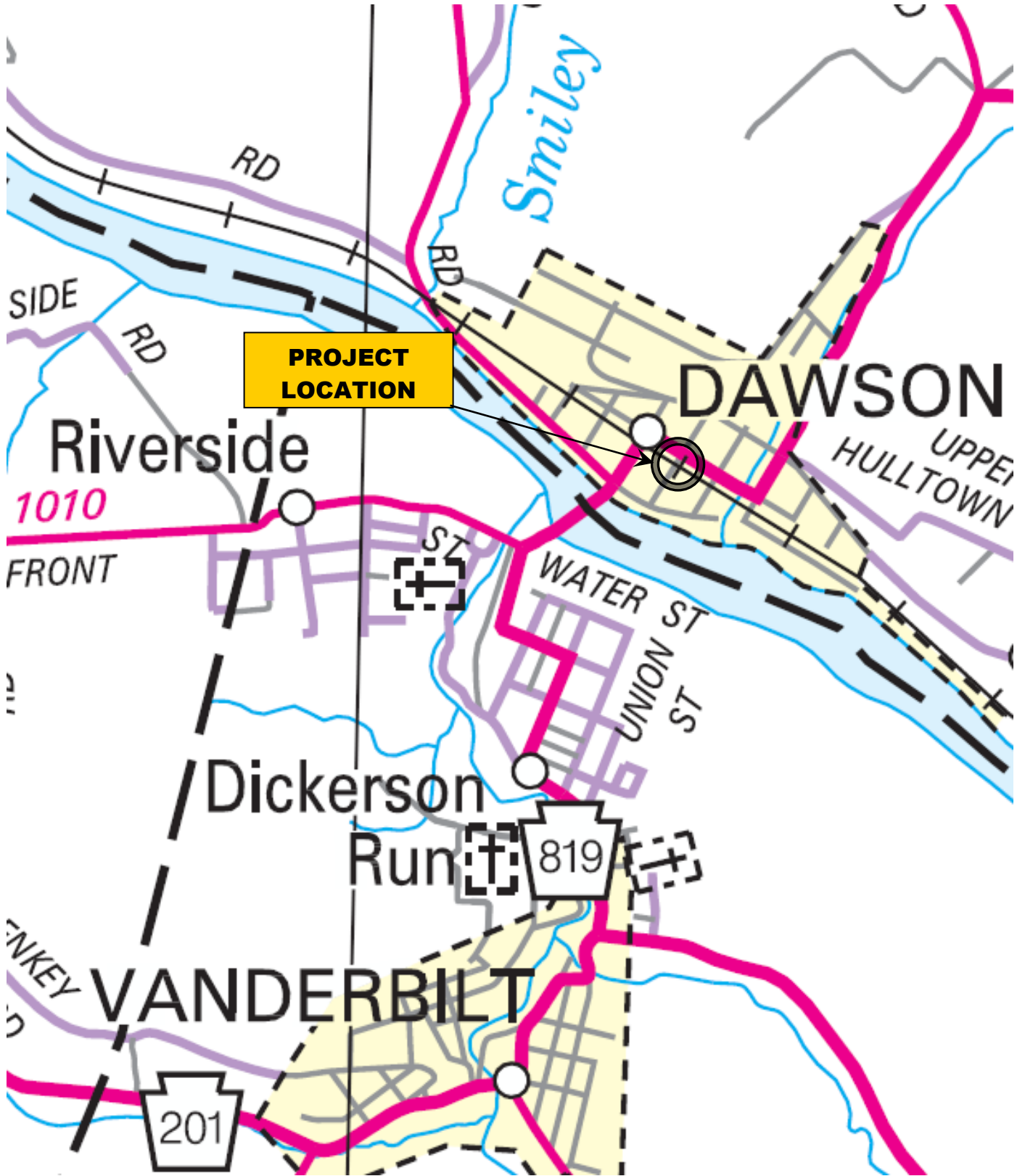
By:   
(Position & Title)  
Vice Pres.

CERTIFIED true and correct copy of Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ adopted 7-10-23 by the Borough Council of Dawson Borough.

FAYETTE COUNTY  
DAWSON BOROUGH  
Main Street  
DOT # 145 454 B  
Exhibit "B"  
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Galley Street  
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