



May 28, 2024

Rosemary Chiavetta  
Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
400 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Application of the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for approval to alter eight (8), in total, public at-grade crossings by the installation of seven new active traffic control devices, installation of two upgraded crossing surfaces, and the closure of one crossing where various state and local routes cross the tracks of SEDA COG Joint Rail Authority, operated thereon by North Shore Railroad Company, in Selinsgrove Borough, Penn Township, and Middlecreek Township, Snyder 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Steven T. Betts, District Utility and Grade Crossing Administrator, at 570.368.4238 or at [sbetts@pa.gov](mailto:sbetts@pa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric E. High". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end. To the right of the signature, the word "For" is printed in a simple, black, sans-serif font.

Eric E. High, P.E.  
District Executive- Design  
Engineering District 3-0

Enclosure

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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Application  
Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

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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 eight public at grade crossings where Water Street, Strawberry Alley, State Route 2017, West Pine Street and University Avenue cross the tracks of SEDA COG Joint Rail Authority, Operated thereon by North Shore Railroad Company, DOT Numbers 517 518 P, 517 519 W, 517 520 R, 517 521 X & 517 522 E, in Selinsgrove Borough, Snyder County; also where State Route 2016 and Pawling Station Road cross the tracks of SEDA COG Joint Rail Authority, Operated thereon by North Shore Railroad Company, DOT Numbers 517 523 L and 950 926 P in Penn Township, Snyder County; also where Freeburg Road crosses the tracks of SEDA COG Joint Rail Authority, Operated thereon by North Shore Railroad Company DOT Number 517 535 F in Middlecreek Township, Snyder County; as described below:

1. The name and address of Applicant are Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Gerald Wertz, P.E., Assistant District Executive, Engineering District 3-0, 715 Jordan Avenue, Montoursville, PA 17754 .

2. The name and address of the attorney for the Applicant is, Leah 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 its behalf and on behalf of Selinsgrove Borough, Penn Township and Middlecreek Township as evidenced by the resolutions dated May 6, 2024, April 3, 2024, and April 15, 2024, respectively, which are 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, operated thereon by North Shore Railroad Company, to alter the eight (8) crossings as follows:

- a) Install active warning devices where Water Street crosses, at-grade, the single track of SEDA COG Joint Rail Authority, DOT # 517 518 P;
- b) Close the existing crossing where Strawberry Alley crosses, at-grade, the single track of SEDA COG Joint Rail Authority, DOT # 517 519 W;
- c) Replace existing antiquated, active warning devices with new active warning devices and replace the existing asphalt crossing surface with a heavy-duty, concrete tub crossing surface where State Route 2017 crosses, at-grade, the single track of SEDA COG Joint Rail Authority, at segment 0060, offset 0543, DOT # 517 520 R;
- d) Replace existing antiquated, active warning devices with new active warning devices where West Pine Street crosses, at-grade, the single track of SEDA COG Joint Rail Authority, DOT # 517 521 X;
- e) Replace existing antiquated, active warning devices with new active warning devices where University Avenue crosses, at-grade, the single track of SEDA COG Joint Rail Authority, DOT # 517 522 E;
- f) Install active warning devices and replace the existing asphalt crossing surface with a new, heavy-duty, concrete tub crossing surface where State Route 2016 crosses, at-grade, the single track of SEDA COG Joint Rail Authority, at segment 0010, offset 0675, DOT # 517 523 L;
- g) Install active warning devices where Pawling Station Road crosses, at-grade, the single track of SEDA COG Joint Rail Authority, DOT # 950 926 P; and

h) Install active warning devices where Freeburg Road crosses, at-grade, the single track of SEDA COG Joint Rail Authority, DOT # 517 535 F, pursuant to the Federal Grade Crossing Program. 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): DOT # 517 518 P: A-00117131

DOT # 517 520 R: IS-HWY 0031299884

And

The Applicant is not aware of prior Public Utility Commission proceedings for these crossings: DOT #'s 517 519 W, 517 521 X, 517 522 E, 517 523 L, 950 926 P, and 517 535 F.

7. The average daily traffic for the eight (8) crossings are as follows:

Highway	DOT No.	Est. ADT	% Trucks
a) Water Street	517 518 P	422	2
b) Strawberry Alley	517 519 W	100	1
c) State Route 2017	517 520 R	6185	6
d) West Pine Street	517 521 X	422	5
e) University Avenue	517 522 E	422	5
f) State Route 2016	517 523 L	1573	8
g) Pawling Station Road	950 926 P	30	1
h) Freeburg Road	517 535 F	211	2

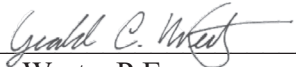
8. The estimated cost of the project subject to the application and described above is \$3,400,000.00. The Applicant agrees to reimburse SEDA COG Joint Rail Authority for its actual costs for this project in accordance with the Federal Grade Crossing Program.

9. This project is necessary and proper for the safety and convenience of the public.

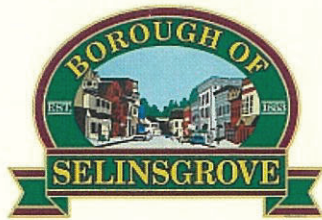
10. A conference of all parties of interest should be held to discuss the proposed project.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Engineering District 3-0  
Department of Transportation  
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Dated: May 28, 2024



1 North High Street, Selinsgrove, PA 17870  
570-374-2311

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SELINGSGROVE, SNYDER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
AUTHORIZING PENNDOT TO REQUEST RAILROAD CROSSING UPGRADES AT WATER STREET,  
STRAWBERRY ALLEY, WEST PINE STREET AND UNIVERSITY AVENUE**

**FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, Water Street, Strawberry Alley, West Pine Street and University Avenue are public roadways under the jurisdiction of Selinsgrove Borough; and

WHEREAS, a railway operates through Selinsgrove Borough, which railway maintains crossing over Water Street, Strawberry Alley, West Pine Street and University Avenue; and

WHEREAS, in order for the safety improvements to be made pertaining to the railway 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 HERBY RESOLVED BY SELINGSGROVE BOROUGH AS FOLLOWS:

1. PennDOT is authorized on behalf and for Selinsgrove Borough to request approval of the PUC to permit the installation of crossing upgrades, including, but not limited to appropriate warning devices, crossing surface replacements, and crossing closures at the railway crossings at Water Street, Strawberry Alley, West Pine Street and University Avenue (DOT #517 518P, 517 519W, 517 521X and 517 522 E 746A), at-grade, crossing in Selinsgrove Borough.
2. PennDOT is authorized on behalf and for Selinsgrove Borough to request approval of the PUC to issue Notice to Proceed letters to the railroad for construction at the railway crossings at Water Street, Strawberry Alley, West Pine Street and University Avenue in Selinsgrove Borough.

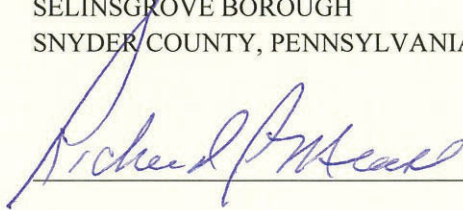
ADOPTED AND RESOLVED, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, by the Council of Selinsgrove Borough, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, at its regular meeting.

SELINGSGROVE BOROUGH  
SNYDER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ATTEST:

  
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Lauren A. Martz  
Borough Secretary

  
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Richard P. Mease  
President of Council

Certified true and correct copy of Resolution 2024-07 adopted on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, by Selinsgrove Borough.

{Selinsgrove Borough Seal}

  
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Jeffrey Reed  
Mayor  
Exhibit "A"  
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Approved this 6th day of May, 2024.

**Penn Township**  
**Snyder County, Pennsylvania**  
**Resolution No. 2024-14**

A RESOLUTION OF PENN TOWNSHIP, SNYDER COUNTY, AUTHORIZING PENNDOT TO REQUEST RAILROAD CROSSING UPGRADES AT PAWLING STATION ROAD

FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION.

Whereas, Pawling Station Road are public roadways under the jurisdiction of Penn Township; and

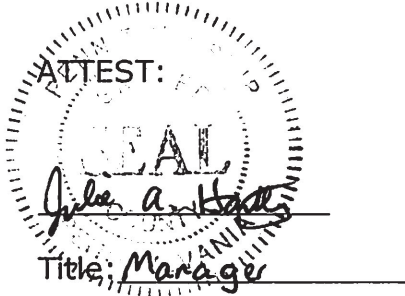
Whereas, a railway operates through Penn Township, which railway maintains crossings over Pawling Station Road; and

Whereas, in order for the safety improvements to be made pertaining to the railway 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 PENN TOWNSHIP as follows:

1. PennDOT is authorized on behalf and for Penn Township to request approval of the PUC to permit the installation of crossing upgrades, including, but not limited to appropriate warning devices at the railway crossings at Pawling Station Road (DOT #950 926P), at-grade, crossings in Penn Township
2. PennDOT is authorized on behalf and for Penn Township to request approval of the PUC to issue Notice to Proceed letters to the railroad for construction at the railway crossings at Pawling Station Road in Penn Township.

RESOLVED, this day 3 th day of April, 2024, in public meeting duly noticed and assembled.



Penn Township

By: [Handwritten Signature]  
Title: Chairman

Certified true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2024-14 adopted  
04-3-2024 by Penn Township.  
(Date)

**Middlecreek Township**  
**Snyder County, Pennsylvania**  
**Resolution No. 2024-02R**

A RESOLUTION OF MIDDLECREEK TOWNSHIP, SNYDER COUNTY,  
AUTHORIZING PENNDOT TO REQUEST RAILROAD CROSSING UPGRADES AT  
FREEBURG ROAD

FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION.

Whereas, Freeburg Road are public roadways under the jurisdiction of  
Middlecreek Township; and

Whereas, a railway operates through Middlecreek Township, which railway  
maintains crossings over Freeburg Road; and

Whereas, in order for the safety improvements to be made pertaining to the  
railway 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 MIDDLECREEK  
TOWNSHIP as follows:

1. PennDOT is authorized on behalf and for Middlecreek Township to  
request approval of the PUC to permit the installation of crossing  
upgrades, including, but not limited to appropriate warning devices at  
the railway crossings at Freeburg Road (DOT #517 535F), at-grade,  
crossings in Middlecreek Township.
2. PennDOT is authorized on behalf and for Middlecreek Township to  
request approval of the PUC to issue Notice to Proceed letters to the  
railroad for construction at the railway crossings at Freeburg Road in  
Middlecreek Township.

RESOLVED, this day 15<sup>TH</sup> th day of April, 2024, in public  
meeting duly noticed and assembled.



ATTEST:

Middlecreek Township

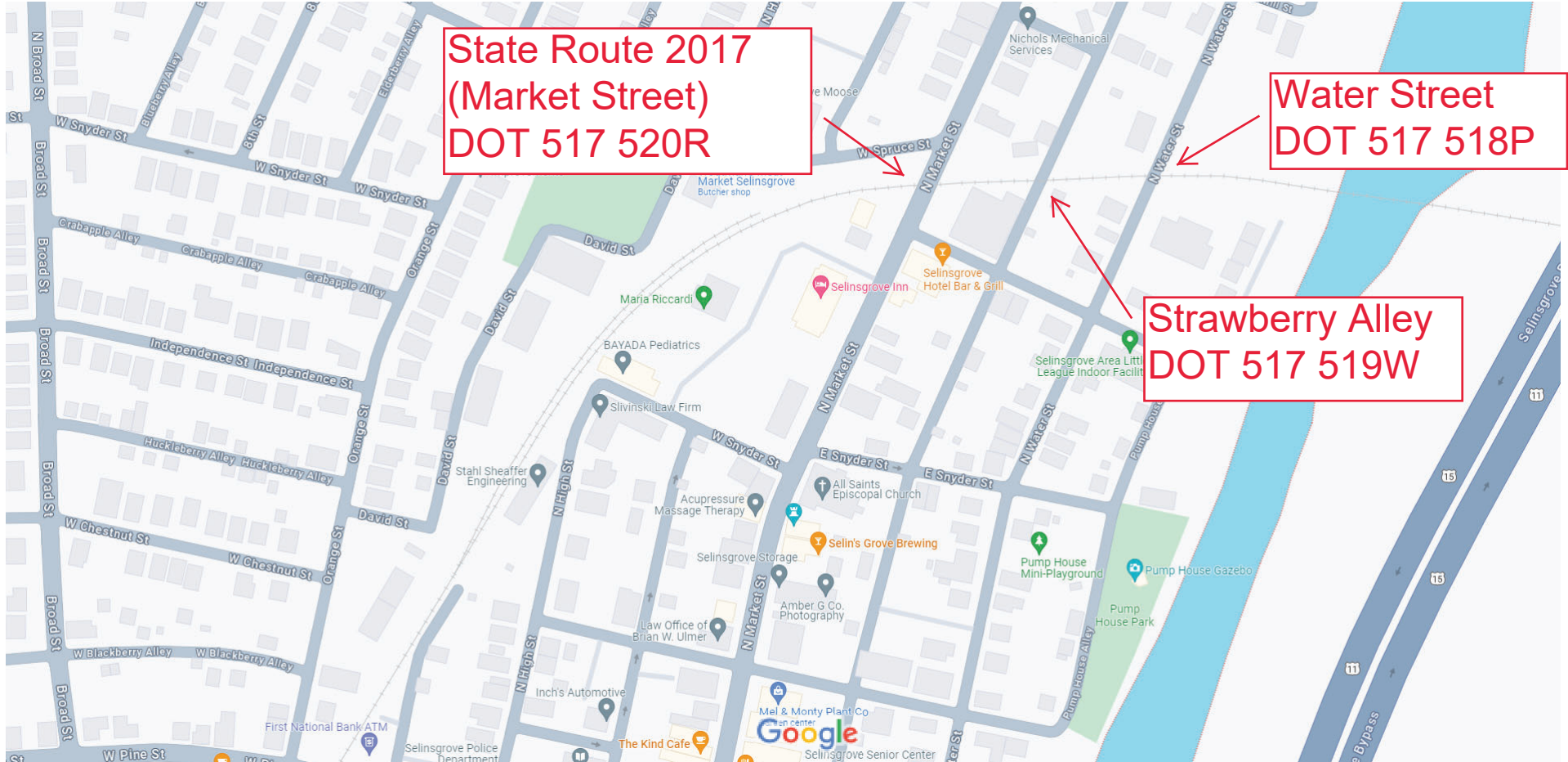
Jane S. Kessler

Title: Sec/Treas.

By: Judy A. Vann

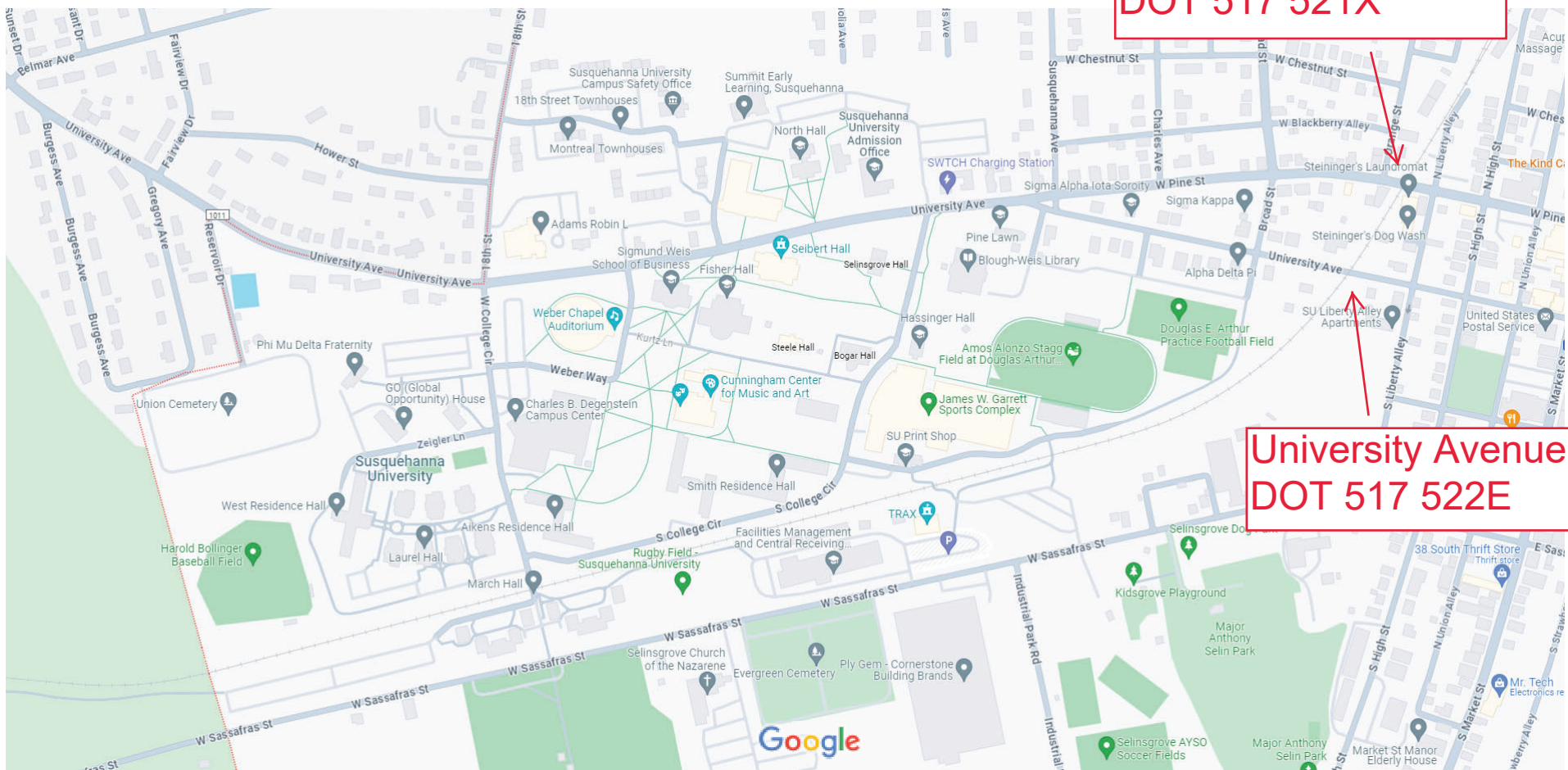
Title: Chair

Certified true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2024-02R adopted  
04-15-2024 by Middlecreek Township.  
(Date)



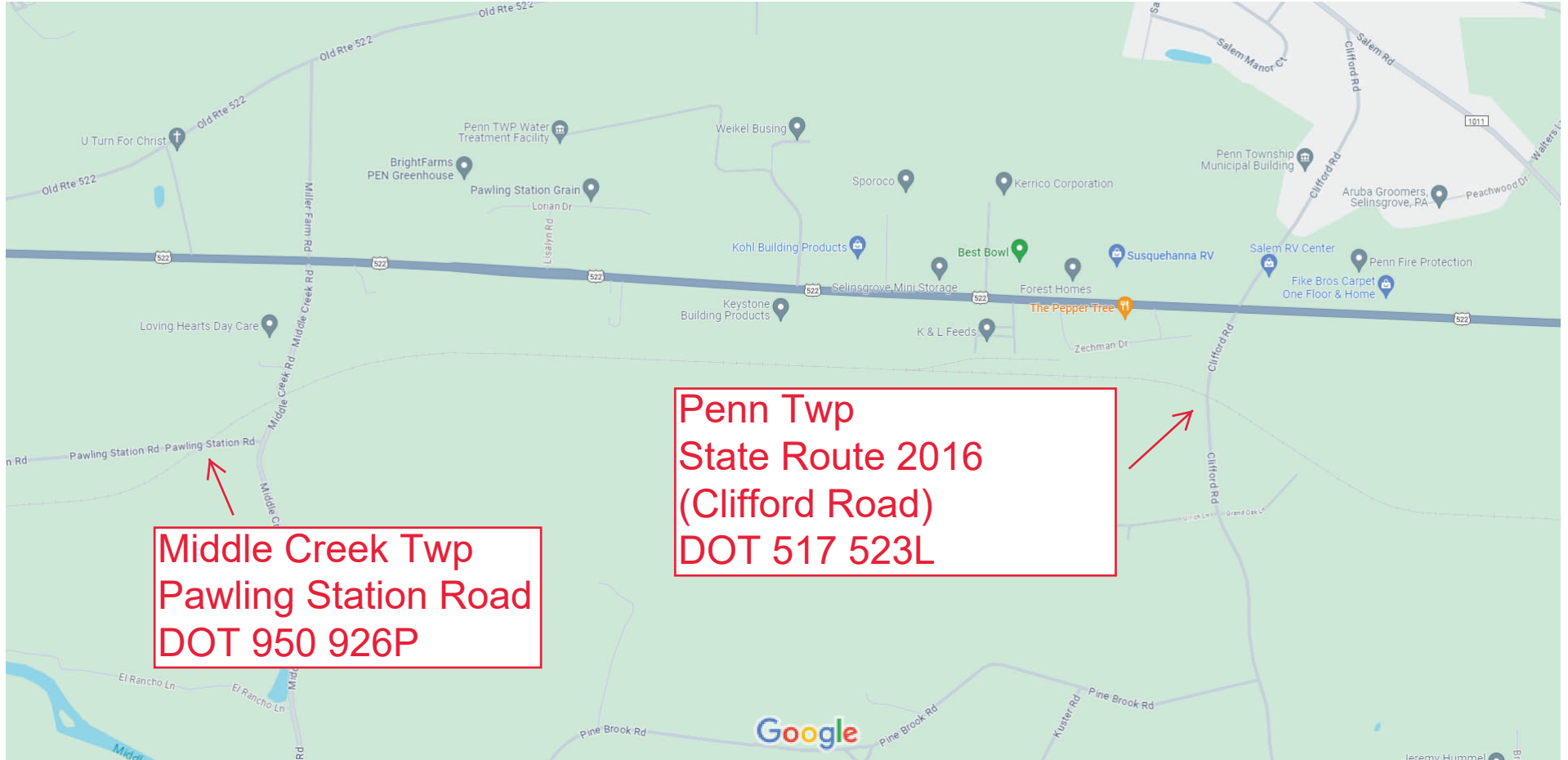
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West Pine Street  
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University Avenue  
DOT 517 522E

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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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Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of May, 2024

*Steven Betts*

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VERIFICATION

I, Steven Betts, Grade Crossing Administrator, 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: 5/29/2024

*Steven Betts*  
Steven Betts  
Grade Crossing Administrator