



December 24, 2024

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

Re: Application of the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for approval to alter the public at grade crossing by the installation of temporary traffic control devices where State Route 0136 crosses the two tracks of CSX Transportation Inc., DOT No. 145 480 R in West Newton Borough, Westmoreland 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 black ink that reads "Thomas A. Ryczek Jr." in a cursive script.

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 and Utilities Section, 7th Floor, CKB
Karen L. Cummings, Office of Chief Counsel, 9th Floor, CKB
William Sinick, P.E., Rail Safety Engineering Section, PUC, 3rd Floor, CKB

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for approval to alter the public at grade crossing by the installation of temporary traffic control devices where State Route 0136 crosses the two tracks of CSX Transportation Inc., DOT No. 145 480 R in West Newton Borough, Westmoreland County and the allocation of costs incident thereto.

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 the public at grade crossing where State Route 0136 crosses the two tracks of CSX Transportation Inc. at DOT No. 145 480 R in West Newton Borough, Westmoreland County as described below:

1. The name and address of the 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 the attorney for the Applicant are Karen Cummings, Senior 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.

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 modify the subject crossing by altering the existing active warning devices by installing temporary traffic signals that will use the existing traffic signal pre-emption on SR 0136 Segment 0060 Offset 0172 (DOT No. 145 480 R). A Location Map is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A". A copy of the Preliminary Plans are also attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "B".

6. The Applicant is aware of prior Public Utility Commission orders for this crossing at Docket Number(s): C-00992984, A-00106323, A-001066, and X-840532.


7. The average daily traffic for State Route 0136 at this crossing is 7,072 vehicles with 7% trucks.

8. The estimated total cost for the project subject to the application and described above is \$250,000.00. 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:

Dated: 10:05- 10:05:01 2024.12.24


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VERIFICATION

I, Thomas A. Ryczek Jr., District 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: December 24, 2024

Thomas A. Ryczek Jr.

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District Grade Crossing Administrator
District 12

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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 electronic mail:

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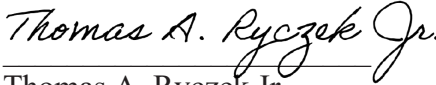
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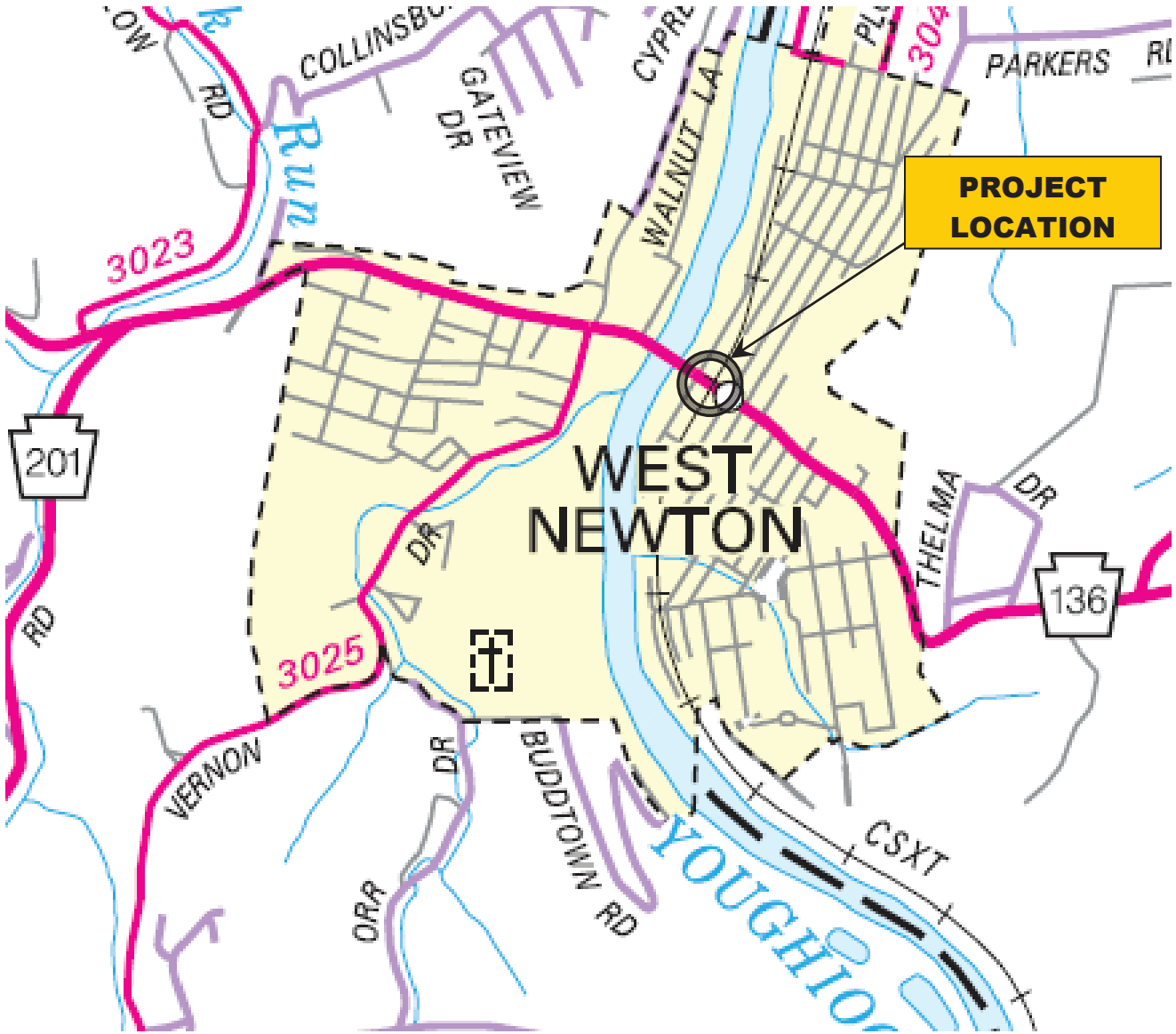
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Dated this 24 Day of December, 2024


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**WESTMORELAND COUNTY
WEST NEWTON BOROUGH
STATE ROUTE 136
DOT # 145 480 R**



LOCATION MAP - EXHIBIT "A"
Sheet 1 of 1

PRELIMINARY

DISTRICT	COUNTY	ROUTE	SECTION	SHEET
12-0	WESTMORELAND	0136	C10	1 OF 2
WEST NEWTON BOROUGH				
REVISION NUMBER	REVISIONS	DATE	BY	APPROVED

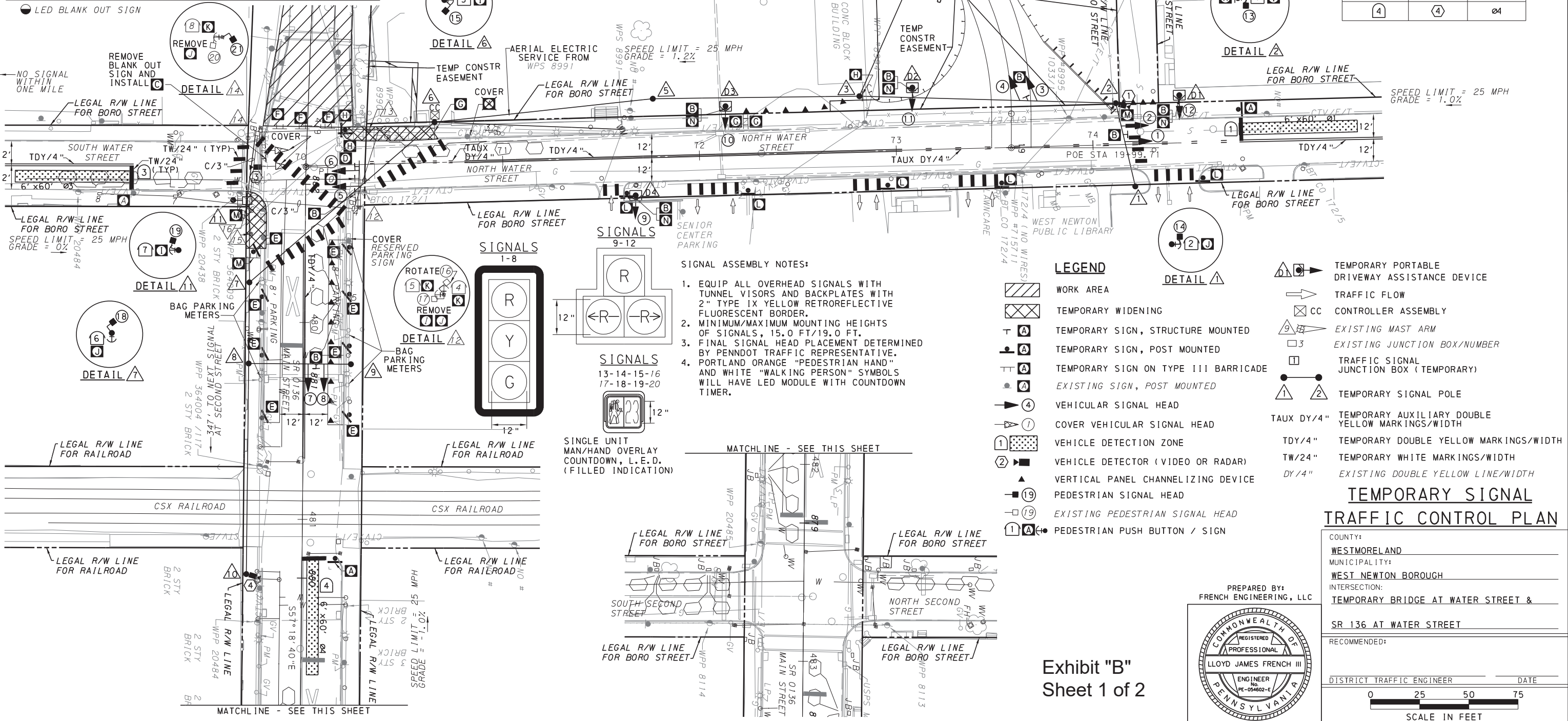
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A	R10-6AL	STOP HERE ON RED	24"x30"	3
B	R10-11	NO TURN ON RED	24"x30"	9
C	R3-1	NO RIGHT TURN	30"x30"	1
D	R3-2	NO LEFT TURN	30"x30"	1
E	R8-3	NO PARKING	24"x24"	8
*F	R11-2-1	BRIDGE CLOSED	48"x30"	3
*G	R9-9	SIDWALK CLOSED	30"x18"	3
H	R9-3	NO PEDESTRIAN CROSSING	24"x24"	4
I	R10-3E(L)	EDUCATIONAL PUSH BUTTON FOR WALK SIGNAL WITH COUNTDOWN TIMER	9"x15"	3
J	R10-3E(R)	EDUCATIONAL PUSH BUTTON FOR WALK SIGNAL WITH COUNTDOWN TIMER	9"x15"	2
K	R10-3E(MOD)	EDUCATIONAL PUSH BUTTON FOR WALK SIGNAL WITH COUNTDOWN TIMER	9"x15"	3
L	R1-6	IN-STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING	12"x36"	5
M	R9-11A	SIDWALK CLOSED CROSS HERE	24"x12"	2
N	SPECIAL-1	TURN ONLY IN DIRECTION OF ARROW	42"x30"	4
O	R3-1	NO RIGHT TURN	30"x30"	1

*NOTE:
SEE TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN FOR LOCATIONS AND TABULATION OF ADDITIONAL SIGNING.

- CONSTRUCTION NOTES:**
1. INSTALL TEMPORARY SIGNAL AND DEACTIVATE EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT SR 136 & WATER STREET.
 2. PLACE THE SR 136 & SECOND STREET SIGNAL IN FLASHING OPERATION FOR THE DURATION OF THE TEMPORARY SIGNAL.
 3. REMOVE EXISTING SIGNAL POLES #13, 15, 16 AND ASSOCIATED SIGNAL HARDWARE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TEMPORARY WIDENING.
 4. ERADICATE EXISTING SR 136 AND NORTH WATER STREET CROSSWALKS AND STOP BARS.
 5. INSTALL TEMPORARY CROSSWALKS AND STOP BARS AS SHOWN.

DETECTION ZONE LAYOUT

ZONE	DETECTOR	PHASE
1	①	01
2	②	02
3	③	03
4	④	04



LEGEND

- WORK AREA
- TEMPORARY WIDENING
- TEMPORARY SIGN, STRUCTURE MOUNTED
- TEMPORARY SIGN, POST MOUNTED
- TEMPORARY SIGN ON TYPE III BARRICADE
- EXISTING SIGN, POST MOUNTED
- VEHICULAR SIGNAL HEAD
- COVER VEHICULAR SIGNAL HEAD
- VEHICLE DETECTION ZONE
- VEHICLE DETECTOR (VIDEO OR RADAR)
- VERTICAL PANEL CHANNELIZING DEVICE
- PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL HEAD
- EXISTING PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL HEAD
- PEDESTRIAN PUSH BUTTON / SIGN
- TEMPORARY PORTABLE DRIVEWAY ASSISTANCE DEVICE
- TRAFFIC FLOW
- CONTROLLER ASSEMBLY
- EXISTING MAST ARM
- EXISTING JUNCTION BOX/NUMBER
- TRAFFIC SIGNAL JUNCTION BOX (TEMPORARY)
- TEMPORARY SIGNAL POLE
- TEMPORARY AUXILIARY DOUBLE YELLOW MARKINGS/WIDTH
- TEMPORARY DOUBLE YELLOW MARKINGS/WIDTH
- TEMPORARY WHITE MARKINGS/WIDTH
- EXISTING DOUBLE YELLOW LINE/WIDTH

TEMPORARY SIGNAL TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN

COUNTY: WESTMORELAND
MUNICIPALITY: WEST NEWTON BOROUGH
INTERSECTION: TEMPORARY BRIDGE AT WATER STREET & SR 136 AT WATER STREET
RECOMMENDED: DISTRICT TRAFFIC ENGINEER _____ DATE _____

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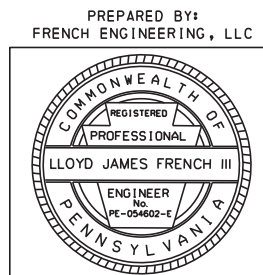


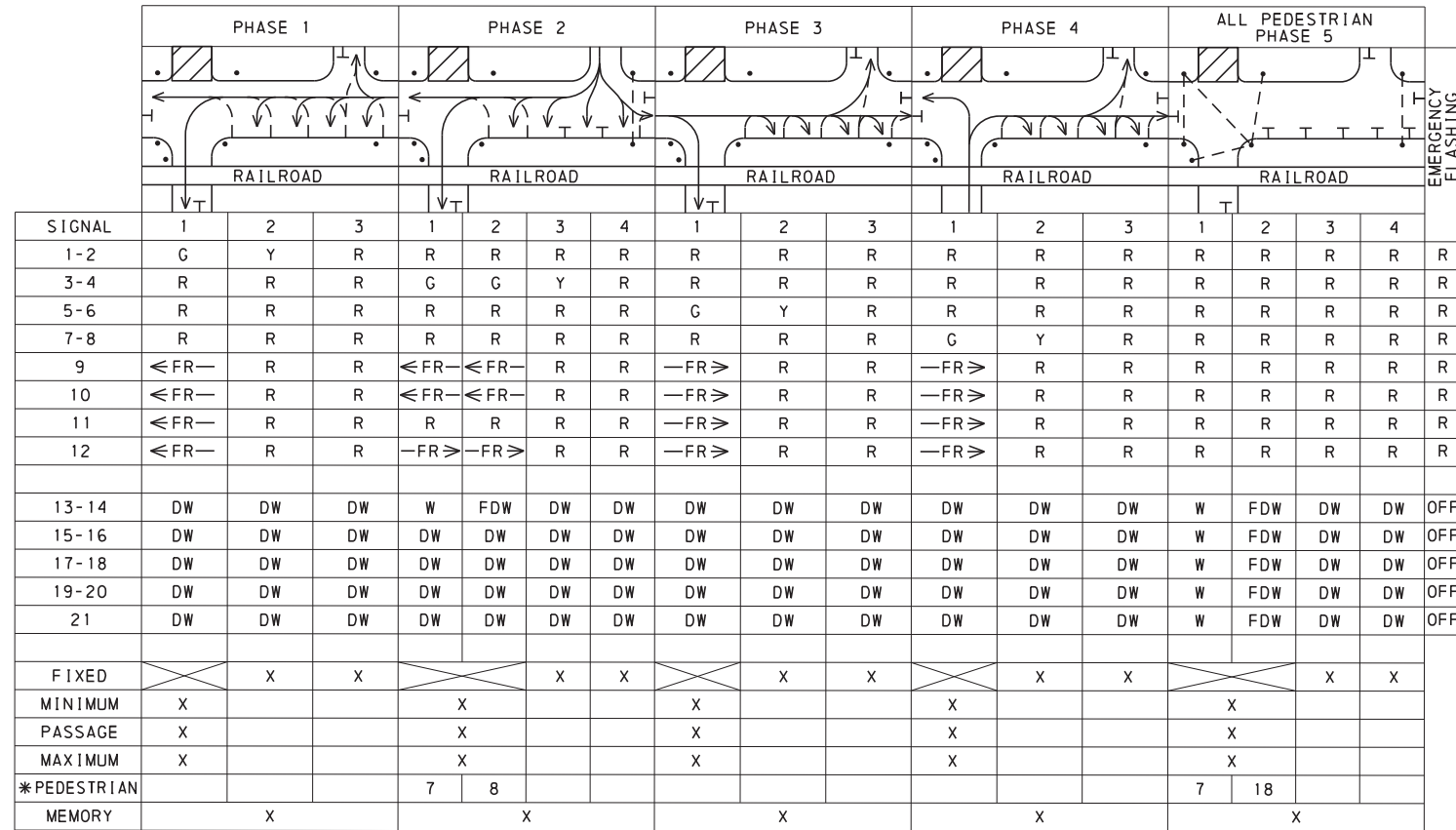
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MOVEMENT, PHASING AND SEQUENCE DIAGRAM



* - UPON PEDESTRIAN ACTUATION, OTHERWISE "DON'T WALK" AT ALL TIMES.

GENERAL NOTES

INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THIS TRAFFIC SIGNAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS ON OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.

NO MODIFICATION OF THIS INSTALLATION IS PERMITTED UNLESS PRIOR APPROVAL IS GRANTED, IN WRITING, BY THE DEPARTMENT.

VISIBILITY OF THE SIGNALS, INCLUDING TRIMMING TREES, IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PERMITTEE.

THE PERMITTEE INSTALLS AND MAINTAINS ALL SIGNS AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS INDICATED ON THIS DRAWING WHICH ARE CONSIDERED PART OF THE PERMIT, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. THE DEPARTMENT MAINTAINS THE LONGITUDINAL PAVEMENT MARKINGS ON STATE HIGHWAYS.

INSTALL POST MOUNTED SIGNALS WITH THE SIGNAL HEADS A MINIMUM OF 2 FEET BEHIND THE FACE OF THE CURB OR THE EDGE OF THE SHOULDER. ALSO, INSTALL SUPPORT POLES FOR OVERHEAD SIGNALS WITH A MINIMUM HORIZONTAL CLEARANCE OF 2 FEET.

INSTALL SIGNAL HEADS AND SIGNS ERECTED OVER THE ROADWAY WITH THE BOTTOMS NOT LESS THAN 17 FEET NOR MORE THAN 19 FEET ABOVE THE ROADWAY.

INSTALL POST MOUNTED SIGNAL HEADS WITH BOTTOMS NOT LESS THAN 8 FEET NOR MORE THAN 15 FEET ABOVE THE SIDEWALK OR PAVEMENT GRADE.

INSTALL SIGNAL HEADS WITH A MINIMUM HORIZONTAL DISTANCE OF 8 FEET BETWEEN THE HEADS AS MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE APPROACH.

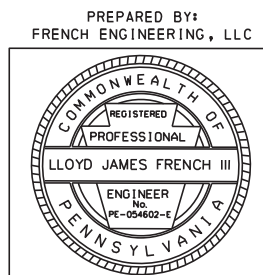
IN ADDITION TO THIS SIGNAL PERMIT, THE PERMITTEE MUST OBTAIN A HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY PERMIT PRIOR TO ANY OPENINGS BEING MADE IN OR UNDER ANY PORTION OF A STATE HIGHWAY.

THIS DRAWING CANNOT BE USED AS A CONSTRUCTION DRAWING UNLESS THE PERMITTEE COMPLIES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 287-1974, AS AMENDED BY ACT 38-1991 AND ACT 187-1996, PREVENTION OF DAMAGE TO UNDERGROUND UTILITIES. PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION CONSULT WITH UTILITY COMPANIES TO RESOLVE ANY PROBLEMS WHICH MAY BE CREATED DUE TO THE LOCATION OF UTILITIES.

REMOVE AND RELOCATE EXISTING SEGMENT MARKERS ON NEW SIGNAL SUPPORTS AS PER PUB 408, SECTION 901.3(h).

TEMPORARY SIGNAL TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN

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MUNICIPALITY: WEST NEWTON BOROUGH
INTERSECTION: TEMPORARY BRIDGE AT WATER STREET & SR 136 AT WATER STREET
RECOMMENDED: _____
DISTRICT TRAFFIC ENGINEER _____ DATE _____



PREPARED BY:
FRENCH ENGINEERING, LLC

Exhibit "B"
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