



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

February 13, 2025

**Via Electronic Filing**

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
400 North Street 2nd FL  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

**RE: Application of the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for approval to alter the public at-grade crossing (DOT 506 378 J) by the installation of new active traffic control devices on Struble Road (T-380) and upgrading the highway traffic signals at the intersection of Struble Road and College Avenue (State Route 0026) with railroad preemption where Struble Road, crosses a track of the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority, operated thereon by Nittany and Bald Eagle Railroad, in College Township, Centre County all in accordance with the Federal Grade Crossing Program and the allocation of costs incident thereof.  
Docket No. A-2021-3024998**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta,

Enclosed for electronic filing please find the Department's *Petition to Modify* in the above-captioned matter.

I hereby certify that a copy has been sent to all parties of record as indicated by the Certificate of Service.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Caroline G. Robelen".

Caroline G. Robelen  
Assistant Counsel

cc: Parties of Record  
Mark Chappell, P.E., Chief, Highway Delivery Division (Email)  
David Wachob, District Grade Crossing Engineer, District 2-0 (Email)  
Thomas A. Prestash, P.E., Engineering District 2-0 (Email)

**BEFORE  
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where Struble Road, crosses a track of the SEDA- :  
COG Joint Rail Authority, operated thereon by :  
Nittany and Bald Eagle Railroad, in College :  
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the Federal Grade Crossing Program and the :  
allocation of costs incident thereof. :**

**PETITION TO MODIFY SECRETARIAL LETTER ENTERED JUNE 23, 2021**

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation (Department), by its counsel, Caroline G. Robelen, files this Petition to Modify Secretarial Letter, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.41, in the above-referenced matter and states as follows:

1. The name and address of your Petitioner is:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Department of Transportation  
Engineering District 2-0  
70 PennDOT Drive  
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2. The name and address of Counsel for the Petitioner is:

Caroline G. Robelen  
Assistant Counsel  
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Department of Transportation  
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3. On April 5, 2021, PennDOT filed an Application for approval to alter the public crossing (DOT 506 378 J) by the installation of new active traffic control devices on Struble Road (T-380) and upgrading the highway traffic signals at the intersection of Struble Road and College Avenue (SR 0026) with railroad preemption where Struble Road crosses a track of the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority, operated thereon by Nittany and Bald Eagle Railroad, in College Township, Centre County all in accordance with the Federal Grade Crossing Program and the allocation of costs incident thereof.

4. The Secretarial Letter issued on June 23, 2021 approved the application and directed SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority to complete the following:

6. SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority, at the sole cost and expense of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, furnish all material and do all work necessary to alter the subject crossing by (1) installing new gate ready active traffic control systems on each approach to the crossing consisting of post-mounted flashing light warning signals with bell on the south-bound approach and a cantilevered flashing light warning signal with bell on the north-bound approach; (2) providing railroad preemption and an interconnect to a junction box; all in accordance with the approved plans, Part 8 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and this Secretarial Letter.

5. The June 23, 2021 Secretarial Letter directed the Department to complete the following:

7. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, at its sole costs and expense, will (1) upgrade the highway traffic signals at the intersection of College Avenue (SR 0026) and Struble Road with railroad preemption; (2) install a cable from the junction box to the traffic signal control box; (3) install blank-out no turn signs on both approaches of College Avenue (SR 0026) to the intersection with Struble Road, all in accordance with the approved plans, Part 8 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and this Secretarial Letter.

6. However, prior to approving the plans, the Public Utility Commission requested that the Department amend the language regarding the left turn blank-out. Therefore, the Department

respectfully requests that paragraph 6 and 7 of said Secretarial Letter be modified as follows:

(Deletions are ~~struck~~; Additions are *italicized*.)

6. SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority, at the sole cost and expense of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, furnish all material and do all work necessary to alter the subject crossing by (1) ~~installing new gate ready active traffic control systems on each approach to the crossing consisting of post mounted flashing light warning signals with bell~~ *installing new active traffic control systems on each approach to the crossing consisting of post-mounted flashing light warning signals with bell and gate* on the south-bound approach and a cantilevered flashing light warning signal with bell *and gate* on the north-bound approach; (2) providing railroad preemption and an interconnect to a junction box; all in accordance with the approved plans, Part 8 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and this Secretarial Letter.

7. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, at its sole costs and expense, will (1) upgrade the highway traffic signals at the intersection of College Avenue (SR 0026) and Struble Road with railroad preemption; (2) install a cable from the junction box to the traffic signal control box; (3) ~~install blank-out no turn signs on both approaches~~ *install a blank-out no turn sign on the east-bound approach* of College Avenue (SR 0026) to the intersection with Struble Road, all in accordance with the approved plans, Part 8 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and this Secretarial Letter.

WHEREFORE, the Department of Transportation respectfully requests that the relief sought in this Petition be granted.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Dated: February 13, 2025

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**VERIFICATION**

I, David Wachob, 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 un-sworn falsification to authorities).

Date: 2/13/2025

*David Wachob*

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David Wachob  
District Grade Crossing Engineer

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Railroad, in College Township, Centre County all in :  
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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:

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Respectfully submitted,

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