

**Rail Safety Division Application Type (check all that apply):**

- E-Installation, removal or substitution of warning devices at a public crossing
- G-Construction, alteration, relocation, abolition or suspension of a public crossing
- P-Installation of traffic signals with preemption on the approach to a public crossing
- W-Installation of a fixed utility company's facilities at a public crossing (Pipe & Wire)
- X-Exemption from the Commission's railroad clearance requirement

**For Applications E/G/P/W use caption 1, for X use caption 2 (delete unused caption):**

**In re: (1)** Application of **Penn Township, Lancaster County** for approval to alter the public crossing (DOT 591 640 E) by the **upgrading of signs** where **Auction Road (T897)** crosses **at grade** the track(s) of **Norfolk Southern, Penn Township, Lancaster County**.

To Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

1. The name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the applicant are:

**Penn Township**  
**Mark Hiester, Manager**  
**97 N. Penryn Road**  
**Manheim, PA 17545**

2. The name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the applicant's attorney are:  
N/A

3. See attached Meeting Minutes prepared by Holly Gilliland, dated June 24, 2025, that summarizes a field meeting that occurred on June 23, 2025 at the Auction Road-Norfolk Southern rail crossing (DOT 591 640 E). The meeting was to address issues raised by a recent vehicle collision with a train, address safety issues (limited sight distance) and improve driver awareness of an active rail line.

4. Please refer to the attached Auction Road (T879) Norfolk Southern Rail Crossing Recommendations, dated July 28, 2025 prepared by Harrison Russell, P.E. (Bowman Consulting), appointed transportation engineer for Penn Township. The Township desires to implement all of the recommendations in the letter, with said recommendations applicable to this application restated below:

a. Replace the Yield Signs at the rail crossing with 30" x 30" STOP (R1-1) Signs.

Install 24" x 24" LOOK BOTH WAYS specialty signs (Diamond Grade) under STOP sign (see attachment) for educational purposes.

b. Install Red Type B Flashing Lights on top of installed STOP signs for a minimum of 30-days, not to exceed 90-days, to educate the local community about the sign change. Remove the Type B flashers after the education period is over.

c. Install 36" x 36" STOP AHEAD (W3-1) Signs at approximate locations on the attached Map. These signs will be located between the new STOP Signs and the existing advance Rail Crossing (W10-1) signs.

d. Install Yellow Type B Flashing Lights on top of installed STOP AHEAD signs for a minimum of 30-days, not to exceed 90-days, to educate the local community about the sign change. Remove the Type B flashers after the education period is over.

e. Existing Advance Railroad Crossing (W10-1) signs appear to be properly located in advance of the crossing and should remain. Install 18" x 18" ACTIVE RAIL LINE specialty signs (Diamond Grade) under the W10-1 signs (see attachment) for educational purposes.

5. The parties that may be affected by the proposed alteration are as follows (see attached Certificate of Service): None. All of the work is within Township Legal Right of Way (33-foot Auction Road). At the June 23rd meeting the homeowners of 606 Auction Road joined the meeting (impromptu) and are supportive of the work, but no approvals are required from them since no work will occur on private property.
6. Auction Road is a collector road with <2,000 vehicles per day. It is unknown how many Norfolk Southern trains cross this road on a daily basis.
7. The total cost for this work is minimal (\$1,000) and will be paid out of the Penn Township General Fund
8. The application is necessary or proper for the following reason(s): Please refer to the attached Auction Road (T897) Norfolk Southern Rail Crossing Recommendations, dated July 28, 2025 prepared by Harrison Russell, P.E. (Bowman Consulting), appointed transportation engineer for Penn Township. Improvements were discussed with PUC, PennDOT and Norfolk Southern at the June 23, 2025 meeting with mutually agreed upon responsibilities assigned to Norfolk Southern (not part of this application) and Penn Township.

Wherefore, Penn Township, Lancaster County prays your Honorable Commission to approve the application:



(Signature of Applicant)

VERIFICATION

I, **Mark Hiester**, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct (or 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).

8/26/2025

Date



(Signature)

## 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 § 1.54 (*relating to service by participant*).

### **Norfolk Southern Railway**

**Benjamin C. Dunlap, Jr.** • Partner  
Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall & Furman PC  
240 North Third Street, 7th Floor • Harrisburg, PA 17101  
P: 717.234.5530 • D: 717.480.5303  
[bdunlap@cohenseglias.com](mailto:bdunlap@cohenseglias.com)

### **PennDOT**

**Grant Rarig** | Acting Grade Crossing Engineer  
PA Department of Transportation | Engineering District 8-0  
2140 Herr Street | Harrisburg PA 17103  
Phone: 717-787-4813 | [grarig@pa.gov](mailto:grarig@pa.gov)

**Ahmed Lasloudji**, Grade Crossing Engineer  
PA Department of Transportation | Engineering District 8-0  
2140 Herr Street | Harrisburg PA 17103  
Phone: 717-787-4813 | [alasloudji@pa.gov](mailto:alasloudji@pa.gov)

### **Lancaster County**

**Will T. Clark, AICP** | Director for Land Use & Transportation  
**Lancaster County Planning Department**  
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Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17603  
717-390-7752 (direct) | [wclark@lancastercountypa.gov](mailto:wclark@lancastercountypa.gov)

#### Note:

1. Penn Township is the Applicant to perform the work, no Municipal notification needed.
2. No utilities are within the work area.

***The applicant is responsible to serve all parties a copy of its application and associated exhibits.  
The Commission does not serve any party on your behalf.]***

Dated this 26th Day of August, 2025



(Signature)

## APPLICANT CHECKLIST (FOR REFERENCE ONLY)

- DOT numbers are included, where applicable
- Railroad owners and all operators have been identified
- Location map exhibit and gps coordinates have been included
- A plan of the proposed work, including the following items drawn and labeled, where applicable:
  - North arrow
  - Scale / Scale bar
  - Railroad right-of-way lines with dimensions
  - Roadway/Highway right-of-way lines with dimensions
  - Railroad track locations
  - Railroad or highway structures involved
  - Other applicable railroad or roadway/highway features
  - Proposed alteration
  - Aerial wireline installations:
    - Pole locations, with identifying pole numbers and pole owners
    - Span lengths from pole to pole
    - Clearances with respect to the top of rail to the proposed facility at the railroad crossing
    - Clearances from existing aerial catenary wirelines or power wirelines to the proposed facility
  - Underground pipeline/conduit installations:
    - Clearances with respect to the base of rail (at grade) or top of the roadway (grade separated) to the top of the proposed facility
    - Launching/receiving pit locations, if applicable
- A verification of original signature in accordance with [52 Pa. Code § 1.36](#) is included
- A certificate of service on the parties of record in accordance with [52 Pa. Code § 1.54](#) is included and a copy of the application has been served upon those parties listed. **The Commission does not serve any party on your behalf.**

## RESOURCES

- [Sample Rail Safety Application Form](#)
- [Information on the application process and timelines](#)
- [Setting up an eFiling account](#) (**Documents larger than 11"x17" in size should be eFiled**)
- [FRA Rail Crossing Locator App](#) for help locating DOT numbers
- [FRA Grade Crossing Inventory](#) for more information about a crossing
- [Grade Crossing - Electronic Document Management System](#) for more information about a crossing
- [Railroad Company contact numbers](#)
- [List of Regional PennDOT District Office](#)
- [Municipal Statistics website](#) may be used in locating government officials

## QUESTIONS?

- For help with eFiling, visit [our eFiling website](#) and review the "Questions or Problems" section
- For specific questions regarding filling out this application, contact the Rail Safety Division

July 28, 2025

Mr. Mark Hiester,  
Township Manager  
Penn Township  
97 N. Penryn Road  
Manheim, PA 17545

RE: **Auction Road (T879) Norfolk Southern Rail Crossing Recommendations**  
Penn Township, Lancaster County, PA

Dear Mark:

Bowman Consulting, Inc. has prepared the following letter that summarizes a review of the Auction Road-Norfolk Southern Rail Crossing and recommendations of work to be performed to address safety concerns at this crossing.

On June 23, 2025 a meeting was held at the rail crossing attended by the PA Public Utility Commission, Norfolk Southern, PennDOT, Bowman and Penn Township representatives to review current conditions and to discuss possible enhancements to improve visibility at the crossing and driver awareness of approaching trains. At the meeting, multiple items were discussed, and tentative solutions were presented (see attached email meeting minutes dated June 24, 2025). It was agreed that given poor sight distances at the crossing and recent vehicle incidents, that improvements should be made.

On July 28, 2025 a field meeting was held with Bowman and the Township to review improvements that the Township can install, as well as to review work that Norfolk Southern has proposed. From that field meeting the following recommendations are being made.

### Recommendations

1. Replace the Yield Signs at the rail crossing with 30" x 30" STOP (R1-1) Signs.
2. Install 24" x 24" LOOK BOTH WAYS specialty signs (Diamond Grade) under STOP sign (see attachment).
3. Install Red Type B Flashing Lights on top of installed STOP signs for a minimum of 30-days, not to exceed 90-days, to educate the local community about the sign change. Remove the Type B flashers after the education period is over.

4. The STOP BARS were recently painted by Township and appear to be in the correct location. Continue to maintain stop bars.
5. The vegetation along 606 Auction Road obstructs and covers the existing YIELD Sign (that will be replaced by a STOP Sign) and should be trimmed back by the Township during the sign install. The owner should be asked going forward to trim the vegetation that overhands Auction Road obstructing the signs.
6. Install 36" x 36" STOP AHEAD (W3-1) Signs at approximate locations on the attached Map. These signs will be located between the new STOP Signs and the existing advance Rail Crossing (W10-1) signs.
7. Install Yellow Type B Flashing Lights on top of installed STOP AHEAD signs for a minimum of 30-days, not to exceed 90-days, to educate the local community about the sign change. Remove the Type B flashers after the education period is over.
8. Existing Railroad ahead pavement markings are still legible. Re-install pavement markings when the road is chip sealed in the near future.
9. Existing Advance Railroad Crossing (W10-1) signs appear to be properly located in advance of the crossing and should remain. Install 18" x 18" ACTIVE RAIL LINE specialty signs (Diamond Grade) under the W10-1 signs (see attachment).
10. The installation of Stop sign control on the existing private shared driveway that abuts the crossing was reviewed as requested and is not recommended for the following reason: A STOP sign cannot be installed on the right side of the driveway due to proximity to the train tracks that would place it within the stone driveway. The MUTCD Section 2B.10 states "At least one Stop sign shall be installed on the right-hand side of the approach to which it applies. Where conditions warrant, a second Stop sign may be placed on the left-hand side of the approach." Since this is a driveway entering a public roadway Pennsylvania Code 75 Pa.C.S. § 3324 – Vehicle Entering or Crossing Roadway - "The driver of a vehicle entering a roadway from any place other than another roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the roadway to be entered" applies at this location and a STOP Sign is not required and cannot be properly installed.
11. It was observed that Norfolk Southern replaced the railroad crossbuck signs on both approaches. However, the vegetation that is limiting sight distance to the north on both sides of the railroad tracks has not been trimmed back yet by Norfolk Southern.

The following recommendations are proposed to address existing sight distance issues and to improve driver awareness of the active rail line. If you should have any questions about the recommendations, or require further information, please contact me at (717) 975-0295.

Sincerely,

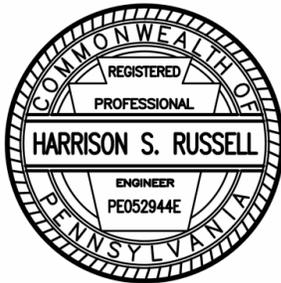


H. Scott Russell, P.E.  
Senior Project Manager

### Attachments

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# Auction Road-Norfolk Southern Rail Crossing

DOT No. 591 640 E

Legend

The Penn Township Legal Right-Of-Way for Auction Road (T879) is 33-feet, 16.5-feet from the centerline to the shoulder on both sides of the road. All work shown along Auction Road is within the Township Legal Right-Of-Way. All work will be performed by Township Staff

GPS Coordinates 40.131668, 76.402294  
Google Maps link:  
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/VgLtmtiNmShB6fNEA>

Auction Road paved cartway is typically 20-feet wide with two 10-foot lanes. Signs are typically installed between 2' to 4' from the edge of pavement, within the legal right of way.

**NORFOLD SOUTHERN TO TRIM VEGETATION ON NORTHSIDE OF TRACK TO ACCEPTABLE LIMITS TO IMPROVE SIGHT DISTANCE**

**INSTALL ACTIVE RAIL LINE UNDER EXIST. RAILROAD CROSSING SIGN**

**INSTALL ACTIVE RAIL LINE UNDER EXIST. RAILROAD CROSSING SIGN**

**INSTALL STOP AHEAD SIGN W/TYPE B FLASHER**

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**TOWNSHIP TO TRIM VEGETATION OBSTRUCTING SIGN**

**REPLACE YIELD SIGNS WITH STOP SIGNS. INSTALL LOOK BOTH WAYS SIGN UNDER STOP SIGN. INSTALL TYPE B FLASHER**

W 76°24'10.08"

Auction Road (T879)

14'-0"

14'-0"



100 ft

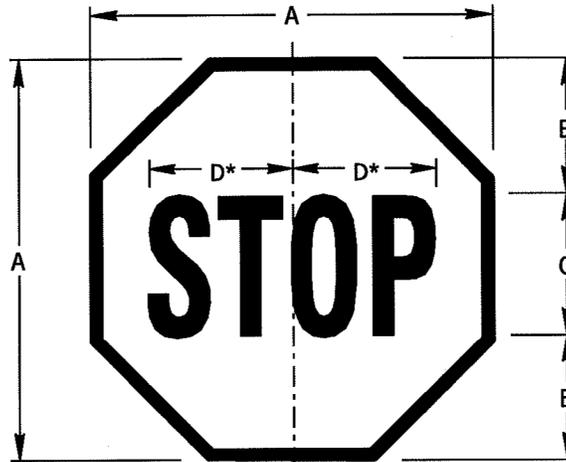
# R1-1

## STOP SIGN

(a) Justification. The Stop Sign (R1-1) is authorized for use on those streets or highways which intersect with a through highway or at a stop intersection so designated by the Department with reference to State-designated highways or local authorities with reference to highways under their jurisdiction. The R1-1 sign is also authorized for use in work zones involving one-lane, two-way roadways. At intersections where all approaches are controlled by an R1-1 sign, a supplemental ALL-WAY plaque (R1-3P) shall be mounted below each R1-1 sign.

(b) Authorization. Before local authorities designate any highway as a through highway or stop intersection which will intersect or affect a State-designated highway, approval of such designation shall first be obtained from the Department. Approval to install R1-1 signs in work areas shall not require the approval of the Department or local authorities when the conditions stipulated in the Department's Temporary Traffic Control Guidelines are satisfied.

(c) Size. The standard size R1-1 sign shall be 30" x 30" for single lane conventional highways and 36" x 36" for multi-lane conventional highways. The 24" x 24" size shall only be used for alleys with restrictive physical conditions and vehicle usage that prohibits the installation of the standard size R1-1. A sign that is mounted back-to-back with a R1-1 sign should stay within the edges of the R1-1 sign. If necessary, the size of the R1-1 sign should be increased so that any other sign installed back-to-back with it remains within the edges of the R1-1 sign.



DIMENSIONS - IN					
SIGN SIZE A x A	B	C	D	BOR- DER	BLANK STD.
18" x 18"	6	6C	8	0.4	—
24" x 24"	8	8C	10	0.6	B1-24
30" x 30"	10	10C	12.6	0.8	B1-30
36" x 36"	12	12C	15	0.8	B1-36
48" x 48"	16	16C	20	1.2	B1-48

\* REDUCE SPACING 40%

COLOR:

LEGEND AND BORDER:  
WHITE (REFLECTORIZED)

BACKGROUND:  
RED (REFLECTORIZED)

APPROVED FOR THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

By : Shirley C. Rowe Date : 02-29-12  
Chief, Traffic Engineering and Permits Section  
Bureau of Maintenance and Operations



Custom Signs, Delivered Fast!

Search



# 24" x 24" Add Your Custom Headline

Select Size, Material and Order Quantity

Select a size and material for your sign. For material specs, click on ? buttons below. Click **Next Step** button when done.



## Material



Price per Sign

Compare Prices at Different Quantities  
(Prices are per Sign and rounded to nearest hundredth)

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### ▶ Reflective Aluminum Signs

- 3M** Engineer Grade Reflective Alum.
- 3M** Hi Intensity Reflective Aluminum

### ▶ Reflective Aluminum Signs - Premium

- 3M** Diamond Grade Reflective Alum.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	10
<input type="radio"/> <b>3M</b> Engineer Grade Reflective Alum.	\$66.36	\$60.36	\$58.36	\$57.36	\$56.86	\$56.36	\$55.66
<input type="radio"/> <b>3M</b> Hi Intensity Reflective Aluminum	\$81.75	\$75.75	\$73.75	\$72.75	\$71.95	\$71.75	\$70.75
<input type="radio"/> <b>3M</b> Diamond Grade Reflective Alum.	\$104.45	\$98.45	\$96.45	\$95.45	\$94.75	\$94.45	\$93.75

### Material Features:

- > Extra thick, heavy-duty 80 mil aluminum with Diamond Grade reflectivity.
- > 3x as reflective as High-Intensity Grade.
- > 12+ year durability, Diamond Grade signs are manufactured with premium 3M inks and reflective materials designed for municipal outdoor traffic or parking signs.
- > Rounded corners - for easy handling and a professional appearance.
- > Signs have prepunched holes to insure a hassle-free installation.

[More Material Details](#)

Mouse over icons for more details:



**Ships Tomorrow.**  
Order within **23 hrs 24 mins**

*\*If a proof is required, ship dates are subject to customer approval of a proof.*

Minimum order quantity is 1 Sign.

Quantity    Sign

Sign Set-Up Charge	<b>\$0.00</b>
Price / Sign	<b>\$104.45</b>
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$104.45</b>

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Get \$15



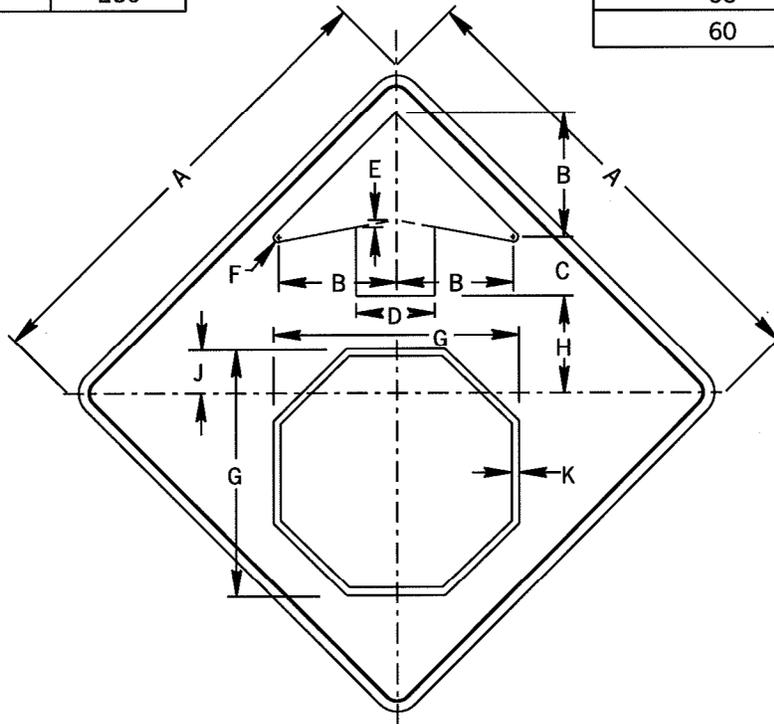
# W3-1

## STOP AHEAD SIGN

The Stop Ahead Sign (W3-1) will be authorized for use in advance of a stop sign when physical conditions prevent the driver from having a continuous view of the stop sign for the following distances. Advance placement distance for the W3-1 sign will be based on Department regulation. When used in a work zone, the background color shall be orange.

85th Percentile Speed MPH	Distance feet
20	115
25	155
30	200
35	250

85th Percentile Speed MPH	Distance feet
40	305
45	360
50	425
55	495
60	570



DIMENSIONS - IN												
SIGN SIZE A x A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	MAR- GIN	BOR- DER	BLANK STD.
18" x 18"	4.5	2.3	3	0.4	0.2	9.5	3	1.8	0.3	0.4	0.6	B3-18
36" x 36"	9	4.4	6	0.8	0.4	19	7.6	3.5	0.6	0.6	0.8	B3-36
48" x 48"	12	6	8	1	0.5	25.6	10	4.5	0.8	0.8	1.2	B3-48

COLOR:

ARROW AND BORDER:  
BLACK (NON-REFLECTORIZED)

BACKGROUND:  
YELLOW (REFLECTORIZED)

SYMBOL BORDER:  
WHITE (REFLECTORIZED)

SYMBOL BACKGROUND:  
RED (REFLECTORIZED)

APPROVED FOR THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

By : *Sh. C. Rowe* Date : 02-29-12  
Chief, Traffic Engineering and Permits Section  
Bureau of Maintenance and Operations

# 18" x 18" Add Your Special Text

## Select Size, Material and Order Quantity

Select a size and material for your sign. For material specs, click on ? buttons below. Click **Next Step** button when done.



### Material

Price per Sign

Compare Prices at Different Quantities  
(Prices are per Sign and rounded to nearest hundredth)

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#### ▶ Reflective Aluminum Signs

**3M** Engineer Grade Reflective Alum.

	1	2	3	4	5	10	15
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**3M** Hi Intensity Reflective Aluminum

<input type="radio"/> <b>3M</b> Hi Intensity Reflective Aluminum	\$59.95	\$56.45	\$53.95	\$52.25	\$51.75	\$51.35	\$51.25
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#### ▶ Reflective Aluminum Signs - Premium

**3M** Diamond Grade Reflective Alum.

	1	2	3	4	5	10	15
<input type="radio"/> <b>3M</b> Diamond Grade Reflective Alum.	\$70.75	\$69.75	\$68.45	\$66.75	\$62.45	\$62.25	\$61.95

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**Ships Tomorrow.**  
Order within **20 hrs 26 mins**

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Minimum order quantity is 1 Sign.

Quantity    Sign

Sign Set-Up Charge **\$0.00**

Price / Sign **\$70.75**

**Total Cost \$70.75**

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Get \$15

## Scott Russell

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**From:** Gilliland, Holly <hgilliland@pa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 24, 2025 1:54 PM  
**To:** White, Kevin D.; Scott Russell; Public Works; foreman@penntwplanco.org; Manager  
**Cc:** Turjanica, Joe; Rarig, Grant; Lasloudji, Ahmed  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Auction Road (DOT 591 640 E)

Good Afternoon all,

Thank you for attending the meeting yesterday afternoon, it was a productive meeting.

As we discussed, NS will look into the following:

1. Replace the existing crossbuck sign on the west bound travel lane
2. Remove vegetation along ROW (not using pesticides or sprays) to increase site distance of the track/approaching train when motorists are at the crossing.

We also discussed the Township installing stop signs at the crossing. Given the poor site distance and recent incidents at the crossing, the Commission would be in favor of these stop signs along with the following:

1. Stop ahead warning signs installed on both approaches to the crossing (W3-1)
2. warning/blinking lights on both stop ahead signs (W3-1) to draw attention to them
3. A stop sign place along the private driveway that runs parallel to the tracks for the residents utilizing this driveway.
4. The Township files an application with the Commission for this alteration so we can memorialize maintenance and have a record of the alteration at the crossing. I can provide more detailed information what is needed in this application to the Township.

A few additional considerations:

1. Consider placing two stop signs on both approaches to the crossing (on each shoulder of the roadway) to increase visibility of the new sign
2. Consider blinking lights on the stop signs themselves, again for better visibility.
3. The “Look” signage and/or “active train” signs discussed at the meeting are fine in addition to the stop signs. If the Township choses to install these signs include this in the application.

If anyone has any questions about the above, or if I forgot to mention anything we discussed, please let me know.

I can provide more detailed information regarding the application process and timing to the Township. We will work together to get these safety upgrades approved and in place ASAP.

Holly Gilliland  
PA Public Utility Commission  
Transportation Division – Rail Safety Section  
400 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120  
717-783-6176

**End of Report**  
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**From:** Scott Russell  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 12:37 PM  
**To:** Gilliland, Holly; Rarig, Grant; White, Kevin D.; Public Works; foreman@penntwplanco.org; Manager; bdunlap@cohenseglias.com; Will Clark  
**Cc:** Turjanica, Joe; Lasloudji, Ahmed; Scott Russell  
**Subject:** Auction Road - Norfolk Southern Rail Crossing (DOT 591 640 E)  
**Attachments:** Rail\_Safety\_App\_Auction Road-Norfolk Southern Crossing-Penn Township-signed.pdf; 2025-7-28 Auction Road-Norfold Souther Rail Crossing LTR Report.pdf

**Importance:** High

To everyone on this email,

Please find attached a Rail Safety Application Type E/G/P/W/X that has been prepared as a response to the meeting held on June 24, 2025 at the Auction Road - Norfolk Southern Rail Crossing (DOT 591 640 E) to address concerns raised with a recent vehicle crash with a Norfolk Southern train. The meeting minutes for the meeting are at the bottom of this email.

This email serves as the Certificate of Service notifying all parties that a submission will be made to the PUC. The attached application and report, prepared in accordance with the emails below, will be submitted today electronically to the PUC and a copy of this email will accompany the submission.

Upon completion of this process and approval from the PUC the Township is ready to proceed with making the changes discussed on June 24, 2025 related to the signing of the crossing.

Please let me know if you have any questions, concerns or issues with this submission.

**H. Scott Russell, P.E.**

Senior Project Manager | BOWMAN  
415 Fallowfield Road, Suite 301, Camp Hill, PA, 17011  
O: (717) 975-0295 | D: (717) 980-3102  
[bowman.com](http://bowman.com)

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**From:** Scott Russell <srussell@bowman.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 1, 2025 8:36 AM  
**To:** Gilliland, Holly <hgilliland@pa.gov>; Rarig, Grant <grarig@pa.gov>; White, Kevin D. <kevin.white@nscorp.com>; Public Works <publicworks@penntwplanco.org>; foreman@penntwplanco.org; Manager <manager@penntwplanco.org>  
**Cc:** Turjanica, Joe <joe.turjanica@nscorp.com>; Lasloudji, Ahmed <alasloudji@pa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: [External] RE: Auction Road (DOT 591 640 E)

Thank you everyone for the help.

**H. Scott Russell, P.E.**

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**From:** Gilliland, Holly <[hgilliland@pa.gov](mailto:hgilliland@pa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 1, 2025 8:32 AM  
**To:** Rarig, Grant <[grarig@pa.gov](mailto:grarig@pa.gov)>; Scott Russell <[srussell@bowman.com](mailto:srussell@bowman.com)>; White, Kevin D. <[kevin.white@nscorp.com](mailto:kevin.white@nscorp.com)>; Public Works <[publicworks@penntwplanco.org](mailto:publicworks@penntwplanco.org)>; [foreman@penntwplanco.org](mailto:foreman@penntwplanco.org); Manager <[manager@penntwplanco.org](mailto:manager@penntwplanco.org)>  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: [External] RE: Auction Road (DOT 591 640 E)

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You can include NS's attorney:

**Benjamin C. Dunlap, Jr.** • Partner  
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I would also assume Kevin would want to be copied, since he attended the informal site meeting. Kevin can you provide the information Scott needs?

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**From:** Rarig, Grant <[grarig@pa.gov](mailto:grarig@pa.gov)>  
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**Subject:** RE: [External] RE: Auction Road (DOT 591 640 E)

Russell,

For PennDOT you may include Ahmed Lasloudji (copied on email), Grade Crossing Engineer. Or myself, Acting Grade Crossing Engineer, or both.

Our work address is 2140 Herr Street, Harrisburg, PA 17103.

Thanks



**Grant Rarig** | Acting Grade Crossing Engineer

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Holy,

The Township has a draft prepared for the Rail Safety Division Application to switch out the Yield Signs with Stop Signs (as well as the other work discussed). For the Certificate of Service, whom should I include from PennDOT and Norfolk Southern to send a copy of the Application to them? Is it the people on this email or others? If it is the people on the email from PennDOT and Norfolk Southern, I will need their work address and title to go along with the email addresses I already have.

Thanks,  
Scott

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Auction Road (DOT 591 640 E)

Good Afternoon all,

Thank you for attending the meeting yesterday afternoon, it was a productive meeting.

As we discussed, NS will look into the following:

1. Replace the existing crossbuck sign on the west bound travel lane
2. Remove vegetation along ROW (not using pesticides or sprays) to increase site distance of the track/approaching train when motorists are at the crossing.

We also discussed the Township installing stop signs at the crossing. Given the poor site distance and recent incidents at the crossing, the Commission would be in favor of these stop signs along with the following:

1. Stop ahead warning signs installed on both approaches to the crossing (W3-1)
2. warning/blinking lights on both stop ahead signs (W3-1) to draw attention to them

3. A stop sign place along the private driveway that runs parallel to the tracks for the residents utilizing this driveway.
4. The Township files an application with the Commission for this alteration so we can memorialize maintenance and have a record of the alteration at the crossing. I can provide more detailed information what is needed in this application to the Township.

A few additional considerations:

1. Consider placing two stop signs on both approaches to the crossing (on each shoulder of the roadway) to increase visibility of the new sign
2. Consider blinking lights on the stop signs themselves, again for better visibility.
3. The “Look” signage and/or “active train” signs discussed at the meeting are fine in addition to the stop signs. If the Township choses to install these signs include this in the application.

If anyone has any questions about the above, or if I forgot to mention anything we discussed, please let me know.

I can provide more detailed information regarding the application process and timing to the Township. We will work together to get these safety upgrades approved and in place ASAP.

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