



September 8, 2025

Matthew L. Homsher, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Application of the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the approval to alter the public at-grade crossing by replacing the existing warning devices, adding gates, and installing a new high-type surface improvement where Constitution Boulevard crosses a single track of Youngstown and Southeastern Railroad (DOT No. 869 979 V) in Darlington Township, Beaver County, **all in accordance with the Federal Grade Crossing Program** and the allocation of costs incident thereto.

Dear Secretary Homsher:

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,

Michele Acitelli, P.E.
District Utility and Grade Crossing Manager
Department of Transportation
Engineering District 11-0

Attachments

cc: Parties of Record
Mark Chappell, P.E., Chief, Right-of-Way, Utilities and Grade Crossing Division
Karen Cummings, Senior Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel
William Sinick, P.E., C.B.S.I., Rail Safety Division, 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 to alter the public at-grade crossing by replacing the existing warning devices, adding gates, and installing a new high-type surface improvement where Constitution Boulevard crosses a single track of Youngtown and Southeastern Railroad (DOT No. 869 979 V) in Darlington Township, Beaver County, as described below:

1. The name and address of Applicant are Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Douglas M. Seeley, P.E., Assistant District Executive - Design, Engineering District 11-0, 45 Thoms Run Road, Bridgeville, PA 15017.
2. The name and address of attorney for the Applicant are Karen L. 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:

Mark Chappell, P.E., Chief, Right-of-Way,
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5. It is desirable to alter the crossing where Constitution Boulevard crosses, at grade, the single track of Youngstown and Southeastern Railroad, by the installation of new active traffic control devices and a high-type surface. See the provided Location Map which is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A".
6. The Average Daily Traffic for Constitution Boulevard is 6,065 vehicles with 9% trucks.
7. The estimated total cost for the active warning device installation is \$481,730.30. The funding for the project will be 100% Federal Funds.
8. This project is necessary and proper for the safety and convenience of the public.
9. A conference of all parties of interest should be held to discuss the proposed improvement.

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

Respectfully Submitted:



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Dated: 09/09/2025

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VERIFICATION

I, Michele Acitelli, 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: 9/10/25

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Michele Acitelli, P.E.
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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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Dated this 10 Day of September, 2025

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Project Location Map

Act 130 Safety Improvements – SR0051 - Constitution Boulevard

