



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
COMMONWEALTH KEYSTONE BUILDING
400 NORTH STREET
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO OUR FILE

October 10, 2025

A-2024-3051279

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD

Application of the City of Philadelphia for approval to alter the public crossing (DOT 541 559 F) by widening the roadway and crossing surfaces, installing updated pedestrian facilities, installing a highway traffic signal with railroad preemption, and removing an industrial track where Packer Avenue crosses, at grade, three (3) tracks of Consolidated Rail Corporation, of which the westernmost track is operated on by CSX Transportation Inc., and Norfolk Southern Railway Company, and two (2) tracks of the Philadelphia Belt Line Company, and to alter the public crossing (DOT 976 324 Y) by adding warning facilities where Columbus Boulevard crosses, at grade, one (1) industrial track of Consolidated Rail Corporation in the City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County.

To Whom It May Concern:

In accordance with numbered paragraph 3 of the Commission's Secretarial Letter dated March 21, 2025, in the above-captioned proceeding, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (Department), was directed to submit detailed construction plans, including a traffic signal plan with railroad preemption, to this Commission for approval.

In accordance with number paragraph 7, of the Commission's Secretarial Letter dated March 21, 2025, in the above-captioned proceeding, the Philadelphia Water Department was directed to submit construction plans for the 16-inch ductile iron water main under the Packer Avenue crossing, the water main relay project, to this Commission for approval.

Signed final detailed construction plans were received by the Commission on September 19, 2025. The Department avers that one copy of the detailed construction plans was served on all parties of record simultaneously by electronic mail. None of the parties have advised this Commission that it objects to approval of the detailed construction plans.

Additional construction plans consisting of at-grade crossing surface construction plans, traffic signal plans with railroad preemption, and the City of Philadelphia Water Department water main relay project plans were received by the Commissions on September 24, 2025. The Department avers that one copy of the additional construction plans was served on all parties of record simultaneously by electronic mail.

On October 3, 2025, Kimley-Horn, (design consultant for the Department) provided a signing and pavement marking plan to a Commission staff engineer via email. All parties of record received a copy of the plan via email except INEOS Composites, which changed names of the company to ALTA Performance Materials and they received a copy of the plan on October 7, 2025.

The Department requests an expedited review and approval of the plans to meet a project construction deadline. While the parties have had a full twenty (20) days to consider the final detailed construction plans and respond, they have not had a full twenty (20) days to review the at-grade crossing surface construction plans, traffic signal plans with railroad preemption, City of Philadelphia Water Department water main relay project plans or the signing and pavement marking plans. However, this Secretarial Letter will be issued to all the parties of record providing for an opportunity to response with an objections within twenty days of the date of this Secretarial Letter.

The final detailed construction plans received by the Commission on September 19, 2025, are entitled “COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DRAWINGS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CITY STREET: S CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS BOULEVARD IN PHILADELPHIA COUNTY AND CITY STREET: S DELAWARE AVENUE AND CITY STREET PACKER AVENUE,” and consist of twenty-nine (29) plan sheets.

The additional construction plans received by the Commission on September 24, 2025, were comprised of 3 combined plan sets entitled “AT GRADE CROSSING,” consisting of nine (9) sheets of at grade crossing surface construction plans, “TRAFFIC SIGNAL PLAN,” consisting of seven (7) sheets of traffic signal plans with railroad preemption , and “CITY OF PHILADELPHIA WATER DEPARTMENT WATER MAIN RELAY PROJECT S. CHIRSTOPHER COLUMBUS BOULEVARD PWD WORK NO. W-90482-D,” consisting of eight (8) sheets of the City of Philadelphia Water Department water main relay project plans, for a total of twenty four (24) sheets.

The plans received by the Commission on October 3, 2025, are entitled “SIGNING AND PAVEMENT MARKING PLAN,” and consist of two (2) plan sheets.

The Commission issues this Secretarial Letter in accordance with Section 2702 of the Public Utility Code. Please be advised that the detailed construction plans, at-grade crossing surface construction plans, traffic signal plans with railroad preemption, signing and pavement marking plans and the City of Philadelphia Water Department water main relay project plans have been certified as the correct plans and are hereby approved.

The Parties are reminded that failure to comply with this or any Order or Secretarial Letter in this proceeding may result in an enforcement action seeking civil penalties and/or other sanctions pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. § 3301.

All formal documents must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission. Documents must be eFiled, mailed or hand delivered. All filings should be addressed to the Secretary, PA Public Utility Commission, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120. The Commission will not accept documents delivered by fax or by e-mail. Parties are encouraged to file formal documents by eFiling with the Secretary of the Commission by opening an eFiling account through the Commission's website (the account is free of charge) and accepting eservice at <https://www.puc.pa.gov/filing-resources/efiling/>.

If your filing contains confidential material, you are required to file by overnight delivery to ensure the timely filing of your submission. There are certain filings that cannot be eFiled, such as filings containing confidential or proprietary material. These must be submitted to the Secretary by overnight delivery, priority, or certified mail to allow tracking of your filing.

If you are dissatisfied with the resolution of this matter, you may, as set forth in 52 Pa. Code §§ 1.31 and 5.44, file a Petition for Reconsideration from Staff Action (Petition) with the Commission within twenty (20) days of the date of this letter. The Petition shall be eFiled with the Secretary of the Commission or sent to: Secretary, PA Public Utility Commission, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120, and must be filed within twenty (20) days, or if no timely request is made, the action will be deemed to be a final action of the Commission.

The Petition MUST include: (1) a written statement (divided into numbered paragraphs) outlining the reasons for the request; (2) the case docket number (it is provided for you at the top right-hand corner of this letter); (3) the party on whose behalf the petition is made; (4) a Certificate of Service on the other parties of record; and (5) a Verification with original signature in accordance with 52 Pa. Code § 1.36.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew L. Homsher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Matthew L. Homsher
Secretary