

January 12, 2026

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Application of Hatfield Township, for approval of the alteration of the crossing DOT #593005V where Orvilla Road (SR 1004) crosses, at grade, the single track of SEPTA located in Montgomery County.

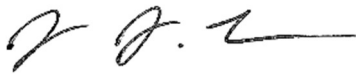
Docket No.

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

On behalf of Hatfield Township, Bowman Consulting Group, Ltd. (Bowman) is hereby submitting materials related to the above referenced application.

Once you have had a chance to review, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,



James J. Kouch, P.E.
Regional Service Lead – Municipal/Private Design

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CC: Matt Galenas, P.E., PennDOT Project Manager (DVRPC)

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**BEFORE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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

Application Docket No.
To Be Assigned

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

In re:

Application of Hatfield Township for approval to alter the public crossing DOT #593005V by the installation of new sidewalk connection where Orvilla Road (SR 1004) crosses at grade of the tracks of SEPTA, located in Hatfield Township, Montgomery county.

To Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

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

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

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3. Hatfield Township provides municipal services to residents and the public within its boundaries, including the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of public infrastructure such as roadways, sidewalks, and pedestrian facilities. As part of these services, Hatfield Township is proposing to install a pedestrian sidewalk connection across the at-grade railroad crossing at the location noted below, within Hatfield Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

The proposed sidewalk crossing will connect the existing sidewalk network the east side of the railroad to the existing sidewalk network and to the proposed Liberty Bell Trail located on the opposite side of the rail line, providing a continuous pedestrian route.

4. The alteration for which approval is sought at DOT Crossing No. 593005V consists of the installation of a new at-grade pedestrian sidewalk crossing. The proposed crossing will be approximately 5 feet in width and will cross the existing railroad tracks in a perpendicular alignment. The improvement is located within Hatfield Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and is intended to provide a safe pedestrian connection between the existing the existing sidewalk network on the east side of the railroad to the existing sidewalk network and the proposed liberty bell trail.

The proposed alteration is shown on the included, which show the exact location and configuration of the proposed sidewalk crossing and associated improvements.

5. The parties that may be affected by the proposed alteration are as follows (see attached Certificate of Service):

Montgomery County, Hatfield Township, PPL Electric Company, North Penn Water Authority, PECO, Comcast, Crown Castle, Texas Eastern, Verizon, Southeastern PA Transportation Authority (SEPTA), Pennsylvania Northeastern Railroad, PennDOT District 6-0, Hatfield Township Municipal Authority

6. Based upon PennDOT data, the ADT for Orvilla Road is as follows:
14,035 (2025)
Based upon Federal Railroad Administration data, the estimated number of daily Train movements is as follows:
5 Switching Trains/day

7. The estimated cost for the improvements is \$50,000. The project is being funded through the Federal Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) program as well as Hatfield Township.

8. The application is necessary or proper for the following reason(s):
Approval of this application is necessary to permit the installation of a new at-grade pedestrian sidewalk crossing at DOT Crossing No. 593005V in Hatfield Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. The proposed alteration will provide a safe, convenient, and continuous pedestrian connection between the existing sidewalk network on the east side of the railroad to the existing sidewalk network and the proposed liberty bell trail.
The crossing is a critical component of a larger multi-municipal trail project intended to close a missing link in the Liberty Bell Trail, improving pedestrian and bicycle connectivity within Hatfield Township and between Hatfield Township, Hatfield Borough, and Lansdale Borough. Without the proposed crossing, continuous access to the trail would be limited, restricting safe pedestrian and non-motorized travel and diminishing the functionality of the regional trail network.

Wherefore, we pray your Honorable Commission to approve the application:

1/12/2026

Laron Bibro
(Signature of Applicant)

VERIFICATION

I, James J. Kouch, 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).

1/7/26

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*).

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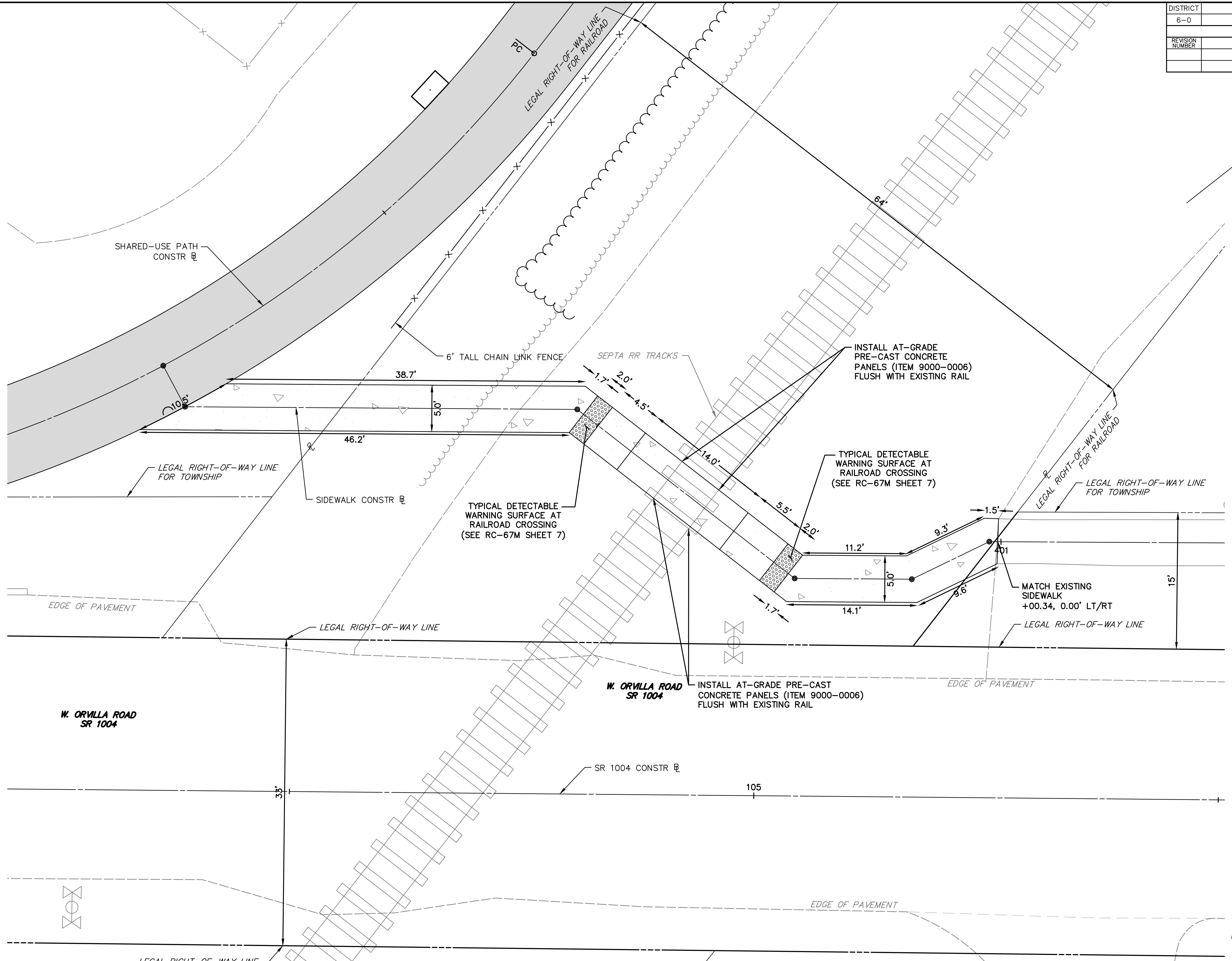
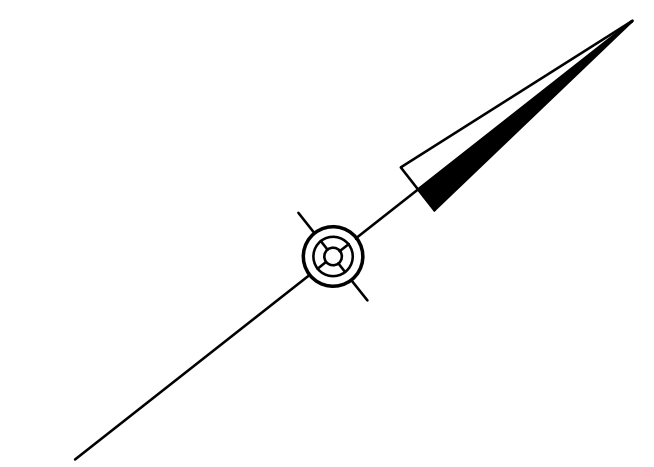


(Signature)

ORVILLA ROAD (SR 1004) RAILROAD CROSSING HATFIELD TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY PA

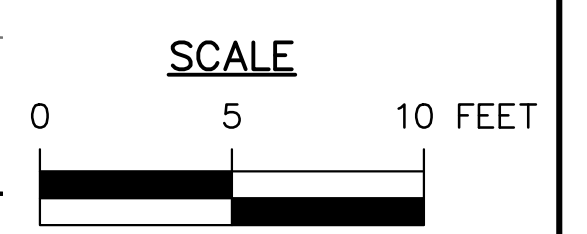


DISTRICT	COUNTY	ROUTE	SECTION	SHEET	
6-0	MONTGOMERY	1004	LBT	--- OF 19	
HATFIELD TOWNSHIP					
REVISION NUMBER	REVISIONS			DATE	BY



LEGEND

- SHARED-USE PATH
- CEMENT CONCRETE SIDEWALK



MPMS #118356 DM-3 REVIEW SUBMISSION PACKAGE XX-XX-2025

U. S. DOT CROSSING INVENTORY FORM

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

OMB No. 2130-0017

Instructions for the initial reporting of the following types of new or previously unreported crossings: For public highway-rail grade crossings, complete the entire inventory Form. For private highway-rail grade crossings, complete the Header, Parts I and II, and the Submission Information section. For public pathway grade crossings (including pedestrian station grade crossings), complete the Header, Parts I and II, and the Submission Information section. For Private pathway grade crossings, complete the Header, Parts I and II, and the Submission Information section. For grade-separated highway-rail or pathway crossings (including pedestrian station crossings), complete the Header, Part I, and the Submission Information section. For changes to existing data, complete the Header, Part I Items 1-3, and the Submission Information section, in addition to the updated data fields. Note: For private crossings only, Part I Item 20 and Part III Item 2.K. are required unless otherwise noted. An asterisk * denotes an optional field.

A. Revision Date (MM/DD/YYYY) 08 / 06 / 2023	B. Reporting Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad <input type="checkbox"/> Transit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Other	C. Reason for Update (Select only one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change in Data <input type="checkbox"/> Re-Open <input type="checkbox"/> New Crossing <input type="checkbox"/> Date Change Only <input type="checkbox"/> Closed <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Primary Operating RR <input type="checkbox"/> No Train Traffic <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet Zone Update <input type="checkbox"/> Admin. Correction	D. DOT Crossing Inventory Number 593005V
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Part I: Location and Classification Information

1. Primary Operating Railroad Pennsylvania Northeastern Railroad, LLC [PN]		2. State PENNSYLVANIA		3. County MONTGOMERY	
4. City / Municipality <input type="checkbox"/> In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Near HATFIELD		5. Street/Road Name & Block Number Orvilla Road (Street/Road Name) * (Block Number)		6. Highway Type & No. SR 1004	
7. Do Other Railroads Operate a Separate Track at Crossing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, Specify RR			8. Do Other Railroads Operate Over Your Track at Crossing? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, Specify RR CSX		
9. Railroad Division or Region <input type="checkbox"/> None LANSDALE		10. Railroad Subdivision or District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None		11. Branch or Line Name <input type="checkbox"/> None BETHLEHEM	
12. RR Milepost 0026.07 (prefix) (nnnn.nnn) (suffix)		13. Line Segment * 356		14. Nearest RR Timetable Station * HATFIELD	
15. Parent RR (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A SEPA		16. Crossing Owner (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A SEPA		17. Crossing Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private	
18. Crossing Purpose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Highway <input type="checkbox"/> Pathway, Ped. <input type="checkbox"/> Station, Ped.		19. Crossing Position <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Grade <input type="checkbox"/> RR Under <input type="checkbox"/> RR Over		20. Public Access (if Private Crossing) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
21. Type of Train <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Freight <input type="checkbox"/> Intercity Passenger <input type="checkbox"/> Commuter		<input type="checkbox"/> Transit <input type="checkbox"/> Shared Use Transit <input type="checkbox"/> Tourist/Other		22. Average Passenger Train Count Per Day <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than One Per Day <input type="checkbox"/> Number Per Day	
23. Type of Land Use <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space <input type="checkbox"/> Farm <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> RR Yard					
24. Is there an Adjacent Crossing with a Separate Number? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, Provide Crossing Number			25. Quiet Zone (FRA provided) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 24 Hr <input type="checkbox"/> Partial <input type="checkbox"/> Chicago Excused Date Established		
26. HSR Corridor ID <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		27. Latitude in decimal degrees (WGS84 std: nn.nnnnnnn) 40.2668833		28. Longitude in decimal degrees (WGS84 std: -nnn.nnnnnnn) -75.2921333	
29. Lat/Long Source <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated					
30.A. Railroad Use *			31.A. State Use *		
30.B. Railroad Use *			31.B. State Use * CSX		
30.C. Railroad Use *			31.C. State Use *		
30.D. Railroad Use *			31.D. State Use *		
32.A. Narrative (Railroad Use) * LR 46047			32.B. Narrative (State Use) * LR 46047		
33. Emergency Notification Telephone No. (posted) 215-723-7090		34. Railroad Contact (Telephone No.) 215-855-7110		35. State Contact (Telephone No.) 717-772-3079	

Part II: Railroad Information

1. Estimated Number of Daily Train Movements				
1.A. Total Day Thru Trains (6 AM to 6 PM) 0	1.B. Total Night Thru Trains (6 PM to 6 AM) 0	1.C. Total Switching Trains 5	1.D. Total Transit Trains 0	1.E. Check if Less Than One Movement Per Day <input type="checkbox"/> How many trains per week? _____
2. Year of Train Count Data (YYYY) 2022		3. Speed of Train at Crossing 3.A. Maximum Timetable Speed (mph) 10 3.B. Typical Speed Range Over Crossing (mph) From 5 to 10		
4. Type and Count of Tracks Main 1 Siding 0 Yard 0 Transit 0 Industry 0				
5. Train Detection (Main Track only) <input type="checkbox"/> Constant Warning Time <input type="checkbox"/> Motion Detection <input type="checkbox"/> AFO <input type="checkbox"/> PTC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DC <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> None				
6. Is Track Signaled? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		7.A. Event Recorder <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		7.B. Remote Health Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

U. S. DOT CROSSING INVENTORY FORM

A. Revision Date (MM/DD/YYYY) 08/06/2023		PAGE 2		D. Crossing Inventory Number (7 char.) 593005V	
Part III: Highway or Pathway Traffic Control Device Information					
1. Are there Signs or Signals? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		2. Types of Passive Traffic Control Devices associated with the Crossing			
2.A. Crossbuck Assemblies (count) 2		2.B. STOP Signs (R1-1) (count) 0	2.C. YIELD Signs (R1-2) (count) 0	2.D. Advance Warning Signs (Check all that apply; include count) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> W10-1 2 <input type="checkbox"/> W10-3 _____ <input type="checkbox"/> W10-11 _____ <input type="checkbox"/> W10-2 _____ <input type="checkbox"/> W10-4 _____ <input type="checkbox"/> W10-12 _____	
2.E. Low Ground Clearance Sign (W10-5) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (count _____) <input type="checkbox"/> No		2.F. Pavement Markings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stop Lines <input type="checkbox"/> Dynamic Envelope <input type="checkbox"/> RR Xing Symbols <input type="checkbox"/> None		2.G. Channelization Devices/Medians <input type="checkbox"/> All Approaches <input type="checkbox"/> Median <input type="checkbox"/> One Approach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None	2.H. EXEMPT Sign (R15-3) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2.I. ENS Sign (I-13) Displayed <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		2.J. Other MUTCD Signs <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Specify Type _____ Count 0 Specify Type _____ Count 0 Specify Type _____ Count _____		2.K. Private Crossing Signs (if private) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	2.L. LED Enhanced Signs (List types)
3. Types of Train Activated Warning Devices at the Grade Crossing (specify count of each device for all that apply)					
3.A. Gate Arms (count) Roadway 0 Pedestrian _____	3.B. Gate Configuration <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Quad <input type="checkbox"/> Full (Barrier) Resistance <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Quad <input type="checkbox"/> Median Gates <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Quad	3.C. Cantilevered (or Bridged) Flashing Light Structures (count) Over Traffic Lane 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Incandescent Not Over Traffic Lane 0 <input type="checkbox"/> LED		3.D. Mast Mounted Flashing Lights (count of masts) 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Incandescent <input type="checkbox"/> LED <input type="checkbox"/> Back Lights Included <input type="checkbox"/> Side Lights Included	3.E. Total Count of Flashing Light Pairs 4
3.F. Installation Date of Current Active Warning Devices: (MM/YYYY) _____/_____/_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required		3.G. Wayside Horn <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Installed on (MM/YYYY) ____/____/_____ <input type="checkbox"/> No		3.H. Highway Traffic Signals Controlling Crossing <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	3.I. Bells (count) 0
3.J. Non-Train Active Warning <input type="checkbox"/> Flagging/Flagman <input type="checkbox"/> Manually Operated Signals <input type="checkbox"/> Watchman <input type="checkbox"/> Floodlighting <input type="checkbox"/> None				3.K. Other Flashing Lights or Warning Devices Count 0 Specify type _____	
4.A. Does nearby Hwy Intersection have Traffic Signals? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	4.B. Hwy Traffic Signal Interconnection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Interconnected <input type="checkbox"/> For Traffic Signals <input type="checkbox"/> For Warning Signs	4.C. Hwy Traffic Signal Preemption <input type="checkbox"/> Simultaneous <input type="checkbox"/> Advance	5. Highway Traffic Pre-Signals <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Storage Distance * _____ Stop Line Distance * _____	6. Highway Monitoring Devices (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Photo/Video Recording <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Vehicle Presence Detection <input type="checkbox"/> None	
Part IV: Physical Characteristics					
1. Traffic Lanes Crossing Railroad Number of Lanes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> One-way Traffic <input type="checkbox"/> Two-way Traffic <input type="checkbox"/> Divided Traffic		2. Is Roadway/Pathway Paved? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	3. Does Track Run Down a Street? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	4. Is Crossing Illuminated? (Street lights within approx. 50 feet from nearest rail) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
5. Crossing Surface (on Main Track, multiple types allowed) Installation Date * (MM/YYYY) ____/____/_____ <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Timber <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Asphalt and Timber <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Concrete and Rubber <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Rubber <input type="checkbox"/> 7 Metal <input type="checkbox"/> 8 Unconsolidated <input type="checkbox"/> 9 Composite <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Other (specify) _____					
6. Intersecting Roadway within 500 feet? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, Approximate Distance (feet) _____		7. Smallest Crossing Angle <input type="checkbox"/> 0° - 29° <input type="checkbox"/> 30° - 59° <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 60° - 90°		8. Is Commercial Power Available? * <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Part V: Public Highway Information					
1. Highway System <input type="checkbox"/> (01) Interstate Highway System <input type="checkbox"/> (02) Other Nat Hwy System (NHS) <input type="checkbox"/> (03) Federal AID, Not NHS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (08) Non-Federal AID		2. Functional Classification of Road at Crossing <input type="checkbox"/> (0) Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1) Urban <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Interstate <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Major Collector <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Other Freeways and Expressways <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Other Principal Arterial <input type="checkbox"/> (6) Minor Collector <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Minor Arterial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (7) Local		3. Is Crossing on State Highway System? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	4. Highway Speed Limit 40 _____ MPH <input type="checkbox"/> Posted <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory
5. Linear Referencing System (LRS Route ID) *					
6. LRS Milepost *					
7. Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) Year 2020 AADT 12069		8. Estimated Percent Trucks 3 _____ %	9. Regularly Used by School Buses? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Average Number per Day 4 _____		10. Emergency Services Route <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Submission Information - This information is used for administrative purposes and is not available on the public website.					
Submitted by _____ Organization _____ Phone _____ Date _____					
Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed and completing and reviewing the collection of information. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, a federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for information collection is 2130-0017. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection, including for reducing this burden to: Information Collection Officer, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, MS-25 Washington, DC 20590.					