



February 10, 2026

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 approval to alter the public above grade crossing by performing a full concrete deck replacement and substructure repairs of the structure where State Route 4042 crosses above the tracks of Norfolk Southern Railway Company, DOT Number 507 959 K in Rochester Borough, Beaver County, 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**

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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., Supervisor, Rail Safety 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 for the alteration of the public above grade crossing where State Route 4042 crosses tracks of Norfolk Southern Railway Company at DOT Number 507 959 K in Rochester Borough, 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 Elizabeth K. Rall, Assistant 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:

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5. The Applicant is seeking approval to alter the crossing by replacing existing concrete bridge deck and barrier, replacing existing railing with pedestrian railing, installing new expansion joints, repairing structure steel, repainting all existing structural steel, installing new approach slabs, scuppers and downspouts, performing concrete repairs to existing piers and abutments, replacing bridge lighting and bridge navigation systems, and barrier protective fence on State Road 4042, Segment 0030 Offset 0710, where it crosses above the tracks of Norfolk Southern Railway Company at railroad Mile Post PC-26.24. A Location Map is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A". Also attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "B" is the preliminary Type, Size and Location plan for the project.

6. The Applicant is not aware of prior Public Utility Commission proceedings for this crossing.

7. The average daily traffic for State Route 4042 is 3,064 vehicles with 3% trucks.

8. The estimated total cost for the construction activities is \$ 6,100,000. The funding for the project is anticipated to be 80% Federal funds and 20% State funds.

9. This project is necessary and proper for the safety and convenience of the public.

10. A conference of all parties of interest should be held to discuss the proposed project.

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

Respectfully Submitted:



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Dated: February 05, 2026

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VERIFICATION

I, Michele Acitelli, Utility and Grade Crossing Manager, 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: 2/5/26

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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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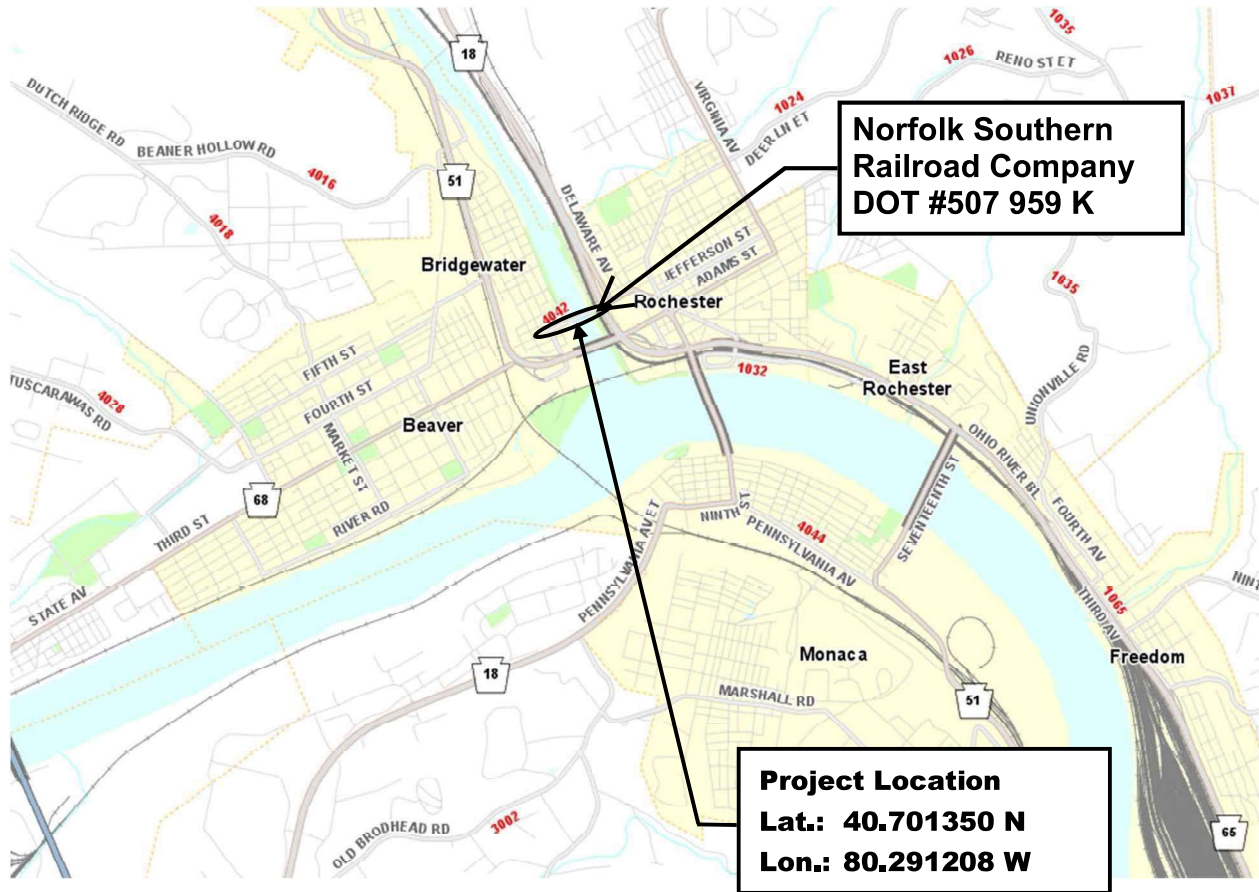
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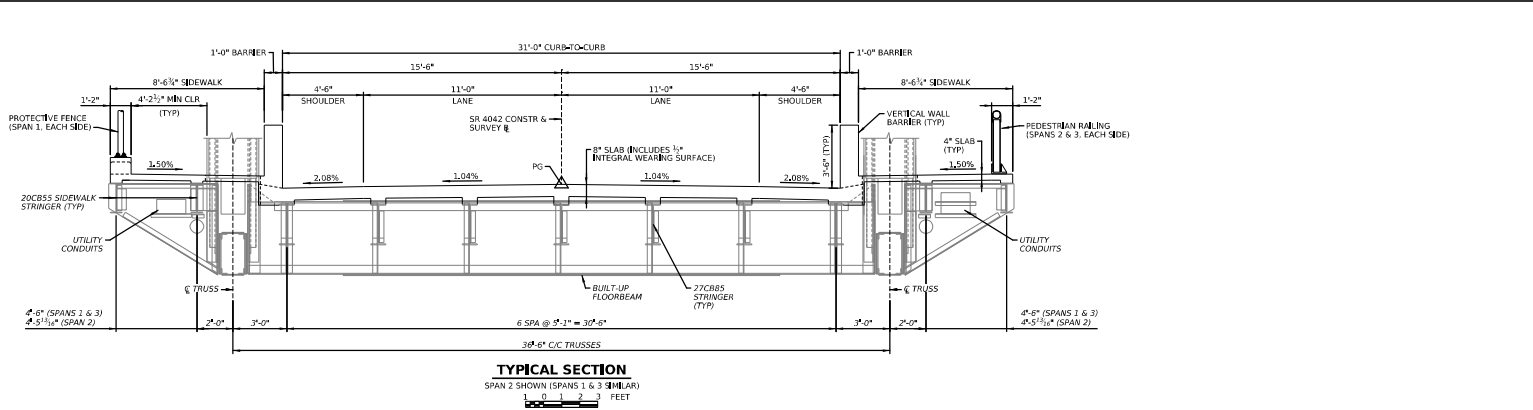
LOCATION MAP



SR 4042 Section B03
Bridgewater-Rochester Bridge over Norfolk Southern Railroad,
Old Beaver River Boulevard, and the Beaver River

Bridgewater Borough and Rochester Borough, Beaver County, PA

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- NOTES:**
- FOR PROJECT SCOPE OF WORK, SEE SHEET 1.
 - FOR PROTECTIVE FENCE AND PEDESTRIAN RAILING LIMITS, SEE SHEET 1.

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REVISIONS					

S.R. 4042 PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS L.R. 76
BMS STR ID: 04-4042-0030-0070 MPM/ECMS PROJ: 28418 BRKEY: 3783

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**BEAVER COUNTY
S.R. 4042 SECTION B03
SEGMENT 0030, OFFSET 0070
S.R. 4042 STA. 11+20.80
OVER NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD,
OLD BEAVER RIVER BOULEVARD, & BEAVER RIVER
REHABILITATION OF 3-SPAN THRU TRUSS BRIDGE
TYPICAL SECTION**

RECOMMENDED _____	SHEET <u>2</u> OF <u>2</u>
DISTRICT BRIDGE ENGINEER	S - 43043

**EXHIBIT B
Sheet 2 of 2**

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