



March 3, 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 upgrade the public at grade crossings by the installation of new active traffic control devices where Mercer Street, Meadville, crosses at-grade the tracks of Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad DOT # 051 866 B and 262 782 N, located in City of Meadville, Crawford 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 by email.

Sincerely,

Mohammad A. Arghoshi
Grade Crossing Engineer
Engineering District 1-0
Department of Transportation

Attachments

cc: Parties of Record
Mark J. Chappell, P.E., Chief, Right-of-Way, Utilities & Grade Crossing Division
Robert Kopacz, Office of Chief Counsel
William M. Sinick, P.E., Supervisor, Rail Safety Engineering Section, PUC

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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Application
Docket No. _____

Electronically Filed

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 at grade where Mercer Street crosses tracks of Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad at DOT Number DOT # 051 866 B and 262 782 N, located in the City of Meadville, Crawford County, as described below:

1. The name and address of Applicant are Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Thomas J. McClelland, P.E., Assistant District Executive, Engineering District 1-0, 255 Elm Street, Oil City, PA 16301.

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., filing this Application on behalf of City of Meadville as evidenced by the resolution dated February 23, 2026 which is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit “A”.

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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 Right of Way, Utilities & Grade Crossing
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 Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
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Robert Kopacz
 Counsel for Applicant
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5. The Applicant is seeking approval for Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad to alter the subject crossing by the installation of new automatically operated flashing railroad warning signals with gates, new circuitry and maintain existing railroad preemption with adjacent traffic signal located in Mercer Street, City of Meadville, pursuant to the Federal Grade Crossing Program.

No	Highway/Street Name	DOT No.	Municipality	Device Type
1	Mercer Street	051 866B	Meadville	Complete traffic control devices installation: Install a 6' x 6' house; PMD-4R redundant motion detector; two flasher gates; and new LED flashers.
2	Mercer Street	262 782N	Meadville	Complete traffic control devices installation: Install a 6' x 6' house; PMD-4R redundant motion detector; two flasher gates; and new LED flashers.

A Location Map is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit “B”.

6. The Applicant is aware of prior Public Utility Commission orders for these crossings at Docket Number(s): A-00122605, A-00122064, A-00114138, A-00095725, and X-00762461.

7. The average daily traffic for Mercer Street in the City of Meadville at this crossing is.

No	Highway/Street Name	DOT No	AADT	Percent of Trucks
1	Mercer Street	051 866B	0033340	6
2	Mercer Street	262 782N	000544	6

8. The estimated cost of the project described above is \$951,312.00. The Applicant agrees to reimburse 100% federal funds for its actual costs for this project in accordance with the Federal Grade Crossing Program.

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:

Thomas J McClelland 2026.03.02
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Thomas J. McClelland, P.E.
Assistant District Executive-Design
Engineering District 1-0
Department of Transportation
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Oil City, PA 16301
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Dated: _____

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VERIFICATION

I, Mohammad Arghoshi, Grade Crossing Engineer, 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: _____

Mohammad A. Arghoshi
Grade Crossing Engineer
Engineering District 1-0
Department of Transportation

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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 _____ Day of _____

Mohammad Arghoshi
Grade Crossing Engineer
Engineering District 1-0
Department of Transportation



February 2, 2026

Maryann Menanno
City Manager / Chief Administrator
894 Diamond Park Meadville
PA 16335

Re: Crawford County
City of Meadville
AT-GRADE CROSSING
Grade Crossing - Section 130
Mercer Street, Meadville Pa
DOT # 051 866B and 262 782N
ECMS # 123781

Dear Ms. Menanno:

As you may be aware, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation (the Department), is filing an application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) for approval to upgrade the public at-grade crossing by installing new active traffic control devices where Mercer Street, in the City of Meadville, crosses the tracks of the Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad (DOT #051 866B and 262 782N), located in Crawford County.

This action is in accordance with the Section 130 Federal Rail Safety Program, which provides 100 percent Federal funding for the construction of railroad warning devices on public roads. The Railroad will seek reimbursement from the Department for 100 percent of the construction costs.

Please sign, date, and affix the City of Meadville seal at the space provided on this letter and return the original to the District office. Please also provide a resolution agreeing to allow the Department to file this application on your behalf and authorizing the Department to issue Notice to Proceed letters to the railroad for design and/or construction. If a resolution is not provided it will be presumed that by signature, date, and seal of this letter that you concur with these conditions and authority is granted, and no resolution is necessary.



Municipality Signature

2/3/26
Date

(Municipality Seal)

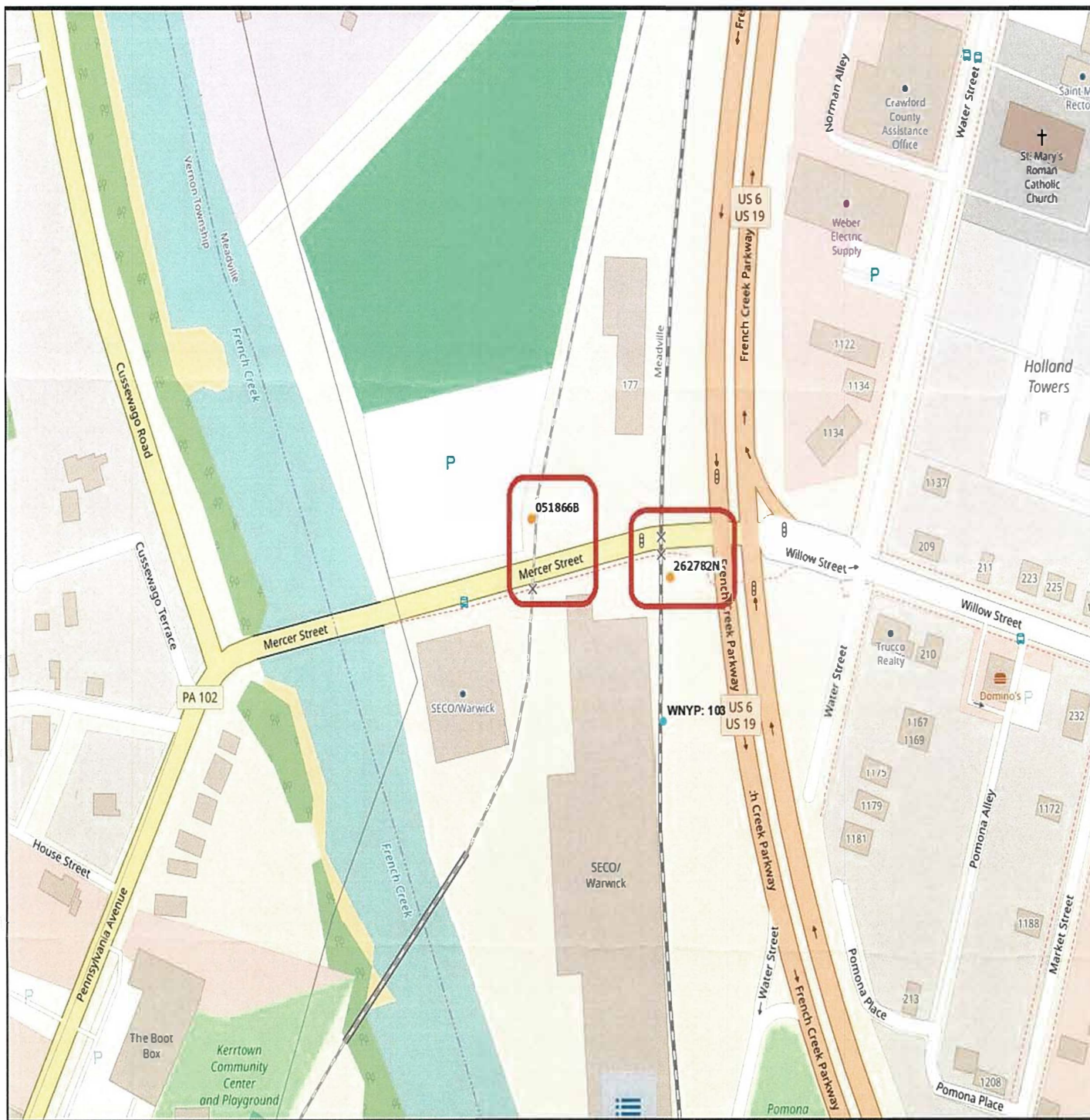
As a result of this action, the Municipality will receive a copy of the application that will be made by the Department to the PUC, which will then be followed by a letter from the PUC advising of a subsequent field conference at the crossing. Should there be any questions with regards to this matter, please contact Mohammad Arghoshi at 814.673.6117.

Sincerely,

Mohammad Arghoshi Digitally signed by Mohammad
Date: 2026.02.02 12:10:55
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Mohammad A. Arghoshi
Grade Crossing Engineer
Engineering District 1-0
Department of Transportation

City of Meadville, Crawford County, PA
Location Map



894 DIAMOND PARK
MEADVILLE, PA 16335



PHONE 814-724-6000
FAX 814-333-3353

City of Meadville
Pennsylvania

February 23, 2026

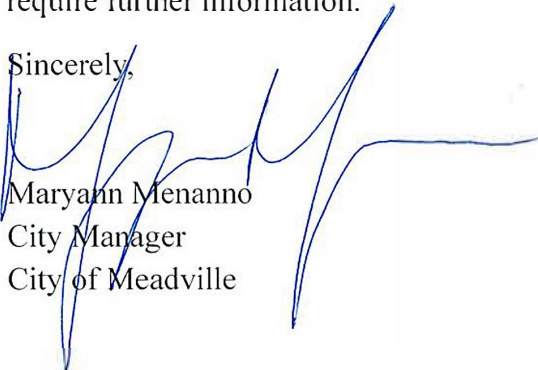
PennDOT District 1-0
Attn: Mohammad Arghoshi
255 Elm Street
Oil City, PA 16301

Dear Mr. Arghoshi:

Enclosed you will find the signed and dated letter regarding the application with the PUC for the new warning devices for the railroad crossings in the City of Meadville. In addition to your documents, you will find a Resolution prepared by the City and approved by Council.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at mmenanno@cityofmeadville.org or (814) 333-3317 should you require further information.

Sincerely,


Maryann Menanno
City Manager
City of Meadville



CITY OF MEADVILLE

Resolution No. 10 of 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADVILLE, MEADVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA TO FILE AN APPLICATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION (PUC) FOR APPROVAL TO INSTALL NEW WARNING DEVICES AT THE MERCER STREET RAILROAD CROSSING.

RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Meadville,

That:

WHEREAS, safety for all on City streets is of the utmost importance to the City of Meadville, including, and most especially, the railroad crossings; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is filing an application with the Pennsylvania Utility Commission (PUC) for the approval to install new warning devices where Mercer Street cross, at-grade, the tracks of Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad (DOT #051 866B and 262 782N), located in the City of Meadville, Crawford County; and

WHEREAS, this action is in accordance with the Section 130 Federal Rail Safety Program, which provides 100 percent Federal funding for the construction of railroad warning devices on public roads; and

WHEREAS, the railroad will seek reimbursement from the Department of Transportation for 100 percent of the construction costs.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of February, 2026, by the Council of the City of Meadville, Pennsylvania

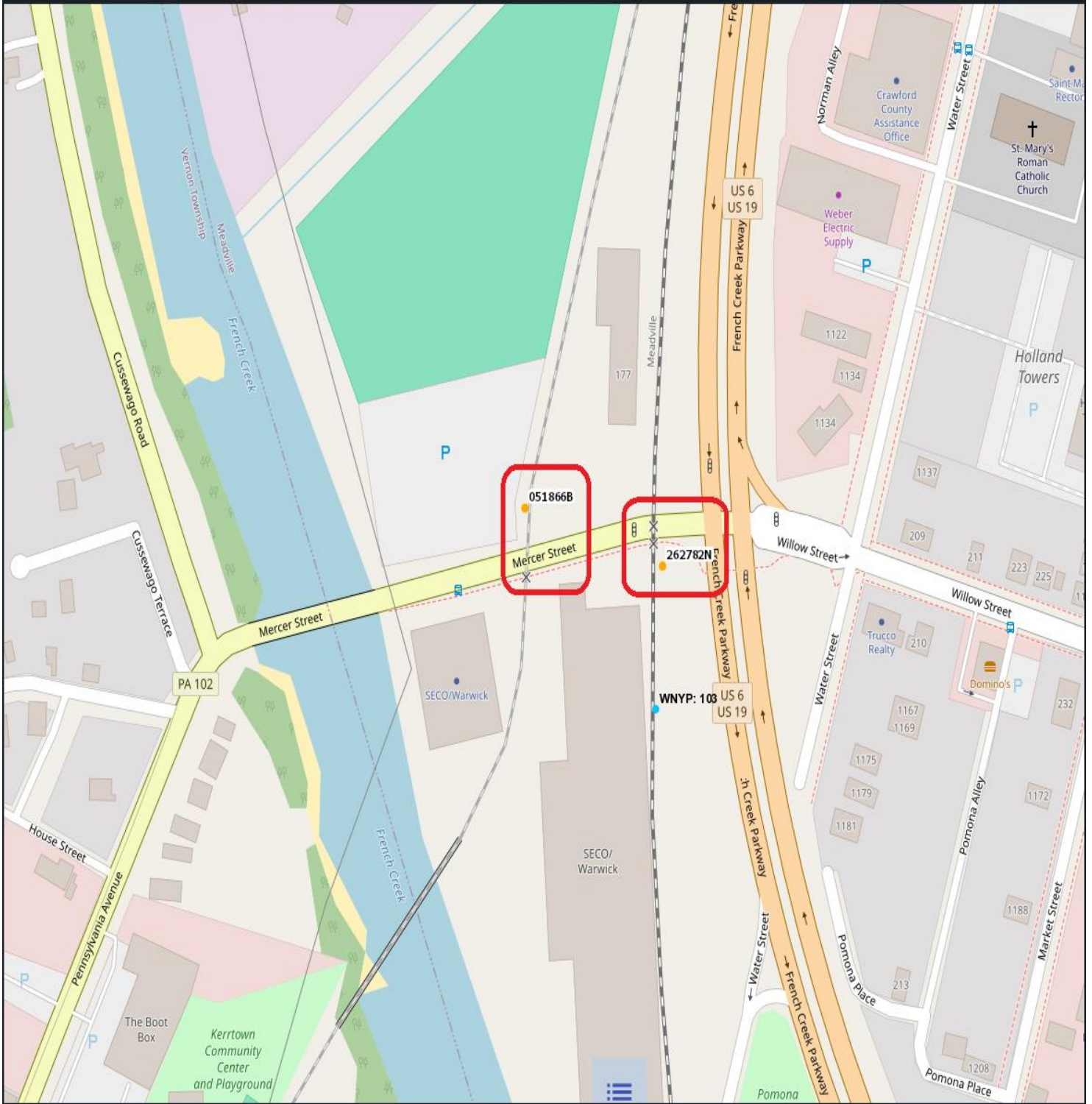
BY: _____

Jaime Kinder, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Maryann Menanno, Interim City Clerk

Mercer Street
City of Meadville, Crawford County, PA
DOT# 051 866 B & 262 782 N
Railroad: Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad



Location Map