



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

IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO OUR FILE

March 24, 2026

A-2024-3052694

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD

Application of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for approval to alter the public crossing (DOT 145 480 R) by the installation of temporary traffic control devices where State Route 0136 (East Main Street) crosses, at grade, two (2) tracks of CSX Transportation, Inc. located in West Newton Borough, Westmoreland County, all in accordance with the Federal Grade Crossing Program and the allocation of costs incident thereto.

To Whom It May Concern:

On March 9, 2026, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (Department) submitted final traffic control plans, with proof that a copy was served electronically on all the parties of record. The plans were identified as "TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN" and consists of eight (8) sheets. In its cover letter, the Department averred that the project will no longer include a temporary traffic signal system with interconnection to the railroad warning devices to provide railroad preemption, as originally anticipated. The Department proposes detouring westbound traffic north on North Second Street and allowing only eastbound traffic through the public crossing during the reconstruction of the existing adjacent bridge.

The Commission will modify our July 29, 2025 Secretarial Letter by replacing the prior requirements with new directives reflecting the Department's updated traffic control plan.

Not all parties to this proceeding have had adequate time to review the traffic control plans. However, we determine that the Department's request for approval is needed and will be granted provided that the remainder of the parties to this proceeding do not state any objections to this Secretarial Letter within the period of time prescribed herein.

The Commission issues this Secretarial Letter in accordance with Section 2702 of the Public Utility Code, THEREFORE:

1. Paragraph 3 of our Secretarial Letter dated July 29, 2025, which reads as follows, to wit:

"3. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, at its sole cost and expense, and prior to the start of construction, prepare and submit complete detailed traffic signal with preemption plans for the subject crossing to all parties for review and to the Commission for approval."

be and is hereby modified to read:

3. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, at its sole cost and expense, and prior to the start of construction, prepare and submit complete detailed traffic control plans for the subject crossing to all parties for review and to the Commission for approval.
2. The detailed traffic control plan submitted to the Commission on March 9, 2026, by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation entitled: “TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN” consisting of eight (8) sheets, are certified as the correct plans and are hereby approved.
3. Paragraph 13 of our Secretarial Letter dated July 29, 2025, which reads as follows, to wit:

“13. Upon completion of the rehabilitation of the highway bridge adjacent to the subject public crossing, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, at its sole cost and expense, remove any temporary highway traffic signals with railroad preemption, any associated signage and any other appurtenant equipment or controls that facilitated the temporary traffic pattern and restore any disturbed, altered or removed highway traffic signals with railroad preemption, associated signage and any other appurtenant equipment as part of the project; all in accordance with the approved plans and this Secretarial Letter.”

be and is hereby modified to read:

13. Upon completion of the rehabilitation of the highway bridge adjacent to the subject public crossing, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, at its sole cost and expense, restore the roadway to its original bi-direction traffic pattern by removing any signage and any other appurtenant equipment or controls that facilitated the temporary traffic pattern as part of the project; all in accordance with the approved plans and this Secretarial Letter.
4. In all respects not inconsistent herewith, our Secretarial Letter dated July 29, 2025, remain in full force and effect.

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, stylized initial "M".

Matthew L. Homsher
Secretary