



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

IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO OUR FILE

April 16, 2026

A-2025-3059504

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD

Application of Bristol Township for approval to reopen the public crossing (DOT 530 983 U) to vehicular and pedestrian traffic where the Randall Avenue bridge (BRKEY 7587) crosses, above grade, five (5) tracks of National Railroad Passenger Corporation located in Bristol Township, Bucks County.

To Whom It May Concern:

By application filed with the Commission on December 24, 2025, Bristol Township (Township) seeks Commission approval to reopen the public crossing (DOT 530 983 U) to vehicular and pedestrian traffic where the Randall Avenue bridge (BRKEY 7587) crosses, above grade, five (5) tracks of National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) located in Bristol Township, Bucks County.

By Secretarial Letter docketed at A-2023-3039349 and dated April 4, 2023, the Randall Avenue bridge was closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic following a safety inspection that determined the bridge to be in poor structural condition.

By Secretarial Letter docketed at A-2024-3045880 dated April 11, 2024, the Commission approved the alteration of the Randall Avenue bridge by removing the concrete encasement from the lower half of the riveted steel girders and floorbeams and installing timber plank shielding. Following closure of the Commission's proceeding docketed at A-2024-3045880, the Township continued its multi-phase bridge repair project, which included maintenance-type substructure repairs necessary for the reopening of the bridge to vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Upon completion of the Township's bridge repair project, NTM Engineering, Inc. (the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's bridge inspection consultant) performed a routine bridge safety inspection on December 29, 2025. The inspection found that the repairs had adequately addressed the previously identified deficiencies, and NTM Engineering, Inc. determined that the bridge was safe to reopen to traffic at its previously posted weight limit of 3.5 tons. On January 5, 2026, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation notified a Commission staff engineer by email of its concurrence with NTM Engineering, Inc.'s findings regarding the reopening of the structure.

In light of the determination that the subject bridge was safe for use, a Commission staff engineer directed the Township via email on January 6, 2026, to reopen the structure to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic at its previously posted weight limit of 3.5 tons. The Township officially reopened the bridge to traffic on January 14, 2026.

As-built plans for the substructure repairs were requested by a Commission staff engineer and the Township submitted the plans to the Commission on April 2, 2026.

It is anticipated that a new load rating analysis will be performed for the subject bridge to assess its safe load-carrying capacity and to determine whether its minimum posted vehicle weight limit can be increased. Following completion of any load rating analysis, if an increase to the minimum posted vehicle weight limit is desired, the Township will submit an application to the Commission requesting approval to alter the posting.

The parties are reminded that changes in use, railroad structure changes, bridge load posting/closures, alterations and changes in maintenance are matters to be memorialized, affirmed, and approved under Section 2702 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code for all Commission jurisdictional bridges and public crossings.

The Commission issues this Secretarial Letter in accordance with Section 2702 of the Public Utility Code and finds that the affirmation of the reopening of the Randall Avenue bridge and approval of the as-built structure plans is necessary and proper for the service, accommodation, convenience or safety of the public; THEREFORE:

1. The caption of the subject proceeding is hereby revised as shown herein.
2. The action taken by Bristol Township to reopen the Randall Avenue bridge (BRKEY 7587), at the public crossing (DOT 530 983 U), to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic at a posted weight limit of 3.5 tons be and is hereby affirmed.
3. Bristol Township, notify local emergency management services and the local school district of the Randall Avenue bridge opening at public crossing (DOT 530 983 U).
4. The as-built plans provided to the Commission on April 2, 2026, entitled "RANDALL AVENUE BRIDGE PHASE II ABUTMENT REPAIRS" consisting of fourteen (14) sheets are hereby approved.
5. In all respects not inconsistent herewith, our Opinion and Order adopted on July 13, 2000, and docketed at I-00990082 remains 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