



May 15, 2026

Matthew Homsher, Esq, 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 at-grade crossings by the installation of new active warning devices where South Loyalsock Avenue and Commerce Park Drive (T-471) cross the tracks of SEDA COG Joint Rail Authority, operated by Lycoming Valley Railroad (DOT Nos. 589 165 C and 908 929 B) in Montoursville Borough and Loyalsock Township, Lycoming 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerald C. Wertz".

Gerald C. Wertz, P.E.
Assistant District Executive
Engineering District 3-0

Attachments

cc: Parties of Record

M. J. Chappell, P.E., Chief, Right-of-Way, Utilities and Grade Crossing Division
R. J. Kopacz, Assistant Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel
W. M. Sinick, P.E., Rail Safety Engineering Section, PUC

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for approval to alter the public at-grade crossings by the installation of new active warning devices where South Loyalsock Avenue and Commerce Park Drive (T-471) cross the tracks of SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority, operated by Lycoming Valley Railroad (DOT Nos. 589 165 C and 908 929 B) in Montoursville Borough and Loyalsock Township, Lycoming County *all in accordance with the Federal Grade Crossing Program* and the allocation of costs incident thereto.

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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 at grade crossings where South Loyalsock Avenue crosses the track of SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority, operated by Lycoming Valley Railroad (DOT No. 589 165 C) in Montoursville Borough and where Commerce Park Drive (T-471) crosses the track of SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority, Operated by Lycoming Valley Railroad (DOT No. 908 929 B) in Loyalsock Township, Lycoming County as described below:

1. The name and address of Applicant are Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Gerald Wertz, P.E., Assistant District Executive, Engineering District 3-0, 715 Jordan Avenue, Montoursville, PA 17754.

2. The name and address of the attorney for the Applicant is 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 Montoursville Borough and Loyalsock Township as evidenced by the resolutions dated May 4, 2026 and May 12, 2026, respectively which are 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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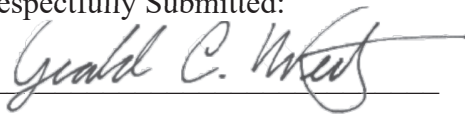
Robert J. Kopacz
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5. The Applicant is seeking approval for SEDA COG Joint Rail Authority to upgrade the existing active warning devices with new, modern active warning devices at South Loyalsock Avenue (T-471) in Montoursville Borough and Commerce Park Drive in Loyalsock Township pursuant to the Federal Grade Crossing Program. 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 Numbers: A-2010-2187961(DOT Nos. 589 165 C and 908 929 B), A-00122262(DOT No. 908 929 B)
7. The average daily traffic for South Loyalsock Avenue at this crossing is 528 vehicles with 7% trucks. The average daily traffic for Commerce Park Drive at this crossing is 359 vehicles with 10% trucks.
8. The estimated cost of the project subject to the application and described above is \$691,800.00. The Applicant agrees to reimburse SEDDA-COG Joint Rail Authority 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:



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Department of Transportation
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Dated: 5/15/2026

**Borough of Montoursville
Lycoming County, Pennsylvania
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF MONTOURSVILLE BOROUGH, LYCOMING COUNTY, AUTHORIZING PENNDOT TO REQUEST RAILROAD CROSSING UPGRADES AT LOYALSOCK AVENUE FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION.

Whereas, Loyalsock Avenue is a public roadway under the jurisdiction of the Borough of Montoursville; and

Whereas, a railway operates through Montoursville Borough, which railway maintains a crossing over Loyalsock Avenue; and

Whereas, in order for the safety improvements to be made pertaining to the railway crossing, such improvements must be submitted to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PUC") by and through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation ("PennDOT");

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF MONTOURSVILLE BOROUGH AS FOLLOWS:

1. PennDOT is authorized on behalf and for Montoursville Borough to request approval of the PUC to permit the installation of crossing upgrades, including, but not limited to appropriate warning devices at the railway crossing at the Loyalsock Avenue, at-grade, crossing (DOT# 589 165C) in Montoursville Borough.
2. PennDOT is authorized on behalf and for Montoursville Borough to request approval of the PUC to issue Notice to Proceed letters to the railroad for construction at the railway crossing at Loyalsock Avenue in Montoursville Borough.

RESOLVED, this day 4th day of May, 2026, in public meeting duly noticed and assembled.

ATTEST:

Montoursville Borough

 5/4/26 By:  5/4/26

Donna M Taggart
Borough Manager

Dr. Tina Marie Kline
Council President

Certified true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2026-07 adopted May 4th, 2026 by the Council of Montoursville Borough.

Township of Loyalsock
Lycoming County, Pennsylvania
Resolution No. 2026-00

A RESOLUTION OF THE SUPERVISORS OF LOYALSOCK TOWNSHIP, LYCOMING COUNTY, AUTHORIZING PENNDOT TO REQUEST RAILROAD CROSSING ALTERATIONS AT COMMERCE PARK DRIVE FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION.

Whereas, Commerce Park Drive is a local, public roadway under the jurisdiction of Loyalsock Township; and

Whereas, a railway operates through Loyalsock Township, which railway maintains a crossing over Commerce Park Drive; and

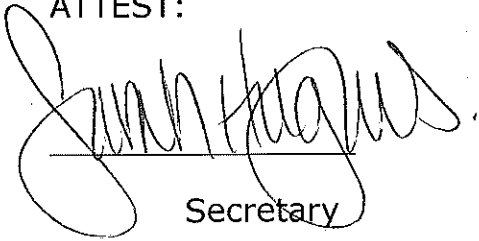
Whereas, in order for the crossing to be altered, such requests must be made to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PUC") by and through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation ("PennDOT");

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Supervisors of Loyalsock Township as follows:

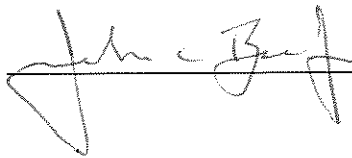
1. PennDOT is authorized on behalf and for Loyalsock Township to request approval of the PUC to permit the alterations of the Commerce Park Drive, at-grade, crossing (DOT# 908 929B) in Loyalsock Township.
2. PennDot is authorized on behalf and for Loyalsock Township to request approval of the PUC to issue Notice to Proceed letters to the railroad for construction at the railway crossing at Commerce Park Drive in Loyalsock Township.

RESOLVED, this day 12 th day of May, 2026, in public meeting duly noticed and assembled.

ATTEST:

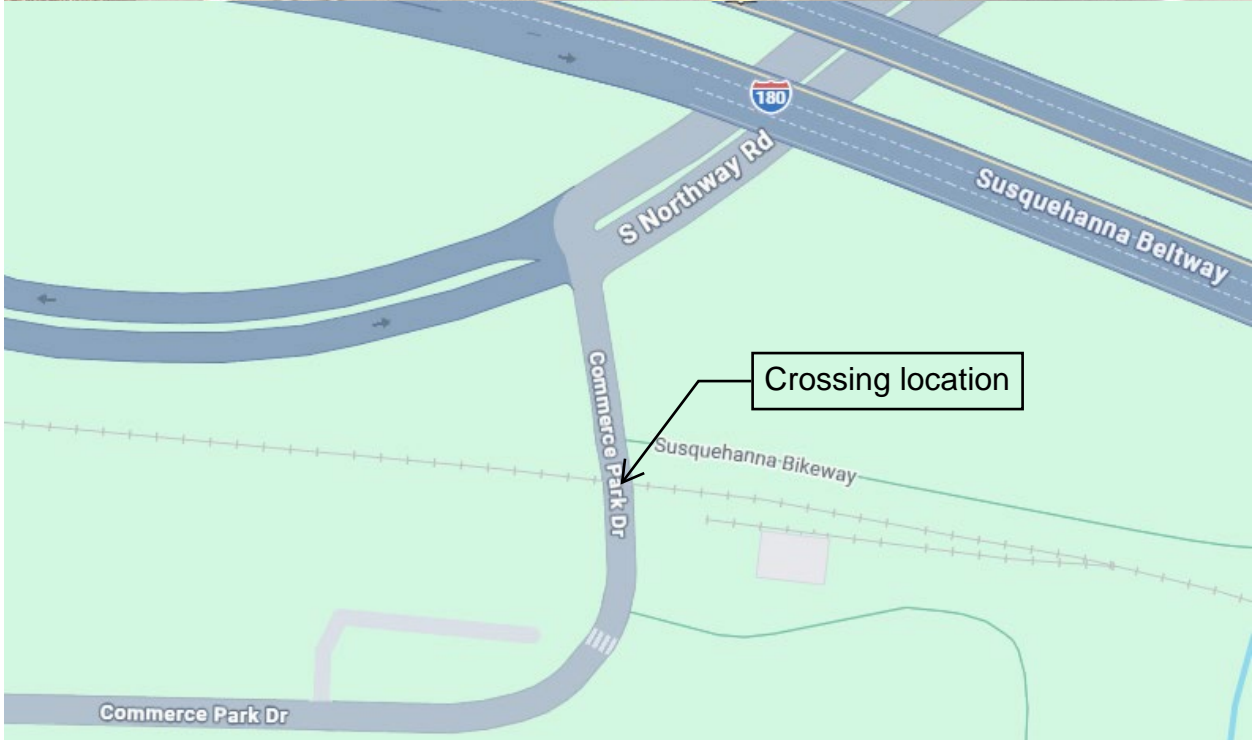

Secretary

LOYALSOCK TOWNSHIP

By: 

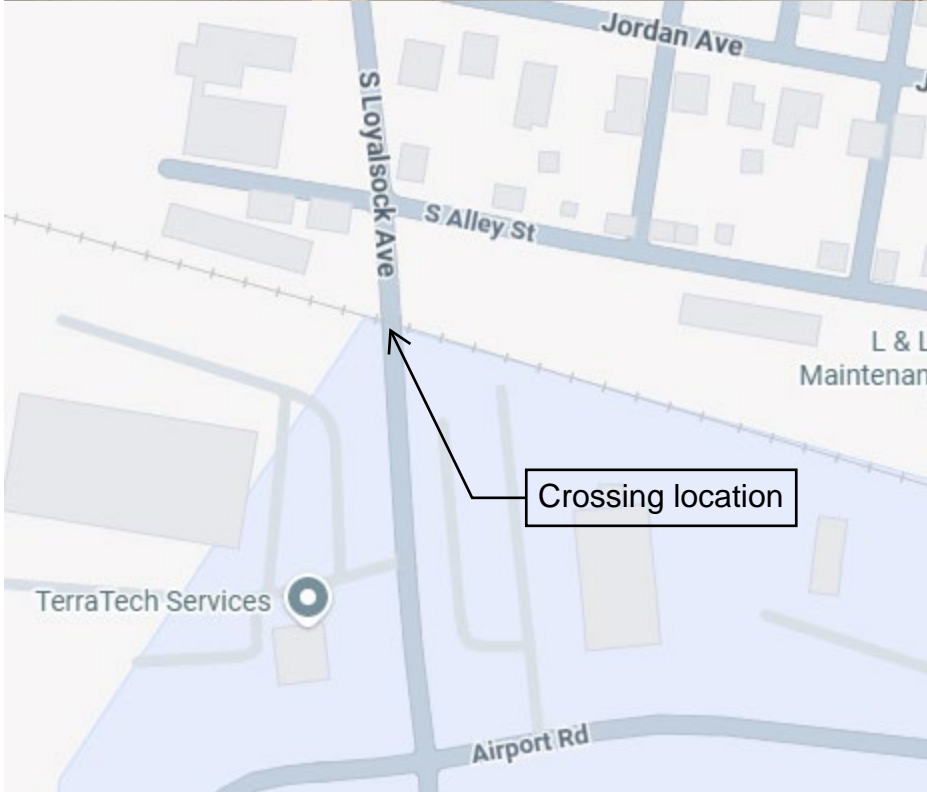
Certified true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2021-01 adopted
5-18-21 by the Township Supervisors of Loyalsock Township.
(Date)

DOT# 908 929B



Safety project for the installation of new active warning devices on Commerce Park Drive (T-471), Loyalsock Township, Lycoming County. SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority is the rail owner and Lycoming Valley Railroad is the operator.

DOT# 589 165C



Safety project for the installation of new active warning devices on South Loyalsock Avenue, Montoursville Borough, Lycoming County. SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority is the rail owner and Lycoming Valley Railroad is the operator.

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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:

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Dated this 15th Day of May, 2026

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VERIFICATION

I, Steven Betts, District Grade Crossing Administrator, 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: 5/15/2025

Steven Betts

Steven Betts
District Grade Crossing Administrator
District 3-0