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IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW OF THE)
TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, SURFACE)
FEATURES, & RAILROAD WARNING)
DEVICES OF THE HIGHWAY-RAIL AT-)
GRADE CROSSING OF NEWTOWN ROAD)
WITH NEW YORK, SUSQUEHANNA, &)
WESTERN RAILWAY'S MAIN LINE)
LOCATED ON THE MUNICIPAL BORDER)
BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF)
AND THE BOROUGH OF MIDLAND PARK,)
COUNTY OF BERGEN - USDOT# 857157A)

ORDER

Newtown Road
Docket No. DOT 39-2019CM

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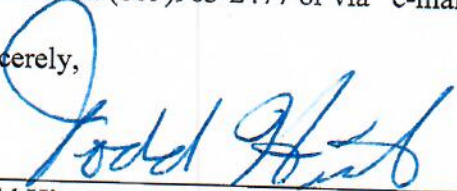
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To the above Addressees:

Transmitted herewith is the Commissioner's **ORDER** for the above captioned project.

Questions should be directed to this office and brought to the attention of the Diagnostic Team Leader, Thai Luu at (609)963-2477 or via e-mail at Thai.Luu@dot.nj.gov.

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BY THE COMMISSIONER:

The Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) initiated a review of the above captioned highway-rail at-grade crossing on her own motion to determine if revisions to the railroad warning devices, roadway approaches, crossing surface & highway traffic control devices would better serve the motoring and pedestrian public.

After notice, the Diagnostic Team Meeting was held on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at the Newtown Road highway-rail at-grade crossing located on the municipal border between the Township of Wyckoff and the Borough of Midland Park, both located in the County of Bergen.

All interested parties were advised of the recommendations proposed for consideration by the Commissioner. Legal notice of the matter and proposals were published.

None of the parties of interest or noticed public filed any objection in the matter.

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The railroad tracks are owned, operated and maintained by New York, Susquehanna, & Western Railway (NYS&W).

For the purposes of this ORDER, the railroad track is considered to run east/west and Newtown Road is considered to run north/south. Quadrants mentioned are relative to the highway-rail intersection.

A. The Commissioner of Transportation, based upon review of the record, **HEREBY ACCEPTS and ADOPTS** the recommendations of the Diagnostic Team and in consonance with N.J.S.A. 48:2-1, 48:2-13, 48:2-29, 48:12-58, 48:12-152, 39:4-183.1 and 39:4-191.1, **HEREBY ORDERS** NEW YORK, SUSQUEHANNA & WESTERN RAILWAY at the above captioned crossing to:

1. Relocate mast in the northwest quadrant laterally further from the travelled way.
2. Install mast mounted back-to-back retro-reflective railroad crossing signs (crossbucks) for both of Newtown Road's approaches to the crossing.
3. Install mast mounted back-to-back twelve inch (12") light emitting diode(LED) flashing light signals for both of Newtown Road's approaches to the crossing.
4. Install jury arm mounted back-to-back twelve inch (12") light emitting diode(LED) flashing light signals on mast in the northwest quadrant; one set to face the driveway in the northwest quadrant and one set to face the parking lot in the northeast quadrant.
5. Install automatic roadway gates for both of Newtown Road's approaches to the crossing.
6. Install stub mount pedestrian gate in the southwest quadrant.
7. Install single electronic pulse pedestrian bell on mast in the northwest quadrant.
8. Install "DO NOT STOP ON TRACKS" signs for both of Newtown Road's approaches to the crossing.
9. Install "NO TRESPASSING" signs at this crossing.
10. Remove the battery well.
11. Replace existing signal house with new signal house, utilize the circuitry and additional cables, if necessary, to adequately provide power to railroad warning devices at this crossing. The location of the signal house will be at the discretion of the Railroad provided it is a minimum of 30' from the roadway, if practical.
12. Retain the Emergency Notification Systems(ENS) sign (I-13) nameplate.
13. Notify NJDOT's Structural and Railroad Engineering Services Unit when work will begin and has been completed so that inspections can be conducted and final approval issued.

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B. The Commissioner **DIRECTS** the Township of Wyckoff to:

1. Maintain all railroad advance warning signs, pavement markings and stop bars on the portion of Newtown Road that falls under their jurisdiction.

C. The Commissioner **DIRECTS** the Borough of Midland Park to:

1. Maintain all railroad advance warning signs, pavement markings and stop bars on the portion of Newtown Road that falls under their jurisdiction.


D. INCLUSIVE:

1. Appropriate traffic control devices should be established before work begin for trains and vehicles affected by this work at this crossing.
2. All devices controlling roadway vehicles shall be installed in accordance with the latest edition of the MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.
3. All work to be done on Railroad right-of-way by an entity other than the Railroad will require communication with the Railroad and may require the appropriate permits, insurance, flagmen, etc.
4. According to the *Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 "ADA" and the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design*, ADA requires that the railroad flangeway widths be a maximum of 2½" wide from inside ball of rail to the grade crossing surface and depth of the flangeway area/gap should be approximately 1½" deep from top of rail to the bottom of flangeway gap. Openings for wheel flanges shall be permitted to be 2½ inches (64 mm) maximum for Flangeway Gaps at Rail Crossings.
5. Upon approval of the appropriate documents and associated funding, the State of New Jersey shall reimburse NEW YORK, SUSQUEHANNA, & WESTERN RAILWAY for all costs incurred to implement the Railroad Recommendations.
6. NYS&W shall provide a signed and dated "Contractor's Certificate of Compliance – Items Containing Steel & Iron" NJDOT Form DC-17, upon delivery of rails/steel/iron to the at-grade crossing or upon submission of the first invoice for surface construction of the subject project.
7. Upon completion of all construction of subject project and the purposes of Project Closeout, NYS&W shall provide a "Statement of Certification" with line "The Railroad certifies that all materials received, meet or exceed, the applicable AREMA and NJDOT standards and all work completed to the satisfaction of NJDOT."
8. All work associated with this matter shall be subject to final acceptance by NJDOT's Structural and Railroad Engineering Services Unit.

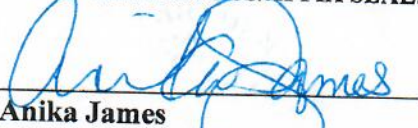
9. NJDOT Railroad Engineering will send out Notification of Project Closeout, at which time, NYS&W has forty-five (45) days to submit FINAL invoices, if any. No invoices will be accepted after the forty-five (45) day notification period.
10. The work described above should be completed within two (2) years upon the issuance of this ORDER signed by the Commissioner.

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Date: 12/1/2020