## **Public Utilities Commission of Ohio**

## Memo

To: Docketing Division

From: Jill Henry, Rail Specialist, Rail Division

**Cc:** PUCO Legal Department

**Date:** 12/21/2021

Re: PUCO Case No. 21-853-RR-STP- In the Matter of a Request for an Upgrade at the

Youngstown Belt Railroad Company Grade Crossing, DOT#502-643H, at Pine

Street in Trumbull County, Ohio.

On August 10, 2021, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Railroad Staff ("PUCO staff") and the Youngstown Belt Railroad Company ("YB") entered into a stipulation agreement whereby upgrades to the warning devices in the SW Quadrant will be done at Pine Street (DOT#502-643H).

On September 8, 2021, the Commission issued a Finding and Order approving the project, requiring plans and estimates, by December 8, 2021, and ordering project completion by September 8, 2022.

On December 7, 2021 & December 17, 2021, YB filed with the Rail Division all plans and estimates for the project.

The plans and estimates submitted by YB have been reviewed and authorization is recommended. (See attached documentation.)



M. Beth Trombold Lawrence K. Friedeman Dennis P. Deters Daniel R. Conway

Mike DeWine, Governor Jenifer French, Chair

December 21, 2021

Youngstown Belt Railroad Mr. Jared Rishel AVP Engineering Northern Region Genesee & Wyoming Inc. 4349 Easton Way Suite 110 Columbus, OH 43219

> Re: YB Grade Crossing Upgrade, Pine Street/DOT#502-463H

#### Mr. Rishel:

Youngstown Belt Railroad (YB) is now authorized to proceed with field construction for the above referenced project. This authorization is contingent upon accepting the following:

- 1) YB will make any adjustments to the plans noted in the field report, dated December 21, 2021 (Attached).
- 2) YB will furnish e-mail, fax, or phone notification five (5) working days prior to the date work will start at the project site. Notification to be made to Jill Henry, PUCO, at E-MAIL jill.henry@puco.ohio.gov, or PHONE 614-466-0435 AND Jim Tucker, ORDC at E-MAIL james.tucker@dot.ohio.gov, or PHONE 614-644-0283.
- 3) YB will arrange for utilities to be relocated and/or dropped (as soon as possible) at the project site through the applicable utility companies.
- 4) YB will arrange for utilities to be located at the project site by the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS) prior to any construction activities at the site. Utilities that are not participating members of the OUPS service must be contacted directly by YB.
- 5) YB's project foreman will notify the PUCO Railroad Inspector and ORDC's Safety Project Manager of any changes in the scope of work, cost overruns, material changes, etc. which are not included in the approved plans and estimates and secure approval of same before the work is performed.
- 6) YB will furnish three (3) copies of each partial bill to the PUCO.

Construction Authorization Pine Street/ YB 12/21/21

- 7) YB will furnish the final-inclusive bill to PUCO stating that exact dates of starting and completing work, the initial and final dates of construction and location where the accounts may be audited.
- 8) YB will furnish as-built detailed circuit plans directly to the PUCO.
- 9) YB is to schedule and complete the subject project by September 8, 2022. If any extraordinary circumstances unique to the projects occur, please notify the Commission's rail staff immediately.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jill Henry

Rail Division Chief

Transportation Department

Enclosure

cc: File

#### PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT RAIL DIVISION

Date of Assignment: December 7, 2021 & December 17, 2021

**Subject:** Plans and estimates review for active warning device relocation at Pine Street (502-643H), Youngstown Belt Railroad Company, Trumbull County.

DOT #: 502-643H

#### **FINDINGS**

On December 7, 2021, the plans and estimates for the above-mentioned crossing were received from Youngstown Belt Railroad Company (YB). They were reviewed by Jill Henry, PUCO Rail Division Chief and Jim Tucker, Ohio Rail Development Commission, Safety Project Manager.

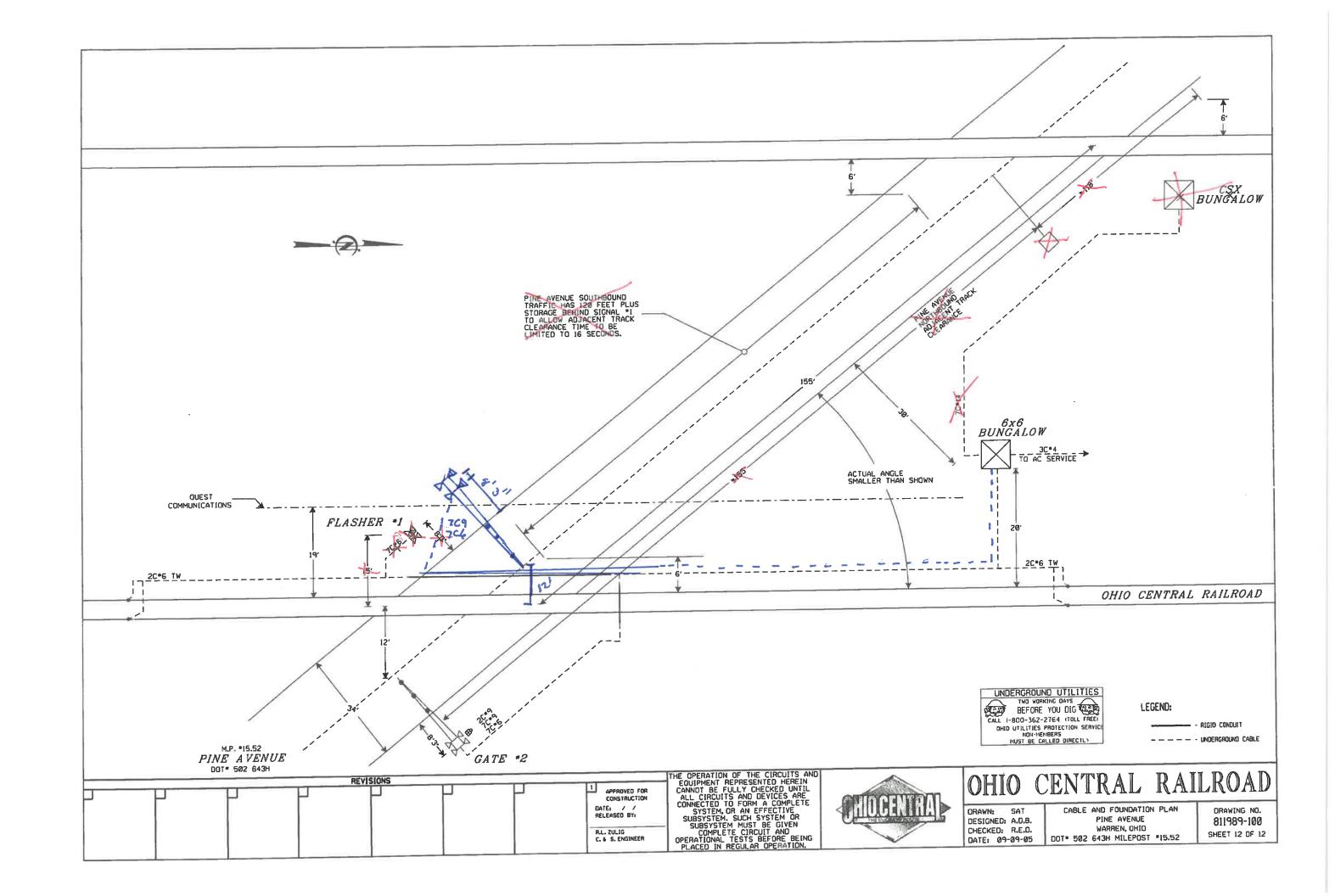
Pine Street is a 2-lane urban roadway traveling northwest and southwest and intersecting a singletrack of YB traveling north and south. The CSX Track located north of this crossing has been removed and the YB and CSX tracks shared warning devices, so relocation of warning devices is needed to bring the crossing into compliance for the YB track. Existing warning devices include a cantilevered lights, mast mounted lights and gates, worn pavement markings and crossbucks.

#### SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

We reviewed the plans and estimates for the crossing. The plans and estimates appear to be fundamentally correct. Construction authorization is granted for this project with the following conditions:

1) The placement of the warning devices needs to meet Ohio MUTCD (Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices) requirements.

Jill Henry Rail Division Chief Date: December 21, 2021





Company Address 1600 Progress Dr.

Albertville, Alabama 35950

**United States** 

**Quote Information** 

 Quote Number
 00062171
 Prepared By
 Mike Loadman

 Opportunity Name
 Pine St DOT 502643H
 Title
 Account Executive

Created Date 7/7/2021 Phone 256-505-6704

Account Ohio Central Railroad System Email mloadman@progressrail.com

Email ghensley@gwrr.com

Quote Line Items

Contact Name

QTY U/M	Line Description	Alt. Price	Sales Price	Total Price
1.00 LOT	Pine AveWarren, OH	USD 0.00	USD 42,746.09	USD 42,746.09

Gene Hensley

Grand Total USD 42,746.09

#### Shipping Information and Notes

Shipping Info. MATERIALS TO BE DELIVERD TO JOBSITE

Notes Price Includes the Following:

(1) Gate Foundation(1) Gate Arm Lights

(1) Gate Arm

Engineering Services Installation Services

Reference cost sheet for materials.

Dress Stone / Fill Materials

Signal Cable Freight Taxes

Price Excludes the Following:

AC Meter Services

Insulated Joints / Switch Material Railroad Protective Liability Ins.

Rail Bonding Materials

Track Cable Conduits Flagging

Pricing does not include for any increases due to tariffs on steel and aluminum imports imposed by the US Government.

These will be assessed if tariffs are applied and prices adjusted accordingly.

#### Terms and Conditions

FOB Origin – Prepay

Payment Terms Net 30

Remarks - Sales tax is not included.

- Pricing and Deliveries are subject to change at the time of order placement.
- Quote is based upon the above quantity and specifications. Any changes may affect pricing.
- Freight rates are based on time of quotation and are subject to change at time of order placement and at time of

shipment.

- Acceptance of an order is governed by the Progress Rail Services Sales Order Terms And Conditions which are attached to this quote.

Quote Acceptance Information	
Signature:	Title:
Name:	Date:
Terms and Conditions	

Effective as of July 1, 2014

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- 8. PAYMENTS AND LATE CHARGES ON PAST DUE ACCOUNTS. If Buyer fails to comply with any provision of the Agreement or fails to make payments pursuant to the Agreement or any other agreement between Buyer and Seller, Seller may at its option defer shipments or performance or, without waiving any other rights it may have, terminate this Agreement without liability. All offers shall be subject to the approval of Seller's credit department. Seller reserves the right before making any delivery, or providing any service, to require payment in cash or security for payment, and if Buyer fails to comply with such requirement, Seller may terminate this Agreement. A late charge of 1½% monthly (18% annual rate) or the maximum allowed by state law, if less, will be imposed on all past due accounts.
- 9. CLAIMS BY BUYER. Buyer shall thoroughly inspect goods and services sold under this Agreement immediately upon receipt to verify that the such goods and services conform to the specifications of the Agreement. Buyer must notify Seller of claims for failure or delay in delivery within ten (10) days after the scheduled delivery date. Buyer must notify Seller of any claims for nonconforming or defective goods or services within ten (10) days after receipt or any claim related to such goods or services shall be waived. In addition, Seller must be given an opportunity to investigate the claim before Buyer disposes of the goods or else Buyer's claim will be barred. Seller shall incur no liability for damage, shortages, or other cause alleged to have occurred or existed at or prior to delivery to the carrier unless Buyer shall have entered full details thereof on its receipt to the carrier.
- 10. **PERMISSIBLE VARIATIONS.** The goods sold hereunder shall be subject to standard manufacturing variations, tolerances and classifications of the Seller and in the industry.
- 11. TECHNICAL ADVICE. Buyer represents that it has made its own independent determination that the goods or services it is purchasing under this Agreement meet all design and specification requirements of Buyer's project and are suitable for Buyer's intended application. Buyer further represents that it has not relied in any respect on any written or oral statements or advice from Seller.
- **12. TAXES.** No tax imposed in respect of the sale of the goods or services sold hereunder is included. Any such tax shall be added to, and paid by Buyer as part of, the purchase price.
- 13. INDEMNITY. To the fullest extent allowable by law, Buyer shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Seller and its officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives and affiliates from any and all loss, liability, claim, cause of action, cost, judgment, or damages, including reasonable

purchase price paid by Buyer for such goods or services. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, IN NO EVENT SHALL SELLER HAVE ANY LIABILITY FOR COMMERCIAL LOSS, LOST PROFITS, CLAIMS FOR LABOR, OR FOR EXEMPLARY, INDIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL OR INCIDENTAL DAMAGES OF ANY TYPE, WHETHER THE CLAIM BE BASED IN CONTRACT, TORT, WARRANTY, STRICT LIABILITY, NEGLIGENCE, OR OTHERWISE, AND IRRESPECTIVE IF SELLER WAS ADVISED OR AWARE THAT SUCH DAMAGES WERE POSSIBLE OR LIKELY. IT IS EXPRESSLY AGREED THAT BUYER'S REMEDIES EXPRESSED IN THIS PARAGRAPH ARE BUYER'S SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDIES. NO DELIVERY DATES ARE GUARANTEED. BUYER'S SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDIES AND SELLER'S ONLY LIABILITY FOR ANY DELAY IN DELIVERY OF GOODS OR SERVICES SHALL BE LIMITED AS SET FORTH HEREIN. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL SURVIVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE GOODS OR SERVICES SOLD HEREBY OR THE TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT FOR ANY REASON.

FORCE MAJEURE. In addition to all other limitations stated herein, Seller shall be excused for any failure or delay in the performance of any of its obligations under this Agreement if such failure or delay is due to a strike, lockout, work stoppage, labor dispute, material shortage, utility outage, delay in transportation, fire, flood, earthquake, severe weather, act of God, accident, trade sanction, embargo, act of war, terrorism or threats of same; condition caused by national emergency, new or changed law; failure of suppliers to deliver or meet requirements; casualties or breakdown of or damage to plants, equipment, or facilities of Seller, any component manufacturer, repair facility, or their respective suppliers; breakdown in transportation services; any other act or cause which is unpredictable and cannot be reasonably avoided; and any act or cause which is beyond the reasonable control of Seller, whether similar to or different from the causes above enumerated, and whether affecting Seller or its agents, subcontractors, or suppliers, for as long as such circumstances prevail. Seller will undertake, as soon as practicable, to notify Buyer of any actual or anticipated failure or delay, and Buyer will use its commercially reasonable efforts to mitigate any force majeure event and its consequences on performance hereunder. The parties shall remain liable for those obligations under this Agreement not affected by the force majeure event; provided however, that in the case of a U.S. sanction, embargo, or other trade order or rule that would prohibit or otherwise render Seller's performance under this Agreement impracticable, Seller shall be excused from the performance of any remaining obligations under this Agreement and this Agreement terminated, without cost or liability, upon written notice by Seller.

- BUYER'S OBLIGATION TO PASS ON LIMITATION OF WARRANTIES AND REMEDIES. In order to protect Seller against claims by any purchaser from Buyer, if Buyer resells any of the goods or services purchased under this Agreement, Buyer shall include the language contained in paragraphs 3 and 4 of these Sales Order Terms and Conditions, dealing with Seller's warranties and limitations of warranties and remedies, in an enforceable agreement with Buyer's buyer. Buyer shall also include a provision in its agreement with its buyer applying Alabama law to any claims its buyer might assert against Seller with respect to goods or services provided by Seller, and requiring its buyer to bring any such action against Seller either in the state or federal courts serving Marshall County, in Alabama. Buyer shall defend, indemnify and hold Seller harmless from any and all claims, causes of action, damages, losses or expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) that Seller incurs by reason of Buyer's failure to comply with this paragraph. The provisions of this paragraph shall survive the acceptance of the goods or services sold hereby or the termination of this Agreement for any reason.
- 7. SHIPMENT/PASSAGE OF TITLE. All goods shall be shipped FCA Seller's facility (Incoterms® 2010). Title to the goods sold hereunder shall pass to Buyer upon delivery to the carrier at the point of shipment. Without Seller's prior, written permission, neither Buyer nor Buyer's consignee shall have the right to divert or reconsign such shipment to any destination other than specified in the bill of lading. Seller reserves the right to select the mode of transportation.

attorney fees for any personal injury, death, property damage, or economic loss of any sort, related to any act or omission of the Buyer or use or abuse of the goods by the Buyer or any third party receiving, using or abusing the goods after

Buyer's receipt, without regard to whether any loss is based upon breach of contract, breach of warranty, negligence, strict liability, or other tort or contract theory or cause of action.

- **14. WAIVER.** Failure or inability of either party to enforce any right hereunder shall not waive any right in respect to any other or future rights or occurrences.
- 15. PERIOD OF LIMITATIONS. Buyer and Seller agree that any action by Buyer against Seller for breach of this Agreement, including any action for breach of warranty, or otherwise in connection with the goods or services sold under this Agreement, must be commenced by Buyer against Seller within one year after the cause of action accrues.
- **16. SEVERABILITY.** In case any provision of this Agreement shall be declared invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired.
- 17. APPLICABLE LAW. The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (1980) shall not apply to this Agreement. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of Alabama. Buyer and Seller, each as part of the consideration hereof, agree to the exclusive venue and jurisdiction of, and specifically agree that any legal action brought relating to this Agreement or goods or services provided will be brought and tried exclusively in the state or federal courts serving Marshall County, Alabama.
- 18. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS. Buyer understands and agrees that goods and services sold by Seller, and any software, parts and components contained therein, along with any related manuals, materials, information or data, including but not limited to any parts, support or services provided by Seller (collectively, the "Product and Services"), as well as performance by the parties under this Agreement, are subject to laws, rules, regulations, directives, ordinances, orders, or statutes (the "Laws") of the United States and may be subject to the Laws of other, applicable countries (including, without limitation, Russia). Buyer agrees to comply with such Laws, as applicable, which may include but are not limited to, the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, UK Bribery Act, anti-bribery Laws of other countries, U.S. Export Administration Regulations, U.S. International Traffic in Arms Regulations, and Laws administered by the U.S. Treasury Department Office of Foreign Assets Control and U.S. Department of State. Buyer agrees to cooperate with Seller to ensure compliance with the Laws when engaging in activities related to Buyer's performance of obligations under this Agreement and further agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Buyer, Buyer's direct and indirect parent entities and affiliates, and its and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, successors, and assigns, against demands, liabilities, fines, penalties, losses, and damages (including costs, investigation and litigation expenses and counsel fees incurred in connection therewith) arising out of or related to Buyer's obligations under this paragraph. In the event of an enforcement action against Buyer relating to Buyer's non-compliance with the Laws that reasonably relate to Buyer's performance under this Agreement, Buyer shall provide to Seller written notice of such enforcement action prior to publication or disclosure of such enforcement action, and in no event later than ten (10) business days following such enforcement action. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Buyer agrees not to export, reexport, transmit or otherwise transfer the goods or services, whether directly or indirectly: (i) to any person or entity listed or otherwise designated as a blocked, prohibited or trade restricted person or party by the U.S. Commerce Department, U.S. Treasury Department, or U.S. Department of State; (ii) for any purpose or use prohibited by the U.S. government, such as for nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons production or proliferation, or (iii) to any destination or transit point subject to trade prohibitions by the U.S. government, as may be amended from time to time, such as the prohibition against transactions or trade with Iran or the Government of Iran.

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