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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Rail Chief  
180 E. Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

**RE: Petition for Exemption of Sugarcreek SR39 Railway Crossing DOTNo. 474-267A**  
**County:** Tuscarawas      **Village:** Sugarcreek      **Street:** State Route 39

Dear PUCO Representative:

The Village of Sugarcreek is petitioning for a railroad crossing exemption under Ohio Revised Code 4511.63. This is a two-lane Ohio highway with a speed limit of 35 mph. The Village has long considered making this crossing exempt as it would increase safety for school buses and HAZMAT vehicles by eliminating the need for them to stop.

This crossing is part of the Ohio Central Northeast Division and has not been utilized for many years for any rail traffic other than the Belden Brick company which has plants 4-1 and 4-2 on opposite sides of St Rt 39 surrounding the crossing. It is located just .32 miles west of the High School and school busses travel the route multiple times per day. It is also located .41 miles east of the intersection of St. Rt. 93 which brings a large volume of truck traffic through the RR crossing. Due to buses and HAZMAT vehicles needing to stop, it creates a safety issue for all the truck traffic and the traffic traveling East or West on State Route 39 as this crossing at the low point between two hills. While we have not had any crashes with injuries, we have had a few crashes.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 330-260-0744 or via email at [matthewspecht@villageofsugarcreek.com](mailto:matthewspecht@villageofsugarcreek.com) Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew Specht", is written over the word "Respectfully,".

Matthew Specht  
Village Administrator

Enclosure: Site maps (2)

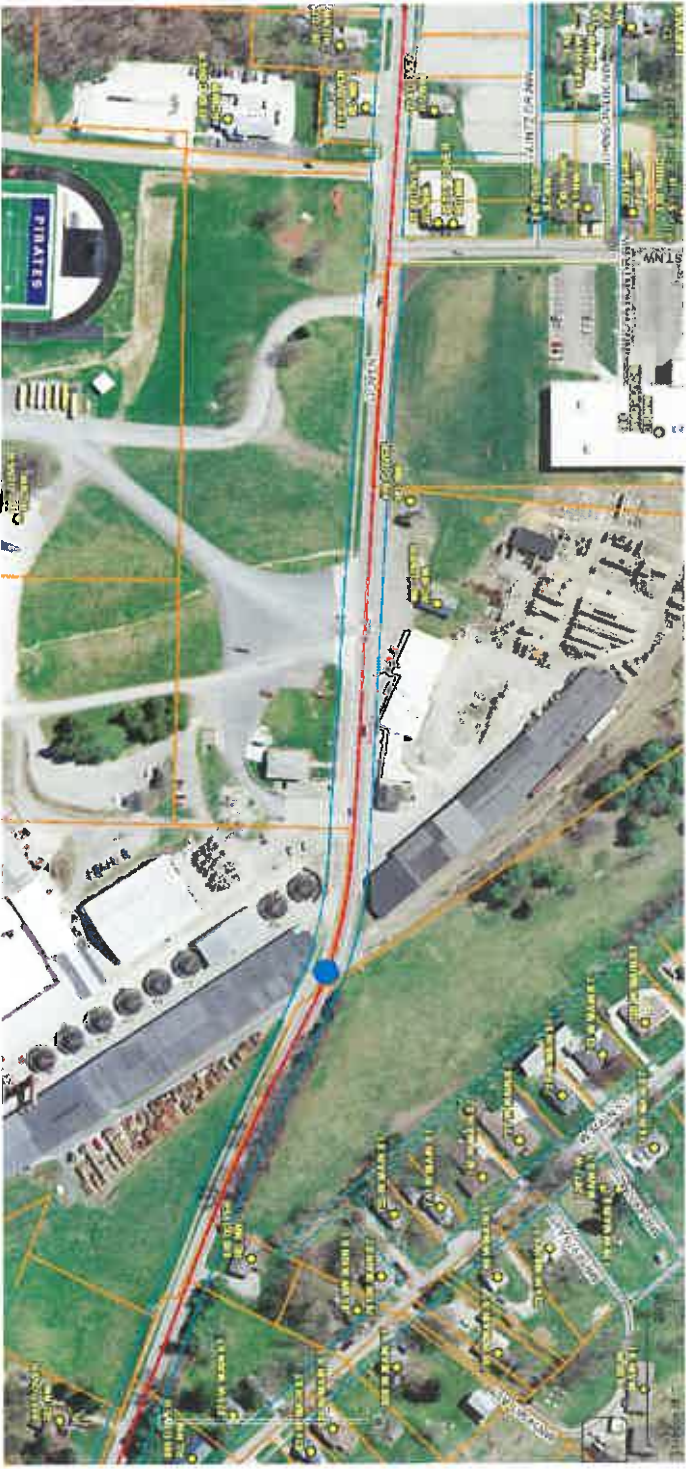
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Summary: Application In the Matter of an Exemption Request by the Village of Sugar creek for the Ohio Central Railroad, Inc. Crossing at Dover Road NW/SR 39 (DOT#474-267A) in Tuscarawas County, Ohio. electronically filed by Mr. Thomas Persinger on behalf of Village of Sugar creek and Mr. Matthew Specht