

Memo

To: Docketing Division

From: Thomas Persinger, Rail Project Specialist, Rail Division

Date: 2-2-2024

Re: PUCO Case No. 23-165-RR-RCP- In the Matter of an Exemption Request by the Trumbull County Engineer for the Youngstown Belt Railroad Crossing at S. Leavitt Road (DOT#262-604C) in Trumbull County, Ohio

BACKGROUND

On February 10, 2023, the Trumbull County Engineer's Office filed a request for exemption from stopping for school buses and hazardous material vehicles at the CR 83C/S Leavitt Road Crossing (DOT#262-604C) in Trumbull County, Ohio.

On May 17, 2023, Staff filed an investigative report that recommended the exemption be granted. On May 22, 2023, a local public hearing was held on the matter with one witness testifying in support. Mr. Anthony J. Calderone, Superintendent of LaBrae Local Schools, testified that he believes safety will be increased if vehicles do not stop at the crossing. Mr. Calderone indicates the crossings pose a hazard because of impatient drivers attempting to pass the stopped school buses. On June 14, 2023, the Commission ordered that the exemption be granted. The Commission further ordered that the Trumbull County Engineer's Office place exemption signage at the crossing, that Youngstown Belt Railroad (YB) should notify the Commission if rail operations resume at the crossing.

FINDINGS

On August 10, 2023, our local field inspector visited the crossing and verified the signage is in place (See attached pictures).

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The Trumbull County Engineer's Office has complied with the Commission Order by installing the exemption signage. Accordingly, the case should be closed.

**CR 83C/S. Leavitt Road Crossing (DOT#262-604C)
Trumbull County, Ohio**

Looking North from the South side of the crossing.



Looking South from the North side of the crossing.



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Summary: Memorandum Memo regarding completion of the project by the Trumbull County Engineer for the Youngstown Belt Railroad Crossing at S. Leavitt Road (DOT#262-604C) in Trumbull County, Ohio, filed by Tom Persinger, Rail Project Specialist. electronically filed by Mr. Thomas Persinger on behalf of PUCO/Rail Division.