

MEMORANDUM

TO: Docketing Division
FROM: Robert E. Marvin, Railroad Division
DATE: April 24, 1997
RE: Request of City of Wooster for exemption under Section 4511.63

Please assign a case number to this matter and file the attached documents in the docket. Thanks.

In the Matter of the Joint Request of the
City of Wooster and the Wooster City
Schools for an Exemption under
Section 4511.63, Revised Code.

Case No. 97-~~457~~-RR-UNC

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Mr. Rob Marvin, Chief Railroad Inspector
Public Utilities Commission
180 E. Broad Street
Columbus OH 43215-3793

Dear Mr. Marvin:

On behalf of the Wooster City School District Board of Education, administration, students and staff, I would like to make a formal request to the Public Utilities Commission to exempt the railroad crossing located at the CSX Spur Track on US 30, a four lane highway at the south end of the Wooster City limits. This crossing has been a concern of our transportation department for years. Most recently, on March 1, 1996, one of our buses was struck from behind at this crossing. Fortunately, no one was injured in this accident.

The speed limit of this highway is 55 mph and presents a significant danger to the students being transported by bus within our school district. The purpose of my letter is to encourage PUCO to exempt this crossing as a mandatory required stop for school buses and vehicles carrying flammable liquids or hazardous materials. After talking with Eric Oswald, City of Wooster Engineer, it is my understanding the City of Wooster would take the responsibility of erecting a sign meeting the requirements of Section 8B-6 of the National Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, making the tracks exempt.

On behalf of all the boys and girls of Wooster City Schools, thank you for your serious consideration of this matter.

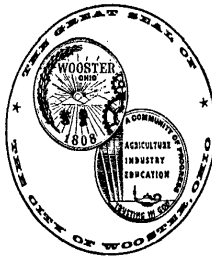
Sincerely,

WOOSTER CITY SCHOOLS

William J. Sturgeon
Director of Support/Fiscal Services

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JAMES A. HOWEY
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RAILROAD SECTION
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

**Re: Grade Crossing - US 30 & CSX Spur Tracks
Wooster, Ohio**

Dear Mr. Marvin:

Last night, the City's Traffic Commission authorized me to contact PUCO concerning the above railroad crossing. This crossing is a unique situation where there is a spur track that crosses a four-lane divided highway at grade. The crossing is sparsely used by trains - approximately one train per week. The speed limit on the highway is 55 MPH and carries about 25,000 vehicles per day.

The danger comes in because certain vehicles such as school buses and vehicles carrying flammable liquids or hazardous materials are required to stop at the crossing. A number of accidents have occurred over the years where vehicles stopped at the crossing as required by the ORC 4511.63 were rear ended. One especially severe accident has occurred there recently. Section (B) of ORC 4511.63 allows certain crossings to be declared "exempt" upon approval of the PUCO whereby those vehicles are not required to stop.

My purpose is to obtain PUCO authorization to "exempt" this crossing. We would install signs meeting the requirements of Section 8B-6 of the National Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. A copy of this is enclosed for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Oswald
City Engineer

Enclosure