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To: [Turcott, Mike \(UTC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Objection to crossing closure TR-2120802
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Mike,

I received a comment in protest of the closure. It is below.

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From: Tim <timfredricksen@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 18, 2021 12:03 PM
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Subject: Objection to crossing closure TR-2120802

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to formally object to the petition to close a highway-rail grade crossing at Mill Street, (USDOT 092426X) in the City of Ridgefield.

Part of docket # 200266 Petition by the Port of Ridgefield to construct an overcrossing at Pioneer

Street (USDOT 974393A) in the city of Ridgefield states:

" Construction of the overcrossing is part of the Port's Pioneer Street Railroad Overpass Project, described in detail in the Petition and its attachments. According to the Petition, the multi-million-dollar project, supported by federal, state, and local funds, will provide a safer, more efficient access route from downtown Ridgefield to the Port's waterfront. In addition, construction of the overcrossing will result in the closure of two nearby at-grade crossings (Division Street, identified as USDOT 092428L, and Mill Street, identified as USDOT 092426X). Crossing closure petitions will be submitted to the Commission separately "

" Commission staff (Staff) has investigated the Petition and recommends that it be granted subject to the following conditions: (1) the project must conform to the description in the Petition, (2) upon completion of the project authorized herein, the Port must notify the Commission with 60 days. Acceptance is subject to inspection by Staff, verifying that the under crossing is in full compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and the conditions specified herein "

The Port of Ridgefield sent a letter on December 7, 2021 declaring the project complete as of October 28, 2021. 60 days from that date is Monday December 27, 2021.

As of today the Division Street crossing is still fully open to the public with no petition to close it. The City has emailed the BNSF about making it a private crossing but that is still up in the air.

I am objecting to the Mill Street closure because a key condition of the Pioneer Street overpass construction is not being met. I believe Division Street needs to be closed by December 27, 2021.

Please let me know the details on the hearing so I can speak and/or listen.

Thanks,
Tim Fredricksen
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