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**SUBJECT: Scootney Street & Utility Crossing**

After discussions with all of you, I believe the City of Othello is now ready to reapply for the crossing permits at Scootney Street extended. The following outlines the City's revised application to provide services to land the Milwaukee Railroad sold for industrial development.

1. Per the Public Works Department request, we are going to focus on the complete Scootney Street utility and street crossing process as that may be needed as soon as this summer.
2. Per the BNSF management request, we have made two street crossing applications out of the one previously submitted because the two tracks are more than 100 ft. apart.
3. Per the Washington Transportation Commission request, we have completed the SEPA review process and issued a MDNS for the Scootney Street connection to SR 26.
4. Per the BNSF Engineering request, we have revised our utility crossing cross section to provide for one 36" storm water culvert, one 20" CMP casing for a non-pressure sewer line and one CMP 20" casing for a potable water line.
5. We are purchasing the Scootney Street right-of-way from the BNSF so the City owns the property on both sides of this crossing permit.
6. We have met with the County, State and permit holders of the private railroad crossing on Moon Street, and have made plans to close both of those track crossings once the Scootney Street road has been constructed.
7. Per the Columbia Basin Railroad request, the removal and replacement of the tracks and its ballast will be done by the railroad; City forces will do all of the work below grade.

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The railroad will lay in a flange rail and the City will pay all of the costs of asphaltting the crossing as we did on Main Street.

8. Per the railroad's request, we will be installing a 6" perforated Schedule 40 PVC drainpipe at the bottom of the cut to facilitate drainage of the seepage water from this area. This line will enter into the city storm water and seepage manhole on the west side of the rail corridor and, per the storm water ordinance, the city will accept this water from the railroad as long as it's quality is equal to or better than storm water.

Each of you should be receiving, with this letter, the associated documentation required for your particular area of interest. If you need further information for approval, let me know and I will get it to you immediately. It is important that all of the permits and approvals come together in the next few weeks.

Thank you for your assistance in making this long needed project a reality.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures