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Dear UTC:

In response to the enclosed news article, I would like to provide the following comments regarding potential impacts to known and alleged archeological sites that may be in the path of the planned "side track."

Site #1: This known (and registered?) Archeological midden site lies on both sides of the Logan Road (a.k.a. 292nd St. NW) between its crossing of the BNSF right-of-way and its intersection with the Old Pacific Highway. This site was pointed out and surveyed on foot by our field class in Archaeology 101 of the Department of Anthropology of the University of Washington in the spring of 1961 or 1962 under professor Robert Greengo (Phd). To my knowledge, the total extent and depth of this deposit has never been determined. (See enclosed map)


Site #2: This alleged burial site was pointed out to me last year by a local historian. According to him, the steep slope above (E) the railroad cut and N of the intersection of the BNSF railroad and the Logan Road had produced human remains eroding from the bank. To my knowledge, no field verification has been attempted. (See enclosed map)

Site #3: This archaeological site was noted shortly after its cultivation in the spring of 2005 (The black color of charcoal enriched soil contrasted sharply with the light tan colored soils of the surrounding area. It was observed while driving south on the Pioneer Highway. The East perimeter of the deposit may have been impacted by the BNSF railway. To my knowledge, no field verification has been attempted (See enclosed map).

Should it be determined that costly archaeological salvage of the planned "side track" alignment be necessary, consideration might be given to upgrading and utilizing the existing siding to the West.

I would suggest that if any part of this undertaking is to be Federally funded, it must be determined to be a Federal undertaking and subject to the provisions of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979; PL96-95.

Sincerely,

  
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Archaeologist

cc: USDT, Seattle  
USACE, Seattle

# Stanwood's Amtrak train stop on schedule

Herald Wednesday, November 5, 2008 B3

## ■ Closure of the crossing at Logen Road north of the city would make room for a side track.

By GALE FIEGE  
Herald Writer

STANWOOD — Plans to build a new Amtrak platform in downtown Stanwood are on schedule, but the future of a railroad crossing just north of the city is undecided.

The closure of the Logen Road crossing would make way for the extension of a siding track that could allow Amtrak trains to stop at the new passenger station without disrupting Burlington Northern Santa Fe freight service.

More than 30 people showed up for a Washington Utilities

and Transportation Commission meeting Thursday in Stanwood to talk about the proposed closure.

Many expressed concerns about emergency access to Stanwood over Logen Road, commission transportation safety manager Kathy Hunter said.

Logen Road (292nd Street NW) links Pioneer Highway to Old Pacific Highway north of the city limits and often is used as

an alternate route in and out of Stanwood.

BNSF and Snohomish County have not yet filed a petition to close the railroad crossing, Hunter said.

During the next 30 days, the state, the county and the railroad plan to examine the use of the Dettling Road (300th Street NW) railroad crossing as an alternative to the Logen Road crossing.

Construction of the \$5 million

state-funded Amtrak station is expected to begin in January and be completed by June. The siding extension also is scheduled to be done by June.

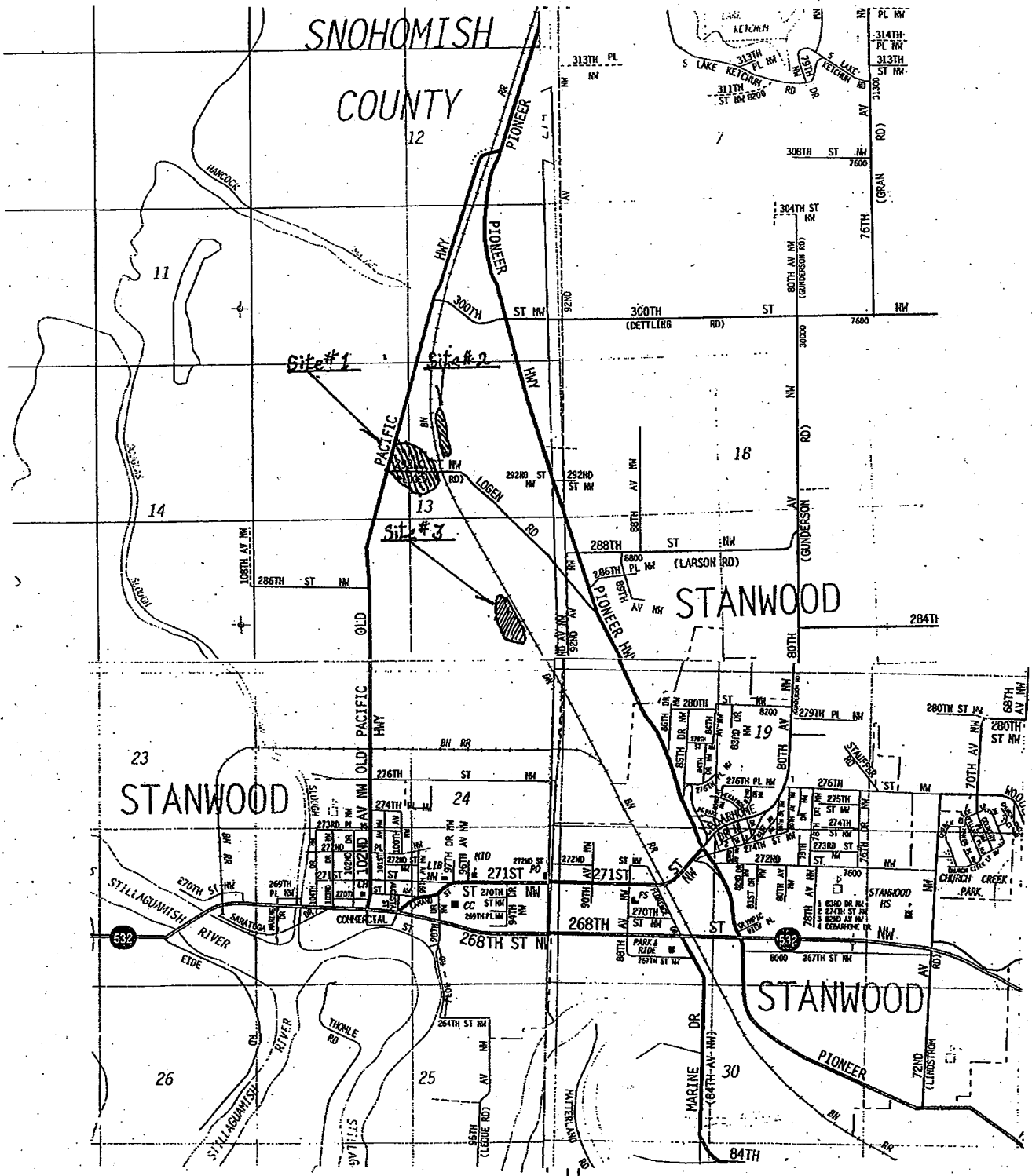
Many people are eager for transportation alternatives and the potential tourism revenue that the passenger train stop might bring, Mayor Dianne White has said.

Currently, people in Stanwood have to drive to Everett or Mount

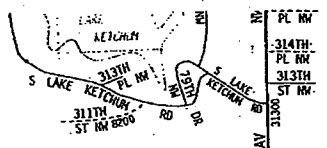
Vernon to board the Amtrak Cascades train between Vancouver, B.C., and Seattle.

Those who were unable to attend last week's meeting can e-mail comments to [comments@utc.wa.gov](mailto:comments@utc.wa.gov); submit a comment online at [www.utc.wa.gov/comment](http://www.utc.wa.gov/comment) or mail comments to UTC, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250.

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