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Subject: RE: USDOT 097009F Crossing - Application Withdrawal
Date: Monday, September 24, 2018 10:06:06 AM
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Betty:

The work for a new bridge and its road approaches will proceed, scheduled for the summer of 2020.

However we are vastly simplifying the previous design (costs) by eliminating the planned new approach to US 12 and hence the need for a new R/R crossing and the abandonment of the existing crossing.

Thank you very much!

ROBERT K. YATES
Lead Inspector, ET4



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From: Young, Betty (UTC) [mailto:betty.young@utc.wa.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 24, 2018 9:50 AM
To: Robert Yates
Cc: jennie@portofcolumbia.org
Subject: RE: USDOT 097009F Crossing - Application Withdrawal

Thank you for the information. The commission will issue an order rescinding its approval for crossing construction.

Is the bridge replacement not happening either, or just the railroad crossing portion?

Betty Young

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From: Robert Yates [mailto:Robert_Yates@co.columbia.wa.us]
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To: Young, Betty (UTC) <betty.young@utc.wa.gov>
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Subject: USDOT 097009F Crossing - Application Withdrawal

Dear Ms Young:

Please considers this email as notification that Columbia County Public Works hereby withdraws its application and/or effort to relocate or abandon crossing 097009F and/or construct new nearby crossing.

Columbia County will not be relocating or reconstructing said crossing.

The attached PDF is all the information I have in regards to the County's efforts so far.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your and the UTC's attention on this matter.

Regards;

ROBERT K. YATES
Lead Inspector, ET4



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Andrew Woods

From: Eric Zitterkopf <ezitterkopf@andersonperry.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 3:31 PM
To: Andrew Woods
Subject: FW: Rose-Gulch Road crossing (USDOT 097009F)
Attachments: Inventory Report 097009F.pdf; Construct a Crossing 5-2017.docx

Drew

Please see below and the attached regarding the rail crossing for Rose Gulch. We can gather all the design info for the meeting but the County needs to schedule the meeting with all the necessary players. Please call me to discuss so we can keep this ball moving.

Eric

From: Young, Betty (UTC) [<mailto:byoung@utc.wa.gov>]
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 2:31 PM
To: Bill Vixie
Subject: Rose-Gulch Road crossing (USDOT 097009F)

Hi Bill – Thanks for talking with me today. Per [RCW 81.53.060](#), alteration of grade crossings in Washington requires a petition to the UTC.

Generally, the UTC petition process works as follows:

1. **Safety Assessment** (on-site meeting) - The safety assessment is a meeting of the parties (UTC staff, the railroad owner/operator, and the road authority at a minimum) at the location of the proposed crossing and provide an opportunity for discussion of any safety concerns and/or questions prior to the petition being filed at the commission. The County, as the petitioner, would schedule the meeting, discuss the project scope, answer any questions, and send out meeting notes after the safety assessment. Important information that will need to be included in the discussion on site includes: the current AADT for Rose-Gulch Road, type of commodities to be hauled by train over the crossing (e.g., will hazardous materials be transported), the percentage of commercial vehicles that use Rose-Gulch Road and will use the new crossing (will vehicles hauling hazardous materials be traveling over the crossing?), is this a school bus route, is there pedestrian traffic, etc. I've attached a copy of the FRA Inventory for this crossing – essentially the information shown there will need to be reviewed/current.
2. **Petition** – When approving a new public crossing, the commission considers public necessity, convenience and safety. Current state policy strongly discourages construction of new highway-railroad crossings at grade unless no other viable alternatives exist, and even in those instances, consideration should be given to closing one or more existing crossings. Generally, the commission requires a feasibility study on whether or not it is practicable to grade separate the new crossing (construct the new crossing over or under the railroad tracks). New crossings also require SEPA review.

Support from the railroad for construction of the new highway-railroad crossing is critical. If approved by UTC, the railroad would assume responsibility for maintaining the new grade crossing including all signal equipment (if applicable) in perpetuity under current state law. Also, the UTC has minimum standards which must generally be met for construction of any new public crossing including an acceptable crossing surface (preferably concrete panels), an approach grade on both sides of the crossing that does not exceed five percent, shoulder-mounted

12 inch LED flashing lights with gates, modern train detection circuitry (preferably constant warning), standard reflectorized crossbucks mounted on both masts, reflectorized advance warning signs on both roadway approaches to the crossing, a road alignment perpendicular to the tracks at or near 90 degrees, and, if there is pedestrian traffic, sidewalks to cross the tracks outside the roadway. The crossing geometry and signaling system must be designed by a professional engineer and the crossing and equipment must be installed by a qualified contractor acceptable to the railroad. (Site-specific factors are usually discussed at the on-site meeting, but you can use the [FHWA Guidance on Traffic Control Devices at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings](#) to help determine if active warning devices are warranted.)

Once the SEPA and feasibility study are complete and the project is at approximately 60% design, the petitioner files the petition with the commission. The petitioner must ensure that all of the information in the petition is current and complete and obtain the respondent's signature (in this case, the Port and Frontier Rail are both respondents) on the Waiver of Hearing portion of the petition prior to filing. The SEPA determination of non-significance, the feasibility study and design drawings must also be included with the petition. A copy of the petition form is attached for your reference.

- 3. Order** – Once the petition is received, commission staff reviews it and, assuming the petition is complete, makes a recommendation to the commission for approval. The matter will then go before the commission at one of its regularly-scheduled open public meetings for consideration. If approved, the commission would issue an order that same day.

Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Betty Young

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U. S. DOT CROSSING INVENTORY FORM

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

OMB No. 2130-0017

Instructions for the initial reporting of the following types of new or previously unreported crossings: For public highway-rail grade crossings, complete the entire inventory Form. For private highway-rail grade crossings, complete the Header, Parts I and II, and the Submission Information section. For public pathway grade crossings (including pedestrian station grade crossings), complete the Header, Parts I and II, and the Submission Information section. For Private pathway grade crossings, complete the Header, Parts I and II, and the Submission Information section. For grade-separated highway-rail or pathway crossings (including pedestrian station crossings), complete the Header, Part I, and the Submission Information section. For changes to existing data, complete the Header, Part I Items 1-3, and the Submission Information section, in addition to the updated data fields. Note: For private crossings only, Part I Item 20 and Part III Item 2.K. are required unless otherwise noted. An asterisk * denotes an optional field.

A. Revision Date <i>(MM/DD/YYYY)</i> 01 / 01 / 1987	B. Reporting Agency <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Railroad <input type="checkbox"/> Transit <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Other	C. Reason for Update <i>(Select only one)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Data <input type="checkbox"/> New Crossing <input type="checkbox"/> Re-Open <input type="checkbox"/> Date Change Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Closed <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Primary Operating RR <input type="checkbox"/> No Train Traffic <input type="checkbox"/> Admin. Correction <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet Zone Update	D. DOT Crossing Inventory Number 097009F
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Part I: Location and Classification Information

1. Primary Operating Railroad Union Pacific Railroad Company [UP]		2. State WASHINGTON		3. County COLUMBIA	
4. City / Municipality <input type="checkbox"/> In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Near DAYTON		5. Street/Road Name & Block Number ROSE GULCH RD <i>(Street/Road Name)</i> <i>*(Block Number)</i>		6. Highway Type & No. CO24110	
7. Do Other Railroads Operate a Separate Track at Crossing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, Specify RR			8. Do Other Railroads Operate Over Your Track at Crossing? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, Specify RR UP		
9. Railroad Division or Region <input type="checkbox"/> None SEATTLE		10. Railroad Subdivision or District <input type="checkbox"/> None PORT-5		11. Branch or Line Name <input type="checkbox"/> None DAYTON BR.	
12. RR Milepost 0009.25 <i>(prefix) (nnnn.nnn) (suffix)</i>		13. Line Segment * 0450		14. Nearest RR Timetable Station * DAYTON	
15. Parent RR <i>(if applicable)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		16. Crossing Owner <i>(if applicable)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		17. Crossing Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private	
18. Crossing Purpose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Highway <input type="checkbox"/> Pathway, Ped. <input type="checkbox"/> Station, Ped.		19. Crossing Position <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At Grade <input type="checkbox"/> RR Under <input type="checkbox"/> RR Over		20. Public Access <i>(if Private Crossing)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
21. Type of Train <input type="checkbox"/> Freight <input type="checkbox"/> Intercity Passenger <input type="checkbox"/> Commuter		22. Average Passenger Train Count Per Day <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than One Per Day <input type="checkbox"/> Number Per Day 0		23. Type of Land Use <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Space <input type="checkbox"/> Farm <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> RR Yard	
24. Is there an Adjacent Crossing with a Separate Number? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, Provide Crossing Number			25. Quiet Zone <i>(FRA provided)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 24 Hr <input type="checkbox"/> Partial <input type="checkbox"/> Chicago Excused Date Established		
26. HSR Corridor ID <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		27. Latitude in decimal degrees <i>(WGS84 std: nn.nnnnnnn)</i>		28. Longitude in decimal degrees <i>(WGS84 std: -nnn.nnnnnnn)</i>	
29. Lat/Long Source <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated		30.A. Railroad Use *		31.A. State Use *	
30.B. Railroad Use *		31.B. State Use *		30.C. Railroad Use *	
30.D. Railroad Use *		31.C. State Use *		30.A. Narrative <i>(Railroad Use)</i> *	
31.D. State Use *		32.B. Narrative <i>(State Use)</i> *		33. Emergency Notification Telephone No. <i>(posted)</i> 800-848-8715	
34. Railroad Contact <i>(Telephone No.)</i>		35. State Contact <i>(Telephone No.)</i> 360-664-1262		36. State Contact <i>(Telephone No.)</i>	

Part II: Railroad Information

1. Estimated Number of Daily Train Movements				
1.A. Total Day Thru Trains <i>(6 AM to 6 PM)</i> 0	1.B. Total Night Thru Trains <i>(6 PM to 6 AM)</i> 0	1.C. Total Switching Trains 0	1.D. Total Transit Trains	1.E. Check if Less Than One Movement Per Day <input type="checkbox"/> How many trains per week?
2. Year of Train Count Data (YYYY)		3. Speed of Train at Crossing 3.A. Maximum Timetable Speed <i>(mph)</i> 30 3.B. Typical Speed Range Over Crossing <i>(mph)</i> From 25 to 30		
4. Type and Count of Tracks 1 Siding Yard Transit Industry				
5. Train Detection <i>(Main Track only)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Constant Warning Time <input type="checkbox"/> Motion Detection <input type="checkbox"/> AFO <input type="checkbox"/> PTC <input type="checkbox"/> DC <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None				
6. Is Track Signaled? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		7.A. Event Recorder <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		7.B. Remote Health Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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Part III: Highway or Pathway Traffic Control Device Information

1. Are there Signs or Signals? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	2. Types of Passive Traffic Control Devices associated with the Crossing				
	2.A. Crossbuck Assemblies (count) <u>2</u>	2.B. STOP Signs (R1-1) (count) <u>0</u>	2.C. YIELD Signs (R1-2) (count)	2.D. Advance Warning Signs (Check all that apply; include count) <input type="checkbox"/> None	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W10-1 _____	<input type="checkbox"/> W10-3 _____
				<input type="checkbox"/> W10-2 _____	<input type="checkbox"/> W10-4 _____
	2.E. Low Ground Clearance Sign (W10-5) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (count _____) <input type="checkbox"/> No	2.F. Pavement Markings <input type="checkbox"/> Stop Lines <input type="checkbox"/> Dynamic Envelope <input type="checkbox"/> RR Xing Symbols <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None		2.G. Channelization Devices/Medians <input type="checkbox"/> All Approaches <input type="checkbox"/> Median <input type="checkbox"/> One Approach <input type="checkbox"/> None	2.H. EXEMPT Sign (R15-3) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	2.J. Other MUTCD Signs Specify Type _____ Count _____ Specify Type _____ Count _____ Specify Type _____ Count _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		2.K. Private Crossing Signs (if private) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	2.L. LED Enhanced Signs (List types)
3. Types of Train Activated Warning Devices at the Grade Crossing (specify count of each device for all that apply)					
3.A. Gate Arms (count) Roadway <u>0</u> Pedestrian _____	3.B. Gate Configuration <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Quad <input type="checkbox"/> Full (Barrier) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Quad Resistance <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Quad <input type="checkbox"/> Median Gates	3.C. Cantilevered (or Bridged) Flashing Light Structures (count) Over Traffic Lane <u>0</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Incandescent Not Over Traffic Lane <u>0</u> <input type="checkbox"/> LED		3.D. Mast Mounted Flashing Lights (count of masts) <u>0</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Incandescent <input type="checkbox"/> LED <input type="checkbox"/> Back Lights Included <input type="checkbox"/> Side Lights Included	3.E. Total Count of Flashing Light Pairs <u>0</u>
3.F. Installation Date of Current Active Warning Devices: (MM/YYYY) ____/____/____ <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required		3.G. Wayside Horn <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Installed on (MM/YYYY) ____/____/____ <input type="checkbox"/> No		3.H. Highway Traffic Signals Controlling Crossing <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	3.I. Bells (count) <u>0</u>
3.J. Non-Train Active Warning <input type="checkbox"/> Flagger/Flagman <input type="checkbox"/> Manually Operated Signals <input type="checkbox"/> Watchman <input type="checkbox"/> Floodlighting <input type="checkbox"/> None				3.K. Other Flashing Lights or Warning Devices Count <u>0</u> Specify type _____	
4.A. Does nearby Hwy intersection have Traffic Signals? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	4.B. Hwy Traffic Signal Interconnection <input type="checkbox"/> Not Interconnected <input type="checkbox"/> For Traffic Signals <input type="checkbox"/> For Warning Signs	4.C. Hwy Traffic Signal Preemption <input type="checkbox"/> Simultaneous <input type="checkbox"/> Advance	5. Highway Traffic Pre-Signals <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Storage Distance * _____ Stop Line Distance * _____	6. Highway Monitoring Devices (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Photo/Video Recording <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Vehicle Presence Detection <input type="checkbox"/> None	

Part IV: Physical Characteristics

1. Traffic Lanes Crossing Railroad Number of Lanes <u>2</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> One-way Traffic <input type="checkbox"/> Two-way Traffic <input type="checkbox"/> Divided Traffic	2. Is Roadway/Pathway Paved? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	3. Does Track Run Down a Street? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	4. Is Crossing Illuminated? (Street lights within approx. 50 feet from nearest rail) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5. Crossing Surface (on Main Track, multiple types allowed) Installation Date * (MM/YYYY) ____/____/____ Width * _____ Length * _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Timber <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Asphalt and Timber <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Concrete and Rubber <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Rubber <input type="checkbox"/> 7 Metal <input type="checkbox"/> 8 Unconsolidated <input type="checkbox"/> 9 Composite <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Other (specify) _____				
6. Intersecting Roadway within 500 feet? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, Approximate Distance (feet) <u>75</u>		7. Smallest Crossing Angle <input type="checkbox"/> 0° - 29° <input type="checkbox"/> 30° - 59° <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 60° - 90°		8. Is Commercial Power Available? * <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Part V: Public Highway Information

1. Highway System <input type="checkbox"/> (01) Interstate Highway System <input type="checkbox"/> (02) Other Nat Hwy System (NHS) <input type="checkbox"/> (03) Federal AID, Not NHS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (08) Non-Federal Aid	2. Functional Classification of Road at Crossing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (0) Rural <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Urban <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Interstate <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Major Collector <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Other Freeways and Expressways <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Other Principal Arterial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (6) Minor Collector <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Minor Arterial <input type="checkbox"/> (7) Local	3. Is Crossing on State Highway System? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	4. Highway Speed Limit System? _____ MPH <input type="checkbox"/> Posted <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory
7. Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) Year _____ AADT <u>000040</u>		5. Linear Referencing System (LRS Route ID) *	
8. Estimated Percent Trucks <u>13</u> %		6. LRS Milepost *	
9. Regularly Used by School Buses? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Average Number per Day <u>0</u>		10. Emergency Services Route <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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Submitted by _____ Organization _____ Phone _____ Date _____

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WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Columbia County
Petitioner,

vs.

Port of Columbia (rail owner),

Frontier Rail (railroad operator)
Respondents.

DOCKET NO. TR-

PETITION TO CONSTRUCT A
HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE
CROSSING

USDOT CROSSING NO.: TBD

The Petitioner asks the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to approve construction of a highway-rail grade crossing as described in this petition.

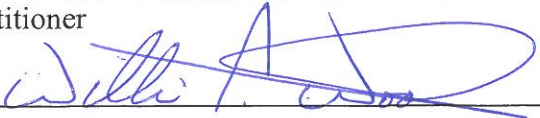
Prior to submitting this petition to the UTC, State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) requirements must be met. Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-865 (2) requires:

All actions of the utilities and transportation commission under statutes administered as of December 12, 1975, are exempted, except the following:

(2) Authorization of the openings or closing of any highway/railroad grade crossing, or the direction of physical connection of the line of one railroad with that of another;

Please attach sufficient documentation to demonstrate that the SEPA requirement has been fulfilled. For additional information on SEPA requirements contact the Department of Ecology.

Section 1 – Petitioner’s Information

Columbia County
Petitioner

Signature
415 North Guernsey Avenue
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City, State and Zip Code
P.O. Box 5, Dayton, Washington 99328
Mailing Address, if different than the street address
Andrew Woods
Contact Person Name
509-382-2534 Andrew_Woods@co.columbia.wa.us
Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address

Section 2 – Respondent’s Information

Port of Columbia
Respondent #1
1 Port Way
Street Address
Dayton, Washington 99328
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Mailing Address, if different than the street address
Jennie Dickinson
Contact Person Name
509-382-2577 jennie@portofcolumbia.org
Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address

Section 2 – Respondent’s Information (cont.)

Frontier Rail Respondent #2
425 SE 3rd Avenue, Suite #206 Street Address
Portland, Oregon 97214 City, State and Zip Code
Mailing Address, if different than the street address
Paul Didelius Contact Person Name
971-888-6011 PD@frontierrail.com Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address

Section 3 – Proposed Crossing Location

1. Existing highway/roadway <u>Rose Gulch Road</u>
2. Existing railroad <u>Columbia - Walla Walla Railway, LLC</u>
3. GPS location <u>46° 17' 17.32" N 118° 02' 38.52" W</u>
4. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth) <u>65.1</u>
5. City <u>Dayton</u> County <u>Columbia</u>

Section 4 – Current Highway Traffic Information

1. Name of roadway/highway <u>Rose Gulch Road</u>
2. Roadway classification <u>Rural Minor Collector</u>
3. Road authority <u>Columbia County</u>

4. Average annual daily traffic (AADT) 175

5. Number of lanes 2

6. Roadway speed 50

7. Is the road part of an established truck route? Yes X No

8. If so, trucks are what percent of total daily traffic? 40%

9. Is the road part of an established school bus route? Yes X No

10. If so, how many school buses travel over the crossing each day? 2

11. Describe any changes to the information in 1 through 9, above, expected within ten years:
None

Section 5 – Railroad Information

1. Railroad owner/operator: Port of Columbia / Frontier Rail

2. Type of railroad at crossing Common Carrier Logging Industrial
 Passenger Excursion

3. Type of tracks at crossing Main Line Siding or Spur

4. Number of tracks at crossing 1

5. Average daily train traffic, freight 1 Train Monday through Friday
Authorized freight train speed 10 Operated freight train speed 10

6. Average daily train traffic, passenger N/A
Authorized passenger train speed Operated passenger train speed

7. Will the proposed crossing eliminate the need for one or more existing crossings?
Yes X No

8. If so, state the distance and direction from the proposed crossing.
400 feet east

9. Does the petitioner propose to close any existing crossings?

Yes No

Section 6 – Temporary Crossing

1. Is the crossing proposed to be temporary? Yes No

2. If so, describe the purpose of the crossing and the estimated time it will be needed

3. Will the petitioner remove the crossing at completion of the activity requiring the temporary crossing? Yes No

Approximate date of removal _____

Section 7 – Alternatives to the Proposal

1. Does a safer location for a crossing exist within a reasonable distance of the proposed location?

Yes No

2. If a safer location exists, explain why the crossing should not be located at that site.

3. Are there any hillsides, embankments, buildings, trees, railroad loading platforms or other barriers in the vicinity which may obstruct a motorist's view of the crossing?

Yes No

4. If a barrier exists, describe:

- ◆ Whether petitioner can relocate the crossing to avoid the obstruction and if not, why not.
- ◆ How the barrier can be removed.
- ◆ How the petitioner or another party can mitigate the hazard caused by the barrier.

There are shrubs near the proposed crossing that will be removed prior to completion of the new crossing.

5. Is it feasible to construct an over-crossing or under-crossing at the proposed location as an alternative to an at-grade crossing?

Yes No

6. If an over-crossing or under-crossing is not feasible, explain why.

An over- or under-crossing would add considerable cost to the project. Funds are not
available for such an undertaking. Also, given the close proximity of U.S. Highway 12
to the railroad, an over- or under-crossing may not even be possible without a major
realignment to the highway or railroad.

7. Does the railway line, at any point in the vicinity of the proposed crossing, pass over a fill area or trestle or through a cut where it is feasible to construct an over-crossing or an under-crossing, even though it may be necessary to relocate a portion of the roadway to reach that point?

Yes No

8. If such a location exists, state:

- ◆ The distance and direction from the proposed crossing.
- ◆ The approximate cost of construction.
- ◆ Any reasons that exist to prevent locating the crossing at this site.

9. Is there an existing public or private crossing in the vicinity of the proposed crossing?

Yes No

10. If a crossing exists, state:

- ◆ The distance and direction from the proposed crossing.
- ◆ Whether it is feasible to divert traffic from the proposed to the existing crossing.

This is a reconstruction of an existing crossing at a new location. The existing crossing is located approximately 400 feet east of the proposed crossing, as shown on the attached preliminary drawings.

The basic need for this project is to replace the Vernon Smith Bridge that crosses the Touchet River.

A second objective is to realign Road Gulch Road, removing the unnecessary horizontal curves between the new bridge and U.S. Highway 12 and installing a new intersection with U.S. Highway 12.

Section 8 – Sight Distance

1. Complete the following table, describing the sight distance for motorists when approaching the tracks from either direction.

a. Approaching the crossing from south , the current approach provides an unobstructed view as follows: (North, South, East, West)

Direction of sight (left or right)	Number of feet from proposed crossing	Provides an unobstructed view for how many feet
Right	300	N/A
Right	200	N/A
Right	100	400 feet
Right	50	400 feet
Right	25	400 feet
Left	300	N/A
Left	200	N/A
Left	100	Over 1 mile
Left	50	Over 1 mile
Left	25	Over 1 mile

b. Approaching the crossing from north , the current approach provides an unobstructed view as follows: (Opposite direction-North, South, East, West)

Direction of sight (left or right)	Number of feet from proposed crossing	Provides an unobstructed view for how many feet
Right	300	Over 1 mile
Right	200	350 feet
Right	100	700 feet
Right	50	700 feet
Right	25	Over 1 mile
Left	300	900 feet
Left	200	900 feet
Left	100	900 feet

Left	50	900 feet
Left	25	900 feet

2. Will the new crossing provide a level approach measuring 25 feet from the center of the railway on both approaches to the crossing?

Yes X No

3. If not, state in feet the length of level grade from the center of the railway on both approaches to the crossing. _____

4. Will the new crossing provide an approach grade of not more than five percent prior to the level grade?

Yes X No

5. If not, state the percentage of grade prior to the level grade and explain why the grade exceeds five percent.

Section 9 – Illustration of Proposed Crossing Configuration

Attach a detailed diagram, drawing, map or other illustration showing the following:

- ◆ The vicinity of the proposed crossing.
- ◆ Layout of the railway and highway 500 feet adjacent to the crossing in all directions.
- ◆ Percent of grade.
- ◆ Obstructions of view as described in Section 7 or identified in Section 8.
- ◆ Traffic control layout showing the location of the existing and proposed signage.

Section 10 – Sidewalks

1. Provide the following information, if applicable:

- a. Provide a description of the type of sidewalks proposed.
- b. Describe who will maintain the sidewalks.
- c. Attach a proposed diagram or design of the crossing including the sidewalks.

No sidewalks are planned.

Section 11 – Proposed Warning Signals or Devices

1. Explain in detail the number and type of automatic signals or other warning devices planned at the proposed crossing, including a cost estimate for each. If requesting preemption, include the type of train detection circuitry, sequencing and advance preemption time.

Passive warning devices will include MUTCD-compliant crossbuck (R15-1) assemblies with yield signs (R1-2), emergency notification system signs (I-13), and retroreflective strips on the sign supports on both approaches to the crossing. An advance warning sign (W10-1) will be posted on Rose Gulch Rd., and W10-3 signs will be posted on SR-12. Grade crossing pavement markings will be added on both approaches to the crossing.

2. Provide an estimate for maintaining the signals for 12 months. _____

3. Is the petitioner prepared to pay to the respondent railroad company its share of installing the warning devices as provided by law?

Yes _____ No _____

Section 12 – Additional Information

Provide any additional information supporting the proposal, including project-specific information such as the public benefits that would be derived from constructing a new crossing as proposed.

This is a reconstruction of an existing crossing at a new location, and is part of a federally-funded project to replace the Vernon Smith Bridge that crosses the Touchet River. The project will also realign Rose Gulch Road, removing the unnecessary horizontal curves between the new bridge and U.S. Highway 12 and installing a new intersection with U.S. Highway 12. The completed project will enhance public safety and improve access over the Touchet River to U.S. Highway 12. The new bridge will meet current safety standards, realignment of Rose Gulch Road will provide safe route of travel and sight distances. The new railway crossing will be constructed to meet current design and safety standards of the MUTCD and railroad. The reconstructed Rose Gulch Road will be asphalt instead of gravel, and the new crossing surface will also be asphalt. Once the new crossing is constructed, the existing crossing (USDOT 097009F) will be closed and the roadway will be removed.

Section 13 – Waiver of Hearing by Respondent

Waiver of Hearing

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USDOT Crossing No.: _____

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Dated at _____, Washington, on the _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Port of Columbia

Printed name of Respondent

Signature of Respondent's Representative

Title

Name of Company

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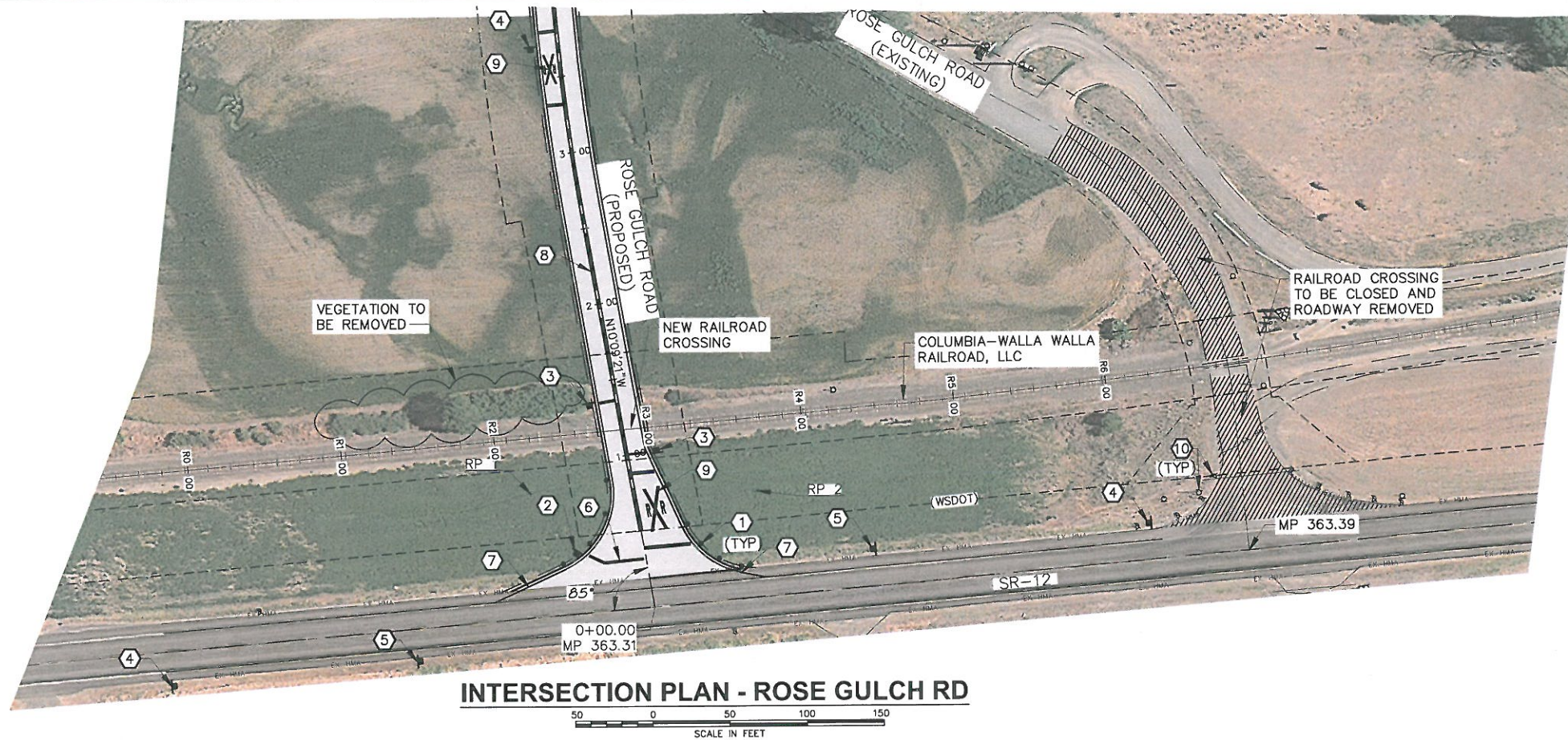
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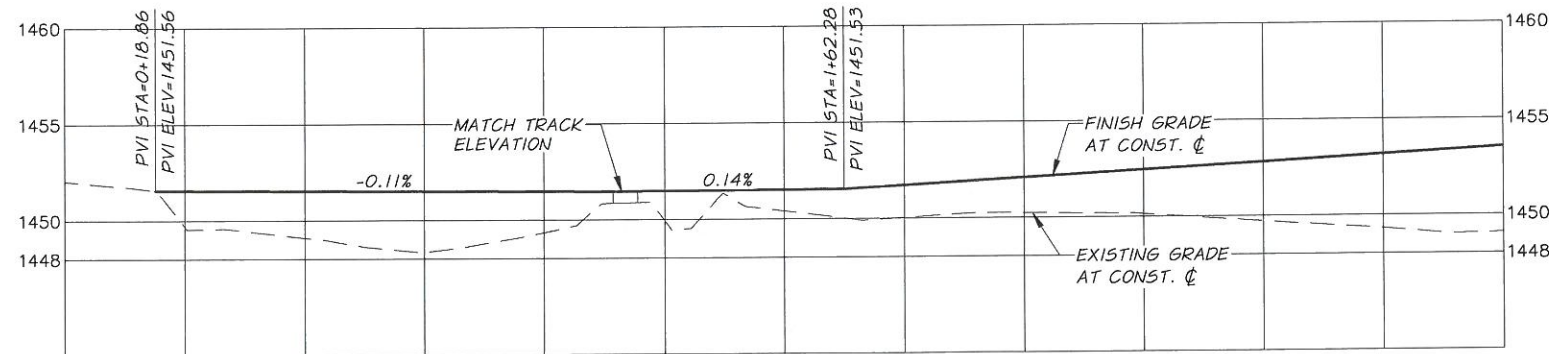
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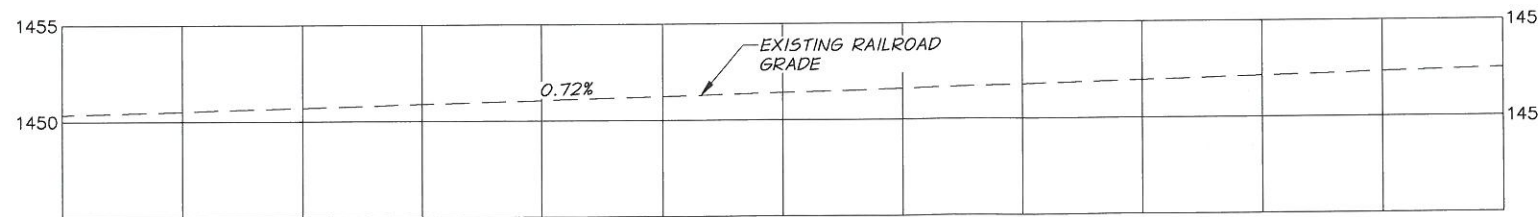
- ① GUIDE POSTS PER WSDOT STD PLAN M-40.30-01.
- ② MUTCD R1-1 SIGN (STOP)
- ③ MUTCD R15-1, R1-2 & I-3 SIGNS (RR CROSSBUCK, YIELD, EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION)
- ④ MUTCD W10-1 SIGN (RR CROSSING ADVANCE)
- ⑤ MUTCD W10-3 SIGN (PARALLEL RR CROSSING)
- ⑥ PLASTIC STOP BAR PER WSDOT STD PLAN M-24.60-04
- ⑦ PAINTED WHITE EDGE LINE PER WSDOT STD PLAN M-20.10-02
- ⑧ PAINTED DOUBLE YELLOW STRIPE PER WSDOT STD PLAN M-20.10-02
- ⑨ PAINTED RAILROAD CROSSING PER WSDOT STD PLAN M-11.10-02
- ⑩ REMOVE EXISTING SIGN AND GUIDE POSTS

RADIUS TABLE				
RP	STA	OFFSET	LENGTH	RADIUS
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RP 2	0+62.12	78.76' RT	46.3'	50.0'

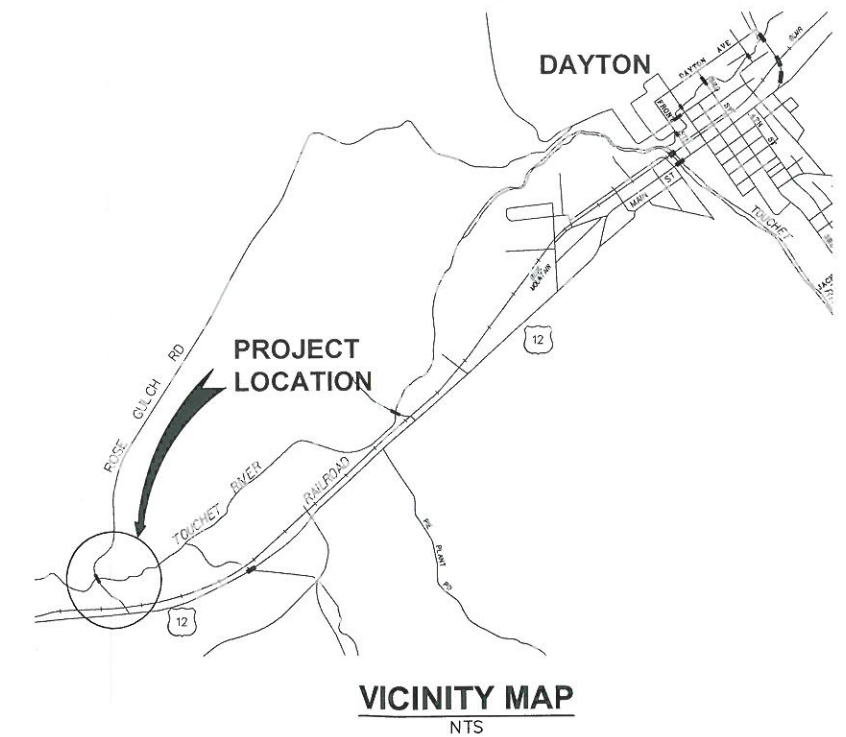
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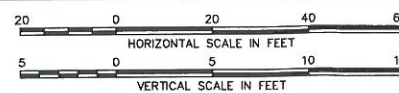
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