BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,

Petitioner,

CENTRAL PUGET SOUND
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY (SOUND TRANSIT),
BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY,
TACOMA RAIL, CITY OF
LAKEWOOD,

Respondents.

DOCKET TR-150623

ORDER 03

ORDER RESCINDING ORDER 02, GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLY WITH CONDITIONS

USDOT: 085822W

BACKGROUND

- On July 2, 2015, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission), approved a petition by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) seeking approval to reconstruct a railroad-highway grade crossing. The crossing is identified as USDOT 085822W, located at the intersection of Clover Creek Drive SW in Lakewood, and is part of the Point Defiance Bypass project.
- On December 6, 2017, the Commission entered Order 02 granting an extension of time for WSDOT to comply with the conditions in Order 01. The Order referenced a requirement for WSDOT to report annually, for a period of three years, on the number of queuing instances over the crossing, and provide an analysis of the impacts and effectiveness of the interconnection between the railroad signals and the ramp meter. WSDOT is required to provide this type of reporting for several crossings along the Point Defiance Bypass route where a ramp meter is interconnected with railroad signals.
- Commission Staff (Staff) recommends that the Commission rescind Order 02, as it was issued in error. Order 01 did not require such reporting by WSDOT, as there is no ramp meter interconnected with the railroad signals at the Clover Creek Drive SW crossing. Staff confirmed that WSDOT has complied with the conditions listed in Order 01.

DISCUSSION

We agree with Staff's recommendation. We rescind the Order 02.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 5 (1) The Commission rescinds Order 02, which granted an extension of time for WSDOT to comply with conditions in Order 01.
- The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective March 26, 2019.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK L. JOHNSON, Executive Director and Secretary