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November 23, 1994

Mr. Ken Winckler
Director of Public Works
City of Marysville
80 Columbia Avenue
Marysville, WA 98270

Dear Mr. Winckler:

Thank you for your letter of November 15, 1994 requesting that hearings be held on the opening of a railroad grade crossing at 5th Street and the train speed request of Burlington Northern Railroad Company (BN), Amtrak, and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

The commission staff agrees that the opening of the 5th Street grade crossing is a separate issue from the train speed request and can be addressed at a time that would be convenient for all parties concerned. The staff understands that a petition filed by the City of Marysville for opening 5th Street has been held in abeyance until Marysville completed a traffic study and negotiated an agreement with BN.

It appears from your letter that the City of Marysville is ready to proceed with their request. Commission staff will recommend that the matter be set for formal hearing. The earliest date for setting this matter for hearing would be February or March of 1995.

Commission staff recommends that a hearing be held first concerning the train speed request because the parties (BN, Amtrak, and WSDOT) plan on establishing intercity rail service between Seattle and Vancouver, British Columbia in April or May of 1995.

The Office of Administrative Hearings has notified commission staff that the dates of January 19 and 20, 1995 (Thursday and Friday) have been tentatively scheduled for this hearing. The

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hearing is scheduled in the City council Chambers in the Public Safety Building. The commission will issue a public notice in the near future announcing the hearing date, time, and location.

If you should have any questions, please contact Alan Scott, Operations Manager, at (206) 753-6410.

Sincerely,

Steve McLellan
Secretary

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