

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 09-032

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO SIGN THE WAIVER OF HEARING BY
RESPONDENT DOCUMENT RELATED TO THE CLOSURE OF THE LOGEN ROAD
RAILROAD CROSSING

WHEREAS, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) is proposing to close the Highway-
Rail Crossing at the Logen Road crossing, north of the City of Stanwood; and

WHEREAS, the closure is needed to accommodate a new siding rail line
extending north out into unincorporated Snohomish County, which is needed for a new
passenger train station located within the City of Stanwood; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County (County), the Respondent in the Petition before
the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC), received a request from
the Petitioners (BNSF) to have the County sign a consent to waive a public hearing on
the closure; and

WHEREAS, a hearing will be required if the County does not consent to a waiver
of the hearing; and

WHEREAS, BNSF, in addition to improvements to it's own equipment at the
300th St. NW and Old Pacific Hwy & Pioneer Hwy crossings, is proposing to mitigate the
impact of the closure by completing improvements to the public right-of-way at the 300th
St. NW crossing and the Logen Road crossing; and

WHEREAS, a new passenger train station in the City of Stanwood is critical to
creating a useful and vital multi-modal transportation system that provides alternatives
to automobile travel; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the passenger train station in the City of
Stanwood is predicated on the closure of the Logen Road crossing and construction of
a new siding rail; and

WHEREAS, the County's consent to waive a public hearing does not preclude
any other party from requesting a hearing or the UTC from requiring a hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Logen Road crossing, which generally has 150 vehicles using
the crossing per day, is a low volume crossing over a high speed rail line; and

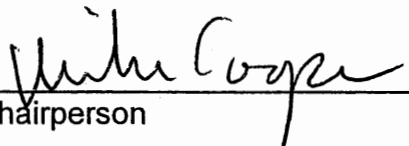
WHEREAS, the closure of the Logen Road crossing will improve public safety by, eliminating a low volume crossing over a high-speed rail line, completing infrastructure improvements within the public right-of-way at the 300th St. NW high volume crossing and by updating railroad signal equipment within railroad right-of-way at both the 300th St. NW and Old Pacific Hwy & Pioneer Hwy crossings;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION:

1. The Snohomish County Council does not oppose the closure of the Highway-Rail Crossing at the Logen Road crossing.
2. The Snohomish County Council supports the creation of a passenger train station within the City of Stanwood.
3. The Snohomish County Council approves and authorizes the County Engineer to sign, on behalf of Snohomish County, the Waiver of Hearing by Respondent.

PASSED this 26th day of January, 2009.

SNOHOMISH COUNT COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington


Chairperson

ATTEST:


Asst. Clerk of the Council

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