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Mr. Ahmer Nizam, Rail Engineer
Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Subject: City of Marysville Project No. R-9701
State Avenue Widening: 116th Street NE to 136th Street NE
116th Street NE Grade X-ing Improvements: Request for Amendment of Order/Petition

Ahmer:

I spoke with you yesterday afternoon about the City's August 25 channelization plan submittal (enclosed), and certain questions you had regarding that design proposal. As a follow-up, I am writing to request on behalf of the City that UTC consider "amending" the previously-approved Petition and Order (Docket No. TR-031022) for proposed improvements at this grade crossing.

As we discussed, the original Order granted the City and BNSF authority to move forward with improvements, based on a three-lane configuration, which would have given way to installation of a pre-signal and replacement of the existing cantilever signals with shoulder-mounted signals. This was proposed as a means of addressing line-of-sight conflicts which would otherwise have existed between BNSF's "cants" and the City's own signal improvements. With today's request, we ask that you now consider amending the Order to include the following:

1. Widening of the crossing surface and configuration from three (3) to five (5) lanes, as shown, including six foot shoulders and sidewalk on both sides of 116th. This would result in two (2) through lanes in the westbound direction, one (1) through lane in the eastbound direction, an eastbound right-turn only lane, and an eastbound left turn only lane.
2. Addition of median gates and signals/flashers for both approaches, as shown, to be housed within an eight (8) foot median.
3. Installation of cantilever-mounted signals on the westbound approach due to the new through lane.

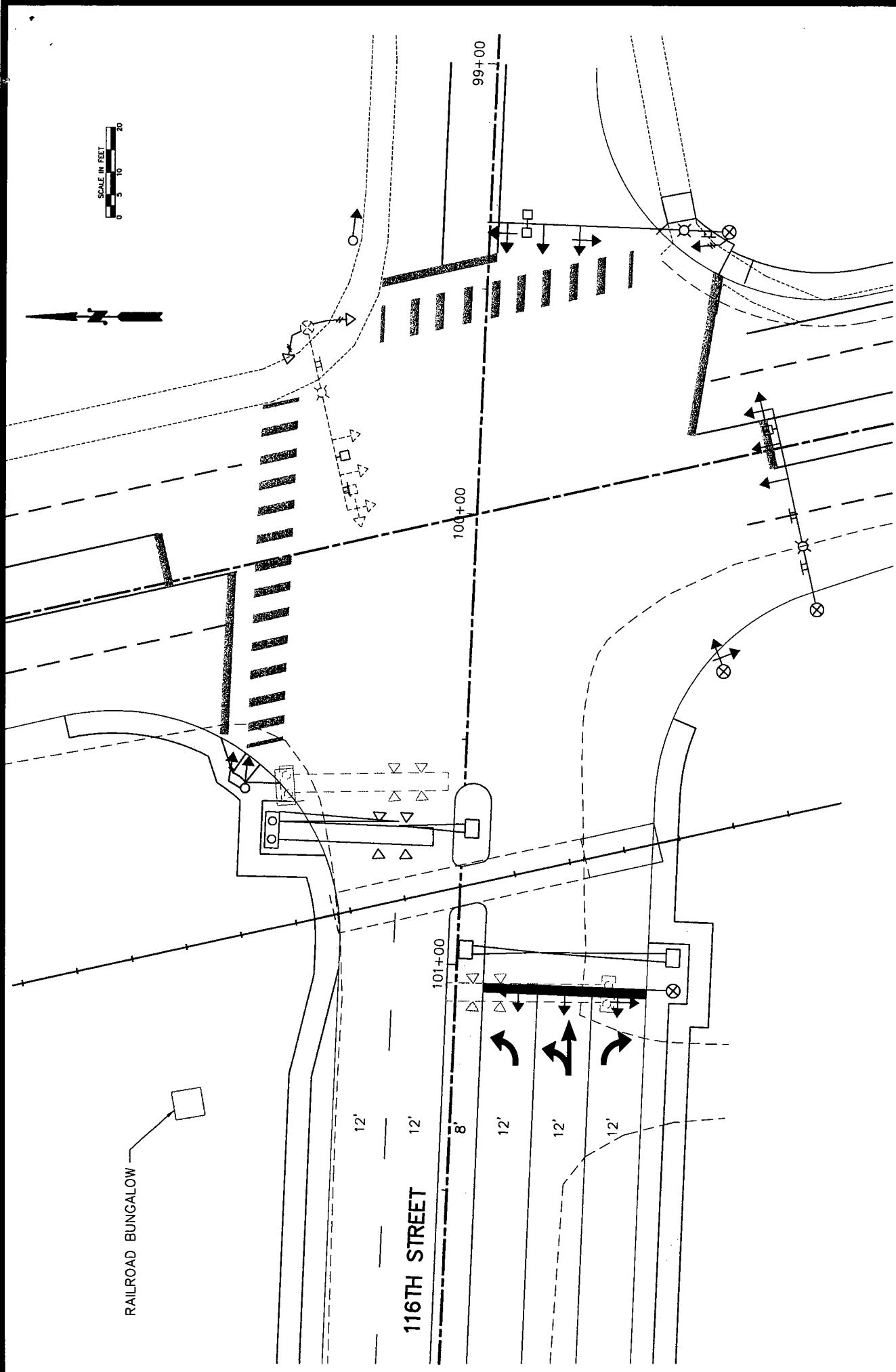
To reiterate, and in response to your question, shoulder-mounted signals would be installed coincidental with gates at both median locations and on the south. Please don't hesitate to call me if you have additional questions or comments. I would greatly-appreciate it if you could keep me apprised of progress on this item. Thank you again for all of your assistance during the course of this discussion.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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