

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

TOWN OF GARFIELD,)	DOCKET TR-080783
)	
Petitioner,)	ORDER 02
)	
v.)	ORDER APPROVING AMENDED
)	PETITION FOR PEDESTRIAN
WASHINGTON AND IDAHO)	IMPROVEMENTS AT SECOND
RAILROAD and WASHINGTON)	STREET
STATE DEPARTMENT OF)	
TRANSPORTATION,)	
)	USDOT: 058607N
Respondents)	UTC: 52C49.20
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On May 2, 2008, the Town of Garfield (Town) filed a petition with the Commission, seeking approval to install sidewalks at a railroad-highway grade crossing. The crossing is identified as USDOT 058607N and located at the intersection of Second Street and the respondent’s tracks in Garfield, Washington.
- 2 On May 30, 2008, the Commission issued an Order approving the proposed changes to the Second Street crossing. The Order approved upgrading the dirt and gravel crossing surface to concrete panels with angled sidewalks leading up to the crossing. The new sidewalks and upgraded surface will provide pedestrians with a smooth , continuous walking surface.
- 3 On June 19, 2008, the Town notified the Commission that the scope of the project was being scaled back from the original proposal. The town is now proposing to upgrade the pedestrian walking surfaces leading up to and over the crossing surface to continuous asphalt. On June 19, 2008, the Washington and Idaho Railroad, the operator, and the Washington State Department of Transportation, the owner, submitted statements of support to the amended petition.
- 4 The amended proposal will still provide pedestrians with a smooth walking surface and ensure safe travel across the crossing. Staff recommends that the Commission approved the amended petition.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington having jurisdiction over public railroad-highway grade crossings within the state of Washington. *Chapter 81.53 RCW.*
- 6 (2) The Second Street grade crossing, identified as USDOT 058607N is a public railroad-highway grade crossing within the state of Washington.
- 7 (3) WAC 480-62-150(1)(g) requires that the Commission grant approval prior to any changes to crossing surfaces at public railroad-highway grade crossings within the state of Washington.
- 8 (4) Commission Staff investigated the amended petition and recommended that it be granted.
- 9 (5) After examination of the amended petition filed by the Town of Garfield on May 2, 2008, and revised on June 19, 2008, and giving consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission grants the amended petition.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 The amended petition of the Town of Garfield to install sidewalks at a railroad-highway grade crossing, located at the intersection of Second Street and Washington State Department of Transportation/Washington and Idaho Railroad's tracks in Garfield, Washington, is granted. Approval of the amended petition is subject to the following conditions:
- (1) The modifications must conform to those described in the amended petition.
 - (2) Upon completion of the sidewalks authorized herein, petitioner must notify the Commission. Acceptance of the changes is subject to inspection by Commission Staff, verifying that the crossing is in full compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and the conditions specified herein.

The Commissioners, having determined that this filing complies with the requirements of WAC 480-62-150(1) (g) and RCW 81.53.030, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective July 1, 2008.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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