

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of

CITY OF PUYALLUP,

Petitioner,

BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY,  
CENTRAL PUGET SOUND  
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
(SOUND TRANSIT),

Respondents.

DOCKET TR-250051

ORDER 02

AMENDING ORDER 01

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On January 24, 2025, the City of Puyallup (City or Petitioner) filed a petition (Petition) with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) for approval to modify highway-rail grade warning devices at the 7<sup>th</sup> Street NW highway-rail grade crossing, identified as USDOT 085700S.
- 2 On March 12, 2025, the Commission approved the Order granting permission to modify the crossing.
- 3 On May 21, 2025, Commission staff (Staff) inspected the crossing and found that the signal preemption timing differed from the City's Petition. On June 2, 2025, the City provided clarification stating that the 7th Street NW signalized intersection is configured with 19 seconds of advance vehicle preemption as stated in the original Petition; however, there is an additional 10 seconds of advance pedestrian preemption.
- 4 Staff recommends the Commission amend Order 01 to include approval of the revised preemption calculations provided by the Petitioner. All other conditions specified in Order 01 remain in effect.

**DISCUSSION**

- 5 The Commission agrees with Staff's recommendation. Amending Order 01 is both appropriate and reasonable to reflect accurate preemption timing at the crossing. All other conditions specified in Order 01 remain in effect.

### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 6 (1) The Commission is an agency of the state of Washington having jurisdiction over public railroad-highway grade crossings within the state of Washington.
- 7 (2) The 7<sup>th</sup> Street NW grade crossing, identified as USDOT 085700S, is a public railroad-highway grade crossing within the state of Washington.
- 8 (3) RCW 81.53.261 requires that the Commission grant approval prior to modifying a public railroad-highway grade crossing within the state of Washington. See also Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-62-150.
- 9 (4) After giving consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds that amending the previous Order is in the public interest.

### ORDER

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) Paragraph 16 of Order 01 in this docket, which granted the City of Puyallup's Petition to modify warning devices at a highway-rail grade crossing located at 7th Street NW, is amended as follows:
- 16 The City of Puyallup's Petition to modify warning devices at a railroad-highway grade crossing located at 7th Street NW is granted, subject to the following conditions:
- (1) The modifications must conform to those described in and attached to the Petition, including the updated preemption timing calculations provided by the City on June 2, 2025. All other terms and conditions specified in Order 01 remain in effect.
- 17 The Secretary of the Commission has delegated authority over this matter pursuant to Order 01 in Docket A-180762. The Secretary finds this Order to be consistent with the public interest.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective July 3, 2025.

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**



JEFF KILLIP

Executive Director and Secretary

**NOTICE TO PARTIES: This is an order delegated to the Executive Secretary for decision. As authorized in WAC 480-07-904(3), you must file any request for Commission review of this order no later than 14 days after the date the decision is posted on the Commission's website.**