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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
% Gary Harder, Rail Carrier Compliance Specialist
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Subject: Opposition to Petition TR921476: Closure of Anderson Road
Crossing WUTC 1B76.10, DOT 89667H

Dear Mr. Harder:

The Adams County Public Works Department want to convey their opposition to the closure of Anderson Road-Burlington Northern Railroad Crossing in the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 34, Township 18 North, Range 34 East, W.M.. Abandonment of this crossing would landlock 215 acres of property owned by Mr. Ruben Fode, which is currently accessed by Anderson Road. As the Limited Access Plans for SR 395 are implemented, Anderson Road will be a cul-de-sac at the right of way line, leaving the only access to the property from the west along Anderson Road and across Burlington Northern's main line. Furthermore, Anderson Road serves as an access route for fire fighting purposes along the railroad tracks and must be maintained for this reason. To abandon this crossing would severely impact not only Mr. Fode's property but also the public safety. Your careful consideration in this matter is anticipated.

Sincerely yours,


Ken Mains
Director


Walt Olsen, P.E.
Adams County Engineer

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