

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

CITY OF PUYALLUP,

Petitioner,

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

Respondents.

DOCKET TR-250052

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 warning devices at the 5th Street NW highway-rail grade crossing, identified as USDOT 085699A.
- 2 On March 12, 2025, the Commission approved Order 01, 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 5th Street NW signalized intersection is configured with 19 seconds of advance preemption as stated in the original Petition; however, there is an additional 14 seconds of advance pedestrian preemption.
- 4 During its inspection, Staff was also unable to locate the signal heads that the City indicated were installed on the northbound pedestrian overpass. The City provided clarification that these signal heads were not installed; however, to prevent vehicles from stopping on railroad tracks, the City installed a pre-signal for northbound vehicles at 5th Street NW.
- 5 Staff recommends the Commission amend Order 01 to include approval of the revised preemption calculations and clarification regarding the warning devices provided by the Petitioner. All other conditions specified in Order 01 remain in effect.

## DISCUSSION AND DECISION

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

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 7 (1) The Commission is an agency of the state of Washington having jurisdiction over public railroad-highway grade crossings within the state of Washington.
- 8 (2) The 5<sup>th</sup> Street NW grade crossing, identified as USDOT 085699A, is a public railroad-highway grade crossing within the state of Washington.
- 9 (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.
- 10 (4) After considering 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:

- 11 (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 5th 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 5th 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.