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Dear Ms. Ely and Gentlemen,

I am looking for help to facilitate the approval of a street-crossing permit requested in October 2000 for the Scootney Street crossing of two industrial tracks in the Milwaukee Railroad industrial area west of Othello (see attached documents).

The City of Othello is preparing for a fire protection audit and at the same time we have a very good chance of locating a plastic extrusion company in our community, but the City needs to get the permits in place for this public street crossing to service the area. I would like to renew the efforts to obtain the "respondent of waiver of hearing" from the BNSF for this crossing or proceed with the hearing.

As mentioned in the attached paperwork, this area contains four existing businesses and a potential of eight new ones. However it has no legal access. This crossing would provide that.

The existing businesses, railroad and city investments need a public right-of-way/fire break for fire protection of this area. This street would provide that.

There is only one at grade public crossing of these tracks and it is located 3,000 feet north with no route to connect to this area.

Both tracks are industry service spurs and are excepted 10 MPH industrial switching only. Both tracks are seldom used, and then only to spot cars to the few businesses on the south side of the proposed crossing.

We have no other properties available for industrial development along the Columbia Basin Railroad trackage. This street will serve a hundred acres.

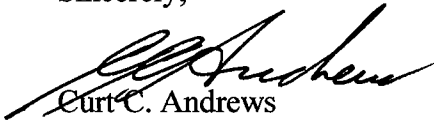
This problem was created 50 years ago when the Milwaukee Railroad sold parcels without proper improvements. This crossing will begin to solve those problems.

The railroad has confirmed they preserved the 60 ft. wide strip of land between the adjacent businesses on the Broadway side, and the City has right-of-way to connect to on the west side (see map).

Legal access and a direct emergency route has been planned, expected, and is needed by these properties. Can you help us?

Enclosed is documentation on this crossing. I look forward to talking to each of you over the next few weeks to see how we can expedite this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curt C. Andrews". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

Curt C. Andrews
City Planner

Enclosure