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Attached is the original and 1 copy of a petition for the signal upgrade for the 102nd NW (Old Pacific Highway at-grade crossing in Stanwood, WA.

Please review the petition for the upgrade of the signals of the crossing and if you have no objections please prepare and issue an Order for the upgrade to the warning devices at the 102nd NW crossing based upon the requirements stated in the waiver of hearing

Sincerely,

J. M. (Mike) Cowles
Mgr. Public Projects

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Cc: Gary Weihel
Snohomish County
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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway)	
)	DOCKET NO. TR-
Petitioner,)	PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF
)	DETECTION CIRCUITRY
vs.)	
Snohomish County)	
)	WUTC No. 2BSF 55.7 25.00
Respondent.)	DOT No. 084694M
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Petitioner requests the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to enter an order consenting to the modification of detection circuitry for a grade crossing signal system.

1. Identifying information for the crossing:

Existing highway, street road, county: 102nd NW (Old Pacific Hwy), Snohomish county

Existing railway: Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway

WUTC Crossing Number:

DOT Number: 084694M

2. Description of current signals and/or gates at the crossing: Two cross-bucks with shoulder mounted 8" flashing lights.

3. Type of current crossing circuitry: DC with Interlocking type mechanical track relay.

4. Project description and justification:

(a) Proposed changes: Install AC/DC type "C" track circuits with directional stick circuits and stick release timer. Install industry standard 12" flashing lights.

(b) Justification for changes: AC/DC track circuits provide reliable train detection while eliminating maintenance costs and false activations related to DC type circuits. Stick release timer protects against activation failures in the event of a directional stick lock-up. The 12" lights will improve visibility for the motorist.

(c) Affects of proposed changes on warning devices and warning times for drivers: Improved flashing light visibility for motorist. Warning times will remain consistent with industry standards.

5. Drawings. Sketches drawn to scale are attached accurately showing the current and proposed layout of the highway (including shoulders, sidewalks, lanes of travel, bike lanes and crossing warning devices), of the crossing surface and of the railway in the vicinity of the crossing. N/A

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated at Seattle, Washington this 30th day of Jan., ²⁰⁰⁴~~2003~~.

Burlington Northern &
Petitioner Santa Fe Ry.

By Adrian Bank

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WAIVER OF HEARING BY RESPONDENT

The respondent has investigated the conditions existing at and in the vicinity of the grade crossing described herein and is satisfied that such conditions are substantially as described in the petition. Respondent consents to the modification of the signal system circuitry as described in the petition. Hearing in this proceeding is hereby waived, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Installation of the warning signals must conform to all applicable standards specified in the USDOT *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.
- (2) The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company must clear the trees located on the north of 276th Street NW, approximately 100 feet east of the Old Pacific Highway grade crossing, as discussed by BNSF and Snohomish County representatives on September 11, 2003.

Dated at Everett, Washington, on the 23rd day of December, 2003.

Sary Weibel
Respondent for County Executive

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Everett, WA 98201

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

MOTION NO. 03-556

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO SIGN WAIVER OF HEARING
REGARDING BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE RAILROAD PETITION TO WUTC
FOR MODIFICATION OF SIGNAL SYSTEM CIRCUITRY
WUTC NO. 2BSF 55.7 25.00, DOT No.084964M

WHEREAS, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) has petitioned the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) for an order authorizing the modification of detection circuitry for the grade crossing signal at 102nd Avenue NW (Old Pacific Highway), north of 276th Street NW and the City limits of Stanwood; and

WHEREAS, the current signal system at the subject crossing consists of two cross-bucks with shoulder mounted, 8-inch flashing lights where industry standards currently call for 12-inch lights; and

WHEREAS, upgrades to the signals proposed by BNSF (12-flashing signal lights, AC/DC type "C" track circuits with directional stick circuits and stick release timer) will enhance driver awareness and visibility for safety at the grade crossing consistent with industry standards; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County recognizes the need to improve public safety at railway crossings wherever possible; and

WHEREAS, it is in Snohomish County's best interest to continue positive coordination and cooperation with rail providers in efforts to improve transportation safety for the motoring public while maintaining mobility of rail traffic; and

WHEREAS, The County Engineer has submitted a report recommending the County waive public hearing and consent to the request to modify the signal crossing as described in the petition; and

WHEREAS, after considering the merits of the matter of record, the Council affirms the benefits of improvements to the grade crossing as provided herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION:

Section 1. The Snohomish County Council finds the proposed petition to improve the warning signal system at the rail crossing to be in the interest of the public welfare and safety.

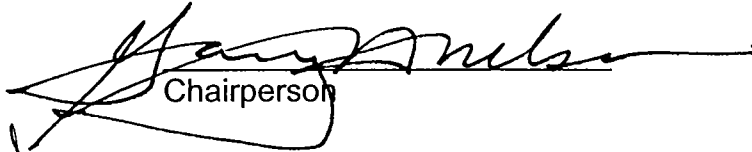
Section 2. The Snohomish County Council directs the County Executive to sign on behalf of the County the waiver of hearing regarding the BNSF petition to the WUTC for modification of detection circuitry at 102nd Avenue NW (Old Pacific Highway) north of the Stanwood city limits, DOT Crossing No. 084694M.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 2003.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council


Chairperson

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