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WUTC 1300 Evergreen Park Dr. So. P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA. 98504-7250 Attn: Ahmer Nizam

File: Woodinville, WA. – SR 202 widening (signal relocate)

Attached is the original and 2 copies of a petition for making curve widening and improvements to the SR 202 crossing where it crosses BNSF's Wye track at RR MP 0.54. Please review the fully executed petition and if you have no objections please prepare and issue an Order for the future improvement to the SR 202 crossing.

Sincerely,

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

**JMC** 

Cc: Mick Monken
Public Works Director
17301 133<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE
Woodinville, WA. 98072

## BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

		Docket No.			
Woodinville, Washington	)	Pl	ETITION		
Petitioner,	)	Road Name	SR 202	<del></del> Œ	RECON
Vs: The Burlington Northern and	)	WUTC Crossing	g No. <u>1H</u>	.02	
Santa Fe Railway Company Respondent	)	DOT Crossing N	No. <u>092-050F</u>		Office and the second s
Application is hereby made to the Wa order (check one or more of the follow	_	n Utilities and Tra	nsportation Co	mmission fo	r and
[ ] directing the(construction - reconst.	ruction-rel	ocation of	f a grade crossing;		
[ ] directing installation of automatic grade cro	ossing sign	al or other warning dev	ice (other than cross	sbucks) at a nev	v crossing.
[xx] directing <u>change</u> of w (replacement-change-upgrade)	varning dev	vices at an existing cross	sing;		
[ ] allocating funds from the "grade crossing p devices;	rotective f	und" for (installation and/or n		of active v	warning
[ ] authorizing the construction of the project, (ISTEA) in cooperation with the Washington St					ciency Act
at the railroad grade crossing identified above a by (check one of the following)	nd describ	ed in this petition. This	application seeks t	he relief specifi	ed above
[ ] hearing and order		[xx] order without h	earing		
[ ] [xx] Has application for funding, pursua YES NO been made to the Local Programs D			tation Efficiency A	ct	
[ ] If the answer is yes to the question ab YES NO Efficiency Act been denied?	ove, has th	ne funding requested un	der the Intermodal S	Surface Transpo	ortation
I certify under penalty of perjury that the	informatio	on provided in and with	this petition is true	and correct.	
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		inville, WA. 98072 te - Area Code			

## INTERROGATORIES Use additional paper as needed

[1]

State name of highway and railway at crossing intersection:	
Existing or proposed highway SR 202	mile post 0.54
Existing or proposed railway The Burlington Northern ar	nd Santa Fe Railway Co. mile post 0.16
Located in <u>NW Qtr</u> of the <u>SE Qtr</u> of Sec. 9 Twp. <u>2</u>	<u>6</u> N. Range <u>5</u> E. W.M.
WUTC crossing number1H .02	DOT crossing number092-050F
Street SR 202 City Wood	inville County King
[2]	
Character of crossing (indicate with X or numbers where applica	ble):
(a) Common Carrier (xx) Logging or Industrial ()	
(b) Main Line () Branch Line (X) Siding or Spur (2)	
(c) Total number of tracks at crossing1	utes a separate crossing).
(d) Operating maximum train speed:	Legal maximum train speed:
Passenger10 MPH Freight10 MPH	Passenger10 MPH Freight10 MPH
(e) Actual or estimated train traffic in 24 hours:	
Passenger Trains <u>less than 1 train a month</u> (Note: Round trip counted as two trains. Include switch mov	Freight Trains0 vements).
[3]	
Character of Roadway:	
(a) State Highway-Classification Principal Arterial	
(b) County Highway-Classification <u>Major Arterial</u>	
(c) City Street-Classification <u>Major Arterial</u>	
(d) Number of traffic lanes existing in each direction:1	Number of additional traffic lanes proposed:0_
(e) Posted vehicle speed limit: Automobile35 MPH Truck	ks <u>35</u> MPH
(f) Estimated vehicle traffic in 24 hours: Current total, including school bus trips. Projected traffic in years: to trucks and school bus trips.	

	[4]
(a)	If temporary, state for what purpose crossing is to be used and for how long.
	N/A
(b)	If temporary grade crossing, will you remove the crossing at completion of the activitiy requiring the temporary crossing?
	N/A
	[5]
(a)	State whether or not a safer location for a grade crossing exists within a reasonable distance in either direction from the proposed point of crossing, and if so, what reason, if any, why this safer location should not be adopted, even though in doing so, it may be necessary to relocate a portion of the highway or railway.
	No
(b)	Are there any hillsides, earth, or other embankments, buildings, trees, orchards, side tracks (on which cars might be spotted loading platforms, etc., in the vicinity not feasible to move, which may obstruct the view and which can be avoided by relocating the proposed crossing. Would it be practical to do so: Please describe.
	No
	[6]
(a)	Is it feasible to construct and use an over or under crossing at the intersection of said railway land highway? If not, state why?
	It is economically infeasible and traffic volumes do not warrant a grade separation.
(b)	Does the railway line at any point in the vicinity of the proposed crossing pass over a fill or trestle or through a cut where it is feasible to construct an under or overpass, even though it may be necessary to relocate a portion of the highway to reach that point?  No.
(c)	If a suitable place for an under - or over - crossing exists in the vicinity of the proposed crossing, state the distance from the proposed crossing; the approximate cost of construction; and what, if any, reason exists why it should not be constructed.  N/A

- (a) State approximate distance to nearest public or private crossing in each direction of railroad involved herein.
   .45 mile south private
   Track dead ends going north.
- (b) If there is an existing crossing near vicinity, or if more than one crossing is proposed is it feasible to divert highways served and to be served by existing and proposed crossings, thus eliminating the need for more than one crossing?
- (c) If so, state approximate cost of highway relocation to effect such changes.
- (d) Will the proposed crossing eliminate the need for one or more existing crossings in the vicinity? If so, state direction and approximate distance to the crossing or crossings.
  No
- (e) If this crossing is authorized, do you propose to close any existing crossing or crossings? Not at this time.

[8]

State the lengths of views which are now available along the line of railway to travelers on the highway when approaching the crossing from either side of the railway and when at points on the highway as follows:

Approaching crossing from(direction) an unobstructed view	to
right when on highway 300 feet from crossing of	feet
right when on highway 200 feet from crossing of	feet
right when on highway 100 feet from crossing of	feet
right when on highway 50 feet from crossing of	feet
right when on highway 25 feet from crossing of	feet
left when on highway 300 feet from crossing of	feet
left when on highway 200 feet from crossing of	feet
left when on highway 50 feet from crossing of	feet
left when on highway 25 feet from crossing of	feet
Approaching crossing from(opposite direction) an unobstructed v	dam to
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Left when on highway 25 feet from crossing of

[9]

Attach one or more prints showing a vicinity map and a layout of railway and highway, as well as profiles of each, also showing percent of grade, 500 feet of highway and railway when approaching crossing from all four directions. On the prints, spot and identify obstructions of view located in all four quadrants. Provide a traffic control layout showing the location of the existing and proposed signing of the intersections.

See exhibit "A" attached.

[10]

- (a) Is it feasible to provide a 25 foot level grade crossing on both sides from center line of railway at point of crossing?
- (b) If not, state in feet the length of level grade it is feasible to obtain.
- (c) Is it feasible to obtain an approach grade, prior to the level grade of five percent or less? If not, state why, and state the percent approach grade possible.

[11]

Do you know of any reason not appearing in any of the answers to these interrogatories why the proposed crossing should not be made at grade or at the point proposed by you? If so, please state same fully.

No

Interrogatories 12 and 13 are to be completed only if this petition involves installation, replacement, or changing of automatic grade crossing signal or other warning device, other than crossbucks.

[ 12 ]

(a) State in detail, the number and type of automatic signals or other warning devices (other than crossbucks) proposed to be installed. (This portion should be filled in only after conference between the railroad and the petitioning local government agency.).

Relocate existing cantilevered signal in the southwest quadrant of the crossing as well as the signal bungalow. Railroad gates are no longer necessary for this crossing.

- (b) State an estimate of the cost for installing the signals or other devices proposed, as obtained from the respondent railroad company ......\$
- (c) State a cost estimate for maintaining the signals or devices for 12 months, as obtained from the respondent railroad company ......\$
- (d) If this is an existing crossing, what will the proposed warning devices replace in the way of existing devices.
- (e) As the petitioner, are you prepared to pay or will you promise to pay to the respondent railroad company, your share of the cost of installing the warning devices proposed as provided by law?

(xx) Yes () No

[ 13 ]

Furnish a brief statement of why the public safety requires the installation of the automatic signals or devices as proposed?

Relocation and changes made to the warning devices will improve the safety of the motoring public.

## RESPONDENT'S WAIVER OF HEARING Docket No. Petition of \_\_\_\_\_ I have investigated the conditions existing at and in the vicinity of the proposed crossing changes. As a result, [check one or more of the following, as appropriate:] [xx] I am satisfied that conditions are as represented in the petition and the interrogatories and that the petition should be granted. [xx] The cost of installation (estimated at \$ is acceptable. [ ] subject to approval and apportionment pursuant to the Intermodal Surface Transportation Act by the Washington State Department of Transportation Local Programs Division. [ ] as apportioned between the parties [ ] to be paid by petitioner. Other conditions to waiver of hearing: Per the agreement between the parties, hereto The undersigned hereby waives hearing and further notice. The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission may enter a final order without further notice of hearing. \_\_\_\_\_\_,Washington, on this \_ ZUTh Dated at \_\_\_ Respondent The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Co. Print Name: John M. Cowles

Title: Manager Public Projects



