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Ahmer Nizam
Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW
PO Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Subject: Petition for Railroad Crossing Signal Modifications

Dear Ahmer:

Attached is our petition for modifying the railroad crossing on NE 72nd Avenue in unincorporated Clark County. Both the Northbound and Southbound signal on NE 72nd Avenue will need to be moved outward. In addition, the gate length will need to be increased on both signals.

Please contact Scott Sawyer at (360) 397-6118 extension 4364 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Steven C. Schulte
Railroad Coordinator

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Enclosure

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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

)	DOCKET NO. TR-
)	PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF A GRADE
)	CROSSING SURFACE
Clark County,)	
)	
vs.)	WUTC CROSSING NO. 5.70
)	
Respondent)	USDOT CROSSING NO. 852433H
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Petitioner requests the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to enter an order consenting to the modification of a grade crossing surface as follows:

1. Identifying information for the grade crossing:

Existing highway, street, or road: NE 72nd Avenue

Existing railway (company): Clark County / Owners - Columbia Basin Railroad / Operators

2. Type, condition, and dimensions of the current crossing surface:

In the vicinity of the crossing, NE 72nd Avenue is classified as a Principal Arterial, consisting of two lanes and a vehicle speed limit of 40 mph. Average daily traffic through the crossing is estimated at 12,750 vehicles. The intersecting railroad consists of a single main track, with an average of six freight trains per week, operating at a maximum speed of 10 mph. Warning devices at the NE 72nd Avenue crossing include shoulder-mounted flashing light signals and gates.

3. Project description and justification:

(a) Proposed changes:

To meet Principal Arterial Road Standards, NE 72nd Avenue is proposed to be widened to 70 feet curb to curb in order to provide 4 travel lanes, bike lanes, center turn lane, and sidewalks. Along with the road widening, the railroad crossing is proposed to be updated to meet Burlington Northern / Union Pacific Common Standards with concrete panels and 100# railing. The railroad signals on both sides will be relocated with longer gate arms so they continue to cover the traveled roadway. All project costs will be borne by the petitioner.

(b) Justification for changes:

The opportunity to make improvements to the railroad crossing corresponds directly with the reconstruction of NE 72nd Avenue.

(c) Affects of proposed changes on warning devices, advance warning signs, and pavement markings:

The traffic control devices, pavement markings, and advance warning signs shall comply with all applicable standards specified in the U.S. Department of Transportation Manual On Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

4. 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. If highway grades will be changed, sketches drawn to scale accurately displaying the existing and proposed highway profile for 50 feet on each side of the crossing should also be attached.

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

Dated at VANCOUVER, Washington this 8th day of September, 2004.

Petitioner:

CLARK County, WASHINGTON

By:

Steven C. Schulte

Railroad Coordinator

1300 Franklin

(Address)

VANCOUVER, WA 98666

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 crossing surface. Hearing in this proceeding is hereby waived.

Dated at _____, Washington, on the _____ day of _____, 2000.

Respondent:

By:

(Address)

INSTRUCTIONS

Petitioner can be the railroad, the road authority or the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. If the railroad is the petitioner, the road authority will be the respondent. If the road authority is the petitioner, the railroad will be the respondent.

The original and two copies of the petition must be filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

If the waiver of hearing is executed, the petition will be investigated and a decision made within approximately two weeks from receipt of the documents.

If the waiver of hearing is not executed on the petition filed, a copy of the petition will be served upon the respondent by the Commission for answer within 20 days. Upon receipt of respondent's answer or after the 20 day period has elapsed, the application will be processed. Time for making a decision will depend on whether an answer is filed and the content of the answer.