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June 19, 2007

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7440

RE: **City of Medical Lake**
Petition to Install Pedestrian Crossing at SR 902

Dear Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission:

Please find enclosed a petition to install a pedestrian crossing at SR 902. The City of Medical Lake looks forward to completing the final "step" of the SR 902 Sidewalk Project, which includes the installation of the requested pedestrian crossing.

Please call me at (509) 565-5050 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Doug Ross
City Administrator

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

No. _____

PETITION

Petitioner

Road Name SR 902

vs.

W.U.T.C. Crossing No. _____

Respondent

D.O.T. Crossing No. 066331 W

Application is hereby made to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission for an order (check one or more of the following)

☒ directing the construction of a grade crossing;
(construction-reconstruction-relocation)

☐ directing installation of automatic grade crossing signal or other warning device (other than crossbucks) at a new crossing;

☐ directing _____ of warning devices at an existing crossings;
(replacement-change-upgrade)

☐ allocating funds from the "grade crossing protective fund" for _____ (installation and/or maintenance) of active warning devices;

☐ authorizing the construction of the project, funding to be pursuant to the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) in cooperation with the Washington State Department of Transportation Local Programs Division;

at the railroad grade crossing identified above and described in this petition. This application seeks the relief specified above by (check one of the following)

☐ hearing and order ☒ order without hearing

[ ] Yes [X] No Has application for funding, pursuant to Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act been made to the Local Programs Division for this project?

[ ] Yes [ ] No If the answer is yes to the question above, has the funding requested under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act been denied?

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided in and with this petition is true and correct.

City of Medical Lake
Petitioner

Doug Ross City Administrator
Print Name Title

124 S. Lefevre St.
Street Address

Medical Lake, WA 99022
City-State-Zip Code

INTERROGATORIES

Use additional paper as needed

[1]

State name of highway and railway at crossing intersection:

Existing or proposed highway SR 902 mile post _____

Existing or proposed railway Palouse River mile post 0010.83

Located in ____ 1/4 of the ____ 1/4 of Sec. ____ Twp. ____ Range ____ W.M.

WUTC crossing number _____ DOT crossing number 066331 W

Street SR 902 (if applicable) City Medical Lake (if applicable) County Spokane

[2]

Character of crossing (indicate with X or numbers where applicable):

(a) Common Carrier ☐ Logging or Industrial ☐

(b) Main Line ☒ Branch Line ☐ Siding or Spur ☐

(c) Total number of tracks at crossing one
(Note: A track separated 100 feet or more from another track constitutes a separate crossing.)

(d) Operating maximum train speed: Legal maximum train speed:

Passenger _____ MPH Passenger _____ MPH
Freight 25 MPH Freight 25 MPH

(e) Actual or estimated train traffic in 24 hours:

Passenger Trains _____ Freight Trains 2
(Note: Round trip counted as two trains. Include switch movements.)

[3]

Character of Roadway:

(a) State Highway - Classification Rural Minor Arterial

(b) County Highway - Classification N/A

(c) City Street - Classification N/A

(d) Number of traffic lanes existing in each direction: 1
Number of additional traffic lanes proposed: 0

(e) Posted vehicle speed limit: Automobiles 30 MPH Trucks 30 MPH

(f) Estimated vehicle traffic in 24 hours: Current total _____, including _____ trucks and _____ school bus trips. Projected traffic in _____ years: total _____, including _____ 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 activity 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. A safer location does not exist.

(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.

None

[6]

(a) Is it feasible to construct and use an over or under crossing at the intersection of said railway and highway? If not, state why. Not practical

(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 over crossing, 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 and direction from the proposed crossing; the approximate cost of construction; and what, if any, reason exists why it should not be constructed.

N/A

[7]

(a) State approximate distance to nearest public or private crossing in each direction of railroad involved herein.

5 miles to north, 0.5 miles to south

(b) If there is an existing crossing in 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 once crossing?

Not feasible

(c) If so, state approximate cost of highway relocation to effect such changes.

N/A

(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?

No

[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 500 feet
right when on highway 200 feet from crossing of 10,000+ feet
right when on highway 100 feet from crossing of 10,000+ feet
right when on highway 50 feet from crossing of 10,000+ feet
right when on highway 25 feet from crossing of 10,000+ feet
left when on highway 300 feet from crossing of 500+ feet
left when on highway 200 feet from crossing of 5,000+ feet
left when on highway 100 feet from crossing of 5,000+ feet
left when on highway 50 feet from crossing of 5,000+ feet
left when on highway 25 feet from crossing of 5,000+ feet

Approaching crossing from..... (opposite direction) an obstructed view to

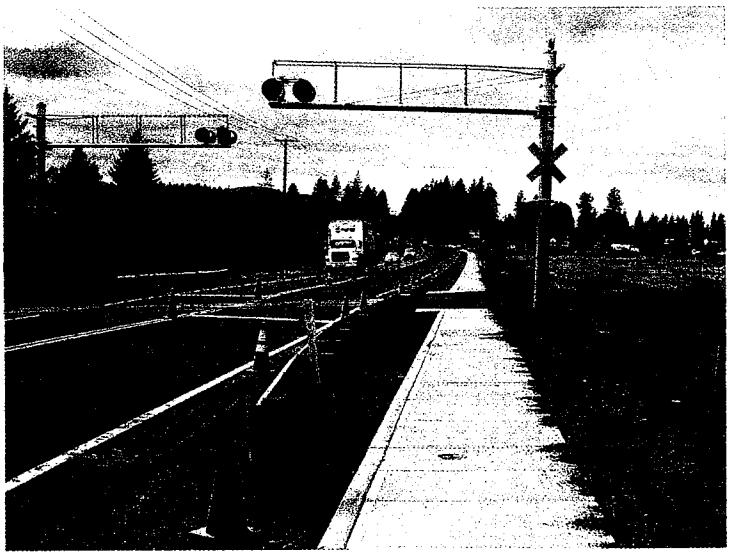
right when on highway 300 feet from crossing of 10,000+ feet
right when on highway 200 feet from crossing of 10,000+ feet
right when on highway 100 feet from crossing of 10,000+ feet
right when on highway 50 feet from crossing of 10,000+ feet
right when on highway 25 feet from crossing of 10,000+ feet
left when on highway 300 feet from crossing of 10,000+ feet
left when on highway 200 feet from crossing of 10,000+ feet
left when on highway 100 feet from crossing of 10,000+ feet
left when on highway 50 feet from crossing of 10,000+ feet
left when on highway 25 feet from crossing of 10,000+ feet

Provide any additional information supporting the proposal (i.e. what public benefits would be derived from its implementation?)

This project will provide the extension of an existing public RR crossing on SR 902 for the purpose of completing a sidewalk that currently exists on either side of the RR right-of-way. The project will address pedestrian safety, as currently the sidewalk directs pedestrians out onto the roadway in order to cross the tracks.

The vehicle travel lanes will remain the same, as will the crossing signals.

The existing RR is utilized sparingly by freight traffic, mainly grain, and has a maximum operating speed of 25 mph, although the trains slow while crossing SR 902. Therefore, no changes or upgrades to crossing equipment are proposed at this time.



RESPONDENT'S WAIVER OF HEARING

Docket No. _____

Petition of _____

for _____

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:]

[ ] I am satisfied that conditions are as represented in the petition and the interrogatories and that the petition should be granted.

[ ] The cost of installation (estimated at $ _____)

[ ] 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:

_____
_____
_____
_____
_____

The undersigned hereby waives hearing and further notice. The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission may enter a final order without further notice of hearing.

Date at _____, Washington, on this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

Respondent _____

by _____

Print Name _____

Title _____

Alder
Birch
Maple
Brooks
6th
Walla Walla
Howard
Brooks
Peter
Mary
Ellen
5th
Minnie
Martin
Staples
Jefferson
Hancock
1st
2nd
3rd
4th
James
Lefevre
Herb
Grace
Lake
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Fellows
Percival
Washington
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