

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

BNSF Railway Co.)	DOCKET NO. TR- 080957
Petitioner,)	PETITION FOR THE CLOSURE
)	OF A HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE
)	CROSSING
vs.)	
City of Sumas)	USDOT CROSSING #
Respondent)	UTC CROSSING #
.....)	
_____)	

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The Petitioner asks the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to approve the closure of a public at-grade highway-railroad crossing as described in this petition.

Section 1 – Petitioner’s Information

BNSF Railway Co.
 Petitioner

2454 Occidental Ave South #1-A
 Street Address

Seattle, WA 98134
 City, State and Zip Code

 Mailing Address, if different than the street address

Megan McIntyre
 Contact Person Name

206-625-6209 megan.mcintyre@bnsf.com
 Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address

Section 2 – Respondent's Information

City of Sumas Respondent
433 Cherry St Street Address
Sumas WA 98295 City, State and Zip Code
PO Box 9 Mailing Address, if different than the street address
Rod Fadden Contact Person Name
rfadden@cityofsumas.com Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address

Section 3 – Crossing Location

1. Existing highway/roadway <u>2nd Street</u>
2. Existing railroad <u>BNSF Railway Co.</u>
3. USDOT Crossing No. <u>084935Y</u> UTC Crossing No. _____
4. Located in the _____ 1/4 of the _____ 1/4 of Sec. _____, Twp. _____, Range _____ W.M.
5. GPS location, if known <u>Lat 48.99831, Long -122.26641</u>
7. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth) <u>LS 403 MP 126.92</u>
8. City <u>Sumas</u> County <u>Whatcom</u>

Section 4 – Crossing Traffic

1. Type of public road at the crossing State County City
 Port State Park Other _____
2. Average daily vehicle traffic over the tracks 210 Vehicle speed limit 30 mph
3. Trucks (commercial vehicles) are what percent of average daily traffic 8%
4. Number of school buses over the crossing each day 0
5. Name of railroad(s) operating at crossing BNSF Railway Co.

6. Type of railroad at crossing Common Carrier Logging Industrial
 Passenger Excursion
7. Type of tracks at crossing 1 Main Line 3 Siding or Spur
8. Number of tracks at crossing 4
9. Average daily train traffic, freight 2 thru, xing in yard limits
Authorized freight train speed 10 Operated freight train speed 10
10. Average daily train traffic, passenger 0
Authorized passenger train speed 0 Operated passenger train speed 0

Section 5 – Description of Closure

1. Describe in detail the reasons for closing the crossing This is a redundant crossing. There is a crossing on either side of the 2nd street crossing within a few hundred feet. Also, this is in the middle of the Sumas yard, so there are trains parked and separated at the crossing. Sight distance is limited for motorists and there is passive warning only.

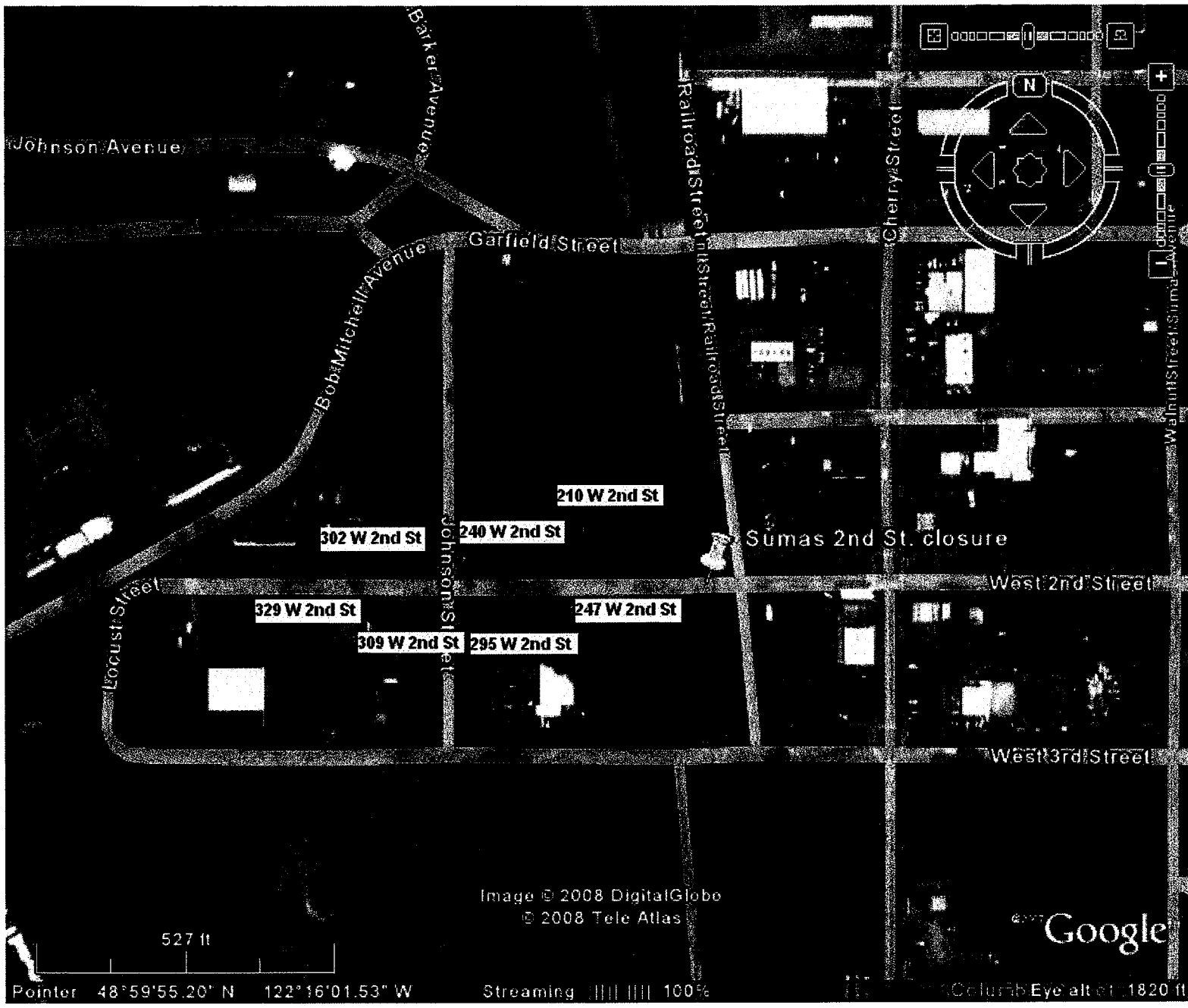
2. Describe the area currently served by the crossing, including the approximate number of homes or businesses that might be affected by the closure. There are 10 homes on the west side of the tracks, away from town. These homes can easily take the crossings on either side of the 2nd st Crossing.

3. How far is the nearest alternate access across the tracks from the crossing proposed for closure? Less than 600 feet.

4. Describe the alternate access route, including distance and driving time Garfield street is 590 feet to the north. It has an ADT of 420 with passive warning. 3rd street is 305 feet to the south and has ADT 320 with passive warning.

Section 6 – Illustration of Crossing

Attach a diagram, drawing, map or other illustration showing the location of the highway and railroad in the vicinity of the crossing. Include the parcels of private property located on both sides of the highway for a distance of 500' from the crossing and the name and mailing address of each property owner.



Johnson Avenue

Barker Avenue

Bob Mitchell Avenue

Garfield Street

Railroad Street Industrial Street Railroad Street

Cherry Street

Walnut Street Sumas Avenue

Locust Street

Johnson Street

210 W 2nd St

302 W 2nd St

240 W 2nd St

Sumas 2nd St. closure

329 W 2nd St

247 W 2nd St

West 2nd Street

309 W 2nd St

295 W 2nd St

West 3rd Street

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527 ft

Pointer 48°59'55.20" N 122°16'01.53" W

Streaming 100%

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Sumas 2nd St crossing closure

List of nearby homes and their homeowners

210 W 2nd St - Unknown

240 W 2nd St - Unknown

247 W 2nd St – F. L. Odegaard

295 W 2nd St - Unknown

302 W 2nd St - James A & Allison Evers

312 W 2nd St – F. Anker, Gregory Newman, Raul Soto

309 W 2nd St - Unknown

329 W 2nd St - Ronald E Dickerboom

343 W 2nd St – Nels Markstrom

408 W 2nd St – Dennis Berg, Amy Denbleyker, Sylvia Fairbanks

All addresses in Sumas, WA 98295-9626

Section 7 – Waiver of Hearing by Respondent

Waiver of Hearing

The undersigned represents the Respondent in the closure of the following crossing.

USDOT Crossing No. 084935Y UTC Crossing No. _____

We have investigated the conditions at the crossing. We are satisfied the conditions are the same as described by the Petitioner in this docket. We agree the grade crossing should be closed and consent to a decision by the commission without a hearing.

Dated at Sumas, Washington, on the 21 day of
May, 20 08.

Rod Fadden

Printed name of Respondent

Rod Fadden

Signature of Respondent's Representative

Utilities Superintendent

Title

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