

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

)	DOCKET NO. TR-
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Pierce County)	PETITION TO OPEN A
_____)	PEDESTRIAN RAIL CROSSING
Petitioner,)	OVERPASS
)	
vs.)	
Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad)	
_____)	
Respondent)	
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The Petitioner asks the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission approve construction of a pedestrian railroad crossing overpass as described in this petition.

Section 1 – Petitioner’s Information

<u>Pierce County Public Works and Utilities</u> Petitioner
<u>9850 64th Street West</u> Street Address
<u>University Place, WA 98467</u> City, State and Zip Code
_____ Mailing Address, if different than the street address
<u>Bob Vogel</u> Contact Person Name
<u>253-798-4123 rvogel@co.pierce.wa.us</u> Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address

Section 2 – Respondent's Information

<u>Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad</u> Respondent
<u>2454 Occidental Avenue South, Suite 1A</u> Street Address
<u>Seattle, WA 98134</u> City, State and Zip Code
 Mailing Address, if different than the street address
<u>John Li</u> Contact Person Name
<u>206-625-6146 John.Li@bnsf.com</u> Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address

Section 3 – Crossing Location

1. Existing railroad <u>Burlington Northern Santa Fe</u>
2. Located in the <u>NE</u> 1/4 of the <u>SW</u> 1/4 of Sec. <u>29</u> , Twp. <u>20N</u> , Range <u>2E</u> _____ W.M.
3. GPS location, if known <u>122° 34' 57.45" W, 47° 11' 59.30" N</u>
4. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth) <u>13.3</u>
5. City <u>University Place</u> County <u>Pierce</u>

Section 4 – Crossing Traffic

1. Name of railroad(s) operating below proposed crossing ~~BNSF, AMTRAK, UP~~

2. Type of railroad at crossing Common Carrier Logging Industrial

Passenger Excursion

5. Type of tracks below proposed crossing Main Line Siding or Spur

6. Number of tracks below proposed crossing 2

7. Average daily train traffic, freight _____

 Authorized freight train speed _____ Operated freight train speed _____

8. Average daily train traffic, passenger _____

 Authorized passenger train speed _____ Operated passenger train speed _____

Section 5 – Description of Proposed Crossing

1. Describe in detail the reasons for constructing a crossing at this location. The railroad tracks separate the Chambers Creek Properties from the Puget Sound shoreline. The Chambers Creek Properties have been developed into a regional recreational destination with a world class golf course, paved bicycle and pedestrian trails, public open spaces, and soccer fields. More public facilities will be developed on the 950 acre site over the next decade. The public facilities are separated by the railroad tracks from the two mile beach owned by Pierce County and the State of Washington. The elevated pedestrian overpass will provide a safe, separated grade, crossing to the beach from the Chambers Creek Properties.

3. How far is the nearest alternate access across the tracks from the proposed crossing? There is an at-grade crossing at the site, but this is not open to the public. The nearest public crossing is 3.2 miles south by road or approximately 1.5 miles south by railroad.

4. Describe the alternate access route, including distance and driving time The nearest public at-grade crossing is 3.2 miles south by road or approximately 1.5 miles south by railroad. Drive time from the proposed crossing to the existing crossing at Sunnyside is approximately 10-15 minutes. The crossing is in the Town of Steilacoom and provides pedestrian access at-grade from a parking lot to Sunnyside Beach Park. Automated crossing arms are provided at the Sunnyside pedestrian crossing.

Section 6 – Illustration of Crossing

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

Section 7 – Waiver of Hearing by Respondent

Waiver of Hearing

The undersigned represents the Respondent in this matter.

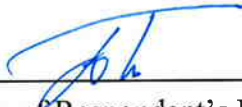
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We have investigated the conditions at the crossing. We are satisfied the conditions are the same as described by the Petitioner in this docket. We do not oppose the proposed pedestrian crossing overpass and consent to a decision by the commission without a hearing. This overpass is subject to BNSF's acceptance of the engineering plan. Waiver is without prejudice and matter may be re-opened if final agreement(s) are not reached with BNSF.

Dated at Seattle, Washington, on the 16th day of
June, 2008.

John Li

Printed name of Respondent



Signature of Respondent's Representative

Manager of Public Projects.

Title

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Phone number and e-mail address

2454 Occidental Ave. S. Suite 1A

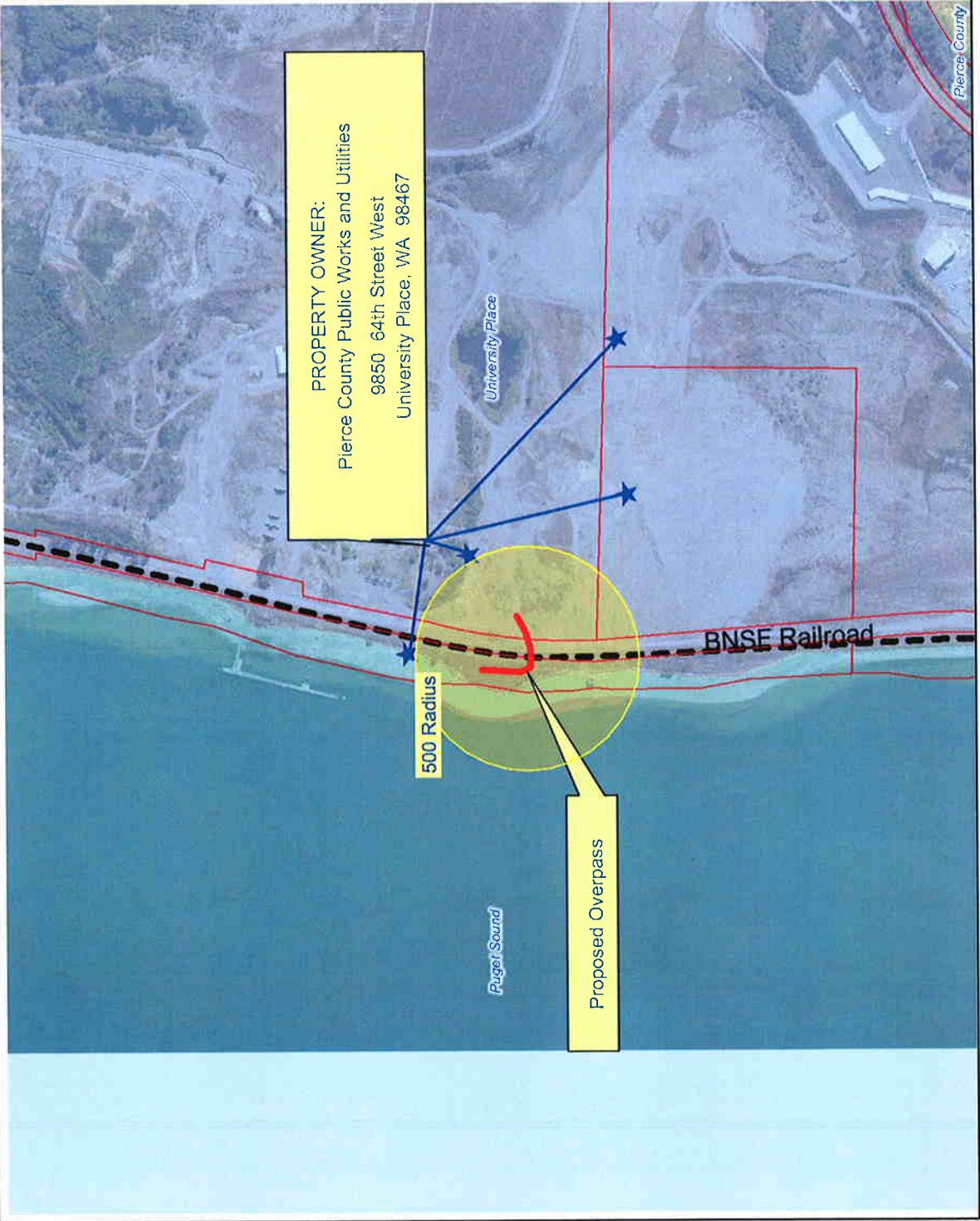
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Proposed Separated Pedestrian Crossing

Chambers Creek Properties

WUTC Petition



Map Legend

- Tax Parcels
- Railroads

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Public Works and Utilities



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