

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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BNSF Railway Co.)	PETITION FOR THE CLOSURE
_____)	OF A HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE
Petitioner,)	CROSSING
)	
vs.)	
City of Kent)	USDOT CROSSING # 085627W
_____)	
Respondent)	UTC CROSSING #
)	
.....)	
_____)	

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
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Seattle, WA 98134 City, State and Zip Code
_____ Mailing Address, if different than the street address
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Section 2 – Respondent's Information

City of Kent Respondent
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Kent, WA 98032 City, State and Zip Code
_____ Mailing Address, if different than the street address
Mark Madfai Contact Person Name
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Section 3 – Crossing Location

1. Existing highway/roadway 228 th Street South
2. Existing railroad BNSF Railway Co.
3. USDOT Crossing No. 085627W UTC Crossing No. _____
4. Located in the ____ 1/4 of the ____ 1/4 of Sec. ____ , Twp. ____ , Range _____ W.M.
5. GPS location, if known Lat 47.3975525, Long -122.2335878
7. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth) LS 51 MP 15.19
8. City Kent County King

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 6900 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., Amtrak, Sound Transit

6. Type of railroad at crossing Common Carrier Logging Industrial
 Passenger Excursion

7. Type of tracks at crossing 2 Main Line 1 Siding or Spur

8. Number of tracks at crossing 3

9. Average daily train traffic, freight 34
Authorized freight train speed 50 Operated freight train speed 50

10. Average daily train traffic, passenger 17
Authorized passenger train speed 50 Operated passenger train speed 50

Section 5 – Description of Closure

1. Describe in detail the reasons for closing the crossing This crossing is to be grade separated.
The City of Kent is constructing an overpass for automobiles to pass over the railroad tracks.

2. Describe the area currently served by the crossing, including the approximate number of homes or businesses that might be affected by the closure. This area is all industrial. The trucks will no longer have to stop at the crossing to wait for trains.

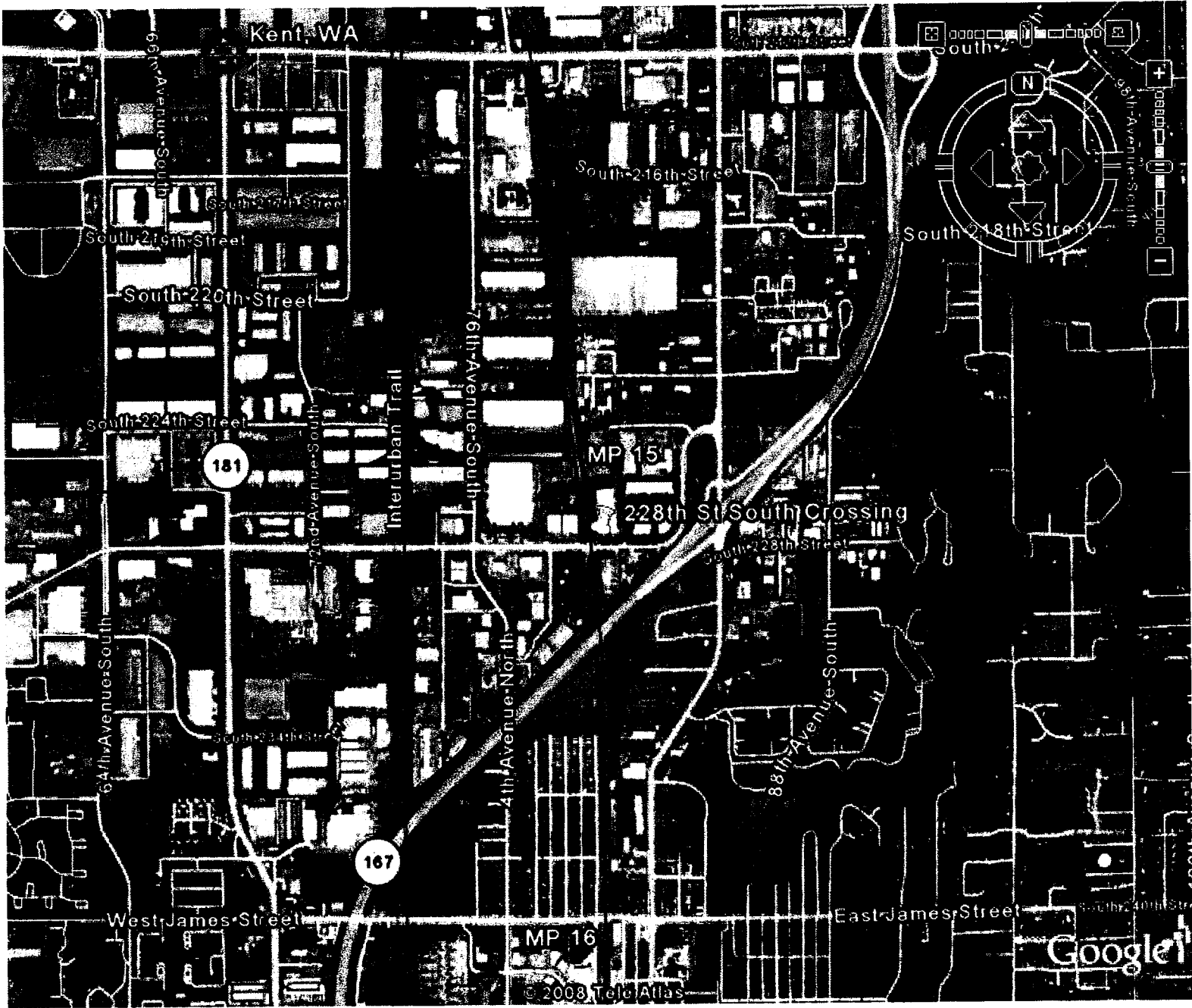
3. How far is the nearest alternate access across the tracks from the crossing proposed for closure? SR 167 freeway overpass 900' South and James Street at grade ¾ mile South of 228th

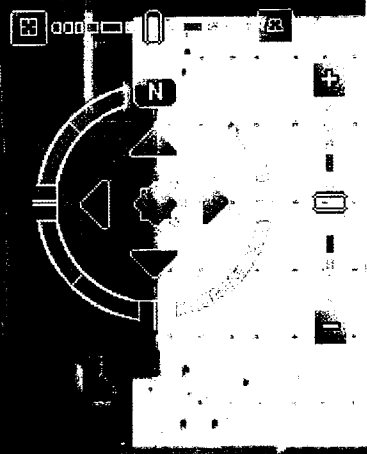
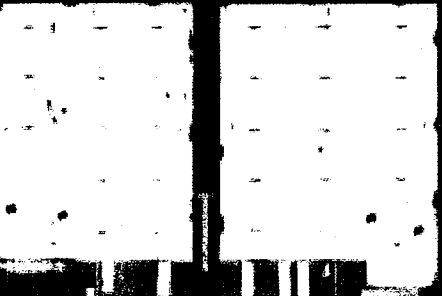
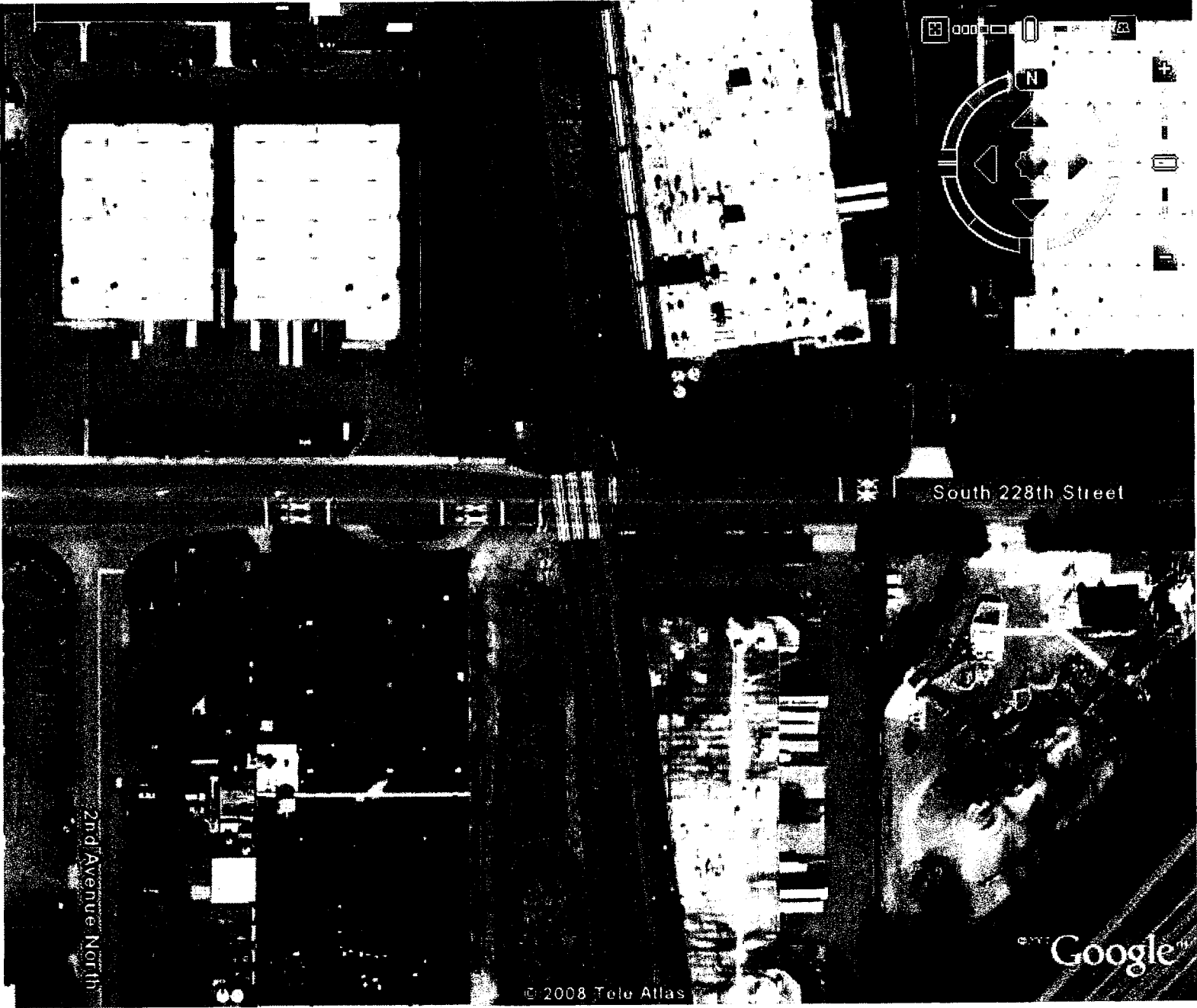
4. Describe the alternate access route, including distance and driving time James Street can be used for alternate access during construction, which is 1.75 miles round trip. This will take

3.5 minutes if there are no stops at stoplights, 5 minutes with stoplights.

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.





South 228th Street

2nd Avenue North

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Section 7 – Waiver of Hearing by Respondent

Waiver of Hearing

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

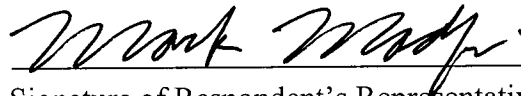
USDOT Crossing No. 084935Y UTC Crossing No. _____

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 Kent, Washington, on the 27 day of
June, 2008.

Mark Madfai

Printed name of Respondent



Signature of Respondent's Representative

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