

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Section	1 – Petitioner's Information	
□ Construction X Recons	truction	
The Petitioner asks the Washington Uticonstruction or reconstruction of a high	lities and Transportation Commission to approve away-rail grade crossing.	4:01
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Respondent		JUL 25
vs. WSDOT – Freight Rail Division (Washington-Idaho Railroad Line)) HALL STREET @ WHITMAN ST) IN PALOUSE,) WHITMAN COUNTY,) WASHINGTON	- ZIIII9
Petitioner,) PETITION TO CONSTRUCT OR RECONSTRUCT A HIGHWAY-RA) GRADE CROSSING ACROSS	AIL
) DOCKET NO. TR- 081389	\triangleright

CITY OF PALOUSE
Petitioner
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Section 2 – Respondent's Information

Respondent #1
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Respondent #2 Washington-Idaho Railroad Line – c/o WSDOT
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Section 3 – Proposed Crossing Location

1. Existing highway/roadway Hall Street @ Whitman Street
2. Existing railroad Along Whitman Street (SR#27 to Hall Street)
3. Location of proposed crossing: Located in the <u>NE</u> 1/4 of the <u>1/4</u> of Sec. 1, Twp. <u>16 N</u> , Range <u>45E</u> W.M.
4. GPS location, if known
5. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth) 32+40 to 32+80 Across Hall St. @ Whitman Street
6. City Palouse County Whitman

Section 4 – Proposed Crossing Information

1. Railroad company Washington-Idaho Railroad	Line (c/o WSDOT)
2. Type of railroad at crossing x Common Carrier	□ Logging □ Industrial
□ Passenger □ Excursion X Freig	ht
3. Type of tracks at crossing x Main Line	Siding or Spur
4. Number of tracks at crossing <i>One</i>	_
5. Average daily train traffic, freight <i>Weekly?</i>	_
Authorized freight train speed	Operated freight train speed
6. Average daily train traffic, passenger <u>N/A</u>	
Authorized passenger train speed	Operated passenger train speed
 7. Will the proposed crossing eliminate the need for Yes Yes No 8. If so, state the distance and direction from the properties will travel across tracks to go either north. 	posed crossing.
9. Does the petitioner propose to close any existing of	crossings?
Yes X No	

Section 5 – Temporary Crossing

1. Is the crossing proposed to be temporary? Yes No X
2. If so, describe the purpose of the crossing and the estimated time it will be needed <i>Vehicle / Track crossing to travel north and west, or to the east. No Improvement changes.</i>
3. Will the petitioner remove the crossing at completion of the activity requiring the temporary crossing? Yes No
Approximate date of removal
Section 6 – Current Highway Traffic Information
1. Name of roadway/highway Hall Street @ Whitman Street Intersection
2. Roadway classification Local Collector
3. Road authority <i>City of Palouse</i>
4. Average annual daily traffic (AADT) <u>150 ADT</u>
5. Number of lanes <i>Two (2)</i>
6. Roadway speed <u>Under 25 mph</u>
7. Is the crossing part of an established truck route? Yes No No
8. If so, trucks are what percent of total daily traffic?
9. Is the crossing part of an established school bus route? Yes X No
10. If so, how many school buses travel over the crossing each day? <u>4 Estimated</u>
11. Describe any changes to the information in 1 through 7, above, expected within ten years:
None is Fynected

Section 7 – Alternatives to the Proposal

1. Does a safer location for a crossing exist within a reasonable distance of the proposed location? Yes No X
2. If a safer location exists, explain why the crossing should not be located at that site.
3. Are there any hillsides, embankments, buildings, trees, railroad loading platforms or other barriers in the vicinity which may obstruct a motorist's view of the crossing? Yes No X
 4. If a barrier exists, describe: ♦ Whether petitioner can relocate the crossing to avoid the obstruction and if not, why not. ♦ How the barrier can be removed. ♦ How the petitioner or another party can mitigate the hazard caused by the barrier.
5. Is it feasible to construct an over-crossing or under-crossing at the proposed location as an alternative to an at-grade crossing? Yes No X
6. If an over-crossing or under-crossing is not feasible, explain why.
No room to build a crossing and simply not applicable

7. 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 over-crossing or an under-cross even though it may be necessary to relocate a portion of the roadway to reach that point? Yes No X	ll area sing,
 8. If such a location exists, state: ♦ The distance and direction from the proposed crossing. ♦ The approximate cost of construction. ♦ Any reasons that exist to prevent locating the crossing at this site. 	_
9. Is there an existing public or private crossing in the vicinity of the proposed crossing?	
Yes X No	

Section 8 – Sight Distance

1	ole, describing the sight distance for on. <i>No changes in grade is propose</i>	
a. Approaching the crossing t	from South , the current appro	
view as follows:	(North, South, East, West)	
Direction of sight (left or right)	Number of feet from proposed crossing	Provides an unobstructed view for how many feet
Right	300	
Right	200	
Right	100	
Right	50	
Right	25	
Left	300	
Left	200	200 feet
Left	100	
Left	50	
Left	25	
view as follows: (Opposite	from North / West, the current apprediction-North, South, East, West) Number of feet from	Provides an unobstructed
Direction of sight (left or right)	proposed crossing	view for how many feet
Right	300	300 feet
Right	200	
Right	100	
Right	50	
Right	25	
Left	300	
Left	200	
Left	100	
Left	50	50 feet going south
Left	25	
2. Will the new crossing proverailway on both approaches to Yes X No		feet from the center of the
3. If not, state in feet the leng to the crossing.	th of level grade from the center of	f the railway on both approaches
4. Will the new crossing providevel grade? Yes X No	vide an approach grade of not more	than five percent prior to the

3. If not, state the percentage of grade prior to the level grade and explain why the grade exceeds
five percent.
0.5% Grade along railroad tracks and 7% along Hall Street

Section 9 – Illustration of Proposed Crossing Configuration

Attach a detailed diagram, drawing, map or other illustration showing the following:

- ♦ The vicinity of the proposed crossing.
- ♦ Layout of the railway and highway 500 feet adjacent to the crossing in all directions.
- ♦ Percent of grade.
- ♦ Obstructions of view as described in Section 7 or identified in Section 8.
- ♦ Traffic control layout showing the location of the existing and proposed signage.

Section 10 – Proposed Warning Signals or Devices

1. Explain in detail the proposed crossing				or other warr	ning devices p	lanned at
The proposed warn	ing is limited to	ground and	side signs as	s illustrated o	n the attache	d plans.
_The cost for the sig	gns will be paid	by project Ci	ty funds.	-·····································		
						

2. Provide an estimate for maintaining the signals for 12 months. <i>N/A (Sings only no signals)</i>
3. Is the petitioner prepared to pay to the respondent railroad company its share of installing the warning devices as provided by law? Yes No X
Section 11 – Additional Information
Provide any additional information supporting the proposal, including information such as the public benefits that would be derived from constructing a new crossing as proposed.
The existing tracks are situated @ the intersection of Hall & Whitman Streets.
The proposed plan is to separate the tracks from the vehicle travel lanes traveling east and
west. There will be no changes for the traffic in the north / south direction.

Section 12A – Waiver of Hearing by Respondent

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Waiver of Hearing	(HALL STREET @ WHITMAN STREET INTERSECTION)
The undersigned reprailroad grade crossi	presents the Respondent in the petition to construct or reconstruct a highwaying.
conditions are the sa	ed the conditions at the proposed or existing crossing site. We are satisfied the ame as described by the Petitioner in this docket. We agree crossing be ucted and consent to a decision by the commission without a hearing.
Dated at	, Washington, on the day of
STATE RAIL OFF 310 Maple Park Av P. O. Box 47407 Olympia, WA. 9850	
	Printed name of Respondent
	Signature of Respondent's Representative
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Waiver of Hearing (HALL STREET @ WHITMAN STREET INTERSECTION)

The undersigned represents the Respondent in the petition to construct or reconstruct a highway-railroad grade crossing.

We have investigated the conditions at the proposed or existing crossing site. We are satisfied the conditions are the same as described by the Petitioner in this docket. We agree crossing be installed or reconstructed and consent to a decision by the commission without a hearing.

<u>Railroad Operator)</u> Washington-Idaho Ra	Washington, on the 22 nd day of 08.
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