

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Town of Steilacoom, WA)	DOCKET NO. TR- 081743
Petitioner,)	
vs.)	PETITION FOR INSTALLATION OF
BNSF Railway Co.)	A WAYSIDE HORN AT A
Respondent)	PEDESTRIAN ONLY RAIL GRADE
.....)	CROSSING
.....)	
.....)	USDOT CROSSING # 085754X
.....)	UTC CROSSING # 1K14.94

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The Petitioner asks the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to approve installation of a wayside horn at a highway-rail grade crossing.

Section 1 – Petitioner’s Information

Town of Steilacoom, WA _____ Petitioner
1030 Roe Street _____ Street Address
Steilacoom, WA 98388 _____ City, State and Zip Code
Mailing Address, if different than the street address Paul Loveless _____ Contact Person Name
(253) 983-2074 paul.loveless@ci.steilacoom.wa.us _____ Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address

Section 2 – Respondent's Information

BNSF Railway Co.
Respondent 2454 Occidental Ave. Suite 1A
Street Address Seattle, WA 98134
City, State and Zip Code
Mailing Address, if different than the street address John, Li, Manager of Public Projects
Contact Person Name (206) 625-6146 John.Li@BNSF.com
Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address

Section 3 – Crossing Location

1. Name of highway/roadway	<u>Sunnyside Beach Pedestrian Only Crossing</u>		
2. Name of railroad	<u>BNSF Railway</u>		
3. USDOT Crossing No.	<u>085754X</u>	UTC Crossing No.	<u>1K14.94</u>
4. Located in the	<u> </u> 1/4 of the	<u> </u> 1/4 of Sec.	<u> </u> , Twp. <u> </u> , Range <u> </u> W.M. <u> </u>
5. GPS location, if known	<u> </u>		
6. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth)	<u>14.94</u>		
7. City	<u>Steilacoom</u>	County	<u>Pierce</u>

Section 4 – Vehicle Traffic

1. Type of public road at the crossing State County City
 Port State Park Other Only Pedestrian Crossing located within a town park.

2. Name of public road Sunnyside Beach Park Pedestrian Crossing

3. Road authority Town of Steilacoom

4. Average daily vehicle traffic over the crossing N/A Vehicle speed limit N/A

5. Number of lanes each way N/A

6. Trucks (commercial vehicles) are what percent of average daily traffic N/A

7. Number of school buses over the crossing each day N/A

Section 5 – Railroad Traffic

1.. Name of railroad(s) operating at crossing BNSF Railway, Union Pacific Railroad
And Amtrak

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

10. Type of tracks at crossing Main Line Siding or Spur

11. Number of tracks at crossing 2

12. Average daily train traffic, freight 42
Authorized freight train speed 79 Operated freight train speed 50

13. Average daily train traffic, passenger 8
Authorized passenger train speed 79 Operated passenger train speed 50

Section 6 – Justification

1. Describe in detail why this crossing should have a wayside horn installed.

The Town of Steilacoom, WA is seeking to eliminate the routine sounding of the train horn at the Sunnyside pedestrian-rail grade crossing. Because the Sunnyside Pedestrian Crossing is not going to be part of a New 24 Hour Quiet Zone the crossing is not under the purview of the FRA Train Horn Rule. A diagnostic team review was conducted at the Sunnyside Pedestrian Crossing consisting of the BNSF Railway, Washington UTC and the Town of Steilacoom to discuss the possible treatments that could be employed to eliminate the routine sounding of the train horn. The diagnostic team concluded that the best treatment for the Sunnyside Pedestrian Crossing was the installation of wayside horns.

Section 7 – Waiver of Hearing by Respondent

Waiver of Hearing

The undersigned represents the Respondent in the petition to install a wayside horn at the following crossing.

USDOT Crossing No. 085754X

UTC Crossing No. 1K14.94

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 installation of a wayside horn should be made and consent to a decision by the commission without a hearing.

Waiver is without prejudice and matter may be re-opened if final agreement between Town of Steilacoom and BNSF are not reached

Dated at Seattle, Washington, on the 10th day of

September, 20 08.

John Li

Printed name of Respondent

Signature of Respondent's representative

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