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Kathy Hunter, Deputy Assistant Director, Transportation Safety
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
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Re: Petition for Installation of Sidewalks at Highway-Rail Grade Crossing
Ferndale WA USDOT Crossing #084837H

Dear Ms. Hunter:

Enclosed please find the petition we discussed the other day. I have received BNSF's signature and have also enclosed a drawing showing the proposed sidewalk layout.

The City looks forward to your work on this effort as we see the addition of sidewalk at this crossing to be in the best interest of the citizens of Ferndale. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 360-354-3687 or Greg Young, Ferndale's City Administrator at 360-384-4302. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,



Luis Ponce, P.E.
Reichhardt & Ebe Engineering, Inc.

cc: Rick Wagner, BNSF
Greg Young, City Administrator

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

City of Ferndale

Petitioner,

vs.

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad

Respondent

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) DOCKET NO. TR-
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) PETITION FOR INSTALLATION OF
) SIDEWALKS AT A HIGHWAY-RAIL
) GRADE CROSSING
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) USDOT CROSSING # 084837H
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The Petitioner asks the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to approve installation of sidewalks at a highway-rail grade crossing.

Section 1 – Petitioner’s Information

City of Ferndale
Petitioner
2095 Main Street
Street Address
Ferndale, WA 98248
City, State and Zip Code
P.O. Box 936
Mailing Address, if different than the street address
Greg Young
Contact Person Name
360-384-4302 Cityadmin@ci.ferndale.wa.us
Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address

Section 2 – Respondent's Information

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Respondent
2454 Occidental Avenue South, Suite 1A Street Address
Seattle, WA 98134 City, State and Zip Code
 Mailing Address, if different than the street address
Richard Wagner Contact Person Name
206-625-6152 Richard.Wagner@BNSF.com Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address

Section 3 – Crossing Location

1. Name of highway/roadway: <u>Washington Street</u>
2. Name of railroad <u>BNSF</u>
3. USDOT Crossing No. <u>084837H</u> UTC Crossing No. _____
4. Located in the <u>SW</u> 1/4 of the <u>SW</u> 1/4 of Sec. <u>20</u> , Twp. <u>39</u> , Range <u>02</u> W.M.
5. GPS location, if known _____
6. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth) <u>106.21</u>
7. City <u>Ferndale</u> County <u>Whatcom</u>

Section 4 – Current Crossing Traffic

1. Type of public road at the crossing State County **XX City**
 Port State Park Other _____

2. Average daily vehicle traffic over the tracks 7260 Vehicle speed limit **25 mph**

3. Trucks (commercial vehicles) are what percent of average daily traffic 5%

4. Number of school buses over the crossing each day 48

5. Name of railroad(s) operating at crossing BNSF

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

7. Type of tracks at crossing **xx Main Line** **xx Siding or Spur**

8. Number of tracks at crossing 3

9. Average daily train traffic, freight 8
Authorized freight train speed 40 Operated freight train speed 40

10. Average daily train traffic, passenger 4
Authorized passenger train speed 45 Operated passenger train speed 45

Section 5 – Justification

1. Provide the following information:

- a. Provide a description of the type of sidewalks proposed.
- c. Describe who will maintain the sidewalks.
- d. Attach a proposed diagram or design of the crossing including the sidewalks.

a. 6' wide sidewalks in accordance with ADA & WSDOT requirements.

Sidewalk installed behind BNSF signal equipment as requested by BNSF.

b. City of Ferndale will maintain sidewalks

c. See attached drawing.

Section 6 – Waiver of Hearing by Respondent

Waiver of Hearing

The undersigned represents the Respondent in the petition to install sidewalks at the following crossing.

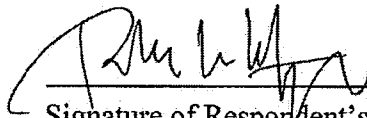
USDOT Crossing No. 084837H UTC Crossing No. _____

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

Dated at Seattle, Washington, on the 15th day of
May, 2009.

Richard Wagner

Printed name of Respondent



Signature of Respondent's Representative

Manager Public Projects

Title

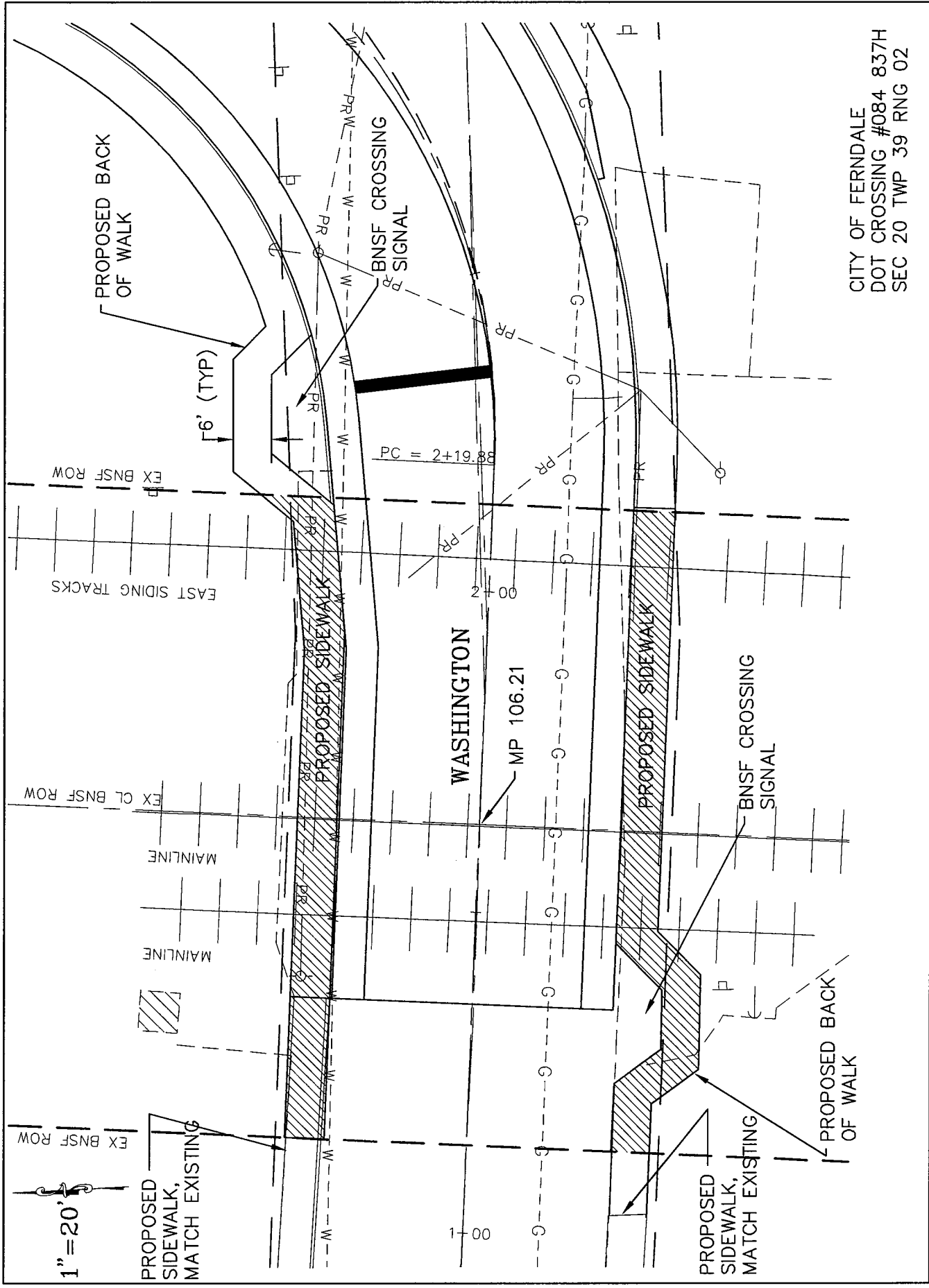
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 DOT CROSSING #084 837H
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