

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

)	DOCKET NO. TR- <u>090912</u>
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<u>City of Richland</u>)	PETITION TO MODIFY STEPTOE
Petitioner,)	STREET HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE
)	CROSSING
vs.)	
)	USDOT CROSSING # 310397T
<u>Tri-City Railroad</u>)	
Respondent)	UTC CROSSING #
)	
and)	
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<u>Port of Benton</u>)	
Respondent)	

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 COMMISSION

The Petitioner asks the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to approve installation of a roundabout intersection with sidewalks and additional railroad crossing safety features at an existing highway-rail grade crossing.

Section 1 – Petitioner’s Information

<u>City of Richland</u>
Petitioner
<u>840 Northgate Drive</u>
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<u>Richland, WA 99352</u>
City, State and Zip Code
<u>PO Box 190, MS 26</u>
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<u>Steve Stairs</u>
Contact Person Name
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Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address

Section 2 – Respondent's Information

<u>Tri-City RailRoad</u> Respondent
<u>2579 Stevens Drive</u> Street Address
<u>Richland, WA 99354</u> City, State and Zip Code
<u>PO Box 1700</u> Mailing Address, if different than the street address
<u>Rydel Peterson</u> Contact Person Name
<u>509-460-0523 rydel@tcry.com</u> Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address

Section 3 – Crossing Location

1. Name of highway/roadway <u>Steptoe Street</u>
2. Name of railroad <u>Tri-City & Olympia Railroad Company</u>
3. USDOT Crossing No. <u>310397T</u> UTC Crossing No. _____
4. Located in the <u>SW</u> 1/4 of the <u>NW</u> 1/4 of Sec. <u>30</u> , Twp. <u>9N</u> , Range <u>29E</u> W.M.
5. GPS location, if known <u>Unknown</u>
6. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth) <u>46.1</u>
7. City <u>Richland</u> County <u>Benton</u>

Section 4 – Current 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 15,000 Vehicle speed limit 35 mph

3. Trucks (commercial vehicles) are what percent of average daily traffic 2%

4. Number of school buses over the crossing each day 8

5. Name of railroad(s) operating at crossing Tri-City & Olympia Railroad

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

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

8. Number of tracks at crossing 1

9. Average daily train traffic, freight 2-4
Authorized freight train speed 20 mph Operated freight train speed 10 mph

10. Average daily train traffic, passenger 0
Authorized passenger train speed N/A Operated passenger train speed N/A

Section 6 – Justification

1. Provide the following information:

a. Provide a description of the type of sidewalks proposed and the changes to the warning devices.

c. Describe who will maintain the sidewalks.

d. Attach a proposed diagram or design of the crossing including the sidewalks.

Realign the east leg of Tapteal Drive to be coincident with the R/R crossing at Steptoe Street
and construct a new west leg of Tapteal Drive. Construct a roundabout to provide traffic
control for the new intersection. The railroad tracks will stay in their current position and
will be located diagonally through the roundabout between the west leg of Tapteal Drive and
north leg of Steptoe Street and between the east leg of Tapteal Drive and south leg of Steptoe
Street. Railroad safety gates activated by advanced train detection will be constructed on all
four approaches. Cantilevered safety light structures will be constructed on the Steptoe
Street approaches. Standard pavement markings in conformance with the MUTCD will be
marked on the pavement. Advanced railroad crossing warning signs will be placed on all
four legs. The signs on Steptoe Street will be equipped with flashing beacons. No changes
for train detection will be required after completion of the project.

Section 7 – Waiver of Hearing by Respondent

Waiver of Hearing

The undersigned represents the Respondent in the petition to install sidewalks and modify the warning devices at the following crossing.

USDOT Crossing No. 310397T 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 and modification to warning devices should be made and consent to a decision by the commission without a hearing.

Dated at RICHLAND, Washington, on the 8th day of
JUNE, 20 09.

Tri-City & Olympia Railroad – Rydel Peterson
Printed name of Respondent

Rydel Peterson
Signature of Respondent's Representative

Vice President
Title

(509) 371 8313 rydel@tcry.com
Phone number and e-mail address

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Richland, WA 99354
Mailing address

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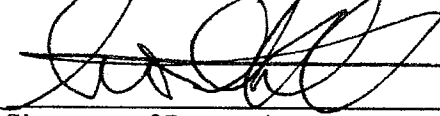
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Dated at Richland, Washington, on the 10th day of June, 2009.

Port of Benton – Scott Keller

Printed name of Respondent



Signature of Respondent's Representative

Executive Director

Title

(509) 375-3060 keller@portofbenton.com

Phone number and e-mail address

3100 George Washington Way






















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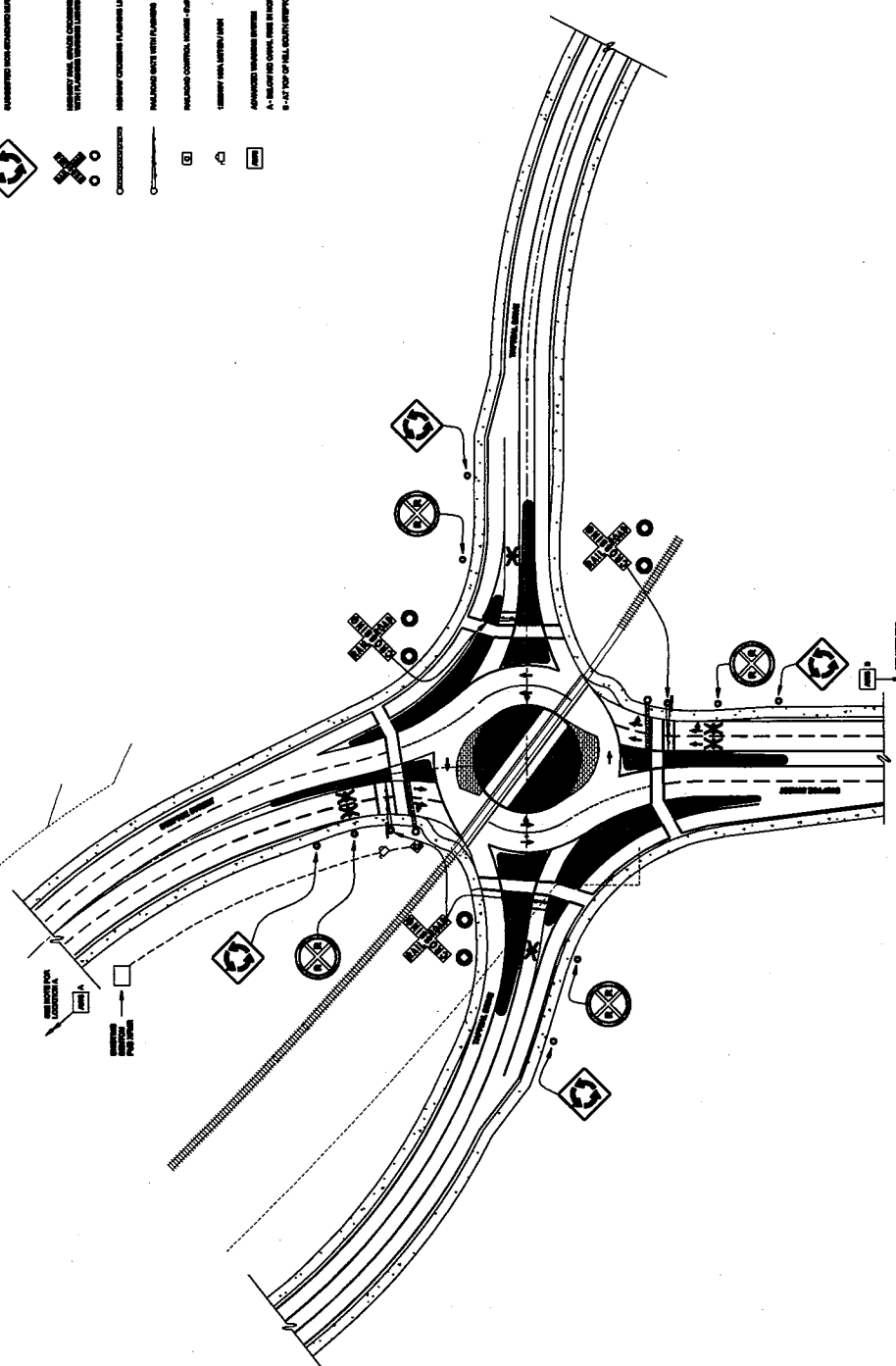
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TAPTEAL/STEPTOE R/R CROSSING (DRAFT)

GENERAL NOTES

1. PRELIMINARY ONLY. EXACT PLACEMENT OF SIGNS AND SIGNALS TO BE DETERMINED UNDER FIELD CONDITIONS.
2. USE OF SIGNALS, VEHICLE CONTROLLED PROTECTION.

-  NO LEFT TURN
-  NO RIGHT TURN
-  NO U-TURN
-  NO PARKING
-  NO STOPPING
-  NO STANDING
-  NO LOADING/UNLOADING
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SIGN AND GATE LAYOUT
SCALE: 1" = 40'