

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

)	DOCKET NO. TR-091886
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City of Ellensburg)	PETITION TO MODIFY HIGHWAY-
_____)	RAIL GRADE CROSSING ACTIVE
Petitioner,)	WARNING DEVICES AND
)	DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS
vs.)	FROM THE GRADE CROSSING
BNSF Railway Company)	PROTECTIVE FUND
_____)	
Respondent)	
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.....)	USDOT CROSSING # 085-185 U
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The Petitioner asks the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to approving the modification of highway-rail grade crossing warning signals and disbursing funds from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund.

Section 1 – Petitioner’s Information

Petitioner	City of Ellensburg
Street Address	500 North Anderson
City, State and Zip Code	Ellensburg, WA 98926
Mailing Address, if different than the street address	NA
Contact Person Name	Ryan A Lyyski
Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address	505-962-7230 lyyskir@ci.ellensburg.wa.us

Section 2 – Respondent's Information

Respondent	BNSF Railway Company
Street Address	2454 Occidental Ave. South Suite 1A
City, State and Zip Code	Seattle, Washington 989134
Mailing Address, if different than the street address	
Contact Person Name	Todd M. Kuhn PE
Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address	(206) 625-6146 Todd.Kuhn@BNSF.com

Section 3 – Crossing Location

1. Existing highway/roadway	Mountain View Ave.		
2. Existing railroad	BNSF		
3. USDOT Crossing No.	085-185 U	UTC Crossing No.	1C126.20
4. Located in the <u>NW</u> 1/4 of the <u>NE</u> 1/4 of Sec. 11, Twp. 17, Range 18 W.M.			
5. GPS location, if known	Latitude 46.9842766	Longitude	-120.5486021
6. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth)	0126.21		
7. City	Ellensburg	County	Kittitas

Section 4 – Current Highway Traffic Information

1. Name of highway Mountain View Ave

2. Road authority City of Ellensburg

3. Average annual daily traffic (AADT) 1802

4. Number of lanes 2

5. Roadway speed 25

6. Is the crossing part of an established truck route? Yes _____ No X

7. If so, trucks are what percent of total daily traffic? NA

8. Is the crossing part of an established school bus route? Yes X No _____

9. If so, how many school buses travel over the crossing each day? 4

10. Describe any changes to the information in 1 through 7, above, expected within ten years:

Our map of truck routes does not include this crossing. We may update this location
and include it as a truck route due to the number of trucks that enter and exit the Kittitas

County Solid Waste Facility located in this vicinity. Crossing has 28% truck traffic at this time.

Section 5 – Current Crossing Information

1. Railroad company BNSF Railway Company

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

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

4. Number of tracks at crossing 1

5. Average daily train traffic, freight 6

Authorized freight train speed Max 49 Operated freight train speed 30-49

6. Average daily train traffic, passenger NA

Authorized passenger train speed NA Operated passenger train speed NA

7. Describe any changes to the information in 1 through 4, above, expected within ten years:

Nothing is anticipated in the near future

8. What is the available sight distance from the stop bar (or 25 feet from the tracks if no stop bar) on both approaches to the crossing?

To the south unlimited To the north +/- 3000'

9. If the sight distance is less than 400 feet, describe the structures, roadway or track curvature, visual obstacles or other characteristics that limit sight distance.

NA

Section 6 – Current Warning Devices

1. Provide a complete description of the warning devices currently located at the crossing, including signs, gates, lights, train detection circuitry and any other warning devices.

Crossbucks (2)

Advance Warning

Stop Lines and RR Crossing Symbols

Mast Mounted Flashing Lights (8)

Track Equipped with Train Signals

Number of Flashing Lights Pair (4)

Bells (1)

Type of Train Detection DC/AFO

Attach a detailed diagram, drawing, map or other illustration showing the proposed modification.

Section 9 – Project Cost Information

1. Breakdown of estimated total cost.

Labor & Equipment	\$ 2,700.00
Materials	2,100.00
Engineering	2,500.00
Contingencies	2,700.00

2. Names of the parties contributing to the project and the amount each is contributing.

Sole contributor WUTC

3. Provide the amount the applicant is requesting from the GCPF grant program.

\$10,000.00

Section 10 – Project Completion Date

Project completion date: After approval 12 months

Section 11 – Waiver of Hearing by Respondent

Waiver of Hearing

The undersigned represents the Respondent in the petition to modify highway-rail grade crossing warning signals at the following crossing.

USDOT Crossing No. 085-185 U UTC Crossing No. 1C126.20

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 warning signals should be modified and consent to a decision by the commission without a hearing.

Dated at Seattle, Washington, on the 19th day of
November, 20 09.

Todd M. Kuhn PE

Printed name of Respondent



Signature of Respondent's Representative

Manager Public Projects

Title

(206) 625-6146 Todd.Kuhn@BNSF.com

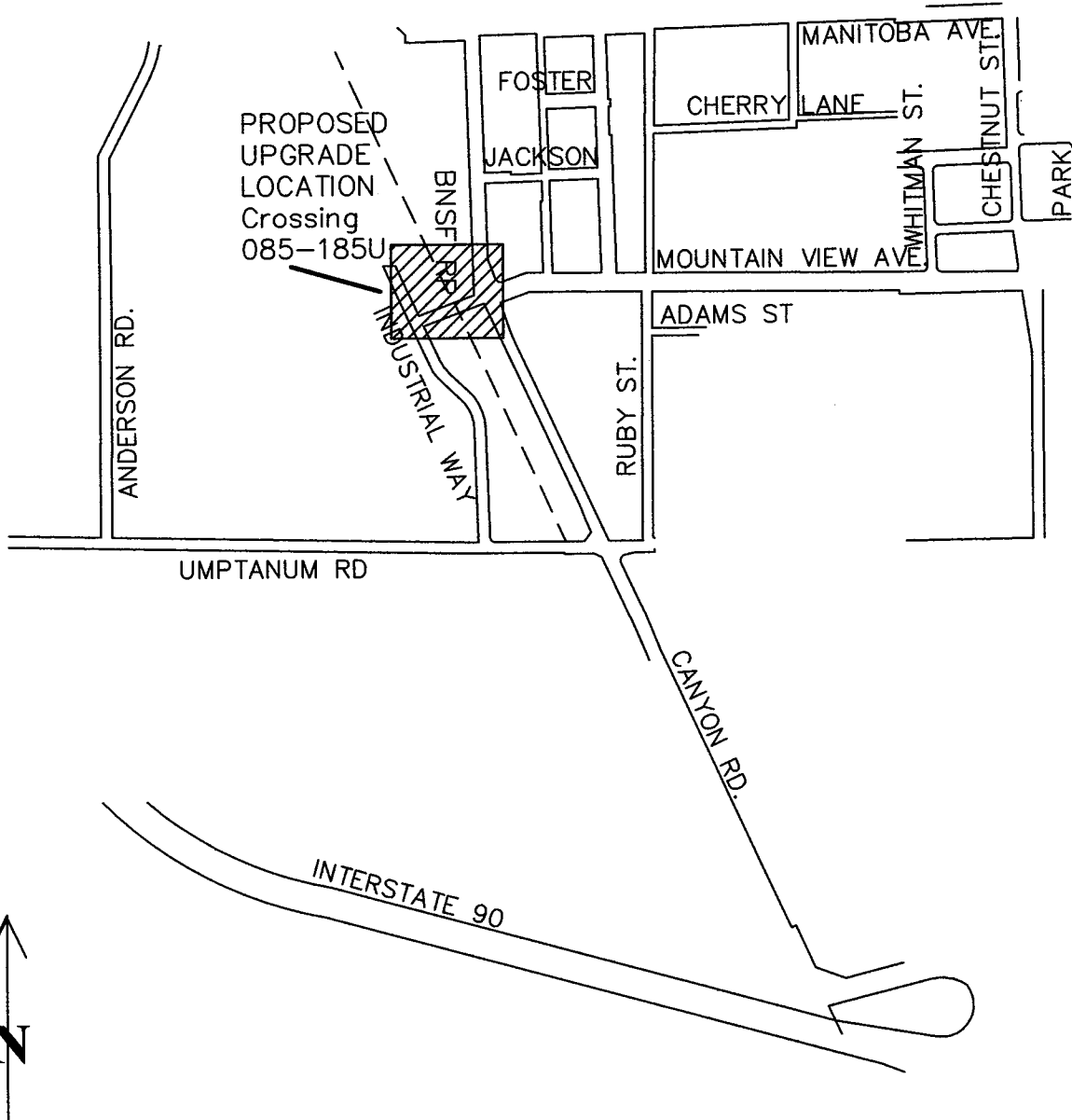
Phone number and e-mail address

2454 Occidental Ave South Suite 1A

Seattle, WA 98134

Mailing address

BNSF Crossing MP 0126.21 USDOT # 085-185U



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Letter of Transmittal



Date: November 23, 2009

To: Kathy Hunter - Assistant Director
WA. Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S Evergreen Park Dr. SW
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

From: Ryan Lyyski - City Engineer
City of Ellensburg
500 North Anderson
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Please find enclosed a petition to modify a railway crossing located within the City of Ellensburg limits located at Mt. View Avenue. We respectfully request your review and approval for a modification at this location to be funded by the WUTC Grade Crossing Protective Fund Grants.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Lyyski".

Ryan Lyyski - City Engineer

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Date