



WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

)	DOCKET NO. TR-110159
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Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad)	PETITION FOR THE CLOSURE
_____)	OF A HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE
Petitioner,)	CROSSING
)	
vs.)	
City of Elma)	
_____)	
Respondent)	
)	USDOT CROSSING NO.
)	096525J
.....)	N. 2 nd Street

Prior to submitting a Petition for the Closure of a Highway-Rail Grade Crossing to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC), State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) requirements must be met. Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-865 (2) requires:

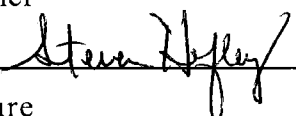
All actions of the utilities and transportation commission under statutes administered as of December 12, 1975, are exempted, except the following:

(2) Authorization of the openings or closing of any highway/railroad grade crossing, or the direction of physical connection of the line of one railroad with that of another;

Please attach sufficient documentation to demonstrate that the SEPA requirement has been fulfilled. For additional information on SEPA requirements contact the Department of Ecology.

The Petitioner asks the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to approve the closure of a public at-grade highway-railroad crossing as described in this petition.

Section 1 – Petitioner’s Information

Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad	2011 JAN 19 PM 2:10
Petitioner	
	
Signature	
411 N. 3rd Street	
Street Address	

City, State and Zip Code

Same

Mailing Address, if different than the street address

Steve L. Hefley

Contact Person Name

(360) 482-4994; steve.hefley@railamerica.com

Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address

Section 2 – Respondent's Information

City of Elma

Respondent

P.O. Box E

202 W. Main Street

Street Address

Elma, WA 98541

City, State and Zip Code

Mailing Address, if different than the street address

Steve Pettit

Contact Person Name

(360) 482-4482. steve@cityofelma.com

Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address

Section 3 – Crossing Location

1. Existing highway/roadway N. 2nd Street

2. Existing railroad Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad

3. USDOT Crossing No. 096525J

4. Located in the ___ 1/4 of the ___ 1/4 of Sec. 35, Twp. 18, Range 06 W.M.

5. GPS location, if known: Latitude 47.00794; Longitude -123.40333

7. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth) 48.10

8. City Elma County Grays Harbor

Section 4 – 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 347 Vehicle speed limit 25 MPH

3. Trucks (commercial vehicles) are what percent of average daily traffic 16.8%

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

5. Name of railroad(s) operating at crossing Puget Sound and Pacific 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 Two (2)

9. Average daily train traffic, freight 6 trains/24 hours

Authorized freight train speed 40mph Operated freight train speed 20mph (typ.)

10. Average daily train traffic, passenger N/A

Authorized passenger train speed N/A Operated passenger train speed N/A

Section 5 – Description of Closure

1. Describe in detail the reasons for closing the crossing: **Improving public safety by reducing the potential for train/vehicle crossing accidents, reducing railroad maintenance cost and improving railroad operations.**

2. Describe the area currently served by the crossing, including the approximate number of homes or businesses that might be affected by the closure: **2nd St. connects between W. Main St. downtown Elma to residences and light industry north of the railroad crossing then turns 2 blocks north of the railroad crossing to connect to N. 3rd St.**

3. How far is the nearest alternate access across the tracks from the crossing proposed for closure? **Approximately 325 feet.**

4. Describe the alternate access route, including distance and driving time: **The alternate access route would be using N. 3rd Street to cross the railroad tracks from the downtown area (Main Street) to W. Pine St. and back south on 2nd St.**

The worst case additional driving distance would be approximately 1500', or about 1-2 additional minutes of driving time.

Section 6 – Illustration of Crossing

Attach a diagram, drawing, map or other illustration showing the location of the highway and railroad in the vicinity of the crossing. Include the parcels of private property located on both sides of the highway for a distance of 500' from the crossing and the name and mailing address of each property owner.

See Exhibit-2nd Street, Elma, WA

Section 7 – Waiver of Hearing by Respondent

Waiver of Hearing

The undersigned represents the Respondent in the closure of the following crossing.

USDOT Crossing No. 096525J

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 grade crossing should be closed and consent to a decision by the commission without a hearing.

Dated at _____, Washington, on the _____ day of

_____, 20 ____.

Printed name of Respondent

Signature of Respondent's Representative

Title

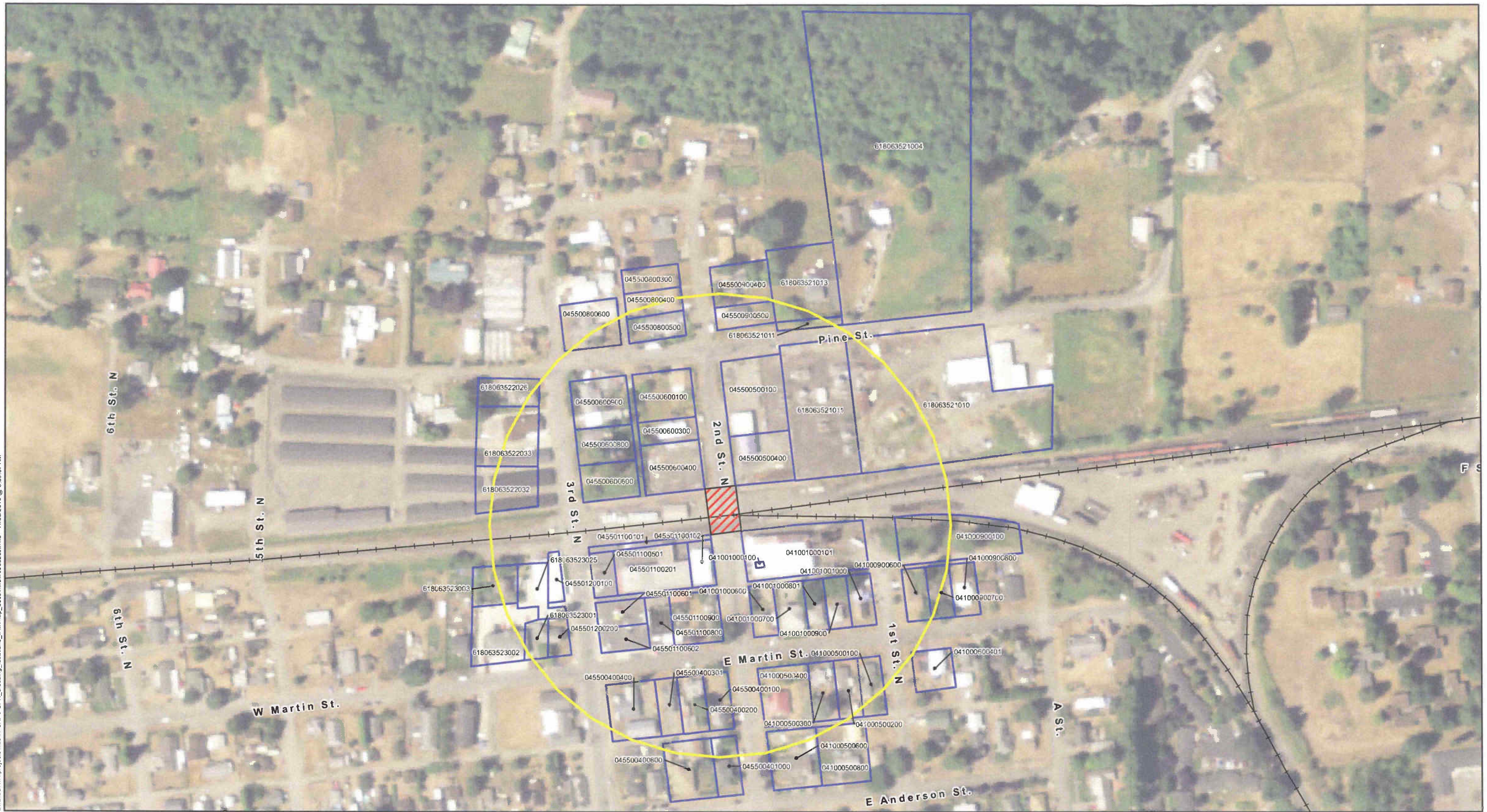
Phone number and e-mail address

Mailing address





N. 2nd STREET - ELMA, WA
Properties within 500' of crossing

APN	OWNER	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	ZIP4	SITUS
618063521004	SCHUELER BERNARD D & BRENDA	104 E PINE ST	ELMA	WA	98541		00104 E PINE
618063521013	GRUBE GORDON M & LORNA K	102 E PINE ST	ELMA	WA	98541		00102 E PINE
045500900400	BEERBOWER MICHELE D	602 N 2ND ST	ELMA	WA	98541		00602 N 2ND ST
045500800300	BENN EUGENE V	PO BOX 1453	ELMA	WA	98541		00000
045500800400	BENN EUGENE V	PO BOX 1453	ELMA	WA	98541		00605 N 2ND ST
045500900500	THORNOCK ALBERT J COURTNEY K	PO BOX 1387	ELMA	WA	98541		00601 N 2ND ST
045500800500	GRUBBS MICHAEL O & SHERRIE E	601 N 2ND ST	ELMA	WA	98541		00232 W PINE
045500800600	MACOMBER GREGORY N	PO BOX 1441	ELMA	WA	98541		00000
618063521010	CITY OF ELMA	CITY HALL	ELMA	WA	98541		00000
618063521011	PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT #1	PO BOX 480	ABERDEEN	WA	98520		00000
045500600900	MC FARLAND DON J	306 GARDEN HILL RD E	ELMA	WA	98541		00520 N 3RD ST
618063522026	RANDALL KEITH O & JOAN	5 MEADOWLARK RD	MONTESANO	WA	98563		00519 3RD ST
045500500100	PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT #1	PO BOX 480	ABERDEEN	WA	98520		00000
045500600100	MARSHALL MARGUERITE M	PO BOX 289	ELMA	WA	98541		00515 N 2ND ST
618063522033	ELMA MINI STORAGE LLC	PO BOX 1547	ELMA	WA	98541		00513 N 3RD ST
045500600300	DEIBERT WILLIAM J	PO BOX 70	ELMA	WA	98541		00000
045500500400	PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT #1	PO BOX 480	ABERDEEN	WA	98520		00516 N 2ND ST
045500600400	PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT #1	PO BOX 480	ABERDEEN	WA	98520		00000
045500600800	BREARTY TRAVIS B	PO BOX 12	ELMA	WA	98541		00510 N 3RD ST
045500600600	KJELDTOFT ELLEN M ET AL	3326 37TH AVE W	SEATTLE	WA	98199		00000
618063522032	ELMA MINI STORAGE LLC	PO BOX 1547	ELMA	WA	98541		00000 N 3RD ST
041000900100	PUGET SOUND & PACIFIC RAILROAD	ATTN: KEVIN POLENSKY TAX DEPT	JACKSONVILLE	FL	32256		00000
041001000101	ZEPP ALBERT & SANDI	225 DUNLAP RD	ELMA	WA	98541		00419 N 2ND ST
045501100102	ZEPP ALBERT & SANDI	225 DUNLAP RD	ELMA	WA	98541		00000 3RD & RAILROAD
045501100201	LES SCHWAB TIRE CENTERS	PO BOX 5350	BEND	OR	97708	5350	00000
045501100101	CITY OF ELMA	PO BOX E	ELMA	WA	98541		00000
045501100501	LES SCHWAB TIRE CENTERS	PO BOX 5350	BEND	OR	97708	5350	00000
045501200100	DOYLE MARK	PO BOX 1492	ELMA	WA	98541		00411 N 3RD ST
041001000100	ZEPP ALBERT & SANDI	225 DUNLAP RD	ELMA	WA	98541		00000
041000900800	EASTSIDE ENTERPRISES INC	76 KEYS ROAD WEST	ELMA	WA	98541		00110 E MARTIN
618063523025	DOYLE MARK	PO BOX 1492	ELMA	WA	98541		00000
618063523003	JINES STEVEN & CHARLENE	PO BOX 397	ELMA	WA	98541		00421 RAILROAD AVE
041000900700	WILSON JAMES A & MADELYNE	1919 EVERGREEN PARK DR APT 89	OLYMPIA	WA	98502		00106 E MARTIN
041000900600	BOYER OJENTIN & PHYLLIS TRUST	PO BOX 364	ELMA	WA	98541		00102 E MARTIN
041001000100	HENNECK HARRY R	PO BOX 1425	ELMA	WA	98541		00102 W MARTIN
041001000900	HOWARTH SCOTT	PO BOX 1535	ELMA	WA	98541		00106 W MARTIN
041001000801	ROLL RICHARD & NANCY	24 TIPI COURT W	ELMA	WA	98541		00110 W MARTIN
041001000700	RECTOR STEVEN M & NANCY E	178 OLD WYNOOCHEE RD	MONTESANO	WA	98563		00118 W MARTIN
041001000600	NORRIS WILLIAM SR & ELIZABETH	PO BOX 1548	ELMA	WA	98541		00120 W MARTIN
045501100900	LES SCHWAB TIRE CENTERS	PO BOX 5350	BEND	OR	97708	5350	00202 W MARTIN
045501100800	LES SCHWAB TIRE CENTERS	PO BOX 5350	BEND	OR	97708	5350	00406 N 3RD ST
045501100601	LES SCHWAB TIRE CENTERS	PO BOX 5350	BEND	OR	97708	5350	00310 W MARTIN
618063523002	MEENK RUTH L & DYE ERIC M	3208 46TH AVE NW	OLYMPIA	WA	98502		00401 N 3RD ST
045501200200	QUIMBY FORREST M	PO BOX 396	ELMA	WA	98541		00000
045501100602	LES SCHWAB TIRE CENTERS	PO BOX 5350	BEND	OR	97708	5350	00404 N 3RD ST
041000600401	KOCH THOMAS P	PO BOX 159	ELMA	WA	98541		00312 N 1ST ST
041000500100	MCGAUGHY LINDA	PO BOX 1478	ELMA	WA	98541		00101 W MARTIN
041000500200	BIGGS DAVID A & JACQUELINE	105 W MARTIN ST	ELMA	WA	98541		00105 W MARTIN
041000500300	HENNECK HARRY R JR	PO BOX 1425	ELMA	WA	98541		00109 W MARTIN
041000500400	SORREL JOSEPH	PO BOX 1823	ELMA	WA	98541		00314 2ND ST
045500400100	SISSON ERIC D & TRACY E	381 E BALLYCASTLE WAY	SHELTON	WA	98584		00325 N 2ND ST
045500400200	HOWARD TRENTON & QUIEN MICHELLE	111 HIRSCHBECK HEIGHTS RD	ABERDEEN	WA	98520		00207 W MARTIN
045500400301	GEORGE JANICE M	PO BOX 592	ELMA	WA	98541		00219 W MARTIN
045500400400	GEORGE IVAN J & DONNA R	PO BOX 2234	ELMA	WA	98541		00120 W ANDERSON
041000500600	MARSH JAMES A & SANDRA H	PO BOX 1886	ELMA	WA	98541		00202 W ANDERSON
045500401000	HALL JACQUELINE	PO BOX 291	ELMA	WA	98541		00108 W ANDERSON
041000500800	EVERSON CHARLES E & BETTY L	PO BOX 785	ELMA	WA	98541		00208 W ANDERSON
045500400800	MOUGOUS ROBERT L	PO BOX 306	ELMA	WA	98541		

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Legend

-  PSAP Closure
-  500-ft. Crossing Buffer
-  Parcel Impacted by Crossing
-  Railroad



2nd Street N - Elma, WA
USDOT #096525J

PUGET SOUND AND PACIFIC RAILROAD