

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

)	DOCKET NO. TR- 110161
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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. 096638P
)	N. 10th 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 JUN 13 PM 2:11
Petitioner	
	
Signature	
411 N. 3rd Street	
Street Address	
Elma, WA 98541	

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. 10th Street

2. Existing railroad Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad

3. USDOT Crossing No. 096638P

4. Located in the ___ 1/4 of the ___ 1/4 of Sec. 34 , Twp. 18 , Range 06 W.M.

5. GPS location, if known: Latitude 47.00732; Longitude -123.4128

7. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth) 48.5

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 136 Vehicle speed limit **25 MPH**

3. Trucks (commercial vehicles) are what percent of average daily traffic 9.9%

4. Number of school buses over the crossing each day 0

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 One (1)

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

Authorized freight train speed 40 mph Operated freight train speed 30 mph (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: **10th St. connects between W. Main St. downtown Elma to residences north of the railroad crossing then ends 1 blocks north of the railroad crossing. 10th St connects to Wakefield St. 1 block north of the at-grade railroad crossing.**

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. 11th Street to cross the railroad tracks from the downtown area (Main Street) to Wakefield St. and back south on 10th St. Note that, unlike N. 10th Street, the crossing at N. 11th Street is equipped with active warning devices, including gates.**

The worst case scenario for additional driving distance would be approximately 2100', or about 2 additional minutes at 25 mph.

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 Print-N. 10th St., 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. 096638P

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

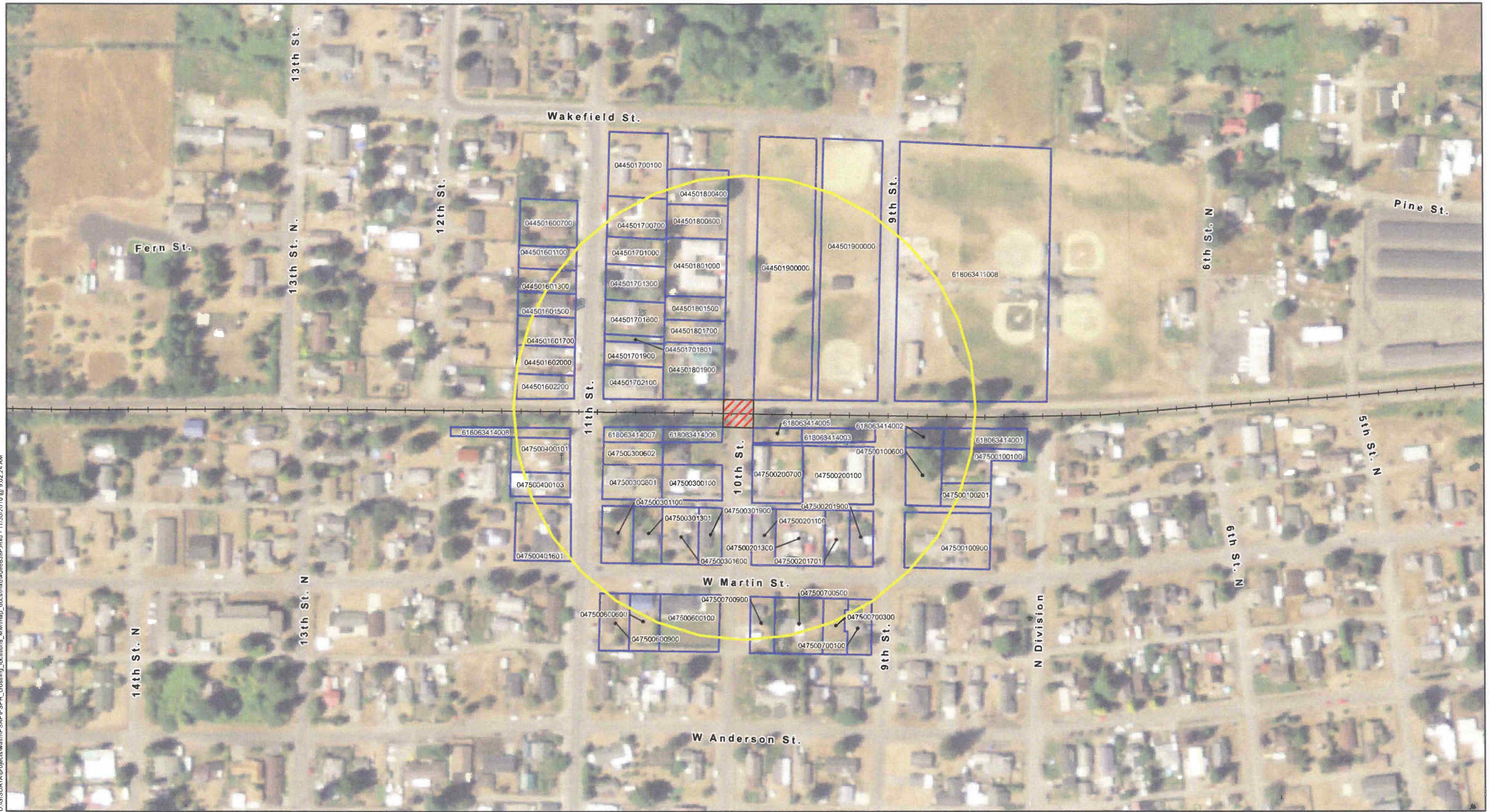
Mailing address

N. 10th STREET - ELMA, WA





Properties within 500' of crossing

APN	OWNER	ADDRESS	ADDRESS2	CITY	STATE	ZIP	ZIP4	SITUS
618063411008	CITY OF ELMA	CITY HALL		ELMA	WA	98541		00000
044501800400	BEDORTHA DENNIS L & JERI J	PO BOX 1286		ELMA	WA	98541		00533 10TH ST
044501700100	LARSON STEVE T & DANETTE J	540 N 11TH ST		ELMA	WA	98541		00540 N 11TH ST
044501700700	WOOD JAMES & RACHELLE	530 N 11TH ST		ELMA	WA	98541		00530 N 11TH ST
044501800800	CAMENZIND MICHAEL	24 EVERGREEN VILLAGE LANE		ELMA	WA	98541		00529 N 10TH ST
044501900000	CITY OF ELMA	PO BOX E		ELMA	WA	98541		00000
044501600700	LOW ROBERT W	PO BOX 555		ELMA	WA	98541		00527 N 11TH ST
044501701000	ESTES PAULENE	PO BOX 1457		ELMA	WA	98541		00526 N 11TH ST
044501601100	SALVAGGI JOSEPH D	12 SALVAGGI LN		ELMA	WA	98541		00523 N 11TH ST
044501701300	FIELDING CRYSTAL A	510 N 11TH		ELMA	WA	98541		00510 N 11TH ST
044501601300	SOTO RAMON & ALICIA	521 N 11TH		ELMA	WA	98541		00521 N 11TH ST
044501801000	KRENK RAYMOND J JR & PATRICIA D	PO BOX 1757		ELMA	WA	98541		00519 N 10TH ST
044501601500	LAFONTAINE ANGELA	PO BOX 486		ELMA	WA	98541		00000 N 11TH ST
044501701600	PETERS BARBARA	PO BOX 78		ELMA	WA	98541		00506 N 11TH ST
044501801500	WELLS FARGO BANK	3476 STATESVIEW BLVD		FORT MILL SC	SC	29715		00513 N 10TH ST
044501801700	WHITNEY DANENE E	511 N 10TH ST		ELMA	WA	98541		00511 N 10TH ST
044501701801	CARLSEN BERTHA F	PO BOX 1084		ELMA	WA	98541		00000
044501701900	HARRIS SANDRA L	PO BOX 1091		ELMA	WA	98541		00509 N 11TH
044501701900	ANDERSON JAY	BOX 175		ELMA	WA	98541		00504 N 11TH ST
044501602200	JOHANSON CHRISTOPHER D & JAMIE L	PO BOX 1467		ELMA	WA	98541		00505 N 11TH ST
044501702100	WILLIAMS SAMUEL V	502 N 11TH ST		ELMA	WA	98541		00501 N 11TH ST
618063414008	GRONBERG FAMILY TRUST	PO BOX 1977		ELMA	WA	98541		00502 N 11TH ST
618063414007	KURONEN KENNETH H & GARNET G	PO BOX 1327		ELMA	WA	98541		00000
618063414006	HARI EARL L JR	PO BOX 333		ELMA	WA	98541		00000
618063414005	TRAIL DAVID L & PATTI L	197 MOX CHEHALIS RD		ELMA	WA	98541		00000
618063414002	MENDEZ REYNALDO & SUSAN A	413 N DIVISION		ELMA	WA	98541		00000
618063414003	SLOAN JERRY D ET AL	C/O VIRGINIA SLOAN	411 N 9TH ST	ELMA	WA	98541		00000
618063414001	MENDEZ REYNALDO & SUSAN A	413 N DIVISION		ELMA	WA	98541		00000
047500400101	COX MARK & TRISHA	411 N 11TH ST		ELMA	WA	98541		00411 N 11TH ST
047500200700	TRAIL DAVID L & PATTI L	197 MOX CHEHALIS RD		ELMA	WA	98541		00418 N 10TH ST
047500200100	SLOAN JERRY D ET AL	411 N 9TH ST		ELMA	WA	98541		00411 N 9TH ST
047500100600	COMER DANNY A	%W COMER/PO BOX 46		ELMA	WA	98541		00412 N 9TH ST
047500100100	MENDEZ REYNALDO & SUSAN A	413 N DIVISION		ELMA	WA	98541		00000
047500300601	KURONEN KENNETH H & GARNET G	PO BOX 1327		ELMA	WA	98541		00408 N 11TH ST
047500300100	HARI EARL L JR	BOX 333		ELMA	WA	98541		01005 RAILROAD
047500400103	HAWKINS JUDY K	409 N 11TH ST		ELMA	WA	98541		00409 N 11TH ST
047500100201	COMER DANNY A	%W COMER/PO BOX 46		ELMA	WA	98541		00000
047500401601	BOOHER JERRY D & ELLEN E	PO BOX 1154		ELMA	WA	98541		01102 W MARTIN
047500301100	TEITELMAN GEORGE	PO BOX 1075		ELMA	WA	98541		01020 MARTIN
047500301301	PHILBURN KATHLEEN M	PO BOX 514		ELMA	WA	98541		01016 W MARTIN
047500301600	MARZOLF JOANN	PO BOX 71		ELMA	WA	98541		01006 W MARTIN
047500301900	PAVLOV BEVERLY R	PO BOX 154		ELMA	WA	98541		00405 N 10TH ST
047500201100	CARRIKER KAREN M	PO BOX 1113		ELMA	WA	98541		00402 N 10TH ST
047500201300	VEST FORD D	PO BOX 332		ELMA	WA	98541		00912 W MARTIN
047500201701	TRUTTMAN MARGARET A	PO BOX 311		ELMA	WA	98541		00906 W MARTIN
047500201900	TRUTTMAN MARGARET A	PO BOX 311		ELMA	WA	98541		00401 N 9TH ST
047500600900	MEYENBURG WILLIAM D JR & K L	PO BOX 797		ELMA	WA	98541		00820 W MARTIN
047500600800	HAWTHORNE JOHN C	PO BOX 1906		ELMA	WA	98541		00000
047500600100	HUTTULA JANICE C	3425 24TH AVE NE		OLYMPIA	WA	98506		01015 W MARTIN
047500700500	COCK ERICK M & JENNIFER J	PO BOX 1530		ELMA	WA	98541		01001 W MARTIN
047500700500	MADISON ROGER & MARILYN	7047 CAVALIER LOOP SW		OLYMPIA	WA	98512		00919 W MARTIN
047500700300	LILLQUIST KENNEY D	PO BOX 7384		OLYMPIA	WA	98507		00913 W MARTIN
047500700100	LILLQUIST KENNEY D	PO BOX 7384		OLYMPIA	WA	98502		00901 W MARTIN

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Legend

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



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**10th Street N - Elma, WA
USDOT #096638P**

PUGET SOUND AND PACIFIC RAILROAD