

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

)	DOCKET NO. TR- 110162
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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. 096641X
)	N. 17th 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	2013 JUN 19 PM 2:11
Petitioner	
<i>Steven Heyler</i>	
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. 17th Street

2. Existing railroad Puget Sound and Pacific Railway

3. USDOT Crossing No. 096641X

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 47.00717; Longitude -123.4128

7. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth) 48.90

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 90 Vehicle speed limit **25 MPH**

3. Trucks (commercial vehicles) are what percent of average daily traffic 10.2%

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 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: **17th St. connects to W. Martin St. To travel Between W. Main St. downtown Elma to W. Martin St. access is north on either N. 16th St. or offset N. 17th St. to W. Martin, then to N. 17th St. to cross the railroad crossing which then ends approximately 2 blocks north of the railroad crossing at Bailey Rd.**

3. How far is the nearest alternate access across the tracks from the crossing proposed for closure? **Approximately 1,200 feet.**

4. Describe the alternate access route, including distance and driving time: **The alternate access route would be using N. 13th Street to cross the railroad tracks from the downtown area (Main Street) to Bailey Rd. and back south on 17th St.**

The worst-case additional driving distance is about 1 mile, or about 3-4 minutes at the posted 25 mph speed limit.

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. 17th 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. 096641X

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

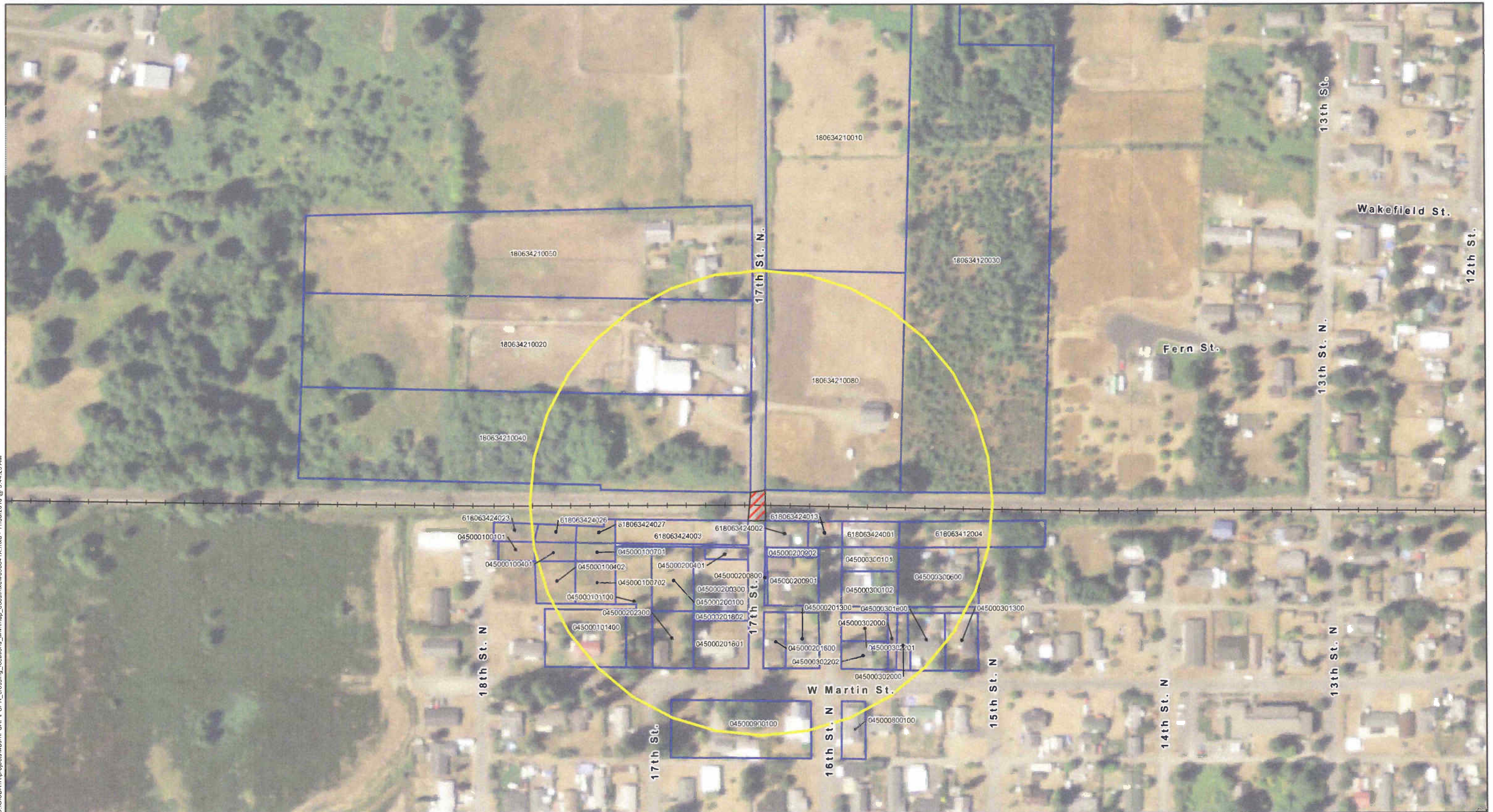
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N. 17th STREET - ELMA, WA

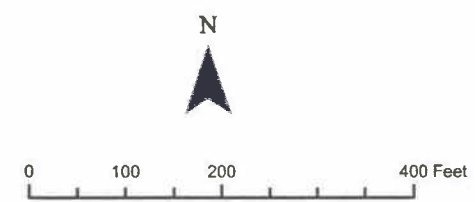
Properties within 500' of crossing

APN	OWNER	ADDRESS	ADDRESS2	CITY	STATE	ZIP	ZIP4	SITUS
180634210010	HOWARTH MATTHEW D & LINDA J	PO BOX 1871		ELMA	WA	98541		01515 W BAILEY RD
180634210050	AUKLAND MAURRIE A	517 N 17TH ST		ELMA	WA	98541		00517 N 17TH
180634210080	MOORE TERRY L & LOIS J	91 HOGAN RD		HOQUIAM	WA	98550		
180634210020	MILLER JAMES E & STURGILL SANDRA	513 N 17TH ST		ELMA	WA	98541		00513 N 17TH ST
180634210040	HENNECK HARRY R JR	PO BOX 1425		ELMA	WA	98541		00507 N 17TH ST
618063424027	SOUTH CENTRAL PROPERTIES LLC	PO BOX 14280		TUMWATER	WA	98511		
618063424003	OBSEER LISA & HANSON JAMI	%WILLA ROGERS	417 N 17TH ST	ELMA	WA	98541		00417 N 17TH ST
618063424002	HARP TIMOTHY E & CAROLINE A	PO BOX 196		MCCLEARY	WA	98557		00000
618063424013	CITY OF ELMA	CITY HALL		ELMA	WA	98541		00000
618063424001	PAPKE ELROY & PATRICIA A	418 N 16TH ST		ELMA	WA	98541		00420 N 16TH ST
618063424023	SOUTH CENTRAL PROPERTIES LLC	PO BOX 14280		TUMWATER	WA	98511		
618063424026	SOUTH CENTRAL PROPERTIES LLC	PO BOX 14280		TUMWATER	WA	98511		
045000100101	SOUTH CENTRAL PROPERTIES LLC	PO BOX 14280		TUMWATER	WA	98511		
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045000100701	SOUTH CENTRAL PROPERTIES LLC	PO BOX 14280		TUMWATER	WA	98511		
045000101100	PIPER DANIEL W & REAGAN K	1624 W MARTIN		ELMA	WA	98541		00000
045000200100	PIPER DANIEL W & REAGAN K	1624 W MARTIN		ELMA	WA	98541		00000
045000200401	OBSEER LISA & HANSON JAMI	%ROGERS WILLA M	417 N 17TH ST	ELMA	WA	98541		00000
045000200800	G H COUNTY	COURTHOUSE		MONTESANO	WA	98563		00000
045000200902	HARP TIMOTHY E & CAROLINE A	PO BOX 196		MCCLEARY	WA	98557		00412 N 17TH ST
045000300101	PAPKE ELROY & PATRICIA A	418 N 16TH ST		ELMA	WA	98541		00000
045000200901	MILLER PAUL S	410 N 17TH ST		ELMA	WA	98541		00410 N 17TH ST
045000200300	GRAEN JEFFREY A	409 N 17TH ST		ELMA	WA	98541		00409 N 17TH ST
045000100402	SOUTH CENTRAL PROPERTIES LLC	PO BOX 14280		TUMWATER	WA	98511		
045000100702	SOUTH CENTRAL PROPERTIES LLC	PO BOX 14280		TUMWATER	WA	98511		
045000300102	SEABURG STEVEN ET AL	%PATRICIA PAPKE/418 N 16TH		ELMA	WA	98541		00418 N 16TH ST
045000101400	DOTSON PATRICIA A L	1712 WEST MARTIN		ELMA	WA	98541		01712 W MARTIN
045000202300	PIPER DANIEL W & REAGAN K	1624 W MARTIN		ELMA	WA	98541		01624 MARTIN
045000201802	GRAEN JEFFREY A	409 N 17TH ST		ELMA	WA	98541		00000
045000201600	NELSON KARI A	PO BOX 365		MONTESANO	WA	98563		01604 W MARTIN
045000201300	KAIYALA ROGER E & DONA K	PO BOX 1472		ELMA	WA	98541		01602 MARTIN
045000302201	PAPKE ELROY W & PATRICIA A	418 N 16TH ST		ELMA	WA	98541		
045000302000	CAPPS LEROY	1518 W MARTIN ST		ELMA	WA	98541		01518 W MARTIN
045000201801	SINGLAIR SEAN M & TERESAL	1614 W MARTIN ST		ELMA	WA	98541		01614 MARTIN
045000302202	JONES TERRY A	PO BOX 123		ELMA	WA	98541		01522 W MARTIN
045000900100	ADAMSON KENNETH & WINDA L	1613 W MARTIN		ELMA	WA	98541		01613 MARTIN
045000800100	HOLT NATHAN C & JULIA A	PO BOX 1423		ELMA	WA	98541		01523 W MARTIN
180634120030	SUTTEN CORPORATION	C/O ANITA SHENEBERGER	28111 9TH PL S	DES MOINES	WA	98198		
618063412004	DOMBROSKI RICHARD & SHAWNI	413 N 15TH ST		ELMA	WA	98541		00000
045000300600	DOMBROSKI RICHARD & SHAWNI	413 N 15TH		ELMA	WA	98541		00413 N 15TH ST
045000302000	CAPPS LEROY	1518 W MARTIN ST		ELMA	WA	98541		01518 W MARTIN
045000301600	FREDRICKSON DONNA A	1510 W MARTIN		ELMA	WA	98541		01510 W MARTIN
045000301300	GREEN JAY L & BARBARA L	1502 W MARTIN		ELMA	WA	98541		01502 W MARTIN

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



17th Street N - Elma, WA
USDOT #096641X

PUGET SOUND AND PACIFIC RAILROAD