



WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

	)	DOCKET NO. TR-
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BNSF Railway	)	PETITION FOR THE CLOSURE
_____	)	OF A HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE
Petitioner,	)	CROSSING
	)	
vs.	)	
City of Auburn, WA	)	USDOT CROSSING # 085157R
_____	)	
Respondent	)	UTC CROSSING # 1D101.96
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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*

BNSF Railway Petitioner
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Seattle, WA 98134 City, State and Zip Code
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**Section 2 – Respondent's Information**

City of Auburn Respondent
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Auburn, WA 98001 City, State and Zip Code
Mailing Address, if different than the street address
Ryan Vondrak Contact Person Name
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**Section 3 – Crossing Location**

1. Existing highway/roadway	M Street SE							
2. Existing railroad	BNSF Railway							
3. USDOT Crossing No.	085157R	UTC Crossing No.	1D101.96					
4. Located in the	1/4 of the	1/4 of Sec.		, Twp.		, Range		W.M.
5. GPS location, if known	Latitude: 47.3038680	Longitude: -122.2134899						
7. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth)	101.95							
8. City	Auburn	County	King					

*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 17,000        Vehicle speed limit 35

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

4. Number of school buses over the crossing each day 53

5. Name of railroad(s) operating at crossing BNSF Railway  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 2

9. Average daily train traffic, freight 2 as per BNSF 2011 count

Authorized freight train speed 20 mph        Operated freight train speed 20 mph

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade separation project, construction begins on 04.16.2012 which requires crossing closure and removal of all crossing materials and signals. Access at this location will be closed for approximately 12 months during construction of the grade separation which includes two new Railroad Bridges overcrossing M Street SE. Then the new lowered roadway will be reopened to vehicular and pedestrian traffic crossing under the new railroad bridges.

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2. Describe the area currently served by the crossing, including the approximate number of homes or businesses that might be affected by the closure

Impact will be temporary, during construction of grade separation only.

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

Alternate routes will only be needed during construction with M St SE reopening at completion of the Project.

4. Describe the alternate access route, including distance and driving time \_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate routes for vehicle and pedestrian traffic will only be needed during construction with M St SE reopening at completion of the Project. Alternate vehicular route is expected to be Auburn Way South/North.

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*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.

*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. 085157R UTC Crossing  
No. 1D101.96

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 Auburn, Washington, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of  
April, 2012.

Ryan L Vondrak

Printed name of Respondent

[Signature]

Signature of Respondent's Representative

Project Engineer

Title

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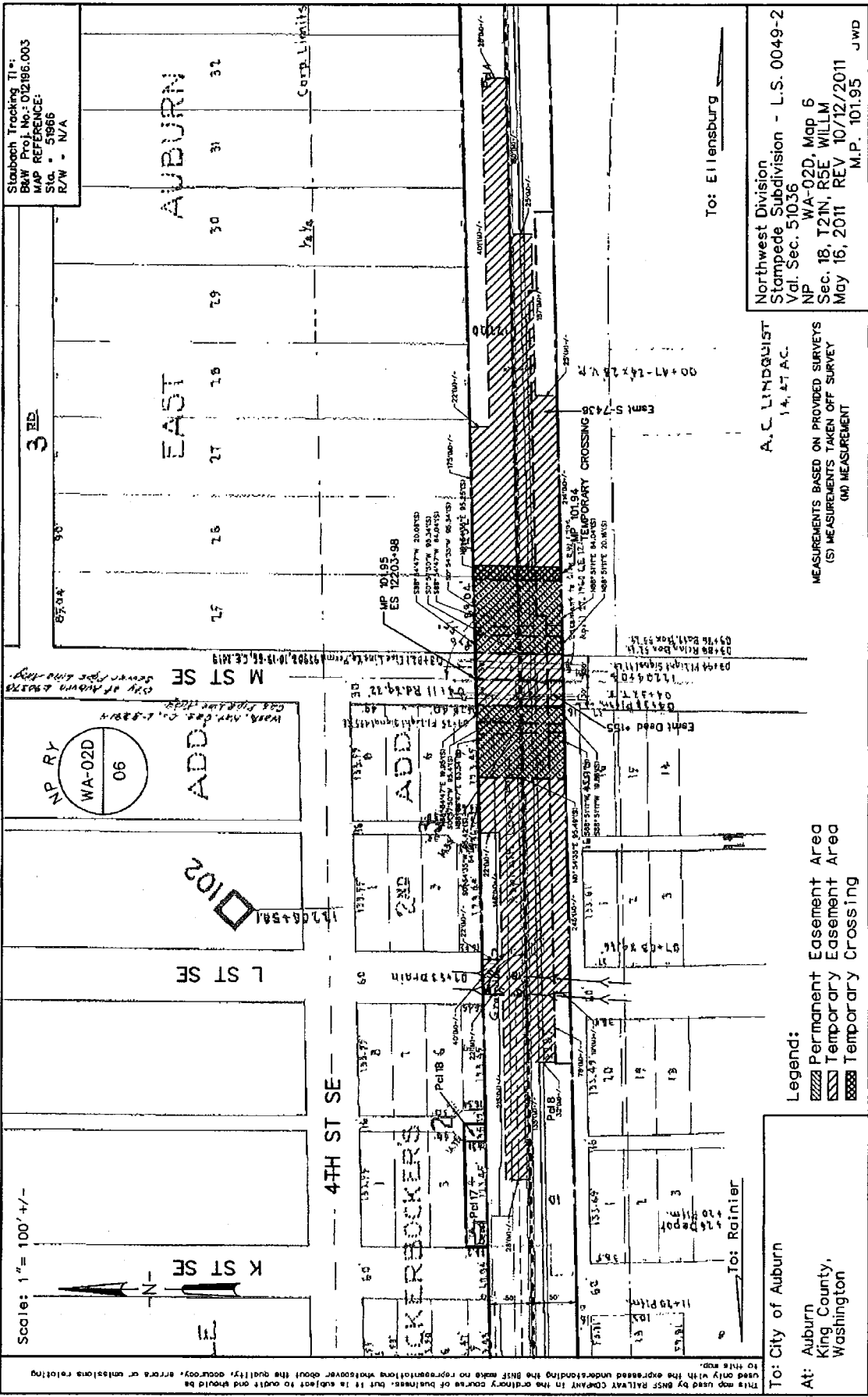
Phone number and e-mail address

25 West Main St

Auburn, WA 99001

Mailing address

**EXHIBIT "A"**



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 BWP Proj. No.: 02186.003  
 MAP REFERENCE:  
 SUG. - 51986  
 R/W - N/A

Northwest Division  
 Stampede Subdivision - L.S. 0049-2  
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 May 16, 2011 REV 10/12/2011  
 M.P. 101.95 JWD

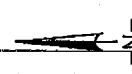
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 MEASUREMENTS BASED ON PROVIDED SURVEYS  
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 (M) MEASUREMENT

Legend:  
 [Hatched Box] Permanent Easement Area  
 [Cross-hatched Box] Temporary Easement Area  
 [Dashed Box] Temporary Crossing

To: City of Auburn  
 At: Auburn  
 King County,  
 Washington

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Scale: 1" = 100' +/-



K ST SE

L ST SE

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NP RY  
 WA-02D  
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M ST SE

4TH ST SE

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AUBURN

Corp Limits

To: Ellensburg

To: Rainier

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