



WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

City of Bingen

Petitioner,

vs.

BNSF Railway Company

Respondent


DOCKET NO. TR-

PETITION TO MODIFY HIGHWAY-
RAIL GRADE CROSSING ACTIVE
WARNING DEVICES AND
REQUESTING DISBURSEMENT OF
FUNDS FROM THE GRADE
CROSSING PROTECTIVE FUND

USDOT CROSSING NO.: 090168N

The Petitioner asks the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to approve the modification of highway-rail grade crossing warning signals and disbursing funds from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund.

Section 1 - Petitioner's Information

City of Bingen _____ Petitioner
 _____ Signature
112 N. Ash St. _____ Street Address
Bingen, WA 98605 _____ City, State and Zip Code
PO Box 607 _____ Mailing Address, if different than the street address
Mayor Betty Barnes _____ Contact Person Name
(509) 493-2122, mayor@bingenwashington.org _____ Contact Phone Number and Email Address



Section 2 - Respondent's Information

BNSF Railway Company
Respondent
2454 Occidental Ave. S., Suite 2D
Street Address
Seattle, WA 98134
City, State and Zip Code
Mailing Address, if different than the street address
Stephen Semenick
Contact Person Name
206-625-6152, Stephen.Semenick@BNSF.com
Contact Phone Number and Email Address

Section 3 - Crossing Location

1. Existing highway/roadway	<u>Walnut Street</u>		
2. Existing railroad	<u>BNSF Railway Company</u>		
3. USDOT Crossing No.	<u>090168N</u>		
4. GPS location	<u>45.7155000, -121.4701500</u>		
5. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth)	<u>75.5</u>		
6. City	<u>Bingen</u>	County	<u>Klickitat</u>

Section 4 - Current Highway Traffic Information

1. Name of highway	<u>Walnut Street</u>
2. Road authority	<u>City of Bingen</u>
3. Average annual daily traffic (AADT)	<u>850</u>
4. Number of lanes	<u>2</u>
5. Roadway speed	<u>25</u>
6. Is the crossing part of an established truck route?	Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u>
7. If so, trucks are what percent of total daily traffic?	<u>12</u>
8. Is the crossing part of an established school bus route?	Yes <u> </u> No <u>X</u>
9. If so, how many school buses travel over the crossing each day?	<u> </u>
10. Describe any changes to the information in 1 through 7, above, expected within ten years:	 <u> </u> <u> </u> <u> </u>

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 3

5. Average daily train traffic, freight 30
 Authorized freight train speed 45 Operated freight train speed 45

6. Average daily train traffic, passenger 2
 Authorized passenger train speed 45 Operated passenger train speed 45

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

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?
About 1500 ft. from the north approach in both directions from the stop bar. From the south
Approach, 1500 feet looking eastward but 30 feet looking westward.

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.
Sight distance is obstructed by a building located to the west of the crossing. Other objects
that obstruct view include rail cars staged on tracks near the crossing.

Section 6 - Current Warning Devices

I. 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.

Shoulder-mounted LED flashing lights, crossbucks, emergency notification system signs,

Do Not Stop on Tracks signs, Multiple Tracks signs, Stop Here When Flashing signs,

advance warning sign.

Section 7 - Description of Proposed Changes

I. Describe in detail the number and type of proposed automatic signals, gates or other warning devices, including proposed circuitry.

Installation of constant warning train detection circuitry, crossing gates, new bungalow,

batteries, chargers

Section 8 - Illustration of Proposed Warning Devices

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

Section 9 - Project Cost Information

1. Breakdown of estimated total cost.

\$449,084 (See BNSF estimate, attached.)

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

Transportation budget funding - WSDOT - \$430,000

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

\$19,084

Section 10 - Project Completion Date

Project completion date: Spring 2019

Section 11 - Waiver of Hearing by Respondent

Waiver of Hearing

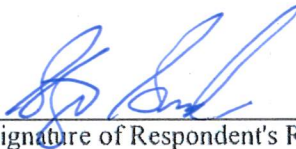
The undersigned represents the Respondent in the petition to modify highway-rail grade crossing warning signals at the following crossing.

USDOT Crossing No. 090168N

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 10th day of
August, 20 18.

Stephen Semenick
Printed name of Respondent


Signature of Respondent's Representative

Manager, Public Projects
Title

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