



WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Petitioner,

vs.

Respondent

DOCKET NO. TR- _____

PETITION TO CLOSE A HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE CROSSING

USDOT CROSSING NO.:

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


Prior to submitting this petition to the 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.

Section 1 – Petitioner’s Information

<p>Petitioner </p> <hr/>
<p>Signature</p>
<p>Street Address</p>
<p>City, State and Zip Code</p>
<p>Mailing Address, if different than the street address</p>
<p>Contact Person Name</p>
<p>Contact Phone Number and Email</p>

Section 2 – Respondent’s Information

<p>Respondent</p>
<p>Street Address</p>
<p>City, State and Zip Code</p>
<p>Mailing Address, if different than the street address</p>
<p>Contact Person Name</p>
<p>Contact Phone Number and Email</p>

Section 3 – Crossing Location

1. Existing highway/roadway:
2. Existing railroad:
3. GPS location:
4. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth):
5. City: County:

Section 4 – Current Highway Traffic Information

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

Section 5 – Railroad Information

1. Railroad 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:			
5. Average daily train traffic, freight:			
Authorized freight train speed:		Operated freight train speed:	
6. Average daily train traffic, passenger:			
Authorized passenger train speed:		Operated passenger train speed:	

Section 6 – Description of Public Safety Need

Describe and support the public safety need for the proposed closure ([RCW 81.53.060](#)):

Section 7 – Description of Closure

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

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

3. Describe the alternate access route(s), including distance and driving time:

4. Describe all public outreach conducted related to this proposed closure and whether the parties expect any objections to the proposal. ***(Note: after receiving this petition, the UTC must post notice of the proposed closure at the impacted crossing and in the local newspaper. If objections are received, the petition will be set for hearing. [RCW 81.53.060](#)):***

Section 8 – Illustration of Crossing

Attach a diagram, design 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 9 – Cost Apportionment

If the commission approves the closure of the crossing requested in this petition, it will apportion costs in accordance with the applicable statutes. ([RCW 81.53.130](#))

In the alternative, if the parties to this petition have reached an agreement related to apportionment of costs, please sign here to confirm:

Petitioner Signature:  _ Respondent Signature: _____

Section 10 – Waiver of Hearing by Respondent

Waiver of Hearing

The undersigned represents the Respondent in the petition to close a highway-railroad grade crossing.

USDOT Crossing No.:

We have investigated the conditions at the crossing site. We are satisfied the conditions are the same as described by the Petitioner in this docket. We agree that the crossing should be closed and consent to a decision by the UTC without a hearing.

Dated at _____, Washington, on the _____ day of _____

Printed name of Respondent



Signature of Respondent's Representative

Title

Name of Company

Phone Number

Email

Checklist prior to submitting the petition:

- ✓ Ensure all petition fields are completed.
- ✓ Ensure parties sign Section 9 regarding any Cost Apportionment agreement, if applicable.
- ✓ Obtain signature on Waiver of Hearing (Section 10). *If respondent fails to sign Waiver, advise UTC staff upon submission.*
- ✓ Attach copies of:
 - SEPA Determination of Non-Significance.
 - Illustration of crossing (described in Section 8).
 - Any other relevant documents to support the petition, including but not limited to support of public need, project documents, public outreach information, etc.

Submitting the petition: To officially file the petition, send the petition form and supporting documents to Records@utc.wa.gov.

Questions: For questions, please contact:

<p>Mike Turcott Transportation Planning Specialist mike.turcott@utc.wa.gov (360) 764-0572</p>	<p>Betty Young Rail Safety Program Advisor betty.young@utc.wa.gov (360) 292-5470</p>
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