



WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Spokane County

Petitioner,

vs.

BNSF Railway Company

Respondent

DOCKET NO. TR- _____

PETITION TO CONSTRUCT OR RECONSTRUCT A RAILROAD-HIGHWAY GRADE SEPARATION (OVERCROSSING OR UNDERCROSSING)

USDOT CROSSING NO.: 058633D

The Petitioner asks the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to approve

Construction Reconstruction

of a railroad-highway grade separation (overcrossing or undercrossing¹) as described in this petition. RCW 81.53.060.

Section 1 – Petitioner’s Information

Spokane County Public Works

Petitioner

Signature

1026 W. Broadway Ave.

Street Address

Spokane WA 99260-0170

City, State and Zip Code

Mailing Address, if different than the street address

Matt Zarecor

Contact Person Name

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Contact Phone Number and Email

¹ An overcrossing means any point or place where a highway crosses a railroad by passing above the same, or any point or place where one railroad crosses another railroad not at grade. An undercrossing means any point or place where a highway crosses a railroad by passing under the same, or any point or place where one railroad crosses another not at grade. RCW 81.53.010

Section 2 – Respondent's Information

BNSF Railway Company
Respondent
12400 51st PI S
Street Address
Tukwila, WA 98178
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

Section 3 – Proposed Crossing Location

1. Name of highway/roadway:	Euclid Road		
2. USDOT number (reconstruction only):	058633D		
3. GPS location:	Lat 47.6867002 Long 117.571210		
4. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth):	1489.02		
5. City:	Spokane	County:	Spokane

Section 4 – Current Highway Traffic Information

1. Name of highway:

2. Road authority:

3. Average annual daily traffic (AADT):

4. Number of lanes:

5. Roadway speed:

6. Is the crossing part of an established truck route? Yes No

7. If so, trucks are what percent of total daily traffic?

8. Is the crossing part of an established school bus route? Yes No

9. If so, how many school buses travel over the crossing each day?

Section 5 – Railroad Information

1. Name of railroad(s) operating at crossing:

2. Type of railroad at crossing: Common Carrier Logging Industrial
 Passenger Excursion

5. Type of tracks at crossing: Main Line Siding or Spur

6. Number of tracks at crossing:

7. Average daily train traffic, freight:

 Authorized freight train speed: Operated freight train speed:

8. Average daily train traffic, passenger:

 Authorized passenger train speed: Operated passenger train speed:

Section 6 – Description of Crossing Construction/Reconstruction

1. Describe in detail the public safety need and reasons for constructing or reconstructing a grade separation at this location (attach additional information sheets to petition as needed):

Euclid road is the main paved road that accesses that area in Spokane County and is the only paved crossing between Fairchild Air Force Base and the US Air Force's Survival, Evasion and Escape school. Replacement would restore public, commercial and military traffic to the paved roadway, eliminating excessive traffic on the detour route and adjacent gravel roads, significantly reduce emergency services response times, and restore school buss routes and access for maintenance activities.

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

3.6 road miles to the east to a grade separated crossing and 2.6 road miles to the west to an at grade crossing, See attached Exhibit A

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

East route, 6.0 miles on paved roadways 1.5 miles on gravel local access roads through an under crossing, approximately 15 minutes. West route, 3.5 miles on paved roadways and 6 miles on gravel local access roads over an at grade crossing. approximately 25 minutes.
See attached Exhibit A

4. If new construction, will the proposed crossing eliminate the need for one or more existing crossings?

Yes No N/A

5. If so, identify the crossing(s) by USDOT number and state the distance and direction from the proposed crossing.

6. If the grade separation is replacing an existing at-grade crossing, describe what will happen with the existing crossing during construction of the grade separation, as well as what will happen with the crossing surface, signage, and signal equipment once the grade separation is complete.

NA

7. Who is responsible for long-term maintenance of the grade separation?

Spokane County Public Works

Section 7 – Illustration of Grade Separated Crossing


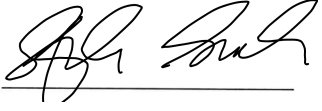
Attach a diagram, design drawing, map, or other illustration showing the location of the railroad and the proposed/existing location of the crossing. Include the parcels of private property located on both sides of the proposed crossing for a distance of 500' from the crossing and the name and mailing address of each property owner.

If this is a reconstruction, include design-level drawings of the proposed changes to the existing grade separation.

Section 8 – Cost Apportionment

If the commission approves the construction or reconstruction of the grade separated 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 9 – Waiver of Hearing by Respondent

Waiver of Hearing

The undersigned represents the Respondent in this petition to construct or reconstruct a highway-rail grade separation.

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 do not oppose the construction or reconstruction of the grade-separated crossing and consent to a decision by the commission without a hearing.

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

Printed name of Respondent



Signature of Respondent's Representative

Title

Phone Number

Email

Mailing Address

Checklist prior to submitting petition:

- ✓ Ensure all petition fields are completed.
- ✓ Ensure parties sign Section 8 regarding any Cost Apportionment agreement, if applicable.
- ✓ Obtain signature on Waiver of Hearing (Section 9). *If respondent fails to sign Waiver, advise UTC staff upon submission.*
- ✓ Attach copies of:
 - Illustration of crossing (described in Section 7).
 - Any other relevant documents to support the petition, including but not limited to support of public need, project 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:

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