



WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

City of Bingen

Petitioner,

vs.

BNSF Railway Company

Respondent

DOCKET NO. TR-

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

USDOT CROSSING NO.: To Be Assigned

By filing this petition with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC), the Petitioner alleges that public safety requires the construction of a highway-rail grade separated crossing (overcrossing or undercrossing) under RCW 81.53.060.

Section 1 – Petitioner’s Information

City of Bingen

Petitioner

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature

112 N Ash

Street Address

Bingen, WA 98605

City, State and Zip Code

PO Box 607, Bingen, WA 98605

Mailing Address, if different than the street address

Mayor Catherine Kiewit

Contact Person Name

509-637-5593; mayor@bingenwashington.org

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
2454 Occidental Avenue South Bldg 2D
Street Address
Seattle WA 98134-1439
City, State and Zip Code
Mailing Address, if different than the street address
Alex Funderberg
Contact Person Name
(720) 215-6728 alex.funderburgjr@bnsf.com
Contact Phone Number and Email

Section 3 – Proposed Crossing Location

1. Name of highway/roadway:	Elm Street		
2. USDOT number:	TBD		
3. GPS location:	47.7138533,-121.465741		
4. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth):	Line Segment 47 at approximately 75.70		
5. City:	Bingen	County:	Klickitat

Section 4 – Current Highway Traffic Information

1. Name of highway:	Elm Street South		
2. Road authority:	City of Bingen		
3. Average annual daily traffic (AADT):	2030		
4. Number of lanes:	2		
5. Roadway speed:	25		
6. Is the crossing part of an established truck route?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
7. If so, trucks are what percent of total daily traffic?	20		
8. Is the crossing part of an established school bus route?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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:	BNSF Railway Company		
	Amtrak		
2. Type of railroad at crossing:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Common Carrier	<input type="checkbox"/> Logging	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passenger	<input type="checkbox"/> Excursion	
5. Type of tracks at crossing:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main Line	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Siding or Spur	
6. Number of tracks at crossing:	2		
7. Average daily train traffic, freight:	32		
Authorized freight train speed:	45	Operated freight train speed:	45
8. Average daily train traffic, passenger:	2		
Authorized passenger train speed:	70	Operated passenger train speed:	45

Section 6 – Description of Crossing Construction

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

See attached narrative describing reasons for construction and public safety need of this grade separated crossing.

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

Less than one half mile to Maple Street.

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

The alternative access route is approximately one quarter mile to the west traveling on SR 14 to Maple Street. The drive time is about 2 minutes. This access is an at-grade crossing that may be blocked by stopped train traffic.

4. 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.

N/A

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.

N/A

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

BNSF and the City of Bingen

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.

Section 8 – Cost Apportionment

If the commission approves the construction 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 – Respondent's Review

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

USDOT Crossing No.:

We have investigated the conditions at the proposed crossing site. We are satisfied the conditions are the same as described by the Petitioner. We consent to a decision by the commission based on a review of the documents filed in this docket.

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 Respondent's Review (Section 9). *If the respondent fails to sign this section, 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 via [EFiling](#).

Questions: For questions, please contact:

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