



WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Petitioner,

vs.

Respondent

DOCKET NO. TR-

PETITION TO MODIFY WARNING  
DEVICES AT A HIGHWAY-  
RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING

USDOT:

By filing this petition with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC), the Petitioner alleges that public safety requires the modification of a highway-rail grade crossing under [RCW 81.53.261](#).

*Section 1 – Petitioner’s Information*

Petitioner

Signature

Street Address

City, State and Zip Code

Mailing Address, if different than the street address

Contact Person Name & Signature

Contact Phone Number and Email

## *Section 2 – Respondent’s Information*

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

## *Section 3 – Crossing Location*

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| 1. Existing highway/roadway:                              |
| 2. Existing railroad:                                     |
| 3. USDOT Crossing No.:                                    |
| 4. GPS location:                                          |
| 5. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth):                    |
| 6. City: <span style="margin-left: 200px;">County:</span> |

*Section 4 – Highway 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?

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

11. 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?

12. 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:

*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:

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

***Section 6 – Current Warning Devices***

Provide a complete description of the warning devices currently located at the crossing (vehicle and pedestrian), including signs, gates, lights, train detection circuitry, and any other warning devices.

***Section 7 – Description of Proposed Changes***

Describe in detail the number and type of proposed automatic signals (vehicle and pedestrian), gates, other warning devices, and/or changes to train detection circuitry. ([RCW 81.53.271](#)) Please describe any other proposed changes at the crossing, including changes to the crossing surface, signage, pavement markings, etc. If sidewalks are being installed, please provide information on who will maintain them. Attach additional information sheets, if needed.

***Section 8 – Illustration of Crossing***

Attach a detailed diagram, design drawing, map, or other illustration showing the current and proposed layout of the road, crossing surface, and railway in the vicinity of the crossing, including shoulders, sidewalks, lanes of travel, bike lanes, warning devices, pavement markings and any other applicable crossing conditions.

***Section 9 – Description of Public Safety Need***

Describe and support the public safety need for the proposed changes. ([RCW 81.53.261](#))

***Section 10 – Approximate Cost of Installation and Related Work***

Provide the approximate cost of installation and related work for the proposed changes to signals and/or warning devices. ([RCW 81.53.271](#))

***Section 11 – Approximate Cost of Annual Maintenance***

Provide the approximate cost of annual maintenance for the signals and/or warning devices. ([RCW 81.53.271](#))

*Section 12 – Cost Apportionment*

If the commission directs the installation of or changes to the warning devices requested in this petition, it will apportion installation and maintenance costs in accordance with the applicable statutes. (RCW 81.53.261-295)

Interested parties may instead enter into an agreement providing for the installation of signals or other warning devices or for the apportionment of the cost of installation and maintenance. (RCW 81.53.261) **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 13 – Waiver of Hearing by Respondent*

**Waiver of Hearing**

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

USDOT Crossing No.

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 devices should be modified 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 Address

Mailing address

**Checklist prior to submitting petition:**

- ✓ Ensure all petition fields are completed.
- ✓ Ensure parties sign Section 12 regarding any Cost Apportionment agreement, if applicable.
- ✓ Obtain signature on Waiver of Hearing (Section 13). *If respondent fails to sign Waiver, advise UTC staff upon submission.*
- ✓ Attach copies of:
  - 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 information, etc.

**Submitting the petition:** To officially file the petition, send the petition form and supporting documents via [Efiling](#).

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**Questions:** For questions, please contact:

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