

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION

BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE RAILROAD COMPANY	)	DOCKET NO. TR-011096
	)	
Petitioner,	)	ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO MODIFY A GRADE CROSSING SURFACE AT "E" STREET
v.	)	
	)	
GRANGER, WASHINGTON	)	D.O.T. 098573F
	)	
Respondent	)	W.U.T.C. 33U 62.80
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1        On August 2, 2001, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) filed a petition with the Commission, seeking authority to modify a highway-rail grade crossing surface. The crossing is located at the intersection of the petitioner's tracks and E Street, in Granger, Washington.
  
- 2        Respondent has consented to an entry of an order by the Commission without further notice or hearing.

**DISCUSSION**

- 3        In the vicinity of the crossing, E Street is classified as a local collector, with one lane for each direction of traffic and a speed limit of 25 mph. Daily traffic through the E street crossing averages 1,000 vehicles, including 50 trucks and 20 school bus trips.
  
- 4        Petitioner maintains four tracks through the crossing, including one main track and three siding tracks. Train traffic averages one freight train per day traveling at maximum speed of 25 mph. Warning devices at the crossing consist of advance warning and Crossbuck signs.
  
- 5        At the crossing, E Street is approximately 28 feet wide with the existing asphalt crossing surface extending the full width of the traveled roadway. As part of a road improvement project for E Street, petitioner proposes extending the crossing surface in order to accommodate the installation of sidewalks on the west side of E Street. The sidewalks will be approximately five feet wide and increase the width of the traveled roadway to approximately 33 feet. The asphalt crossing surface across E Street will not be altered.

6 Commission Staff investigated the petition and recommended that it be granted,  
subject to specified conditions.

7 The Commissioners have reviewed the petition and have been fully advised in the  
matter. They believe that granting the petition, subject to the conditions set forth  
below, is in the public interest, and direct the Secretary to issue the Order.

**ORDER**

8 THE COMMISSION GRANTS the petition of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe  
Railway Company to modify a highway-rail grade crossing surface at the intersection  
of E Street and the petitioner's tracks in Granger, Washington, subject to the  
following conditions:

- (1) The modifications must conform to the plans filed in this proceeding.
- (2) The crossing surface must extend the full width of the traveled roadway, including the sidewalks, and be maintained according to the provisions of WAC 480-62-225.
- (3) All traffic control devices, pavement markings, and advance warning signs must comply with all applicable standards specified in the U.S. Department of Transportation *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.
- (4) Upon completion of the modifications authorized herein, petitioner must notify the Commission. Acceptance of the changes is subject to inspection by Commission Staff, verifying that the grade crossing is in full compliance with law and regulation, and the conditions specified herein.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective this 29<sup>th</sup> of August, 2001.

THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary