

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

CITY OF TUMWATER)	DOCKET NO. TR-011539
)	
Petitioner,)	ORDER GRANTING PETITION
)	TO MODIFY A HIGHWAY-RAIL
vs.)	GRADE CROSSING SURFACE AT
)	HENDERSON BOULEVARD
THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD)	
COMPANY)	D.O.T. 807836C
)	
Respondent)	W.U.T.C. 6E 3.40
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On November 13, 2001, the City of Tumwater filed a petition with the Commission, seeking authority to modify a highway-rail grade crossing surface. The crossing is located at the intersection of Henderson Boulevard and the tracks of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, in Tumwater, Washington.
- 2 Respondent has consented to an entry of an order by the Commission without further notice or hearing.

DISCUSSION

- 3 Henderson Boulevard, in the vicinity of the crossing, currently consists of two ten-foot lanes. As part of a roadway improvement project, the City of Tumwater is planning to widen the roadway to include two eleven-foot roadway lanes, two five-foot bicycle lanes, and two six-foot sidewalks. The total width of the traveled roadway through the crossing will be 44 feet, and the crossing surface will be asphalt.
- 4 Warning devices at the crossing consist of shoulder-mounted flashing light signals. Although the type of warning device at the crossing will not change, the signals will have to be relocated in order to accommodate the roadway widening and maintain minimum clearance requirements. In addition, light emitting diodes (LED) will replace the existing incandescent bulbs that flash when the signals are activated. The LEDs will have no change on the operation of the signals.
- 5 Commission Staff investigated the petition and recommended that it be granted, subject to specified conditions.
- 6 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

7 THE COMMISSION GRANTS the petition of the City of Tumwater to modify a highway-rail grade crossing surface at the intersection of Henderson Boulevard and the tracks of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, in Tumwater, Washington, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The modifications must conform to the plans filed in this proceeding.
- (2) The crossing must be hard-surfaced between the rails and for a distance of at least one foot outside each rail for the full width of the traveled roadway, including the sidewalks.
- (3) Traffic control devices must comply with all applicable standards specified in the U.S. Department of Transportation *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.
- (4) All devices must be installed in such a manner as to provide required clearances for both rail and vehicular traffic.
- (5) Upon completion of the modifications authorized herein, Petitioner must notify the Commission. Acceptance of the changes is subject to an inspection by Commission Staff, verifying that the grade crossing is in full compliance with law, regulation, and the conditions specified herein.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective this 29th of November, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary