

Rail Accident Inspection Form

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Docket No: TR-170193

Current Date: 06/20/2017

Railroad Owning Track: BNSF Railway Co.

Railroad Operating on Track: Amtrak

FRA Investigation: Yes No

Inspector: Cal Stocking

I. Type of Accident

Public Crossing Private Crossing Trestle Pedestrian at Crossing
 Pedestrian Not at Crossing Other (explain)

II. Time and Location of Accident

Date 11/20/2016 Time 2050
 USDOT Crossing No. 08476A WUTC Crossing No. 2B71.90
 Railroad Milepost 71.9 GPS Identifier: Lat: 48.47323 Long: -122.32908
 Number of Tracks: 3 City: Burlington WA
 Road name, yard name, bridge identifier: Greenleaf Avenue County: Skagit
 Company responsible for track maintenance: BNSF
 Other railroad involved in train accident/incident: _____

III. Conditions Surrounding the Accident

Weather: Clear to cloudy Fog Rain Snow
 Road Condition: Dry Wet Snow Ice
 Visibility Due to Weather: Daylight Darkness Unknown
 Adequate Sight Distance: Yes No N/A Train Speed: 73MPH
 Describe: _____
 Train Type: Freight Passenger Locomotive only Cars only Tilt train
 Remote Control: Yes No N/A Haz-Mat on Train: Yes No N/A
 Type of Haz-Mat: _____

IV. Pedestrian, Driver, or Passenger Fatalities Does this section apply? Yes No

Number of people killed One If a vehicle accident, number of passengers One
 Name: Zachary A. Pohren
 Driver: Passenger Pedestrian Age 22 Gender: Male Female
 Pedestrian trying to get on/off train? Yes No Suicide: Yes No Undetermined
 Alcohol: Yes No Undetermined Information supplied by: _____
 Drugs: Yes No Undetermined Information supplied by: WSP report
 Names of additional fatalities:
None

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V. Pedestrian, Driver, or Passenger Injuries

Does this section apply? Yes No

Number of people injured _____

If a vehicle accident, number of passengers _____

Name: _____

Driver: Passenger Pedestrian

Age _____ Gender: Male Female

Pedestrian trying to get on/off train? Yes No

Drugs: Yes No Undetermined

Alcohol: Yes No Undetermined

Names of additional injured persons:

VI. Pedestrian Access

Does this section apply? Yes No

Obvious signs of consistent pedestrian trespass? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

Pedestrian (not at a crossing) information: Accessing public area? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

Deterrents at site, e.g. fence, signs, etc? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

Previous collisions at or near site? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

VII. Crossing History

Does this section apply? Yes No

Prior accidents at this crossing? Yes No

How many? Four

Dates of prior accidents: 2/10/2016, 09/27/2013, 01/15/1999, 07/16/1982

Description of prior accidents (e.g., fatalities, injuries, property damage) Three injuries and one property damage.

Last inspection date? 02/23/2017

Defects? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

Required to attach most current inventory? Yes No

VIII. Attachments

Railroad incident report? Yes No

Local law enforcement report? Yes No

Coroner/medical examiner report? Yes No

Pictures? Yes No

Other (describe):

Coroner findings are in the WSP report.

IX. Comments

On November 20, 2016 at approximately 2050 hours a vehicle was struck at mile post 71.8 at the Greenleaf Ave crossing in Burlington Washington by a north bound Amtrak train traveling at approximately 79 MPH.

Burlington police officers responded to the accident scene and also reviewed photos provided from the train and a video from Skagit Breaking. The photos and videos show Zachary Pohren's vehicle pass the stopped vehicle at the crossing and continue onto the crossing as it is struck by an oncoming AMTRAK train. The locomotive sounded its horn as it approached the crossing, the active warning devices at the crossing were deployed, as well as the headlights of the locomotive were on.

The King County Medical Examiner conducted an autopsy and determined the manner of death as an **4c**

