



WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Longview Switching Company
Petitioner,

vs.

Port of Longview
Respondent 1

Cowlitz County Dept. of Public Works
Respondent 2

DOCKET NO. TR-

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

USDOT: 914213L

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

Longview Switching Company

Petitioner

Simon J Walbruch Digitally signed by Simon J Walbruch
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Signature

115 Industrial Way

Street Address

Longview, WA 98632

City, State and Zip Code

Mailing Address, if different than the street address

Simon Walbruch - General Manager

Contact Person Name & Signature

(360) 578-2396, Simon.Walbruch@BNSF.com

Contact Phone Number and Email

Section 2 – Respondent’s Information

Port of Longview

Respondent 1

10 International Way

Street Address

Longview, WA 98632

City, State and Zip Code

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William Burton - Director of Facilities and Engineering

Contact Person Name

(360) 703-0215, wburton@portoflongview.com

Contact Phone Number and Email

Cowlitz County Dept. of Public Works

Respondent 2

1600 S. 13th Avenue

Street Address

Kelso, WA 98626

City, State and Zip Code

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Susan Eugenis - County Engineer

Contact Person Name

(360) 577-3030 ext 6538, eugeniss@cowlitzwa.gov

Contact Phone Number and Email

Section 3 – Crossing Location

1. Existing highway/roadway: International Way
2. Existing railroad: Longview Switching Company - Operator
3. USDOT Crossing No.: 914213L
4. GPS location: 46°06'42.36"N, 122°56'20.1
5. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth): n/a
6. City: near Longview, WA County: Cowlitz

Section 4 – Highway Information

1. Name of highway: International Way

2. Road authority: Cowlitz County Department of Public Works

3. Average annual daily traffic (AADT): 1,342

4. Number of lanes: 2

5. Roadway speed: 35 mph

6. Is the crossing part of an established truck route? Yes No

7. If so, trucks are what percent of total daily traffic? 25% %

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? 0

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

It is anticipated that the AADT count will increase in proportion to the increase in local population/businesses.

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?

Greater than 500 feet.

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:

From the stop bar there are no visual obstructions to limit sight distance.

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.

The existing railroad crossing has passive warning devices along the north and south bound directions of International Way. They include:

"RR Xing" warning sign located 130 feet from the tracks in the southbound direction and 250 feet from the tracks in the northbound direction;

Painted-on-pavement "RR Xing" markings located about 100 feet from the nearest track (centerline of markings to nearest track) in each direction; and

Yield signs plus stop bars located about 20 feet from the nearest track in each direction.

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.

The request is to change the existing yield-sign-controlled crossing to a stop-sign-controlled crossing as there are limited sight lines for vehicles approaching the crossing, even at slow speeds.

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)
Stop-sign control of the railroad crossing would force motorists to stop where there are adequate sight lines to approaching trains in both directions.

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)
Only the costs to remove the yield signs and install stop signs (no more than \$1,000).

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)
No more than is presently expended.

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:**

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Respondent 1 Signature: William Burton

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Respondent 2 Signature:

Susan Tegenis

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. 914213L

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 1 day of January 2023.

Port of Longview
Printed name of Respondent 1

William Burton

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Signature of Respondent's Representative

Director of Facilities and Engineering

Title

(360) 703-0215

Phone Number

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Cowlitz County Dept. of Public Works

Printed Name of Respondent 2



Signature of Respondent's Representative

County Engineer

Title

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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](#).

Questions: For questions, please contact:

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