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Lacey, WA 98503

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**UTC Crossing Permit Application Cover Letter**  
Park Ave N Extension Project  
City of Renton, WA

Dear Mike Turcott and Betty Young,

The City of Renton is proposing the installation of a crossing as part of the Park Avenue N Extension. The project is located in the City of Renton in King County, WA at the Logan Avenue N/Southport Drive N and Park Avenue N intersection and the 757th Avenue N and Park Avenue N T-junction. It is located within Section 8 of Township 23 North, Range 5 East. The project proposes an extension of Park Avenue N to extend north of the BNSF railroad tracks that are located between 757th Avenue and Puget Sound Energy property. The project will include clearing and grubbing; paving of roadway, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters; stormwater conveyance system installation, signalization, signage, the construction of a railroad crossing, utility work, illumination installation, and landscaping. The proposed crossing will be a concrete, at-grade crossing that is ~76 feet wide. The crossing will facilitate the crossing of cars, pickups, vans, and tractor-trailers as well as non-motorized users. The crossing will include signalization, vehicular gates, and pedestrian gates.

As design on the project was beginning Bob Hanson called the WUTC and was advised to schedule an on-site meeting. In two previous at-grade crossings, the City had prepared the petitions, had given them to BNSF, and BNSF submitted them to the WUTC. So, when the City was advised that BNSF would take care of the WUTC petition, we believed that was an acceptable course of action and did not follow up on the plan to schedule a meeting. During design, ROW acquisition, relocation of Boeing power utilities, and crossing construction, the City continued to question the status of the WUTC petition. We were advised that it was not appropriate to make the petition until construction was complete. We, the City of Renton, apologize for not following the instruction of the WUTC.

Please see the attachments provided to the UTC Crossing Permit Application. The attachments include,

- Attachment A – Design Drawing at Crossing
- Attachment B – SEPA Determination Letter
- Attachment C – Design Report (feasibility study)
- Attachment D – IC Review Report (RailPros Report)

On behalf of City of Renton, we request a UTC Crossing Permit for the project. Should you have any questions regarding this crossing and this project please contact me at (425) 332-3961 or at [Ross@widener-enviro.com](mailto:Ross@widener-enviro.com).

Sincerely,



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