

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of  
CITY OF SPOKANE VALLEY, WA  
To Modify Warning Devices at a Highway-  
Railroad Grade Crossing of Union Pacific  
Railroad Company

DOCKETS TR-210809 and TR-210814

DECLARATON OF BETTY YOUNG

USDOT: 662526C

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CITY OF SPOKANE VALLEY,

Petitioner,

v.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD CO.

Respondent.

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- 1 I, Betty Young, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington, declare  
as follows:
- 2 I am over 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the state of  
Washington, and competent to be a witness.
- 3 I am employed by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission)  
as the Rail Operations Manager. I have been employed at the Commission since 1999, and  
have worked in the Rail Safety Program since 2015.
- 4 I am familiar with the Barker Road crossing (USDOT 662526C) and the modifications  
proposed by the City of Spokane Valley (City).
- 5 I have spoken with staff at the Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) about  
this project. WSDOT administers several federal aid funds for the Federal Highway  
Administration, including the Section 130 fund, the Surface Transportation Block Grant  
Program (STBG), and the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). WSDOT staff  
confirmed the Barker Road project is funded with both STBG funds and HSIP funds.
- 6 Commission staff redesigned its railroad crossing petition forms in March 2021 to include  
sections for petitioners to provide additional information such as a description of the public  
safety need for the project, as well as cost apportionment and maintenance fees. I provided a  
copy of this new form to the City in March 2021.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 2nd day of December 2021.

/s/ *Betty Young*

BETTY YOUNG