

To the Secretary of Washington Utilities and Transportation
Commission:

I would like to let you know that I do favor the 1 inch
gravel for use on walkways and toe paths.

I have concerns for main line trackage, in dark territory
where trainmen walk their train at meeting points. The
benefit of 1 inch gravel would be very helpful, especially
in winter conditions. Walking conditions now in certain
areas are extremely difficult and place rail workers at
risk. With health care costs on the rise and a large
percentage of the workers being middle age and older making
the walkway and toe paths easier to walk on would be a
benefit both for the workers and the Railroad. Walking on
ballast larger than one inch can be extremely hard on hips,
knees, feet and ankles.

Railroads have long abused this walkway standard. For
instance at Velox, Washington (Spokane Industrial
Park--Industrial Lead) the walkway has 3 inch round rock to
walk on. The crews find it very difficult and hazardous to
walk upon this 3 inch rock.

I appreciate your consideration of adopting the one inch
gravel for yards , for toe paths, and walkways.

Thank you,

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