

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In The Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET TR-061198
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CENTRAL PUGET SOUND)	ORDER 01
REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY)	
)	ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO
Petitioner,)	UPGRADE TRAIN DETECTION
)	CIRCUITRY AND WARNING
v.)	DEVICES
)	
CITY OF LAKEWOOD)	USDOT: 085821P
)	WUTC: 1L .60
Respondent)	
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On July 21, 2006, Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit) filed a petition with the Commission, seeking approval to upgrade train detection circuitry and warning devices at a railroad-highway grade crossing. The crossing is identified as USDOT 085821P and located at the intersection of Bridgeport Way and the petitioner’s tracks in Lakewood, Washington.
- 2 Train detection circuitry at the Bridgeport Way grade crossing consists of relay track circuits which detect when a train is approaching the intersection, activating the bells, gates, flashing lights, and nearby traffic signal at the intersection of Bridgeport Way and Pacific Highway. Sound Transit proposes to upgrade the circuitry to a motion sensor system, which detects trains more consistently than a relay track circuit.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington having jurisdiction over public railroad-highway grade crossings within the state of Washington. *Chapter 81.53 RCW.*

- 4 (2) The Bridgeport Way grade crossing, identified as USDOT 085821P, is a public
railroad-highway grade crossing within the state of Washington.
- 5 (3) WAC 480-62-150 (2)(d) requires that the Commission grant approval prior to any
changes to train detection circuitry or warning devices at public railroad-highway
grade crossings within the state of Washington.
- 6 (4) Commission Staff investigated the petition and recommended that it be granted.
- 7 (5) The authority to enter this order has been delegated to the Executive Secretary or
her designee pursuant to RCW 80.01.060(3) and WAC 480-07-904(1). WAC
480-07-904(3) provides that an affected person may ask the commission to review
any such order. If you seek review of the order you must file your request no later
than the fourteenth day after the date it is posted at <www.wutc.wa.gov>. The
commission will schedule a request for review promptly for consideration and will
notify the affected company, and any person requesting review, of the time and
place of the open meeting at which review will be taken.
- 8 (6) After examination of the petition filed by the Central Puget Sound Regional
Transit Authority on July 21, 2006, and giving consideration to all relevant
matters and for good cause shown, the Commission grants the petition.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 9 The petition of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority to upgrade train
detection circuitry at a railroad-highway grade crossing, located at the intersection of
Bridgeport Way and the petitioner's tracks in Lakewood, Washington, is granted.
Approval of the petition is subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Traffic control devices must comply with all applicable standards
specified in the U.S. Department of Transportation *Manual on
Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

- (2) Upon completion of the upgrades authorized herein, petitioner must notify the Commission. Acceptance of the changes is subject to inspection by Commission Staff, verifying that the crossing is in full compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and the conditions specified herein.

The Executive Secretary, on behalf of the Commissioners, having determined that this filing complies with the requirements of WAC 480-62-150, RCW 81.53.030, and RCW 81.53.271 enters this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 22 day of September, 2006.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary