

February 4, 2011

Scott Adams
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Sent via E-mail and First Class Mail

RE: TR-110229 - Petition on Behalf of the City of Walla Walla to Install Sidewalks at the West Rose Street Railroad Highway-Rail Grade Crossing in Walla Walla, Washington USDOT #808488E

Dear Mr. Adams:

On February 2, 2011, the City of Walla Walla (City) filed a petition with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission), seeking approval to install sidewalks at the West Rose Street railroad crossing. The West Rose Street crossing is located within the city limits of Walla Walla.

It is Commission staffs understanding that Union Pacific Railroad owns the tracks at this location and WATCO Transportation Services, Inc. (WATCO) leases and operates over the West Rose Street crossing. As a result of this arrangement, Commission staff requests consideration of the petition by both affected railroads.

Union Pacific Railroad has already signed and filed a "Waiver of Hearing by Respondent" which accompanied the filing of this petition. The Commission is providing WATCO with official notice of the filing of the petition to install sidewalks at the West Rose Street crossing.

Please review the enclosed petition and respond by February 24, 2011. Your response options include:

- Support the petition – Complete the Respondent's Waiver of Hearing form, which serves as your consent for the Commission to issue an order without further notice or hearing.
- Do not support the petition – Reply with your position and include whether you feel a hearing is necessary to resolve the issues or suggest other courses of action, such as further discussion prior to going to hearing.

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You must respond with your position within 20 days of the date of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Hunter at (360) 664-1257 or khunter@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

David Pratt
Assistant Director Transportation Safety

Enclosures

cc: Doug Eaton, City of Walla Walla (without enclosure)
Terrel Anderson, Union Pacific Railroad (without enclosure)