

Tuppenish School Dist.

**Alan Adolf**

**From:** Blaine Thorington [bthorington@toppenish.wednet.edu]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 01, 2014 10:34 AM  
**To:** Alan Adolf  
**Subject:** Fwd: Burlington Northern Santa Fe Road Crossing Closures / Bus Route Impacts

My name is Blaine Thorington and I am the Transportation Director for the Toppenish School District. I have received a forwarded email from you originally sent to our Superintendent, Mr. John Cerna. Thank you for providing a heads-up regarding these possible railroad crossing closures. In response to your inquiries...at the present time our district buses do not cross the North Stevens crossing and we haven't done so in many years. I cannot predict the future but for the foreseeable future I don't think the closing of this crossing would impact us. In response to your 2nd question, yes we do utilize the crossing at North Meyers and/or South Track road. I have 2 bus routes that utilize that crossing every day. Each of those routes cross that crossing 2 times a day for a total of 4 daily crossings. The times of day for these crossings are about 7:00 am and then again about 3:30pm. As far as a school access emphasis route, I am not sure I understand the question, but there is indeed an elementary school about 2 miles away and if that crossing were to be closed, it would have a major impact on 2 of my bus routes. I hope my answers help you, and if you need more information or I can answers any other questions you can either respond to this email or call me at 509-480-6325. Thank you,

Blaine Thorington

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**From:** Danelia Arellano <darellano@toppenish.wednet.edu>  
**Date:** Wed, Jul 30, 2014 at 3:26 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Burlington Northern Santa Fe Road Crossing Closures / Bus Route Impacts  
**To:** Blaine Thorington <bthorington@toppenish.wednet.edu>

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**From:** Alan Adolf <alan.adolf@co.yakima.wa.us>  
**Date:** Wed, Jul 30, 2014 at 3:22 PM  
**Subject:** Burlington Northern Santa Fe Road Crossing Closures / Bus Route Impacts  
**To:** "jcerna@toppenish.wednet.edu" <jcerna@toppenish.wednet.edu>, "lopezm@gsd.wednet.edu" <lopezm@gsd.wednet.edu>  
**Cc:** "prietov@gsd.wednet.edu" <prietov@gsd.wednet.edu>, "darellano@toppenish.wednet.edu" <darellano@toppenish.wednet.edu>

Good Afternoon Ms. Lopez / Mr. Cerna

Yakima County Public Services has been served with an information request from BNSF regarding their efforts to close two railroad crossings at Barnhart Road (USDOT X-ing #104536P) and N. Stevens Road (USDOT X-ing # 104516J) with the Washington Utility and Transportation Commission (WUTC).

I am contacting you respectively regarding any possible information regarding the use of these two roadway/rail crossings by your school bus fleet:

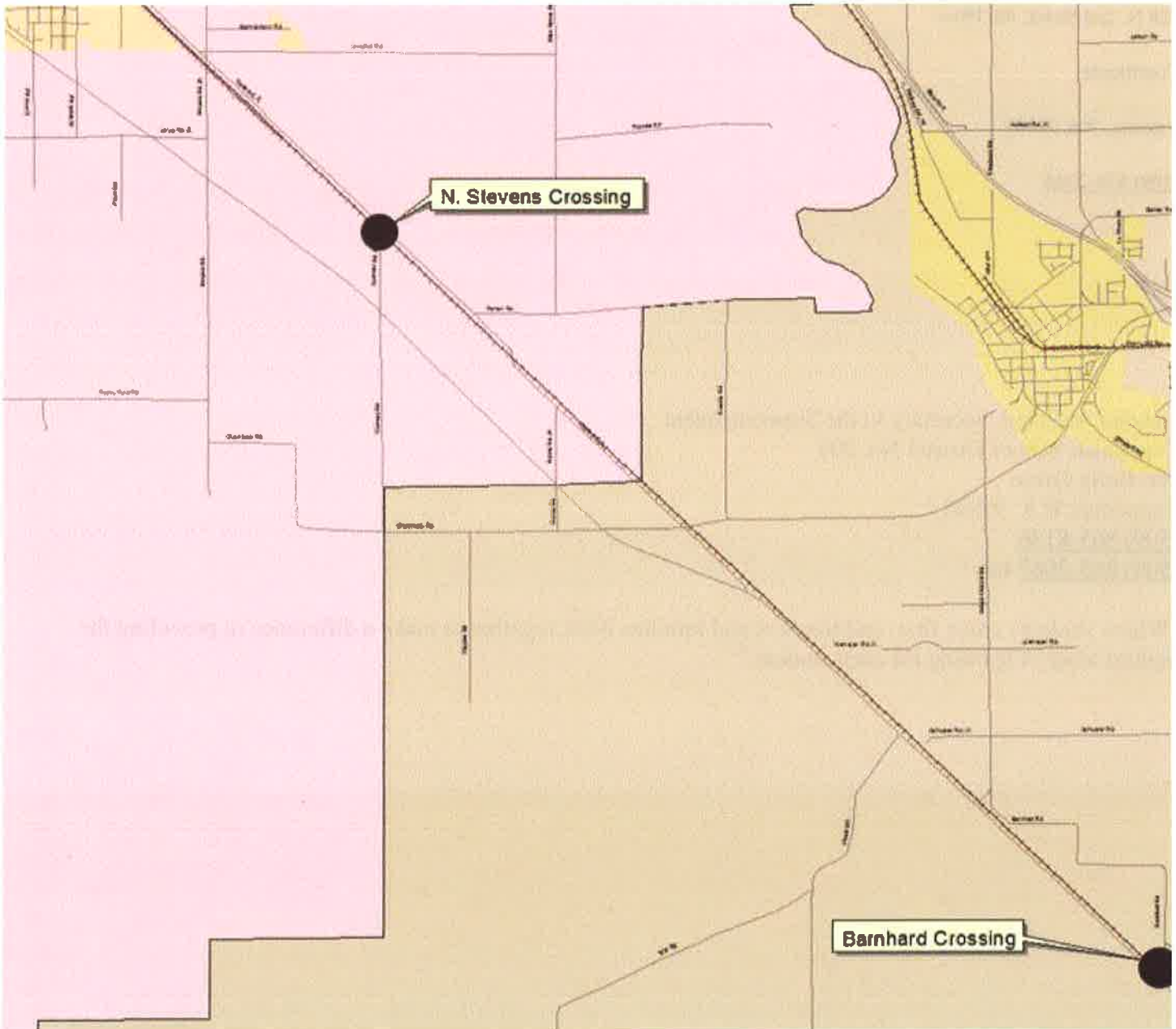
- Do you utilize this route?
- If So, how many individual routes / buses utilize this route?
- How many times per day / times.
- Is this a school access emphasis route of any form?

Toppenish:

- Do you utilize N. Meyers Road and/or S. Track Road Rail Crossing for the same questions above?
- If so, repeat those answers

Granger:

- Do you utilize Indian Church Road, Drainbank Rd, and/or Satus Longhouse Rd. for the same questions above?
- If so, repeat those answers



Yakima County is asked to respond to these questions within the next week to 10 days. Any assistance that you and your staff could provide regarding this request would be greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to call or email me at your convenience.

*Alan Adolf*

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**From:** Lopez, Margarita [lopezm@gsd.wednet.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 12, 2014 10:14 AM  
**To:** Alan Adolf; Prieto, Veronica  
**Cc:** Dave Pearson  
**Subject:** RE: Burlington Northern Santa Fe Road Crossing Closures / Bus Route Impacts

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"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

Henry Ford (1863-1947) US industrialist and inventor

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**From:** Alan Adolf [mailto:alan.adolf@co.yakima.wa.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 11, 2014 9:35 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Margarita; Prieto, Veronica  
**Subject:** FW: Burlington Northern Santa Fe Road Crossing Closures / Bus Route Impacts

Mr. Cerna

This is a follow-up request seeking any information considering the potential closure of Barnhart Road and N. Stevens Road by the BNSF and its impacts on your school bus services. Please contact me at your earliest convenience regarding our information inquiry.

Thank you for your time.

Regards.

*Alan Adolf*

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I am contacting you respectively regarding any possible information regarding the use of these two roadway/rail crossings by your school bus fleet:

- Do you utilize this route? **Granger uses Banhart occasionally but Stevens we do not use. But closure of Barnhart won't affect Granger much.**
- If So, how many individual routes / buses utilize this route?
- How many times per day / times.
- Is this a school access emphasis route of any form?

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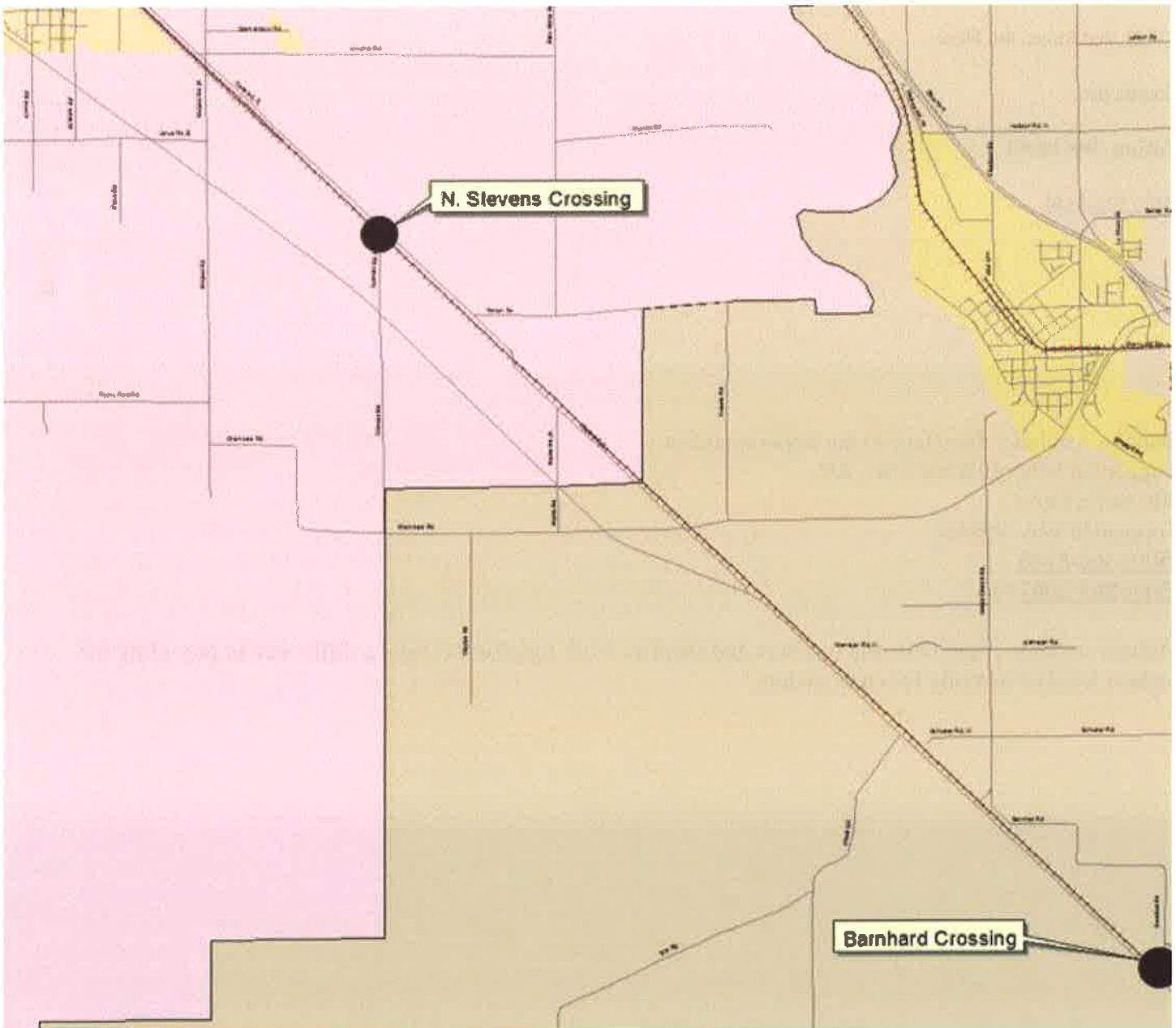
- Do you utilize N. Meyers Road and/or S. Track Road Rail Crossing for the same questions above?
- If so, repeat those answers

Granger:

• Do you utilize Indian Church Road, Drainbank Rd, and/or Satus Longhouse Rd. for the same questions above? **Yes.**

- One bus uses Indian Church twice a day 6:20 and 7:20 am and 3:00 and 3:30 pm, and another bus uses Indian Church and Barnhart, Drain bank and Satus Longhouse. 6:20 and 7:20 am and 3:00 and 3:30 pm.
- Yes these routes are very important to the Granger School District, please **do not close** them it would cause a hardship on the district to find different routes.

If so, repeat those answers



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**YAKAMA NATION TRANSIT -**  
**No Response**

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**From:** Alan Adolf  
**Sent:** Monday, August 11, 2014 1:42 PM  
**To:** Karen CUNNINGHAM  
**Subject:** FW: BNSF Crossing Closures / 2014 Fair Booth

Karen.

Just following up on any information you can provide regarding this issue.

Regards.

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**From:** Alan Adolf  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 30, 2014 2:48 PM  
**To:** Karen CUNNINGHAM  
**Subject:** BNSF Crossing Closures / 2014 Fair Booth

Good Afternoon Karen:

As we discussed yesterday, I am hoping you could provide me some assistance.

First, as you know, BNSF is trying to close Barnhart Road and N. Stevens Road crossings. I have been tasked to determine any transit or transit related traffic that may utilize these roads. I am confident that your transit route does not utilize either route, but am not sure if you have Dial-A-Ride, Medicaid, Senior Nutrition, or other para-transit type service in the area.

Second, I am in need to finalize cost sharing for this year's Central Washington State Fair booth. As you know the other transit organizations and YVCOG will be utilizing two booths under the DRYVE & TRANS-Action banner from September 18-28, 2014. If the tribal transit program will participate in the booth, the Nation's expected share of the booth would be between \$350-400. I don't need funds now, but MUST send out reimbursement invoices ASAP. I need a firm "Yes" or "No" as soon as possible.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

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