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September 23, 2022

Kathy Hunter, Director of Transportation Safety
Transportation Safety Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW
PO Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Subject: Petition for 192 Street East Construct Grade Separation 2022-0614

Dear Ms. Hunter:

Please find attached a completed Petition form requesting a construct grade separation with an existing rail line located on 192 Street East in Pierce County. The existing rail line is owned by Tacoma Rail. Contact information for the rail company has been provide on the Petition.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the enclosed Petition, please contact Brian A. Churchill, P.E. at (253) 798-2259 or me at (253) 798-2159.

Sincerely,

Melissa McFadden McFadden

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Melissa McFadden, P.E. County Engineer

BAC Enclosure

cc: Jeff Kidston, Pierce County Planning and Public Works
Steve Winter, Pierce County Planning and Public Works

Traffic File



WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. TR-____

Pierce County Petitioner, vs. Tacoma Rail Respondent	PETITION TO CONSTRUCT OR RECONSTRUCT A RAILROAD-HIGHWAY GRADE SEPARATION (OVERCROSSING OR UNDERCROSSING) USDOT CROSSING NO.: 932-825F	
The Petitioner asks the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to approve Construction of a railroad-highway grade separation (overcrossing or undercrossing ¹) as described in this petition. RCW 81.53.060. Section 1 – Petitioner's Information		
Pierce County Petitioner Melissa McFadden Digitally signed by Melissa McFadden Date: 2022.09.29 12:58:49-07'00'	den	
Signature		
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Melissa McFadden, P.E.		
Contact Person Name		
253-798-2159 melissa.mcfadden@pier	cecountywa.gov	
Contact Phone Number and Email		

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¹ An overcrossing means any point or place where a highway crosses a railroad by passing above the same, or any point or place where one railroad crosses another railroad not at grade. An undercrossing means any point or place where a highway crosses a railroad by passing under the same, or any point or place where one railroad crosses another not at grade. *RCW* 81.53.010

Section 2 – Respondent's Information

Tacoma Rail

Respondent

2601 SR 509 North Frontage Road

Street Address

Tacoma, WA 98421

City, State and Zip Code

Mailing Address, if different than the street address

Kyle Kellem

Contact Person Name

253-377-3554 kkellem@cityoftacoma.org

Contact Phone Number and Email

Section 3 – Proposed Crossing Location

- 1. Name of highway/roadway: 192nd Street East
- 2. USDOT number (reconstruction only): 932-825F
- 3. GPS location: W122deg, 21', 01.13", N47deg, 04', 55.18"
- 4. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth): MP 14.02M
- 5. City: Unincorporated Frederickson community County: Pierce County

Section 4 - Current Highway Traffic Information

1. Name of highway: not a highway, 192nd St E
2. Road authority: Pierce County
3. Average annual daily traffic (AADT): 6,900 daily trips on the PM peak hour
4. Number of lanes: 3
5. Roadway speed: Design speed 40 mph, 35 mph posted (TBD)
6. Is the crossing part of an established truck route? Yes No
7. If so, trucks are what percent of total daily traffic? 12%
8. Is the crossing part of an established school bus route? Yes No
9. If so, how many school buses travel over the crossing each day? N/A

Section 5 - Railroad Information

1. Name of railroad(s) operating at crossing: Tacoma Rail		
2. Type of railroad at crossing: Common Carrier Logging Industrial		
Passenger Excursion		
5. Type of tracks at crossing: Main Line Siding or Spur		
6. Number of tracks at crossing: 1		
7. Average daily train traffic, freight: 2		
Authorized freight train speed: 10 MPH Operated freight train speed: 10 MPH		
8. Average daily train traffic, passenger: N/A		
Authorized passenger train speed: N/A Operated passenger train speed: N/A		

Section 6 – Description of Crossing Construction/Reconstruction

1. Describe in detail the public safety need and reasons for constructing or reconstructing a grade separation at this location (attach additional information sheets to petition as needed): The project is proposing to connect 192nd Street East (a Pierce County public road) across the development for the following reasons: to provide access to four proposed future buildings, to provide a secondary access to Boeing (secondary access relocated from 176th/ 63rd Ave to 192nd Street E), and to provide access from east to west across the development. Currently, 192nd Street East does not connect between Canyon Road E and 70th Ave E. The extension of 192nd Street E through the site is a required traffic mitigation measure (required by Pierce County) to receive occupancy of future buildings. A secondary access to Boeing is required as part of the land purchase agreement. The developer will construct the extension of 192nd Street E to Pierce County public roadway standards. A separated-grade crossing is proposed to improve public safety and pedestrian access (versus an at-grade crossing). It also minimizes off-site grading impacts to the adjacent properties and provides for a flatter roadway slope for truck and passenger vehicle traffic. 2. How far is the nearest alternate access across the tracks from the crossing? The northern alternate access across the tracks is approximately 0.80 acres north at Canyon Road East between the intersections of 184th St E and Frederickson Industrial
Park Road. The southern alternate access across the tracks is approximately 0.85 acres
south at 204th Street E and Knoble Road E. Both of these existing crossings are at-grade.
3. Describe the alternate access route, including distance and driving time:
Currently, 192nd Street East does not connect between Canyon Road E and 70th Ave E. The project is proposing to construct 192nd Street East across the development to provide access from east to west. This extension of 192nd Street East cuts down travel distance and driving time. There are two alternative routes that have been studied: coming from the north and coming from the south. The north route would take 176th Street E (heading east) to 78th Ave E (heading south) to get to the east side of the development. The south route would take 78th Ave E (heading north) to 204th Street E (heading west), at the at-grade rail crossing to get to the west side of the development. The proposed crossing would reduce the north route by 1.9 miles and the south route by 1.2 miles, for a reduction of approximately 3-5 minutes per route.
4. If new construction, will the proposed crossing eliminate the need for one or more existing
crossings?
Yes √No N/A
5. If so, identify the crossing(s) by USDOT number and state the distance and direction from the proposed crossing.
N/A
6. If the grade separation is replacing an existing at-grade crossing, describe what will happen with the existing crossing during construction of the grade separation, as well as what will happen with the crossing surface, signage, and signal equipment once the grade separation is
complete.
N/A
7. Who is responsible for long-term maintenance of the grade separation?
Rail bridge and abutments - Tacoma Rail
Roadway below bridge including abutment graffitti - Pierce County

Section 7 - Illustration of Grade Separated Crossing

Attach a diagram, design drawing, map, or other illustration showing the location of the railroad and the proposed/existing location of the crossing. Include the parcels of private property located on both sides of the proposed crossing for a distance of 500' from the crossing and the name and mailing address of each property owner.

If this is a reconstruction, include design-level drawings of the proposed changes to the existing grade separation.

Section 8 – Cost Apportionment

If the commission approves the construction or reconstruction of the grade separated crossing requested in this petition, it will apportion costs in accordance with the applicable statutes. (RCW 81.53.130).		
In the alternative, if the parties to this petition have reached an agreement related to apportionment of costs, please sign here to confirm:		
Petitioner Signature:	Respondent Signature:	

Section 9 - Waiver of Hearing by Respondent

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The undersigned represents the Respondent in this petition to construct or reconstruct a highwayrail grade separation.

We have investigated the conditions at the crossing. We are satisfied the conditions are the same as described by the Petitioner in this docket. We do not oppose the construction or reconstruction of the grade-separated crossing and consent to a decision by the commission without a hearing.

Dated at	Tacoma	, Washington, on the 10	day of November,	2022.

Kyle Kellem

Printed name of Respondent

Sature of Respondent's Representative

Roadmaster

Title

253-377-3554

Phone Number

kkellem@cityoftacoma.org

Email

2601 SR 509 North Frontage Road

Tacoma, WA 98421

Mailing Address

Checklist prior to submitting petition:

- ✓ Ensure all petition fields are completed.
- ✓ Ensure parties sign Section 8 regarding any Cost Apportionment agreement, if applicable.
- ✓ Obtain signature on Waiver of Hearing (Section 9). *If respondent fails to sign Waiver, advise UTC staff upon submission.*
- ✓ Attach copies of:
 - o Illustration of crossing (described in Section 7).
 - o Any other relevant documents to support the petition, including but not limited to support of public need, project information, etc.

Submitting the petition: To officially file the petition, send the petition form and supporting documents to records@utc.wa.gov.

Questions: For questions, please contact:

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