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Thank you.
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You and Your School District:

1. What is the name of your school district? Clover Park School District
2. What is your name? Delphie Nielsen
3. What is your title? Director of Transportation
4. What is the best way to contact you should we need additional information?
Telephone _____ E-mail Mail _____
5. What is your telephone number, e-mail or mailing address?
 dnielsen@cloverpark.k12.wa.us

Railroad Crossings:

6. Is there a railroad crossing (or crossings) near a school in your district or on a school bus route that causes you concern? Yes No _____ (If you checked "no," please skip to question #11, below.)
7. Where is the crossing located (i.e., road or street name, nearest intersection)? (If you know the USDOT number of the crossing, please include that information): **West of Overpass onto I-5 Southbound : N Thorne Lane SW and Murray Rd Sw, Berkeley and Freedom Bridge, Bridgeport Way SW and Pacific Hwy SW**
8. How many school bus trips traverse that crossing each day? (If you don't know the exact number please estimate the number of trips) **N Thorne Lane – 34; Berkeley – 11; Bridgeport Way Sw - 232**
9. Does the crossing have warning signals such as lights or gates? Yes No _____
10. Please explain your specific concerns about the crossing and how that impacts your school bus drivers or students: **The railgrade crossings located at N Thorne Lane and Berkeley does not have enough containment area for a bus as it approaches from the east at the I-5 exit ramps. Vehicles attempt to pass the bus in the oncoming lane as it completes the required railgrade crossing procedures. Various rear – end collisions and near miss head on collisions are safety concerns for this area.**
11. Has your school district conducted an inventory of all railroad crossings on routes driven by district school buses as recommended by the National Transportation Safety Board?
Yes No _____

Railroad Tracks:

12. Are there railroad tracks near a school in your school district that cause you concern?
Yes _____ No (If you checked "no," please skip to question #15, below.)

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13. Where are these tracks located?

14. Please explain your specific concerns about the tracks and how that impacts your students.

Grade Crossing Protection Fund:

As discussed in our cover memo the UTC administers a grant program, called the Grade Crossing Protective Fund (GCPF), to which any organization may apply. We offer grants up to \$20,000 without requirement for matching funds, to projects designed to improve pedestrian safety near rail facilities, improve protection at public or private crossings, provide public education and other safety projects.

15. Would you like us to notify you the next time we issue a call for GCPF project proposals?
Yes No

Thank you for your help completing this survey. You may return your completed survey in any of the following ways:

- *E-mail:* to Vicki Elliott at velliott@wutc.wa.gov.
- *Fax:* 360-586-1172.
- *Postal Mail:* WUTC, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia WA 98504-7250