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Washington State Utilities Transportation Commission  
Attn: Ahmer Nizam  
1300 Evergreen Park Drive South  
PO Box 17250  
Olympia, WA 98504

SUBJECT: File – Othello, Washington – Petition for Scootney Street Crossing

Dear Mr. Nizam,

I am in receipt of a copy of letter from the BNSF waiving their right to a hearing.


The City of Othello and the Holder of the private crossing permit for the private access road located about 1/2 mile south of the new Scootney Street crossing (Moon Street) agree that it will be closed and removed once the new Scootney Street crossing is constructed.

However, it should be clarified that this double track crossing is currently located on Moon Street, not Canning Street as mentioned in the waiver. This confusion occurred because our long term transportation plans show a new single track at grade crossing to be constructed at Canning Street, which is one block south, in preparations for the development of this area. It is understood that if this rail is still being used when the Canning Street crossing goes in, the farm crossing permit that currently exists about 1/2 mile further southwest would be removed.

Because of the coordination efforts currently under way between the State Department of Transportation, Adams County and the City of Othello, along with adjacent property owners to construct the Canning Street crossing, it is not likely we will file the petition for that crossing until the City annexes the west side of the tracks. Please see the attached Urban Growth Area that shows the long term transportation needs indicating this new looped road from the Scootney Street crossing across SR 26 and back to SR 24 being called Milwaukee Road.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

  
Curt C. Andrews  
City Planner

Cc: Mike Cowles, BNSF Manager of Public Projects  
Dick Lee, Public Works Director

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