

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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CITY OF LONGVIEW,	)	ORDER 01
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Petitioner,	)	ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR
	)	PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS AT
v.	)	THE STATE ROUTE 432/INDUSTRIAL
	)	WAY RAILROAD CROSSING
BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY,	)	
	)	USDOT: 101794P
Respondent.	)	UTC: 18ASE1.5
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On October 11, 2007, the City of Longview (City) filed with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission), a petition seeking approval to install a pedestrian sidewalk at a railroad-highway grade crossing. The crossing is identified as USDOT 101794P and is located at the intersection of State Route 432/Industrial Way (SR-432) and the Respondent's tracks in the City of Longview.
- 2 The Respondent consented to entry of an Order by the Commission without further notice or hearing.
- 3 Railroad warning devices at the intersection of SR-432 and the Respondent's tracks in the City of Longview consist of 12" cantilever mounted flashing lights with gates.
- 4 SR-432 is classified as a principal arterial roadway, with two lanes for each direction of traffic and a vehicle speed of 35 mile per hour. Average daily traffic through the crossing is estimated at 21,700 vehicles, including 5,435 commercial vehicles and no school bus trips. Average train traffic on the spur track includes four trains per day, traveling at 10 miles per hour.
- 5 The petition proposes to install concrete panels at the crossing and a sidewalk on the north side of the crossing which will connect the existing and proposed sidewalk near the

crossing. The installation of the new sidewalk will provide pedestrians with a smooth walking surface up to and across the tracks.

- 6 The proposed installation of concrete panels at the crossing and adjoining sidewalks are in the interest of improving safety for pedestrian users by providing a path to safely cross the railroad-highway grade crossing.

### **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

- 7 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington having jurisdiction over public railroad-highway grade crossings within the state of Washington. *Chapter 81.53 RCW.*
- 8 (2) The SR-432 grade crossing, identified as USDOT 101794P is a public railroad-highway grade crossing within the state of Washington.
- 9 (3) WAC 480-62-150(1)(g) requires that the Commission grant approval prior to any changes to crossing surfaces at public railroad-highway grade crossings within the state of Washington.
- 10 (4) Commission Staff investigated the petition and recommended that it be granted.
- 11 (5) After examination of the petition filed by the City of Longview on October 11, 2007, and giving consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission grants the petition.

### **ORDER**

#### **THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 12 The petition of the City of Longview to install concrete panels at a railroad-highway grade crossing and adjoining sidewalks, located at the intersection of SR-432 and BNSF Railway's tracks in Cowlitz, Washington, is granted. Approval of the petition is subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The modifications must conform to those described in the petition.

- (2) Upon completion of the sidewalks authorized herein, Petitioner must notify the Commission. Acceptance of the changes is subject to inspection by Commission Staff, verifying that the crossing is in full compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and the conditions specified herein.

The Commissioners, having determined that this filing complies with the requirements of WAC 480-62-150(1) (g) and RCW 81.53.030, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective February 6, 2008.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary