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David Pratt
Assistant Director, Transportation Safety
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W.
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: TR-100098 Petition from the City of Fife to Construct a Pedestrian-Only At-Grade Crossing at 54th Avenue East

Dear Mr. Pratt:

Union Pacific Railroad Company does not support the City of Fife's petition for an at-grade pedestrian crossing. We suggest further discussion of the issue prior to setting this matter for hearing, particularly as to why the city isn't requesting authority for a grade-separated crossing.

RCW 85.53.030 requires that a petitioner seeking an at-grade crossing set forth the reasons why the crossing cannot be made either above or below grade. A grade-separated pedestrian crossing was contemplated by the city when it approved development of the housing subdivision that lies south of the tracks. One of the plat approval conditions was:

A pedestrian overpass/underpass connecting the project with the Dacca Sports Complex and Fife Jr. High School crossing the railroad tracks north of the project is necessary. Contribute 50% of the cost of the structure up to a total of \$300,000.

Prior to the WUTC scheduling a meeting among the parties, Union Pacific requests that the city supplement its application to explain why it now believes the pedestrian crossing cannot be made either above or below grade.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terrel A. Anderson".

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cc: Russell Blount, City of Fife