

5 PSAP anticipates operating up to one freight train per day over the crossing at a maximum train speed of up to 10 miles per hour. No passenger trains will use this crossing.

6 The crossing will be protected by shoulder-mounted LED lights and gates, crossbucks, pavement markings, and advance warning signage.

7 The City and Port of Centralia, as State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) co-lead agencies for the proposal, have issued a Determination of Non-significance, thereby completing the SEPA procedures for the opening of a grade crossing.

8 RCW 81.53.020 requires that all new highway-railroad grade crossings be grade separated where practicable. Highway-railroad grade crossings may be authorized at-grade by the Commission but only upon finding that grade separation is impracticable.

9 Commission Staff (Staff) investigated PSAP's petition to construct the Galvin Road crossing at-grade. Staff recommends that the Commission find grade separation impracticable at this location based on the low train and vehicle traffic. The flat topography with unobstructed sight distance in all quadrants provides motorists a clear view of approaching trains. In addition, Staff utilized the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Grade Separation Guidelines and determined that construction of a grade separated crossing at Galvin Road does not meet the minimum threshold. PSAP is proposing to install active warning devices when the crossing is constructed which will provide a higher level of protection than recommended by the FHWA's Railroad-Highway Grade Crossing Handbook.

10 Examination of the petition and consideration of relevant facts support granting the petition subject to the following conditions:

- (a) All construction and installation must substantially conform to the petition and engineering design plans filed in this docket.
- (b) Traffic control devices must comply with all applicable standards specified in the 2009 Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).
- (c) The Petitioner must notify the Commission within 30 days after completion of the project. Acceptance of the changes is subject to

inspection by Commission Staff, verifying that the crossing is in full compliance with applicable laws, regulations and conditions set forth in this order.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 11 (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. RCW 81.53.
- 12 (2) The proposed construction of a crossing involves a public railroad-highway grade crossing, as defined in RCW 81.53.010.
- 13 (3) RCW 81.53.030 and WAC 480-62-150(1)(a) require the Commission grant approval prior to constructing a public railroad-highway grade crossing within the state of Washington. The Commission finds that it is not practicable to grade separate the Galvin Road crossing.
- 14 (4) Commission staff conducted an investigation and recommended that the petition be granted. Granting the petition is subject to the following conditions:
- (a) All construction and installation must substantially conform to the petition and engineering design plans filed in this docket.
 - (b) Traffic control devices must comply with all applicable standards specified in the MUTCD.
 - (c) The Petitioner must notify the Commission within 30 days after completion of the project. Acceptance of the changes is subject to inspection by Commission Staff, verifying that the crossing is in full compliance with applicable laws, regulations and conditions set forth in this order.
- 15 (5) After examination of the petition filed by Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad on January 9, 2015, and revised on January 16, 2015, and giving consideration to all relevant matters, the Commission has determined that construction of a public

railroad-highway grade crossing at Galvin Road is reasonable and the petition of Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad should be granted.

O R D E R

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 16 The petition of Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad to construct a public railroad-highway grade crossing at Galvin Road in Centralia, Washington, is granted, subject to the following conditions:
- (1) All construction and installation must be substantially conform to the petition and engineering design plans filed in this docket.
 - (2) Traffic control devices must comply with all applicable standards specified in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
 - (3) The Petitioner must notify the Commission within 30 days after completion of the project. 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 set forth in this order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective February 12, 2015.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary