

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 25A-0332R

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF LONGMONT FOR
AUTHORITY TO INSTALL CONCRETE SURFACING MATERIAL AND CONCRETE
SIDEWALK FOR A DETACHED SIDEWALK AT TRACKS OWNED BY GREAT WESTERN
RAILWAY OF COLORADO, LLC CROSSING COUNTY ROAD 26, USDOT NO. 849321F, IN
WELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO.

**COMMISSION DECISION DEEMING APPLICATION
COMPLETE AND GRANTING APPLICATION**

Issued Date: October 3, 2025
Adopted Date: September 24, 2025

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of an Application (“Application”) filed by the City of Longmont (“Longmont”) on August 6, 2025, for an order authorizing the installation of concrete surfacing material and concrete sidewalk to connect a proposed detached walk along the north side of the County Road 26 (“CR 26”) crossing of the tracks owned by Great Western Railway of Colorado, LLC (“GWR”), at railroad milepost 4.17 of the Central division, Longmont subdivision, National Inventory No. 849321F, in Weld County, State of Colorado.

2. Notice of the Application was provided by the Commission to all interested parties, including adjacent property owners pursuant to § 40-6-108(2), C.R.S., on August 15, 2025.

3. On September 19, 2025, Longmont filed their revised final plans.

4. No interventions were filed in this matter.

5. The Commission reviewed the record in this matter and deems the Application complete within the meaning of § 40-6-109.5, C.R.S.

6. Now being fully advised in the matter, we grant the Application.

B. Findings of Fact

7. The Commission gave notice to all interested parties, including the adjacent property owners. No intervention was received contesting or opposing the Application.

8. Longmont requests authority for the installation of concrete railroad surfacing panels at the tracks and a concrete sidewalk on each approach to connect a proposed detached walk along the north side of CR 26 crossing of the tracks owned by GWR, in Weld County, Colorado. The changes are necessary to provide a non-motorized crossing for pedestrians and cyclists.

9. The proposed sidewalk is proposed to be 6-8 inches thick and measure 10 feet wide with detectable warning plates installed at 12 feet from the outside track rail on each approach to the crossing.

10. Passive signage will consist of 18x18inch R-1 Yield signs sized for pathway use on each approach at the crossing.

11. Longmont states that most recent traffic volume at the subject crossing as of 2024 is 680 vehicles per day (“VPD”). 5 percent of this traffic volume is estimated to be heavy vehicles. School buses use the crossing. The posted speed limit at the crossing is 45 miles per hour (“MPH”). The five-year traffic volume projections at the crossing are 800 VPD and twenty-year traffic volume projections are 1500 VPD. There is currently one train per day as of 2019 that uses the crossing at a maximum timetable speed of 10 MPH with no anticipated changes in train volume in the future.

12. There have been no accidents at the crossing since 1975.

13. Longmont estimates the cost of the project at \$2,653,379. Longmont will cover 100 per cent of the costs of the project.

14. Longmont proposes to start the project on January 1, 2026, and anticipates being complete with the work by September 30, 2026. Longmont will be required to provide a copy of the signed Construction and Maintenance Agreement with GWR for this project by January 1, 2026, prior to starting construction on this project.

15. Longmont will be required to inform the Commission in writing that all work is complete within ten days of completion. The Commission will expect this letter no later than September 30, 2026. However, the Commission understands this letter may be provided earlier or later than this date depending on changes or delays to the construction schedule.

16. GWR will be required to update the US DOT Crossing Inventory Form for the crossing. This form will need to be filed in this proceeding by GWR by September 30, 2026.

C. Conclusions

17. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter under §§ 40-4-106(2)(a) and (3)(a), C.R.S.

18. Because the Application is unopposed, the Commission will determine this matter upon the record, without a formal hearing under § 40-6-109(5), C.R.S., and Rule 1403, Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1.

19. Based on the Findings of Fact, the Application is granted consistent with the discussion above.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The Application (“Application”) filed by the City of Longmont (“Longmont”) on August 6, 2025, for an order authorizing the installation of concrete surfacing material and concrete sidewalk to connect a proposed detached walk along the north side of the County Road 26 (“CR 26”) crossing of the tracks owned by Great Western Railway of Colorado, LLC (“GWR”), at railroad milepost 4.17 of the Central division, Longmont subdivision, National Inventory No. 849321F, in Weld County, State of Colorado is deemed complete within the meaning of § 40-6-109.5, C.R.S., and is granted.

2. Longmont is authorized and ordered to proceed with the installation of concrete surfacing material and concrete sidewalk on each approach to the crossing.

3. Longmont shall file a copy of the signed Construction and Maintenance Agreement with GWR for this project by January 1, 2026, prior to starting work at the crossing.

4. Longmont is required to inform the Commission in writing that the work is complete within ten days after completion. We shall expect this letter by September 30, 2026. However, we understand this letter may be provided earlier or later than this date depending on changes or delays to the construction schedule.

5. GWR will be required to update the US DOT Crossing Inventory Form for the crossing. This form will need to be filed in this proceeding by GWR by September 30, 2026.

6. The 20-day period provided for in § 40-6-114, C.R.S., within which to file an Application for Rehearing, Reargument, or Reconsideration, begins on the first day following the effective date of this Decision.

7. The Commission retains jurisdiction to enter further decisions as necessary.

8. This Decision is effective upon its Issued Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
September 24, 2025.**

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Rebecca E. White,
Director

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