



BNSF Hearing Update

ATTENTION: BNSF hearing will be postponed to November 5th.

(Note: There will be no hearing by the Board of Supervisors on the BNSF issue until November 5th)

BNSF Railway is proposing to build a large railway project in Wittman, NW of Surprise bordering Grand Ave, that will include a 1,770-acre Intermodal facility, a 1,420-acre Logistics Park with warehouses, a 1,109-acre Logistics Center and a 22-acre Wastewater Treatment facility. BNSF projects 22,000 vehicle trips per day in and out of the area when the project is at full buildout.

Railways have federal preemptive rights dating back to the 1800's, which likely means that BNSF railway could build portions of the project, including the Intermodal Facility without local permitting or zoning approval. It is debatable if the Logistics Center could be built without local permitting and zoning approvals, but it appears clear that the Logistics Park, which includes the warehouses, would need local zoning approval. BNSF Railway has told me that they may proceed with portions of the project, even if the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors denies their zoning request.

If you are in favor of or opposed to this project, I need to hear from you. Please submit your thoughts in writing to: www.Maricopa.gov/ContactLesko. Please provide your address when submitting.

I take your input seriously.