

Amendment to GCPF Application

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Type of Application: Roadway improvements approaching a grade crossing

Private crossing safety improvement

Trespass prevention

Miscellaneous

1) *Summary of original application:*

The City applied for and was awarded \$20,000.00 toward grade crossing improvements proposed at the 32nd Street / BNSF railroad crossing in the City of Washougal. The proposed improvements consist of a raised traffic curb with tubular delineators on each side of the crossing to prevent vehicles from driving around a closed gate. The curbs were to extend a distance of 60 to 100 ft. in each direction from the gates.

2) *Reason for amendment:*

The City initiated detailed evaluation of the crossing and determined that a necessary truck turning movement from westbound Evergreen Way to southbound 32nd Street just north of the railroad crossing precludes the installation of the required minimum 60 lineal feet of curb prior to the crossing gate. The conclusion is that the proposed improvements will not be possible and a different safety measure will be required north of the crossing most likely the installation of a much more expensive additional crossing gate.

3) *Proposed amendment:*

The City proposes to install the curbs and delineators at the 24th Street / BNSF Railroad crossing instead of at 32nd Street.

The existing 24th St. crossing is protected with gates and lights for each direction of travel the same as at 32nd St. The street is paved but does not have a center median, curbs or channelization to prevent drivers from crossing into the opposing travel lane to drive around a closed gate. With the rapid growth and increasing traffic in the city, drivers will seek alternative crossings like 24th St. with less congestion. Newer residents and visitors unfamiliar with the risks, and frustrated with the delays increases the likelihood that someone will make a bad judgment and drive around a gate.

4) *Cost and Schedule:*

The original cost estimate remains the same and the schedule continues to be to complete the work before the end of June 2007.

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**Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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