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**GRADE CROSSING PROTECTIVE FUND
 APPLICATION FOR FUNDING**

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission), through its Grade Crossing Protective Fund (GCPF), funds projects that eliminate or mitigate public safety hazards at railroad crossings and along railroad rights-of-way in Washington State. Any public, private, or non-profit entity may submit an application to the commission for GCPF monies.

Please complete and submit the following information as part of the application process:

Applicant Information

Applicant Name: Andrew Meyers
 Organization: Franklin Pierce School District
 Address: 315 129th St S, Tacoma, WA 98444
 Phone: 253-298-3866 or 3865
 E-mail: Andy_meyers@fp.k12.wa.us
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Please list all other companies, organizations or state or local agencies that may be involved in implementing this proposal and the contact name, address and phone number for each.

Tacoma Rail – Kyle Kellem - (253) 377-3554

Utilities and Transportation Commission – Bob Boston- (360) 664-1264 - 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia, WA, 98504

UTC - Kathy Hunter - (360) 664-1257

Project Information

1. *Provide a detailed summary of the hazard being addressed. Include:*
 - *Any information about accidents or incidents at the site.*
 - *Photographs, drawings or other materials that supports the application.*

Franklin Pierce School District has concerns about trespassing between Ford Middle School and Tacoma Rail's tracks near the 104th Street highway-railroad crossing. The USDOT number of the 104th Street crossing is 396677J.

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The trespassing is occurring between Ford Middle School and the railroad tracks. While on-site, eight to ten trails were identified along this strip of property, which is approximately 1,040 feet. Kyle Kellem confirmed that students and staff from the middle school have been spotted on the tracks and along Tacoma Rail's right-of-way at this location. Tacoma Rail operates four trains per week at speeds up to 20 mph.

The Middle School population has no awareness the degree of danger they place themselves in while walking on or crossing the tracks. The fencing will make it very difficult for students to use this area to shortcut through. Students will find it much easier to walk up to the crossing rather than try to surmount this barrier. In addition school officials would be able to enforce a higher level of discipline if the fence is climbed over.

2. *Provide a detailed description of the proposed project and explain how it will eliminate or mitigate the hazard. Include any drawings or construction plans for the proposed project.*

Installing a fence at this location will make it more difficult for students to access the tracks and decrease trespassing. Also, Bob Boston will contact the principal at the school and work with school staff to get Operation Lifesaver presentations scheduled. He will also request increased oversight of staff and students in this area.

1. The fence will be located between the grounds of Ford Middle School and the tracks, approximately three to five feet from the edge of the roadway. The fence will connect to the existing fence at the 512 overpass and continue along the road until the railroad bungalow.
2. Tacoma Rail will provide brush cutting equipment and clear the area where the fence will be placed. No trees will be cut down.
3. Franklin Pierce School District will maintain the fence.

3. *Provide cost estimates. Include:*
 - *Total costs of the project.*
 - *Names of parties contributing to the project and the amount each is contributing.*

Estimate total cost: The quote for 1,028 ft of 6ft high commercial grade chain link fencing is \$17,810.00 plus WSST of \$1,567.28 for a total of \$19,377.28. This does not include the cost of Tacoma Rail supplying the cost of the equipment and manpower to cut the brush down prior to installing the fence.

4. *Provide the name of the party responsible for long-term maintenance.*

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5. *Provide an estimated timeline of project, if approved.*

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Fall & Winter of 2008, depending on the approval of the grant.

6. *Provide a description of how the project's success would be measured.*

If this project saves the life of one student in the district, the project will be successful. We will monitor number of incidents (injuries/fatalities) occurring after completion of the project in this area of the middle school. Also monitor the number of trespassing that is happen when students arrive and depart from school.

7. *Provide any other information the applicant believes would be useful to the commission in considering the project.*

If the total cost of the project is over the amount. We will apply for a grant the following year to complete the project.

8. *If the project involves any construction, modification or demolition on a railroad right-of-way, complete the attached Railroad Commitment form. This includes fencing, gates or other structures located near enough to the tracks to be on the railroad right-of-way, modification to a grade crossing or any other project that involves railroad property or rights-of-way.*

None

Submitting the Application

After completing the GCPF application, please send the original to:

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Attention: Grade Crossing Protective Fund
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
PO Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

A signed application may be filed electronically at records@utc.wa.gov. When filing electronically, please specify "Grade Crossing Protective Fund" in the subject line.

Assistance

For questions or assistance, please contact:

- Kathy Hunter at (360)664-1257 or by e-mail at khunter@utc.wa.gov.
- David Pratt at (360)664-1100 or by e-mail at dpratt@utc.wa.gov.

Railroad Commitment

The undersigned represents the Railroad Company in the GCPF application described as (enter a brief description):

We have reviewed the application and are satisfied the conditions are the same as described by the applicant in this matter. We agree to allow construction, modification or demolition on a railroad right-of-way as described in the application.

Printed name of Railroad Representative

Signature of Railroad Representative

Title

Phone

E-mail

Date: _____