

DISCUSSION

5 As authorized by RCW 81.53, the GCPF provides funding for projects that reduce
accident frequency and severity at public and private railroad crossings, or reduce
pedestrian trespassing and motorist injuries and deaths on railroad rights-of-way at places
other than crossings. We find that the proposed modifications will increase safety for
roadway users, and that extending the deadline is appropriate to ensure project
completion.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 6 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington having authority under
RCW 81.53.281 to approve and administer disbursements from the GCPF for rail
safety projects.
- 7 (2) On April 28, 2021, CWW submitted a petition seeking to modify active warning
devices at a highway-rail grade crossing and requesting funding from the GCPF.
- 8 (3) On May 11, 2021, the Commission approved CWW's application for funding.
- 9 (4) On May 13, 2021, CWW requested an extension of the project period and
deadline for applying for reimbursement to September 30, 2021.
- 10 (5) Commission Staff investigated the Applicant's request for extension and
recommends that it be granted. Granting the extension helps ensure timely
completion of the project and submission of reimbursement documents. Although
the funding was approved during the 2019-2021, biennium, this project will be
reimbursed from 2021-2023 funds.
- 11 (6) After reviewing CWW's request for extension, and giving due consideration to all
relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds that granting
additional time to complete this project and apply for reimbursement is
appropriate and in the public interest, and grants the extension of time to
September 30, 2021.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

12 The terms of Order 01 remain in full force and effect with the following change:

- 13 (1) The project must be completed and the associated request for reimbursement from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund must be filed with the Commission no later September 30, 2021.
- 14 The Secretary of the Commission has delegated authority over this matter pursuant to Order 01 in Docket A-180762. The Secretary finds this Order to be consistent with the public interest.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective June 2, 2021.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK L. JOHNSON,
Executive Director and Secretary

NOTICE TO PARTIES: This is an order delegated to the Executive Secretary for decision. As authorized in WAC 480-07-904(3), you must file any request for Commission review of this order no later than 14 days after the date the decision is posted on the Commission's website.