

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Application of)	DOCKET TR-111528
)	ORDER 01
EASTERN WASHINGTON)	
GATEWAY RAILROAD,)	
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Applicant,)	ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR
)	DISBURSEMENT FROM THE GRADE
)	CROSSING PROTECTIVE FUND
Requesting Disbursement from the)	
Grade Crossing Protective Fund)	

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BACKGROUND

- 1 On August 18, 2011, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) sent to various interested parties a "Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Grant Monies from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund."
- 2 On August 19, 2011, Eastern Washington Gateway Railroad (EWG or the Applicant) filed with the Commission an application requesting a disbursement of \$23,075.17 from the GCPF to pay for a project related to improving safety at 79 passive mainline crossings and 22 signalized crossings maintained by EWG, see Appendix A. On September 22, 2011, EWG submitted a revised application which included the addition of emergency notification signs. The revised application requested a disbursement of \$24,444.16. Total project costs are estimated at \$49,532.18 with EWG paying for all costs exceeding \$24,444.16.
- 3 EWG seeks to install stop or yield signs, wood posts with retro-reflective tape, retro-reflective cross buck signs, multi-track crossing, and emergency notification signs at 79 passive crossings. EWG will also replace cross buck signs at 22 signalized crossings in eastern Washington. Specific information about each crossing is contained in EWG's GCPF application.
- 4 In 2009, the Federal Highway Administration revised its Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) to require either a yield or stop sign on all passively-protected grade crossings by 2019. Yield or stop signs make clear to motorists what is expected of them when approaching a passive crossing.

- 5 The MUTCD also requires retro-reflective cross buck signs and a strip of retro-reflective tape on cross buck sign posts by 2012. The retro-reflective signs and tape improve nighttime visibility, advising motorists of an approaching grade crossing.
- 6 Commission Staff worked with EWG to identify passive crossings eligible for these safety improvements. Commission Staff and EWG agree that the installation of the required signs and retro-reflective materials will significantly improve public safety at these passive crossings. EWG will be responsible for all labor, installation and long-term maintenance costs which is approximately \$25,088.02.
- 7 EWG seeks \$24,444.16 to pay for a portion of the cost of the passive crossing upgrades. The Commission established a maximum reimbursement of \$250 per crossing for materials, with the applicant responsible for all labor costs. There currently are funds available to pay for the project.
- 8 EWG must also meet the following conditions for administering the GCPF grant.
- Expenditure from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund must not exceed \$24,444.16.
 - The work for which the Grade Crossing Protective Fund disbursement was approved must conform to the project description specified in the application.
 - EWG must sign and return the attached project agreement.
 - Payment will be made upon presentation of claim for reimbursement and verification by Commission Staff that the work has been satisfactorily completed.
 - 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 than March 1, 2012.
 - Traffic control devices must comply with all applicable standards specified in the U.S. Department of Transportation *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 9 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington having authority to approve and administer disbursements from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund. *RCW 81.53.271; RCW 81.53.281.*
- 10 (2) The project for which EWG seeks disbursement from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund is eligible for funding consideration under Commission rules and complies with the requirements of RCW 81.53.271, RCW 81.53.281, and WAC 480-62.
- 11 (3) Commission Staff investigated the request based on the review criteria specified in the Commission's rules and recommended that it be granted, subject to specified conditions for administering the grant.
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- 12 (5) After reviewing EWG's application filed on August 19, 2011, and revised on September 22, 2011, and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission grants the request for disbursement of funds.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 13 Eastern Washington Gateway Railroad's application for disbursement from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund for upgrades at its mainline crossings in Washington is granted, subject to the following conditions:
- (1) Expenditure from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund must not exceed \$24,444.16.
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 - (3) Eastern Washington Gateway Railroad must sign and return the attached project agreement.
 - (4) Payment will be made upon presentation of claim for reimbursement and verification by Commission Staff that the work has been satisfactorily completed.
 - (5) 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 than March 1, 2012.
 - (6) Traffic control devices must comply with all applicable standards specified in the U.S. Department of Transportation *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective October 3, 2011.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary

NOTICE: This is an order delegated to the Secretary for decision. In addition to serving you a copy of the decision, the Commission will post on its Internet Web site for at least fourteen (14) days a listing of all matters delegated to the Secretary for decision. You may seek Commission review of this decision. You must file a request for Commission review of this order no later than fourteen (14) days after the date the decision is posted on the Commission's Web site. The Commission will schedule your request for review for consideration at a regularly scheduled open meeting. The Commission will notify you of the time and place of the open meeting at which the Commission will review the order.

The Commission will grant a late-filed request for review only on a showing of good cause, including a satisfactory explanation of why the person did not timely file the request. A form for late-filed requests is available on the Commission's Web site.

This notice and review process is pursuant to the provisions of RCW 80.01.030 and WAC 480-07-904(2) and (3).

Eastern Washington Gateway Railroad Crossings - GCPF Signage Upgrade Project

MILEPOST	ROAD/STREET	USDOT NUMBER	CROSSING TYPE	CITY	COUNTY
1.30	Cheney-Spokane	066316U	AtGrade	Cheney	Spokane
1.90	SR 904	066317B	AtGrade	Cheney	Spokane
2.00	Betz Rd	066318H	AtGrade	Cheney	Spokane
2.00	Betz Rd	066318H	AtGrade	Cheney	Spokane
2.00	Betz Rd	066318H	AtGrade	Cheney	Spokane
2.30	Paradise Rd	066319P	AtGrade	Cheney	Spokane
3.50	Jensen Rd	066321R	AtGrade	Cheney	Spokane
3.50	Jensen Rd	066321R	AtGrade	Cheney	Spokane
4.70	Meadow Lake Road	066322X	AtGrade		Spokane
4.70	Meadow Lake Road	066322X	AtGrade		Spokane
6.00	Medical Lake 4 Lake Rd	066323E	AtGrade		Spokane
6.30	SR 90 OC	066224G	Overcrossing		Spokane
6.30			AtGrade		Spokane
6.70	Craig Rd	066325T	AtGrade		Spokane
7.70	White Rd	066326A	AtGrade		Spokane
8.30	Welcome Rd	066327G	AtGrade	Medical Lake	Spokane
10.10	Keene Rd	066329V	AtGrade	Medical Lake	Spokane
10.60	Stanley St	066330P	AtGrade	Medical Lake	Spokane
10.70	SR 902	066331W	AtGrade	Medical Lake	Spokane
11.00	Private Crossing		AtGrade		Spokane
12.00	Brooks Rd	066335Y	AtGrade	Medical Lake	Spokane
12.20	Hallett Rd	066336F	AtGrade	Medical Lake	Spokane
13.50	Ritchoy Rd	066337M	AtGrade	Medical Lake	Spokane
14.10	Thorpe Rd	066339B	AtGrade	Medical Lake	Spokane
15.00	McFarlane Rd	066341C	AtGrade	Medical Lake	Spokane
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16.35	Private Crossing		AtGrade		Spokane
17.20	Espanola Rd	066344X	AtGrade	Medical Lake	Spokane
	SR2 OC	066345E	Overcrossing	Medical Lake	Spokane
17.50	Private Crossing		AtGrade		Spokane
18.50	Sprague Rd	066347T	AtGrade	Reardan	Spokane
19.80	Ladd Rd	066349G	AtGrade	Reardan	Spokane
21.10	Coulee Hite Rd	066351H	AtGrade	Reardan	Spokane
22.20	Stroup Rd/1500	066353W	AtGrade	Reardan	Spokane
23.00	Mission Rd/28400	066354D	AtGrade	Reardan	Spokane
24.80	Tramm Rd	066357Y	AtGrade	Reardan	Lincoln
26.60	SR 231/Aspen	066358F	AtGrade	Reardan	Lincoln
26.60	SR 231/Aspen	066358F	AtGrade	Reardan	Lincoln
26.70	Laurel St	066359M	AtGrade	Reardan	Lincoln
26.80	Lake St	066360G	AtGrade	Reardan	Lincoln
26.80	Lake St	066360G	AtGrade	Reardan	Lincoln
27.80	Riffe Rd	066361N	AtGrade	Reardan	Lincoln
30.50	Schumer Rd	066364J	AtGrade	Reardan	Lincoln
31.60	Mann Rd	066013K	AtGrade	Reardan	Lincoln
32.90	Bald Ridge Rd	066014S	AtGrade	Reardan	Lincoln
34.20	Mondovi Rd	066016F	AtGrade	Reardan	Lincoln
34.20	Mondovi Rd	066016F	AtGrade	Reardan	Lincoln
34.80	Four Corners Rd	066017M	AtGrade	Davenport	Lincoln
35.60	County Road 6572	066018U	AtGrade	Davenport	Lincoln
36.30	Ziemer Rd	066019B	AtGrade	Davenport	Lincoln
38.00	Sunset Hwy	066020V	AtGrade	Davenport	Lincoln
38.50	Oehlwein Rd	066021C	AtGrade	Davenport	Lincoln
40.50	Private Crossing		AtGrade		Lincoln
	SR2 OC	066023R	Overcrossing	Davenport	Lincoln
41.30	3rd St	066024X	AtGrade	Davenport	Lincoln
41.50	4th St	066025E	AtGrade	Davenport	Lincoln
41.50	4th St	066025E	AtGrade	Davenport	Lincoln
41.70	8th St	066027T	AtGrade	Davenport	Lincoln
41.70	8th St	066027T	AtGrade	Davenport	Lincoln
41.80	10th St	066028A	AtGrade	Davenport	Lincoln
41.90	SR 28	066029G	AtGrade	Davenport	Lincoln
42.50	Mt View Cemetery	066030B	AtGrade	Davenport	Lincoln
43.60	Leffel Rd	066031H	AtGrade	Davenport	Lincoln
44.10	Mayberry/2966	066032P	AtGrade	Davenport	Lincoln
45.90	2966/Mayberry	066035K	AtGrade	Davenport	Lincoln
48.00	Rocklyn Rd	066036S	AtGrade	Davenport	Lincoln
48.00	Rocklyn Rd	066036S	AtGrade	Davenport	Lincoln
54.00	Private Crossing		AtGrade		Lincoln
56.70	Telford Rd/5037	066042V	AtGrade	Creston	Lincoln
61.00	Hauger (Co Rd 4670)	066047E	AtGrade	Creston	Lincoln
63.40	Creston Butte	066050M	AtGrade	Creston	Lincoln
64.20	F St	066058S	AtGrade	Creston	Lincoln

64.30	E St	066052B	AtGrade	Creston	Lincoln
64.40	Creston Ave	066053H	AtGrade	Creston	Lincoln
64.40	Creston Ave	066053H	AtGrade	Creston	Lincoln
64.50	C St	066054P	AtGrade	Creston	Lincoln
64.60	B St	066055W	AtGrade	Creston	Lincoln
64.70	A St-Swanson Lk	066056D	AtGrade	Creston	Lincoln
64.70	"A" St (siding)	923009L	AtGrade	Creston	Lincoln
64.90	Hills Rd	066057K	AtGrade	Creston	Lincoln
66.80	Roby Rd	066060T	AtGrade	Creston	Lincoln
67.31	Hills Rd	066061A	AtGrade	Creston	Lincoln
69.30	Sherman Draw Rd	066064V	AtGrade	Wilbur	Lincoln
69.60	Haden Rd/4565	066065C	AtGrade	Wilbur	Lincoln
70.60	Stambaugh Rd	066067R	AtGrade	Wilbur	Lincoln
71.20	Haden Rd	066068X	AtGrade	Wilbur	Lincoln
74.10	Bell St	066071F	AtGrade	Wilbur	Lincoln
74.10	Bell St	066071F	AtGrade	Wilbur	Lincoln
74.20	Brace St	066072M	AtGrade	Wilbur	Lincoln
74.20	Brace St	066072M	AtGrade	Wilbur	Lincoln
74.30	Anne St	066073U	AtGrade	Wilbur	Lincoln
74.40	Division St	066074B	AtGrade	Wilbur	Lincoln
74.40	Division St	066074B	AtGrade	Wilbur	Lincoln
74.40	Division St	066074B	AtGrade	Wilbur	Lincoln
74.50	Broadway St	066075H	AtGrade	Wilbur	Lincoln
74.60	SR21 - Front St	066076P	AtGrade	Wilbur	Lincoln
77.40	Sand Rd	066077W	AtGrade	Wilbur	Lincoln
80.90	Schoolhouse Rd	066079K	AtGrade	Wilbur	Lincoln
81.20	Govan Rd	066080E	AtGrade	Almira	Lincoln
	SR2 OC	066082T	Overcrossing	Almira	Lincoln
82.20	Private Crossing		AtGrade		Lincoln
85.30	Corbett Draw Rd	066083A	AtGrade	Almira	Lincoln
87.00	Raber/County Rd	066084G	AtGrade	Almira	Lincoln
87.80	2nd or Elm St	066085N	AtGrade	Almira	Lincoln
87.80	2nd or Elm St	066085N	AtGrade	Almira	Lincoln
87.90	3rd Ave	066086V	AtGrade	Almira	Lincoln
87.90	3rd Ave	066086V	AtGrade	Almira	Lincoln
88.00	Fourth Ave	066087C	AtGrade	Almira	Lincoln
88.90	Starkel Rd	066090K	AtGrade	Almira	Lincoln
89.80	Childers Rd	066091S	AtGrade	Almira	Lincoln
90.80	W NE Rd	066092Y	AtGrade	Almira	Grant
93.40	U NE Rd	066095U	AtGrade	Hartline	Grant
95.10	42 NE UC	066220E	Undercrossing	Hartline	Grant
95.60	S NE Rd	066098P	AtGrade	Hartline	Grant
96.70	Range St	066099W	AtGrade	Hartline	Grant
96.70	Range St	066099W	AtGrade	Hartline	Grant
96.80	Chelan St-Main	066100N	AtGrade	Hartline	Grant
96.80	Chelan St-Main	066100N	AtGrade	Hartline	Grant
97.80	Q NE Road	066102C	AtGrade	Hartline	Grant
98.90	P NE Road	066103J	AtGrade	Hartline	Grant
101.10	SR-2	066106E	AtGrade	Coulee City	Grant
103.20	"L" NE	066108T	AtGrade	Coulee City	Grant
103.70	Private Crossing		AtGrade		Grant
106.70	36 NE	066113P	AtGrade	Coulee City	Grant
107.40	J NE Rd	066214B	AtGrade	Coulee City	Grant
107.73	Pinto Ridge Road	066215H	AtGrade	Coulee City	Grant
108.05	Arch St	066216P	AtGrade	Coulee City	Grant
108.40	Douglas at 5th	066217W	AtGrade	Coulee City	Grant
108.50	6th St at Main	066218D	AtGrade	Coulee City	Grant
Geiger Spur	SR 902	922985S	AtGrade	Medical Lake	Spokane
Geiger Spur	Hallett Road	922986Y	AtGrade	Medical Lake	Spokane
Geiger Spur	McFarlane Road	922988M	AtGrade	Airway Heights	Spokane
Geiger Spur	Thorpe Road	922987F	AtGrade	Airway Heights	Spokane
Geiger Spur	Thorpe Road	922987F	AtGrade	Airway Heights	Spokane
Geiger Spur	Craig Rd	095980Y	AtGrade	Airway Heights	Spokane
Geiger Spur	Lawson Rd	095978X	AtGrade	Airway Heights	Spokane
Geiger Spur	Lawson Rd	095978X	AtGrade	Airway Heights	Spokane
Geiger Spur	Garfield Rd	095976J	AtGrade	Airway Heights	Spokane
Geiger Spur	Garfield Rd	095976J	AtGrade	Airway Heights	Spokane
Geiger Spur	Hayden Rd	095973N	AtGrade	Airway Heights	Spokane
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Yellow - Active Warning Devices
Green indicates a private crossing