Service Date: December 19, 2019

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of

NORTHWEST RAILWAY MUSEUM.

Petitioner,

Requesting Extension of Time to Complete Project Funded from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund **DOCKET TR-190687**

ORDER 02

GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE PROJECT AND SUBMIT REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT

USDOT: 917624C

BACKGROUND

- On August 15, 2019, the Northwest Railway Museum (Museum or the Applicant) filed with the Commission an application requesting a disbursement of \$1,540 from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund (GCPF) to pay for a project related to replacing batteries at a trespass abatement gate controlled by and located just west of the Snoqualmie Parkway crossing (USDOT 917624C) in Snoqualmie.
- On October 24, 2019, the Commission entered Order 01 in this Docket approving the request for disbursement from the GCPF. Order 01 required the Museum to complete the project and submit the associated request for reimbursement by January 24, 2020.
- On December 10, 2019, the Museum filed with the Commission a request for an extension of time to complete the project and submit a request for reimbursement. The Museum learned that its supplier, GNB Exide, would not be able to ship the batteries needed for the project until February 2020. The Museum requested an extension until June 20, 2020, to complete the project and submit its reimbursement request.
- 4 Staff recommends that the Commission extend the project completion date until June 30, 2020, to provide additional time for the project to be completed within the GCPF project completion deadline.

DISCUSSION

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 reduce pedestrian trespassing, and thus conclude that extending the deadline for project completion is in the public interest.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- The request of the Northwest Railway Museum for an extension of time to complete the safety upgrades approved by Order 01 in this Docket is granted, subject to the following conditions:
 - (1) Expenditure from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund must not exceed \$1,540.
 - (2) The work for which the Grade Crossing Protective Fund disbursement was approved must conform to the project description specified in the application.
 - (3) The Museum must sign and return the attached revised project agreement.
 - (4) 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 June 30, 2020.
 - (5) Payment will be made upon presentation of claim for reimbursement and verification by Commission Staff that the work has been satisfactorily completed.

7 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 December 19, 2019.

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.