BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of

CITY OF AUBURN,

DOCKET TR-180237

ORDER 02

Applicant,

Requesting Disbursement from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund

ORDER AMENDING COMMISSION
ORDER 01 AND AUTHORIZING
ADDITIONAL DISBURSEMENT
FROM THE GRADE CROSSING
PROTECTIVE FUND AND GRANTING
EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE
PROJECT

BACKGROUND

- On July 27, 2017, 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 (GCPF).
- On March 21, 2018, the City of Auburn (City or the Applicant) filed with the Commission an application requesting a disbursement of \$25,200 from the GCPF to pay for a project related to installing median barriers at the C Street SW railroad crossing, identified as USDOT 085661D.
- On April 12, 2018, the Commission issued an Order approving the request for disbursement from the GCPF. The Order required the City to complete the project and submit the associated request for reimbursement by August 31, 2018.
- On June 1, 2018, the City submitted a request for disbursement of additional funds as well as an extension of time to complete the project. The original request for funds was based on the City engineer's estimate of the project's cost. Once the grant was approved, the City solicited bids from several firms to install the median barriers. Only one firm responded and the bid exceeds the approved grant amount by \$10,452. The City requested approval of the additional funds and a 30-day extension to complete the project.
- Commission staff supports the approval of additional funds and the extension of time. Completion of this project will improve safety at this crossing. There currently are funds available to pay for the project.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

6 (1) After reviewing the City's request, and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission grants the request for the additional disbursement of funds and the extension of time to complete the project.

ORDER

- Commission Order 01 is amended to approve additional funding for the cost of installing median barriers at the C Street SW crossing, to be paid from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund. Approval of the petition is subject to the following conditions:
 - (1) Expenditure from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund must not exceed \$35,652.
 - (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 City must sign and return the attached revised 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.

The Secretary of the Commission has delegated authority over this matter pursuant to Order 01 in Docket A-151775. The Secretary finds this Order to be consistent with the public interest.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective June 13, 2018.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK L. JOHNSON, Executive Director and Secretary