

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of

SKAMANIA COUNTY PUBLIC
WORKS,

Petitioner,

Requesting Extension of Time to
Complete Project Funded from the
Grade Crossing Protective Fund

DOCKET TR-170087

ORDER 02

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

USDOT: #090135B

BACKGROUND

- 1 On February 10, 2017, Skamania County Public Works (County or the Applicant) filed with the Commission a petition requesting a disbursement of \$447,346 from the GCPF to pay for a project related to upgrading active warning devices at the Butler Road railroad crossing, also known as Skamania Landing Road, identified as USDOT 090135B, in Skamania county.
- 2 On March 8, 2017, the Commission issued an Order approving the request for disbursement from the GCPF and the petition to upgrade the active warning devices as the Butler Road crossing. The Order required the County to complete the project and submit the associated request for reimbursement by December 31, 2018.
- 3 On August 15, 2018, the County submitted a request for an extension of time to complete the project and submit the request for reimbursement. Work within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Management Plan must comply with National Scenic Area (NSA) regulations. Ensuring compliance with NSA regulations has taken more time than anticipated. The County submitted an application to the NSA for expedited review, but the project will not be complete by the December 31, 2018, deadline.
- 4 Staff recommends that the Commission extend the project completion date until June 30, 2019, to provide additional time for all aspects of the project to be completed within the GCPF project completion deadline.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) After reviewing the County's request, and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission grants the extension of time to June 30, 2019.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 6 The request of Skamania County Public Works for an extension of time to complete the crossing safety upgrades is granted, subject to the following conditions:
- (1) Expenditure from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund must not exceed \$447,346.
 - (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 County 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, 2019.
 - (5) 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 August 16, 2018.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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MARK L. JOHNSON, Executive Director and Secretary

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