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Please complete and submit the following information as part of the application process.

Applicant Name: Aaron Schwarz

Organization: Chehalis Centralia Railroad + Museum

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Chehalis, WA 98532

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Cell Phone: 206-724-1918

Fax Number: _____

Type of Application: _____

- Private crossing safety improvement
- Trespass prevention
- Miscellaneous

Please list all of the other companies (e.g., railroad companies) organizations, or state or local agencies that may be involved in implementing this proposal and the name, address and phone number of each.

Note: Requests for public grade crossing safety projects will be continue to be processed through the Commission's regular petition process.

Project Information – Please attach additional information if needed.

- 1) Provide a detailed summary of the hazard being addressed, including any accident/incident information or other supporting data. If filing this application electronically, photographs, drawings, or other optional materials that are not in electronic format may be sent to the mailing address specified in the "instructions" section and should be clearly identified as an attachment to your application:

The CCR&M respectfully requests funding from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission for railroad crossing safety improvements. This project will replace deteriorated cross bucks at several crossings, enhancing the reflectivity of the signage, thus allowing better vision of the railroad crossing at night. The existing cross buck signs are nearing completion their intended life span, as evidenced by worn letters and spot reflectivity wear. Several signs have damage from shotgun shells, thus effecting overall visibility.

- 2) *Provide a detailed description of your proposed project and explain how its implementation will eliminate or mitigate the hazard. If available, please attach any drawings or construction plans for your proposed project (see section 1 if filing electronically):*

The scope of the Chehalis Centralia Railroad & Museum Crossing Safety Enhancements entails replacing deteriorated/damaged railroad cross buck signs at private/county road railroad crossings. Funding will be used to purchase reflective signs and posts, to increase visibility of rural crossings. The need for new signs was determined by examining the reflectivity and observation of letters and shotgun damage on current signs.

- 3) *Provide cost estimates, including those related to long-term maintenance:*

Purchase 12 R.R. cross bucks 12@\$123/each	\$1476.00
Purchase 12 4x4x14' posts 12@\$21/each	\$252.00
Purchase 12 bags concrete 12@\$2.50/each	\$30.00
Rent power auger	\$65.00
Misc. sales tax/shipping	\$145.00
TOTAL	\$1968.00

- 4) *Estimated timeline of project, if approved:*

January, 2007: Purchase supplies, signs
 February, 2007: Install crossing signs, complete project

- 5) *If known, provide a description of how the project's success would be measured:*

The success of this project will be measured by observation of safe movement of motorist over crossings with new signs installed. While immediate success cannot be easily observed, the ability of motorists to see the cross bucks at night with added reflectivity will enhance crossing safety. No accidents have resulted from the existing cross bucks, yet adding improved reflective signs will enhance motorist ability to see the railroad crossing.

- 6) *Other comments:*

Although Puget Sound & Pacific is the contract freight operator for the line, the Chehalis Centralia Railroad & Museum performs regular maintenance on the railroad line in addition to passenger trains. CCR&M will be fully responsible for the implementation of the projects listed above.

For questions or assistance, please contact Mark Halliday at 360-664-1232 (e-mail mhallida@wutc.wa.gov) or Kathy Hunter at 360-664-11257 (e-mail khunter@wutc.wa.gov)

Instructions

After completing the Grade Crossing Protective Fund application, please send the original and two copies to:

**Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
 Attention: Grade Crossing Protective Fund
 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
 Olympia, WA 98504-7250**

Chehalis Centralia Railroad & Museum Crossing Safety Improvement Application

Tenant, track maintenance, passenger train operations:

Chehalis Centralia Railroad & Museum
1945 South Market Blvd.
Chehalis, WA 98532
(360)748-9593
Attn: Aaron Schwarz
(206)724-1918 cell

Owner of Railroad right-of-way:

Port of Chehalis
222A Downie Road
Chehalis, WA 98532
(360) 748-9365
portofchehalis@localaccess.com
Attn: Commissioner Daryl Lund

Contract Freight Operator:

Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad
501 N. 2nd Street
Elma, WA 98541
1-800-344-8261
Attn: Slim Mattox

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