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October 4, 2007

Kathy Hunter, Transportation Safety Compliance Manager  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
PO Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Subject: Petition for Disbursement from GCPF

Dear Ms. Hunter:

Please docket and initiate proceedings for the enclosed petition for disbursement from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund for a railroad grade crossing safety improvement at SR-124 in Walla Walla County, Washington. **I am also copying John Trumbull of the Union Pacific Railroad Company to handle the railroad's review and waiver of hearing in this matter.**

I am available to meet with you at any time to discuss this project or petition. Please contact me at (360) 705-7271 if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Ahmer Nizam  
WSDOT Railroad Liaison

cc: John Trumbull, UPRR  
Jamil Anabtawi, WSDOT  
Rick Gifford, WSDOT

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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Washington State Department of Transportation	)	DOCKET NO. TR-
	)	
Petitioner	)	PETITION FOR DISBURSEMENT OF
	)	FUNDS FROM THE GRADE CROSSING
Union Pacific Railroad Company	)	PROTECTIVE FUND
	)	
Respondent	)	WUTC No.    6A 224.00
	)	DOT No.      844397U
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Petitioner requests the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to enter an order disbursing funds from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund to pay for a highway-rail grade crossing safety improvement as follows:

**1. Identifying information for the crossing:**

Existing highway, street road, county: SR-124  
Existing railway: Union Pacific Railway Company  
WUTC Crossing Number: 6A 224.00  
DOT Number: 844397U

**2. Description of current signals and/or gates at the crossing:** Cantilever-mounted flashing lights w/ 12" incandescent bulbs; and active advance warning along roadway.



3. Type of current crossing circuitry: Constant Warning

4. Project description and justification:

(a) Proposed changes: Replace all flashers with 12" LED flashers

(b) Justification for changes: LED Flashers will be more conspicuous, given the wide-open landscape surrounding the crossing. This crossing was the scene of a fatality collision between a train and truck in 1997, and an injury collision between a train and truck in 2006.

(c) Affects of proposed changes on warning devices and warning times for drivers: WSDOT will also replace the active advance warning beacons with LED beacons (separate project). This improvement along with the corresponding improvement at the crossing will improve visibility of warning devices under varying circumstances (e.g. direct sunlight, nighttime, and inclement weather).

5. Project Cost (estimate provided by UPRR):

(a) Estimated material cost \$14,888

(b) Estimated labor cost \$5,112

(c) Estimated total cost \$20,000

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated at Olympia, Washington this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

Wa. State Dept. of Transp.  
Petitioner

Thomas Flynn  
By

PO Box 47329  
(Address)

Olympia, WA 98504-7329

**WAIVER OF HEARING BY RESPONDENT**

The respondent has investigated the conditions existing at and in the vicinity of the grade crossing described herein and is satisfied that such conditions are substantially as described in the petition. Respondent consents to the modification of the signal system circuitry as described in the petition. Hearing in this proceeding is hereby waived.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, Washington, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent

\_\_\_\_\_  
By

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

## INSTRUCTIONS

Petitioner can be the railroad, the road authority or the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. If the railroad is the petitioner, the road authority will be the respondent. If the road authority is the petitioner, the railroad will be the respondent.

The original and two copies of the petition must be filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

If the waiver of hearing is executed, the petition will be investigated and a decision made within approximately two weeks from receipt of the documents.

If the waiver of hearing is not executed on the petition filed, a copy of the petition will be served upon the respondent by the Commission for answer within 20 days. Upon receipt of respondent's answer or after the 20 day period has elapsed, the application will be processed. Time for making a decision will depend on whether an answer is filed and the content of the answer.