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March 18, 2009

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
Attention: Grade Crossing Protective Fund  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW  
PO Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Sent Via: US Mail

Subject: City of Wenatchee Fencing Grant Application

Dear Ms. Hunter:

The City of Wenatchee is pleased to submit an application for funding for fencing improvements along the Town Toyota Regional Events Center in an effort to improve pedestrian safety along BNSF rail road tracks. Please find the enclosed standard application form along with pictures and railroad support.

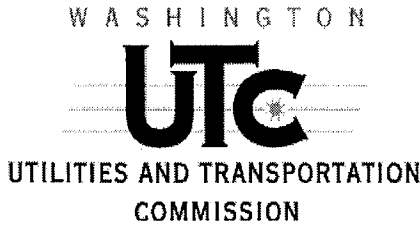
Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have at [sking@wenatcheewa.gov](mailto:sking@wenatcheewa.gov) or (509) 888-3203.

Sincerely,  
Department of Public Works

Steve King, P.E.  
Public Works Director of Engineering

Enc.: Grade Crossing Protective Fund Application for Funding

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## GRADE CROSSING PROTECTIVE FUND APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission), through its Grade Crossing Protective Fund (GCPF), funds projects that eliminate or mitigate public safety hazards at railroad crossings and along railroad rights-of-way in Washington State. Any public, private, or non-profit entity may submit an application to the commission for GCPF monies.

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

### **Applicant Information**

Applicant Name: Steve King, Public Works Director

Organization: City of Wenatchee

Address: 1350 McKittrick Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801

Phone: (509) 888-3203

E-mail: [sking@wenatcheewa.gov](mailto:sking@wenatcheewa.gov)

Fax: (509) 888-3201

Please list all other companies, organizations or state or local agencies that may be involved in implementing this proposal and the contact name, address and phone number for each.

Allison Williams, Executive Services Director  
Greater Wenatchee Regional Events Center Public Facilities District  
City of Wenatchee  
PO Box 19  
Wenatchee, WA 98807  
[awilliams@wenatcheewa.gov](mailto:awilliams@wenatcheewa.gov)  
(509) 888-6216  
Fax: (509) 888-6274

### **Project Information**

1. *Provide a detailed summary of the hazard being addressed. Include:*
  - *Any information about accidents or incidents at the site.*
  - *Photographs, drawings or other materials that supports the application.*

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The Town Toyota Regional Events Center is a 4300 fixed seat multi-purpose events center that is an anchor to a rapidly developing waterfront district. The center sits across the BNSF mainline from the several large commercial developments and parking areas. The city and district are working on a long term solution of a pedestrian overpass, however in the interim fencing is needed to secure the site and provide for overall safety

The Town Toyota Regional Events Center is located on the easterly Burlington Northern right of way as shown in the attached pictures. The pedestrian route is significantly longer in distance following the street network and therefore the tendency to trespass is great. BNSF police and the Events Center Security have been patrolling the area to deter trespassing until a fence can be installed.

2. *Provide a detailed description of the proposed project and explain how it will eliminate or mitigate the hazard. Include any drawings or construction plans for the proposed project.*

The proposed project will provide fencing as shown in the attached drawing. This fencing will prevent direct access to the tracks by pedestrians.

3. *Provide cost estimates. Include:*
  - *Total costs of the project.*
  - *Names of parties contributing to the project and the amount each is contributing.*

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$20,000 for 850 lineal feet of fencing. The City of Wenatchee will participate as necessary with in kind labor to ensure that the cost estimate of \$20,000 is attainable.

4. *Provide the name of the party responsible for long-term maintenance.*

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5. *Provide an estimated timeline of project, if approved.*

The project will be constructed within two months of approval.

6. *Provide a description of how the project's success would be measured.*

Project success will be measured by monitoring the reduction in trespassing occurrences observed by security staff.

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7. *Provide any other information the applicant believes would be useful to the commission in considering the project.*

BNSF approached the public facilities district and the city regarding the hazard soon after the center opened. Trespassing had been reported within the first few events. BNSF, WUTC, Public Facility District, and City representatives met on site in January of 2009 to review the site and problem area. The location of the fence was discussed and the amount of fencing required was measured at that meeting.

8. *If the project involves any construction, modification or demolition on a railroad right-of-way, complete the attached Railroad Commitment form. This includes fencing, gates or other structures located near enough to the tracks to be on the railroad right-of-way, modification to a grade crossing or any other project that involves railroad property or rights-of-way.*

N/A, All work will be performed on the Public Facility District Property.

### **Submitting the Application**

After completing the GCPF application, please send the original to:

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission .  
Attention: Grade Crossing Protective Fund  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW  
PO Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

A signed application may be filed electronically at [records@utc.wa.gov](mailto:records@utc.wa.gov). When filing electronically, please specify "Grade Crossing Protective Fund" in the subject line.

### **Assistance**

For questions or assistance, please contact:

- Kathy Hunter at (360)664-1257 or by e-mail at [khunter@utc.wa.gov](mailto:khunter@utc.wa.gov).
- David Pratt at (360)664-1100 or by e-mail at [dpratt@utc.wa.gov](mailto:dpratt@utc.wa.gov).

**Railroad Commitment**

The undersigned represents the Railroad Company in the GCPF application described as (enter a brief description):

Proposed fencing behind the Town Toyota  
Regional Events Center in Wenatchee.

We have reviewed the application and are satisfied the conditions are the same as described by the applicant in this matter. We agree to allow construction, modification or demolition on a railroad right-of-way as described in the application.

Todd M. Kuhn

Printed name of Railroad Representative

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Signature of Railroad Representative

Manager Public Projects

Title

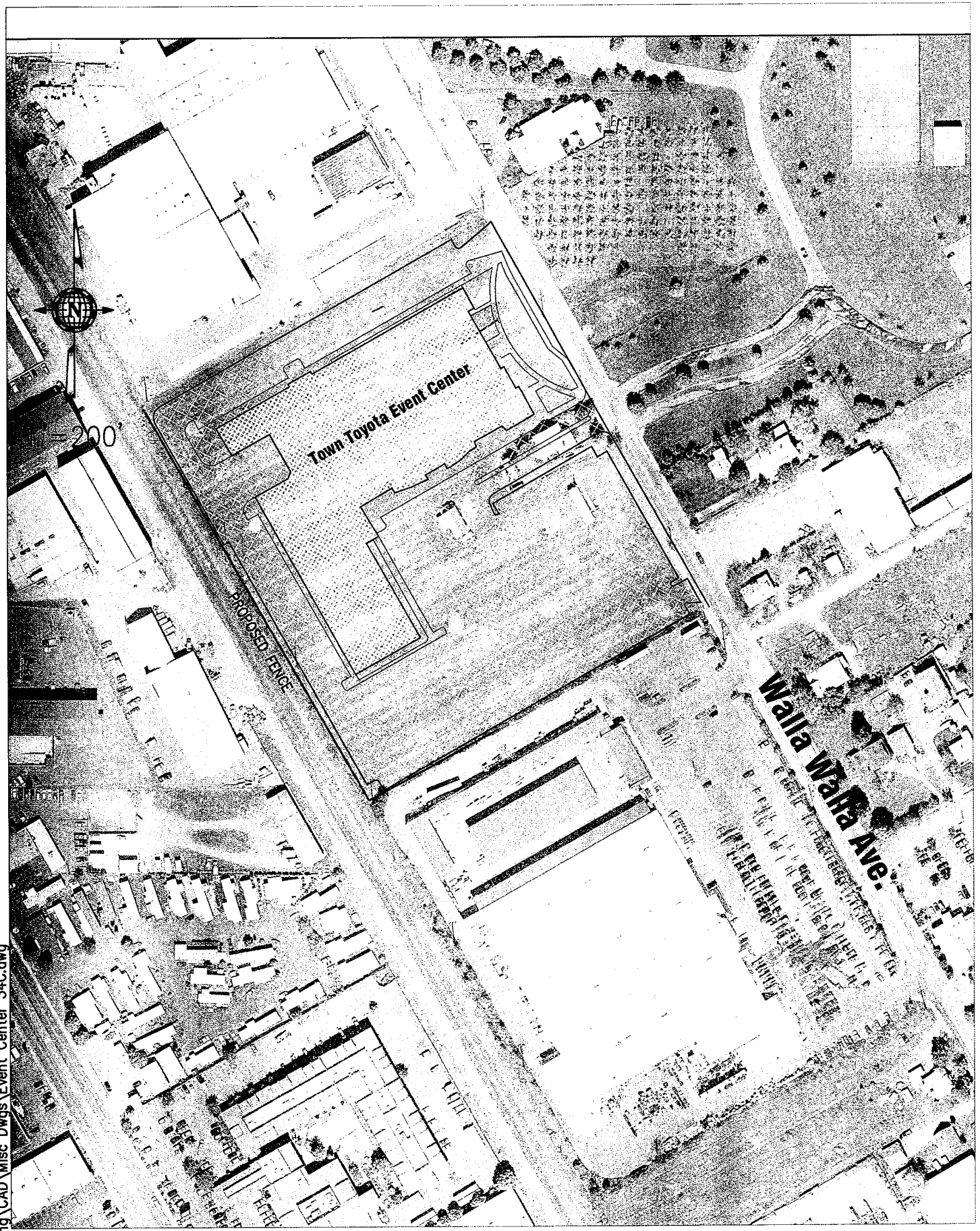
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E-mail

Date: 3/12/09



Town Toyota Event Center

PROPOSED FENCE

Walla Walla Ave.

