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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:	Randy Robinson
Organization:	Seattle Parks Department
Address:	800 Maynard Avenue South, 3rd Floor, Seattle, WA 98134
Phone:	(206) 684-7035
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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.

Project Information

1. *Provide a detailed summary of the hazard being addressed. Include:*

Project Location: Carkeek Park, north Seattle

Carkeek Park is a large (186 acre) passive park with environmental education center, trails, picnicking, play area, and several hundred feet of waterfront on Puget Sound. The waterfront beach is separated from the main areas of the park by the Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railway line between Seattle and Everett. The park infrastructure includes a pedestrian bridge with stairs that cross the railway tracks to allow park users safe access from the park to the beach.

Some park users, however, choose to access the beach by walking across the tracks from a grassy area at the southern edge of the park around the end of an existing safety fence (see photo). This grassy area is used by dog owners who often bring their dogs across the tracks on their way to the beach and avoiding the bridge. Additionally, there are damaged sections of the existing fence in need of repair. One damaged section has a hole

in the chain link fabric large enough for a person to crawl through. There is significant risk of this type of trespass in the stretch of tracks in the northern beach areas of Seattle. There have been fatal accidents in this vicinity in the past few years.

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.*

This project proposes to construct approximately 175 lineal feet of 6 foot high chain link fence on the east side of the BNSF Railway tracks in the southern portion of Carkeek Park to deter trespass and encourage pedestrian use of the existing bridge (see plan). Additionally, we propose to repair or replace approximately 50 lineal feet of existing chain link fence. Seattle Parks Department believes this additional fence work will improve safety for the park users.

3. *Provide cost estimates.*

Costs for the project include new fencing, fence repair, and signage.

Construction mobilization and access		$ 800
175 lf of fence	@ $ 25.00 per linear foot	$4,375
Fence repair	@ $1,000.00 lump sum	$1,000
3 signs Signs	@ $ 500.00 per sign	$1,500
subtotal of construction cost of the project:		$ 7,675
Washington State Sales Tax		$ 690
Survey		$ 1,500
Administrative		$ 750
TOTAL PROJECT COST		**$ 10,615**

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

Maintenance will be performed by Seattle Parks Department.

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

This project can be completed in 2009.

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

Success will be hard to measure because currently, baseline trespass is not being monitored or measured. After completion of the project Seattle Parks maintenance staff will observe the rate of trespass at Carkeek Park and compare to past visual observations.

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

This project has obvious need due to developed patterns of use. Please observe the photograph showing the unauthorized but clearly defined path created by railway trespass.

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.*

Construction work will occur on Seattle Parks Department property adjacent to the BNSF Railway right-of-way. All work will be coordinated with BNSF staff.

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. 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.
- David Pratt at (360)664-1100 or by e-mail at dpratt@utc.wa.gov.

Railroad Commitment

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

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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.

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Printed name of Railroad Representative

_____

Signature of Railroad Representative

_____

Title

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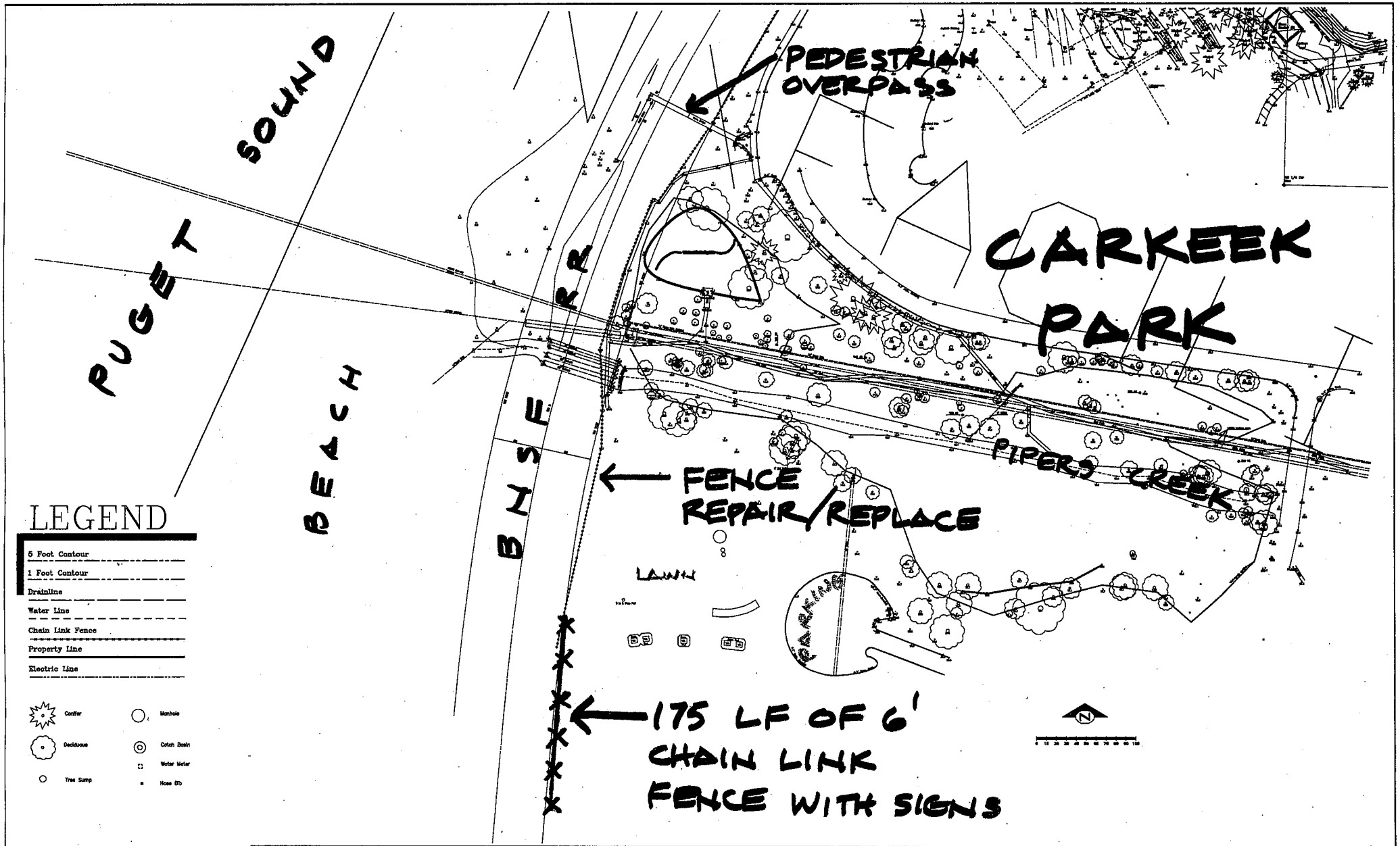
Phone

_____

E-mail

Date: _____



APPROVED FOR ADVERTISING
Kenneth J. Nakatsu
Director of Executive Administration

Seattle, Washington, _____ 20__

By: _____ Director, Contracting Services Division

REVIEWED: _____ PARK ENGINEER _____ DATE

RECEIVED: _____ SUPT. OF PARKS & REC. _____ DATE

All work done in accordance with the City of Seattle Standard Plans and Specifications in effect on the date shown above, and supplemented by Special Provisions

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Carkeek Park

Proposed Sanitary Sewer Route
Topography

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