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**GRADE CROSSING PROTECTIVE FUND  
2009 – 2011 GRANT APPLICATION  
ELIMINATING OR CONSOLIDATING RAILROAD GRADE CROSSINGS**

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission), through its Grade Crossing Protective Fund (GCPF), provides grants for projects that eliminate or mitigate public safety hazards at railroad crossings and along railroad rights-of-way in Washington State. As part of its 2009/2011 GCPF program, the commission has designated funds specifically for the purpose of providing financial assistance to encourage or support eliminating or consolidating public and private railroad grade crossings that may be redundant, unnecessary or abandoned.

**To apply for GCPF funding to eliminate a railroad grade crossing or to consolidate railroad grade crossings, complete the following information and submit it and attachments to the commission.**

**Applicant Information**

Applicant Name: Steve L. Hefley  
Organization: Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad  
Address: 411 N. 3rd Street, Elma, WA 98541  
Phone: (360) 482-4994  
E-mail: steve.hefley@railamerica.com  
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**Project Information**

1. **A list all other companies, organizations, state agencies or local governments that may be involved in implementing this proposal and the contact name, address and phone number or e-mail address for each (if known).**
2. **A description of the project, including:**
  - a. **For a public crossing, the USDOT number, street name and county.**
    - USDOT #096635U
    - Street Name: N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Elma, WA
    - Grays Harbor County

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- b. **For a private crossing, specific identifying information such as the property owner, GPS coordinates, county and nearby community.**
  - N/A
- c. **A description of existing protection at the crossing such as traffic control signs, railroad warning signs or other similar devices.**
  - Passive Warning Devices (signs)
- d. **The number of trains using the crossing on a daily basis and the operating speed of each (if known).** Approximately 6 trains per day (current), but may increase in the future. Maximum authorized speed is 40mph. However, this crossing is near a switching yard, and there are considerable “back-and-forth” train movements at this crossing.
- e. **The number and type of motor vehicles or other modes of transportation, and the number of pedestrians, using the crossing on a daily basis and the posted vehicle speed limit (if known).** ADT is approximately 90, with posted speed of 25 MPH.
- f. **A description of why this crossing should be, or could be, eliminated.**  
Public safety would be improved by reducing the potential for train/vehicle accidents.
- g. **A list of alternative crossings motorists or others may use, their location and the distance or travel time from the crossing proposed to be eliminated (if this does not apply, explain why not).** There is alternate access available to each side of the crossing. On the north, access is via N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and W. Pine Street. On the south, access is via W. Martin Street.

The worst-case additional driving distance is approximately 1900’, or about 2-3 minutes additional driving time.

- h. **A list of known and possible stakeholders.** Please see the accompanying list of adjacent property owners.

3. **A cost estimate, including:**

- a. **An itemized list of the total costs of the project.**

Item	Qty	Unit \$	Ext \$
Roadway Excavation Incl Haul:	140 CY	\$50/CY	\$7000
New Signage	1 LS	\$3000	\$3000
W-Beam Rail	70 LF	\$35/LF	\$2500
Contingency	12%	\$1500	\$1500
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$14,000</b>

- b. **Names of parties contributing to the project, including the applicant, and the amount each is contributing.**

Per 23 CFR 646.210 (b) 4, pertaining to elimination of grade crossings at which there are no active warning devices, Puget Sound and Pacific proposes all costs will be borne by Federal Aid highway funds. If such funds are not available, the applicant proposes that all costs be borne by the State Grade Crossing Protective Fund.

**4. An estimated timeline for the project.**

The project would be completed within 12 months of notice of availability of funding. E.g., if funding were made available in May 2011, the project would be complete by May 2010.

**5. Any other information the applicant believes would be useful to the commission in considering the project.**

**Railroad Commitment**

If the applicant is not the railroad owning the crossing, the applicant must submit the attached Railroad Commitment form, completed by the railroad owning the crossing.

**Submitting the Application**

After completing the 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 accompanying GCPF grant application for funding to eliminate or consolidate a railroad crossing(s). We have reviewed the application and are satisfied the conditions are the same as described by the applicant. We agree to eliminate or consolidate the crossing(s) as described in the application.

Steven Healey

Printed name of Railroad Representative

Steven Healey

Signature of Railroad Representative

General Manager

Title

360 - 482 - 4994

Phone

Steve.Healey@railamucin.com

E-mail

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

N. 5th STREET - ELMA, WA  
 Parcels within 500' of crossing

APN	OWNER	ADDRESS	ADDRESS2	CITY	STATE	ZIP	ZIP4	SITUS
618063522039	GILBERT DAVID W & M LEANNE	PO BOX 919		ELMA	WA	98541	00000	00000
618063522041	JOHNSON LEROY & BARBARA	400 W PINE ST		ELMA	WA	98541		
618063522038	CITY OF ELMA	PO BOX E		ELMA	WA	98541		
618063522017	WEST FORD D & MARTHA I	PO BOX 1973		ELMA	WA	98541	00000	
618063522019	SEMIENIUK THERESA & BOOHER ALEXIS	4 COLTS NECK DR		NEWTOWN	PA	18940	00601 N 5TH ST	
618063522018	MADISON ROGER & MARILYN	PO BOX 255		ELMA	WA	98541	00602 N 6TH ST	
618063522027	WHITE JAMES W & S GALE	303 W PINE ST		ELMA	WA	98541	00509 N 5TH ST	
618063522028	ELMA MINI STORAGE LLC	PO BOX 1547		ELMA	WA	98541	00305 W PINE	
618063522043	AVERY STEVE & LYNN	PO BOX 1274		WINTHROP	WA	98541	00600 N 6TH ST	
618063522036	ELMA MINI STORAGE LLC	PO BOX 1547		ELMA	WA	98541	00000	
618063522021	TIMBERLAND TELEPHONE CO	MONTESANO		MONTESANO	WA	98541	00502 N 6TH ST	
618063522037	BENNETT ABEL M & TORRES VERONICA	PO BOX 1973		ELMA	WA	98541	00515 6TH ST	
618063522032	ELMA MINI STORAGE LLC	PO BOX 1547		ELMA	WA	98541	00000	
618063522029	ELMA MINI STORAGE LLC	PO BOX 1547		ELMA	WA	98541	00000 N 3RD ST	
618063522022	HUGHES JOHN H & GATES KAREN L	PO BOX 590		MONTESANO	WA	98563	00501 N 5TH ST	
618063522003	JINES STEVEN & CHARLENE	PO BOX 397		ELMA	WA	98541	00421 RAILROAD AVE	
618063522004	NIELSEN EDWARD S & MONA B	PO BOX 1827		ELMA	WA	98541	00000	
618063522031	BUSSARD IVAN	418 W MARTIN ST		ELMA	WA	98541	00000	
618063522030	BUSSARD CLARENCE I & LINDA A	418 W MARTIN ST		ELMA	WA	98541	00000	
618063522025	BEDORRTHA JERI J	PO BOX 1288		ELMA	WA	98541	00000	
618063522024	PALMER STEVEN T	414 N 6TH ST		ELMA	WA	98541	00415 5TH ST	
049000200201	FOSTER JESSE E & CHERYL L	415 N 6TH ST		ELMA	WA	98541	00000	
049000200202	FOSTER JESSE E & CHERYL L	415 N 6TH ST		ELMA	WA	98541	00000	
049000200500	MEENK RUTH L & DYE ERIC M	415 N 5TH ST		ELMA	WA	98541	00000	
049000300100	PALMER STEVEN T	3208 46TH AVE NW		OLYMPIA	WA	98502	00310 W MARTIN	
049000300201	BUSSARD IVAN	414 N 6TH ST		ELMA	WA	98541	00414 N 6TH ST	
618063522024	GATONVO JAMES K & WALKER LU A	418 W MARTIN ST		ELMA	WA	98541	00000	
618063522005	FORTNER OTHAR & BILLIE JO	PO BOX 14		LACEY	WA	98503	00412 W MARTIN	
049000300100	BUSSARD CLARENCE I & LINDA A	418 W MARTIN ST		ELMA	WA	98541	00410 W MARTIN	
049000100100	BEDORRTHA JERI J	PO BOX 1288		ELMA	WA	98541	00000	
049000200400	ROWE HARRY J	PO BOX 114		ELMA	WA	98541	00415 N 6TH ST	
049000200202	AVERY TARA J	PO BOX 157		LACEY	WA	98503	00000	
049000300601	GATONVO JAMES K & WALKER LU A	3928 21ST AVE SE UNIT 5		ELMA	WA	98541	00418 W MARTIN	
049000300500	BOWEN BRIANNE	416 W MARTIN		ELMA	WA	98541	00410 N 6TH ST	
049000300300	BUSSARD CLARENCE I & LINDA A	418 W MARTIN ST		ELMA	WA	98541	00000	
049000100300	FALKEY DENNIS D	PO BOX 226		ELMA	WA	98541	00000	
049000400100	HOOCHALTER DENNIS & JEANINE	1628 W 6TH ST		PORT ANGELES	WA	98563	00502 W MARTIN	
049000400201	ERICKSON JESSE C	PO BOX 1614		ELMA	WA	98541	00411 N 6TH ST	
049000400301	BAILEY ADELE	PO BOX 158		ELMA	WA	98541	00512 W MARTIN	
049000400500	GARCIA MANUEL F	PO BOX 2027		ELMA	WA	98541	00506 W MARTIN	
049000400500	LENDECKER HENRY P & VERONICA K	PO BOX 1274		ELMA	WA	98541	00518 W MARTIN	
049000300100	MURRAY NATHAN P & CHRISTIL	602 W MARTIN		ELMA	WA	98541	00507 W MARTIN	
049000300301	FREDERICK RALPH R & SHELIA M	BOX 501 606 W MARTIN		ELMA	WA	98541	00602 W MARTIN	
618063522017	TOBER CHRISTINE G	152 UPPER FALLS CREEK RD		ELMA	WA	98541	00307 W MARTIN	
618063522010	SPRINGER JERRY L & LILLIAN M	PO BOX 332		ELMA	WA	98541	00401 W MARTIN	
618063522006	SMITH JAMISON & MEGHAN	407 W MARTIN		ELMA	WA	98541	00407 W MARTIN	
049000400300	RIEHL CONRAD & MAXINE E	411 W MARTIN		ELMA	WA	98541	00411 W MARTIN	
049000400100	WESSCOTT SPENCER & CAROLYN	162 E SATSOP RD		ELMA	WA	98541	00419 W MARTIN	
049000100300	LONG KARON	3915 HIGHWAY 30 W		NEW PLYMOUTH	WA	98655	00501 W MARTIN	
049000100300	WILLIAMS LAWRENCE	PO BOX 423		ELMA	WA	98541	00507 W MARTIN	
049000100401	GUZMAN MARTIN A	1823 SW 30TH ST		CAPE CORAL	FL	33914	00511 W MARTIN	
049000100500	GONSALES FAMILY HOLDINGS LLC	21921 LYNETTE LANE		SANTA CLARITA	CA	91350	00313 N 6TH	
618063522015	RATTE RUSSELL E & MARCELLA	PO BOX 523		ELMA	WA	98541	00313 N 6TH	
618063522005	CHOATE RUTH J	PO BOX 146		ELMA	WA	98541	00610N6TH ST	
618063522010	WINKLEBLACK GREG S	709 S 3RD AVE SW		ELMA	WA	98541	00402W/PINE	
618063522033	ELMA MINI STORAGE LLC	PO BOX 1547		ELMA	WA	98541	00603N5TH ST	
				ELMA	WA	98541	00513N3RD ST	