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**GRADE CROSSING PROTECTIVE FUND  
2015 – 2017 GRANT APPLICATION  
IMPROVEMENTS AT PUBLIC PASSIVE RAILROAD CROSSINGS**

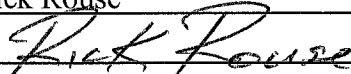
The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission), through its Grade Crossing Protective Fund (GCPF), provides grants for projects that eliminate or mitigate public safety hazards at railroad crossings and along railroad rights-of-way in Washington State. As part of this emphasis the Commission is also committed to improving safety at public, passively-protected railroad crossings in Washington.

GCPF funds may be used for purchasing stop signs<sup>1</sup>, yield signs, retro-reflective tape, posts (if required), retro-reflective cross buck signs, and emergency notification signs to a maximum of \$250 for each crossing. Under this program, GCPF funds may not be used for labor costs. All installations must be Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, 2009 edition compliant.

**To apply for a grant to improve safety at a passive railroad crossing, complete the following information and submit it and attachments to the Commission.**

**Please be sure to complete the entire form. Incomplete or missing information can delay the grant approval process.**

**Applicant Information**

Applicant Name: Rick Rouse  
Signature:   
Organization: Port of Chehalis  
Address: 321 Maurin Road  
Phone: 360-748-9365  
Email: rrouse@portofchehalis.com

<sup>1</sup> Replacement signs only. Proposals to install a stop sign at a crossing not currently stop-controlled requires an on-site diagnostic meeting with Commission staff, the railroad and road authority, filing a petition and a Commission order authorizing the installation.

**Project Information**

Attach additional sheets as necessary that provide the following:

1. A list of 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 email address for each (if known).

Port of Chehalis  
321 Maurin Road  
Chehalis, WA 98532

Chehalis-Centralia Railroad & Museum (rail operator)  
1945 S. Market St.  
Chehalis, WA 98532

2. A list of each railroad crossing, by USDOT number, street name, and county, where the applicant plans to improve safety. Indicate which type of warning sign or other measure will be installed.

All located in Lewis County, WA  
DOT 848565L State Route 6, MP 8.92 (ENS only – active signals)  
DOT 848686J, SR 603, MP 1.80 (ENS and Yield)  
DOT 848690Y, Twin Oaks Road, MP 2.30 (ENS and Yield)  
DOT 848700C, Twin Oaks Road, MP 4.03 (ENS and Yield)  
DOT 848701J, State Route 6, MP 4.49 (ENS only – active signals)  
DOT 848776H, Hillberger Rd, MP 0.27 (ENS and Yield)  
DOT 848779D, Shorey Road, MP 0.51 (ENS and Yield)  
DOT 84870X, Clinton Road, MP 5.69 (ENS and Yield)  
DOT 848781E, Spooner Road, MP 5.89 (ENS and Yield)  
DOT 922998T, Willapa Hills Trail, MP 1.45 (ENS only – STOP already installed)

3. A cost estimate, including:
  - a. An itemized list of the total costs of the project.
  - b. Names of parties contributing to the project, including the applicant, and the amount each is contributing.

14 ea: MUTCD R-1 Yield Sign: \$560.00 (includes fasteners)  
20 ea: 49 CFR Part 234 – Subpart E compliant ENS sign: \$600.00 (includes fasteners)  
Total sign cost: \$1,160  
Sales tax @ 8%: \$92.80  
Total project cost: \$1,252.80

Chehalis-Centralia Railroad & Museum and Port of Chehalis will contribute labor to install signs. Estimate for labor contribution is .5 hour per sign x 34 signs = 17 hours @

\$20.00 an hour for time & benefits = \$340 for contributed labor to install signs per MUTCD

4. An estimated timeline of the project.

Once grant approval is received:  
30 days to order and receive signs  
15 days to install all signs  
  
45 days after grant approval signs will be installed per MUTCD

5. A description of the applicant's experience in grant management or completing grant projects of this nature, including years of experience, types of projects completed and project cost/scope.

The Port of Chehalis has applied for, received, and managed over \$4,000,000 in public grants over the last 9 years. Rick Rouse has been the manager for these grants funds. The Port has previously received and managed at least two WUTC grants for safety improvements to Port owned railroads.

6. Any other information the applicant believes would be useful to the Commission in considering the project.

The installation of Emergency Notification Systemds sign and Yield signs at passive signal crossings is either required by the Federal Railroad Administration or suggested by the federal Highways Administration. The purpose of the grant is to comply with the guidance of these two federal agencies. The signs are being installed on existing crossbuck posts in a manner compliant with MUTCD requirements. The Port is providing or coordinating the provision of a match to this grant of over 27% with in kind labor to install the signs.

### **Railroad Commitment**

If the applicant does not own the railroad 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

2015 – 2017 GCPF Application Form – Stop/Yield Signs at Crossings

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:

- Lori Halstead at 360-664-1262 or by email at [lhalstea@utc.wa.gov](mailto:lhalstea@utc.wa.gov)
- Betty Young at 360-664-1202 or by email at [byoung@utc.wa.gov](mailto:byoung@utc.wa.gov)

18"



2 signs of the above with each of the following crossing numbers printed on each pair. Total of 20 signs.

848565L  
848686J  
848690Y  
848700C  
848701J  
848776H  
848779D  
848780X  
848781E  
922998T

Signs are printed on aluminum plate in retro reflective blue with minimum 1" high white letters per MUTCD.