

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Application of

CITY OF AUBURN,

Applicant,

Requesting Extension of Time to  
Complete Project Funded from the  
Grade Crossing Protective Fund

DOCKET TR-180237

ORDER 03

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF  
TIME TO COMPLETE PROJECT AND  
SUBMIT REQUEST FOR  
REIMBURSEMENT

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On July 27, 2017, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) sent to various interested parties a “Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Grant Monies” from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund (GCPF).
- 2 On March 21, 2018, the City of Auburn (City or the Applicant) filed with the Commission an application requesting a disbursement of \$25,200 from the GCPF to pay for a project related to installing median barriers at the C Street SW railroad crossing, identified as USDOT 085661D.
- 3 On April 12, 2018, the Commission issued an Order approving the request for disbursement from the GCPF. The Order required the City to complete the project and submit the associated request for reimbursement by August 31, 2018.
- 4 On June 1, 2018, the City submitted a request for disbursement of additional funds as well as an extension of time to complete the project. The original request for funds was based on the City engineer’s estimate of the project’s cost. Once the grant was approved, the City solicited bids from several firms to install the median barriers. Only one firm responded and the bid exceeds the approved grant amount by \$10,452. The City requested approval of the additional funds and a 30-day extension to complete the project.
- 5 On June 13, 2018, the Commission granted the request for additional funds and an extension of time to October 1, 2018, to complete the project and request reimbursement.
- 6 On September 26, 2018, the City submitted a request for an additional extension of time to complete the project and request reimbursement. The physical project work is

complete; however, the City needs additional time to ensure that the contractor submits the required verifications in order for full payment to be processed.

7 Commission Staff supports the approval an additional extension of time to December 31, 2018, to ensure all aspects of the project are completed within the GCPF project deadline.

### DISCUSSION

8 After reviewing the City's request, and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission grants the request for the additional extension of time to ensure completion of all elements of the project.

### ORDER

9 The request of the City of Auburn for an extension of time to complete the crossing safety improvements is granted, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Expenditure from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund must not exceed \$35,652.
- (2) The work for which the Grade Crossing Protective Fund disbursement was approved must conform to the project description specified in the application.
- (3) The City must sign and return the attached revised project agreement.
- (4) The project must be completed and the associated request for reimbursement from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund must be filed with the Commission no later than December 31, 2018.
- (5) Payment will be made upon presentation of claim for reimbursement and verification by Commission Staff that the work has been satisfactorily completed.

The Secretary of the Commission has delegated authority over this matter pursuant to Order 01 in Docket A-151775. The Secretary finds this Order to be consistent with the public interest.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective October 4, 2018.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark L. Johnson", is written over the printed name below.

MARK L. JOHNSON, Executive Director and Secretary