



**GRADE CROSSING PROTECTIVE FUND
 2011 – 2013 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 signs¹, 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 MUTCD 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.

Applicant Information

Applicant Name:	John K. Howell
Signature:	<i>John K Howell 08/19/11</i>
Organization:	Eastern Washington Gateway Railroad
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Eastern Washington Gateway Railroad (EWG) submits the following information in support of its application for GCPF funding to improve public safety by upgrading signage at public, passively-protected railroad crossings within Spokane, Lincoln and Grant Counties in eastern Washington.

Project Information

Attach additional sheets as necessary to the application that provide the following:

¹ Replacement signs only. Proposals to install a stop sign at a crossing not currently stop-controlled requires an on-site diagnostic with Commission staff and a Commission order authorizing the installation.

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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).
 - Washington State Department of Transportation,
Ms. Jeannie Beckett,
Acting Operation Program Manager,
PO 47407, Olympia WA 98504-7407,
360-705-7979, becketj@consultant.wsdot.wa.gov
2. A list of each railroad crossing, by USDOT number, street name, and county, where the applicant plans to improve safety and indicate which type of warning sign or other measure will be installed.
 - See attached listing, EWG Rail Crossings for GCPF project 081911, which includes project cost estimates by crossing depending on which combination of high reflective cross bucks, yield signs or multi-track crossing signs each crossing requires.
3. A cost estimate, including:
 - a. An itemized list of the total costs of the project. The listing of crossings details the total project costs which are estimated to be \$45,392.91, including labor costs which range from \$192 to \$256 per crossing. Also attached is a quotation from US Signs and Safety, from which the pricing in the list of crossings was calculated. Total reimbursement requested, as detailed in the attachment, is \$23,075.17.
 - b. Names of parties contributing to the project, including the applicant, and the amount each is contributing.
 - Only EWG, the applicant, and the Commission, through funding of the application, are contributing to the project. Before reimbursement, EWG's contribution is 100%. After reimbursement, EWG's contribution is 49.1%, \$22,277.44, while the Commission's contribution is 50.9%, \$23,075.17.
4. An estimated timeline of the project
 - Project complete within 90 days of receipt of materials, but no later than December 31st, 2011.
5. Any other information the applicant believes would be useful to the Commission in considering the project.
 - Granting of funding will eliminate many outstanding current crossing safety defects and prevent new defects from occurring due to faded cross buck signs on the CW Subdivision, owned by Washington State Department of Transportation, and operated by Eastern Washington Gateway Railroad. With a renewed commitment on the part of the CW shippers, led by Central Washington Grain Growers, and a partnership with BNSF Railway, with whom EWG cooperates to operate 110-car co-load trains, the "CW Sub" will remain active for many, many years. The

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new signage will therefore be an important contribution to public safety for many years to come.

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

Railroad Commitment

The undersigned represents the owner of the Railroad in the accompanying GCPF grant application for funding to install a stop sign or yield sign, retro-reflective tape or retro-reflective cross buck signs, posts or emergency notification signs at the named railroad crossings. We have reviewed the application and agree to allow installation of the proposed safety devices as described in the application.

Jeannie Beckett

Printed name of Railroad Representative



Signature of Railroad Representative

Acting Operations Program Manager

Title
360-705-7979

Phone
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Email

Date: August 19, 2011