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**GRADE CROSSING PROTECTIVE FUND  
2015 – 2017 GRANT APPLICATION  
OPEN CALL FOR PROJECTS**

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. Any public, private or non-profit entity may submit an application to the Commission for a GCPF grant.

**To apply for a grant to eliminate or mitigate a public safety hazard at a railroad crossing or along a railroad right-of-way, complete the following information and submit it and any attachments to the Commission. If you are proposing a change to the warning devices at a public railroad crossing, complete the GCPF petition form.**

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

**Project Information**

Attach additional sheets as necessary that provide the following:

1. A detailed summary of the hazard being addressed. Include any information about accidents or incidents at the site and photographs, drawings or other materials that support the application.

The pavement at USDOT crossing 848700C is failing and the temporary annual patches to chuck holes and ruts is becoming ineffective. The crossing pavement is a road surface hazard to school buses, trucks and passenger cars. The local school bus transportation office has complained several times about the poor condition of the pavement on and approaching the crossing. On 12/16/2014, UTC Inspector Cory Caron issued a Railroad Crossing Inspection Defect Notice regarding the condition of the pavement surface at the crossing. At that time the Port asked Lewis County Public Works to apply "cold patch" mix to the chuck holes to make a temporary fix.

Both the area of responsibility by the Port of Chehalis (railroad owner) and the county require repairs and repaving.

2. A detailed summary of the proposed project and how it will eliminate or mitigate the hazard. Include any drawings or construction plans for the proposed project.

Lewis County Public Works included repaving of the crossing in their 2015 asphalt paving project list. The Port has requested partnership with the county's contract to have our areas of responsibility repaved. The county's paving contractor will remove/grind paving between the tracks and the approaches to the crossing. The Port's share of the cost is approximately \$1,500. The county has already budgeted their share of the cost through other resources.

3. 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 for each (if known).

Lewis County Public Works  
Lakeside Paving

4. 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.

From Lewis County Public Works for the Port's (owner's) share of the repaving costs. "Here are a few rough detailed costs for the railroad crossing at Twin Oaks Road. As we discussed, the cost maybe be slightly higher due to the depth of asphalt between the tracks that hasn't been calculated yet.

1. Total bid \$13,279.41 (for entire project including Port's share)
2. Total Square feet of project 1,800 (combined SF of overall paving)
3. Total cost per. Square foot \$7.40
4. Total Square Feet at crossing 168 (owner's share)
5. Approximated cost Port (owner) share for crossing section. (7.40 x 168) \$1243.20 "

Its possible the cost maybe higher due to more asphalt between the tracks that needs to be removed before repaing.

Lewis County will contribute approximately \$12,045.21 to repave the areas of their responsibility. The Port will contribute approximately \$1,234.20 to repave the Port's areas of responsibility.

5. The name of the party responsible for long-term maintenance, such as repair of fencing.

Port of Chehalis

6. An estimated timeline of the project.

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7. A description of how the project's success would be measured.

The project's success will be measured in removal of existing pavement surface hazards, such as chuckholes and ruts and repairs to the pavement surface that results in a smooth surface allowing safe passage of vehicles to and over the grade crossing.

8. 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 applicant represents a public port district in the State of Washington. The applicants has 9 years of successful experience applying for , administering and closing out a wide variety of state and federal grants/loans. Previous GCPF grants have been used for the purpose intended.

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

This project is a cooperative effort between two public agencies to mitigate a road surface hazard at a Port owned railroad grade crossing. The cost sharing aspect of this project

typifies the high level of cooperation and efficient use of public funds.

### **Railroad Commitment**

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

### **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:

- 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)

## Railroad Commitment

The undersigned represents the Railroad Company in the accompanying GCPF application.

We have reviewed the application and are satisfied that 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.

### **Railroad is the Owner**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name of Railroad Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Railroad Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Railroad

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address of Railroad

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

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



*Lewis County Department of Public Works*

Timothy R. Elsea, PE, Director, County Engineer

**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** *September 14, 2015*

**To:** *Rick Rouse*

**From:** *Ray Shipman, Engineer Tech III*

**Subject:** *Twin Oaks Railroad Crossing*

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