

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Application of)	DOCKET TR-061548
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CITY OF PACIFIC,)	ORDER 01
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Petitioner,)	
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Requesting Disbursement from the)	ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR
Grade Crossing Protective Fund)	DISBURSEMENT FROM THE GRADE
.....)	CROSSING PROTECTIVE FUND

BACKGROUND

- 1 On September 1, 2006, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) sent a “Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Grant Monies from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund” in Docket TR-051633 to various interested parties eligible to apply for Grade Crossing Protective Fund (GCPF) grants.
- 2 On September 27, 2006, the city of Pacific filed an application with the Commission, requesting a disbursement of \$20,000 from the GCPF to pay for a project related to pedestrian safety. The city seeks to narrow the roadway section across the roadway and rail intersection and provide continuous sidewalk leading up to and across the tracks.
- 3 A site visit by Commission Staff in December 2006 confirms the safety problem described by the city exists and that the proposal to narrow the roadway and add sidewalks will enhance pedestrian safety at the crossing.
- 4 The city of Pacific seeks \$20,000 to pay for a portion of the total construction cost of \$39,770 for the project. The remaining project funds will be paid through a combination of federal and state grants, as well as city funds. All grants have been secured and obligated. There are currently grant funds available to pay for this portion of the project.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington having authority to approve and administer disbursements from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund. *RCW 81.53.271 and RCW 81.53.281.*

- 6 (2) The project for which disbursement from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund is sought is eligible for funding consideration under Commission rules and complies with the requirements of RCW 81.53.271 and RCW 81.53.281.
- 7 (3) Commission Staff investigated the request based on the review criteria specified in the rules and recommended that it be granted.
- 8 (4) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 10, 2007.
- 9 (5) After examination of the application filed by the city of Pacific on September 27, 2006, and giving consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission grants the request for disbursement of funds.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 The request of the city of Pacific to narrow the roadway section across the roadway and rail intersection and provide a continuous sidewalk leading up to and across the tracks is granted, subject to the following conditions:
- (1) Expenditure from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund must not exceed \$20,000.
 - (2) The work for which the Grade Crossing Protective Fund disbursement was approved must conform to the project description specified in the application.
 - (3) (3) Payment will be made upon presentation of claim for reimbursement for costs incurred and verification by Commission Staff that the work has been satisfactorily completed.
 - (4) The project must be completed no later than June 30, 2007.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective January 10, 2007.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary