

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Application of)	DOCKET TR-132105
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CITY OF BATTLE GROUND,)	ORDER 01
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Applicant,)	ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR
)	DISBURSEMENT FROM THE GRADE
)	CROSSING PROTECTIVE FUND
Requesting Disbursement from the)	
Grade Crossing Protective Fund)	USDOT: 852350U
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On July 1, 2013, 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” in Docket TR-131246.
- 2 On November 13, 2013, City of Battle Ground (City) filed with the Commission an application requesting a disbursement of \$250.00 from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund (GCPF) to pay for a project related to replacement of existing signs and posts.
- 3 The City seeks to replace the existing crossbucks and supplemental track number signs and posts at the Main Street crossing in Battleground. The USDOT number is 852350U.
- 4 The existing signs are old and faded. Installation of new signs will improve visibility of the railroad crossing and safety for the public.
- 5 A review by Commission Staff confirmed that the safety problem described by the City exists and that the proposed replacement of signage will improve safety at the Main Street crossing.
- 6 Battle Ground seeks \$250.00 to pay for the cost of the signs and posts. There currently are funds available to pay for the project.
- 7 The City must also meet the following conditions for administering the GCPF grant.
 - Expenditure from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund must not exceed \$250.00.

- The work for which the Grade Crossing Protective Fund disbursement was approved must conform to the project description specified in the application.
- The City must sign and return the attached project agreement.
- Payment will be made upon presentation of claim for reimbursement and verification by Commission Staff that the work has been satisfactorily completed.
- 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 March 31, 2014.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 8 (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; RCW 81.53.281.
- 9 (2) The project for which the City seeks disbursement from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund is eligible for funding consideration under Commission rules and complies with the requirements of RCW 81.53.271, RCW 81.53.281, and WAC 480-62.
- 10 (3) Commission Staff investigated the request based on the review criteria specified in the Commission's rules and recommended that it be granted, subject to specified conditions for administering the grant.
- Expenditure from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund must not exceed \$250.00.
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- 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 March 31, 2014.

11 (4) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 16, 2014.

12 (5) After reviewing the City's application filed on November 13, 2013, and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission grants the request for disbursement of funds.

O R D E R

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

13 City of Battle Ground's application for disbursement from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund for replacement of existing signs at the Main Street railroad crossing, is granted, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Expenditure from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund must not exceed \$250.00.
- (2) The work for which the Grade Crossing Protective Fund disbursement was approved must conform to the project description specified in the application.
- (3) City of Battle Ground must sign and return the attached project agreement.
- (4) Payment will be made upon presentation of claim for reimbursement and verification by Commission Staff that the work has been satisfactorily completed.
- (5) 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 March 31, 2014.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective January 16, 2014.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary