

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

In the Matter of the Application of	)	DOCKET TR-070752
	)	
WASHINGTON STATE PARKS	)	ORDER 01
AND RECREATION COMMISSION,	)	
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR
Requesting Disbursement from the	)	DISBURSEMENT FROM THE GRADE
Grade Crossing Protective Fund	)	CROSSING PROTECTIVE FUND
.....	)	

**BACKGROUND**

- 1     On April 16, 2007, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) posted a Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Grant Monies from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund (GCPF) on the Commission web site for eligible parties to apply for GCPF grants.
  
- 2     On April 18, 2007, the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (State Parks) 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 funds will be used for the first phase of a three-phase pedestrian bridge project at Larrabee State Park. The first phase involves the preliminary engineering work. The completed project will provide a pedestrian bridge across the existing BNSF Railway mainline tracks and construct a gravel pathway for access to Clayton Beach at the park. Currently, pedestrians illegally cross the tracks to reach the beach. The only other option for pedestrians is an underpass located 3,000 feet away. A site visit by Commission Staff on February 21, 2007, confirms the safety problems described in the application exist and that the proposal to construct a pedestrian bridge and pathway will enhance pedestrian safety at the park.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

- 3     (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.
  
- 4     (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.

- 5 (3) Commission Staff investigated the request based on the review criteria specified  
in the rules and recommended that it be granted.
- 6 (4) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting  
on April 27, 2007.
- 7 (5) After examination of the application filed by the Washington State Parks and  
Recreation Commission on April 18, 2007, 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:**

- 8 The request of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission for preliminary  
engineering work 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) Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission must sign and  
return the attached project agreement.
  - (4) 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.
  - (5) The project must be completed no later than June 30, 2007.

The Executive Secretary, on behalf of the Commissioners, has determined that this filing  
complies with the requirements of RCW 81.53.030, and RCW 81.53.271.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective April 27, 2007.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary