

**CLARK COUNTY
STAFF REPORT**

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: General Services-Railroad

DATE: February 18, 2014

REQUEST: That the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) consent to enter into three agreements with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) to accept grant funding in the total amount of \$60,000.

CHECK ONE: X Consent County Administrator

BACKGROUND: Clark County made application and was subsequently awarded grant funding through WUTC for rehabilitation of public railroad grade crossings located on the Clark County Chelatchie Prairie Railroad at NW Fruit Valley Road in Vancouver, NE St. Johns Road in Vancouver, and East Main Street in Battle Ground. Grant awards in the amount of \$20,000 for each project were authorized by WUTC, totaling \$60,000, from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund (GCPF). The balance of these projects will be funded through a 2012 Freight Rail Assistance Program (FRAP) grant awarded through WSDOT Rail. By entering into this agreement with WUTC, Clark County is obligating itself to complete the projects and file reimbursement documents with WUTC no later than October 1, 2014.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: No public outreach is required for this action.

BUDGET AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS: The \$60,000 GCPF grant will permit Clark County to perform all of the capital projects on the Clark County Chelatchie Prairie Railroad planned for and anticipated as part of the 2012 WSDOT FRAP grant award.

FISCAL IMPACTS: Yes No

ACTION REQUESTED: That the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) authorize staff to enter into an agreement with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to receive \$60,000 in grant funding from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund.

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