

CITY OF SULTAN  
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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Agenda Item :           A-5  
Date:                    May 29, 2008  
SUBJECT:                Acceptance of Railroad Grade Crossing Grant

CONTACT PERSON:   Donna Murphy Grants and Economic Development Coordinator

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**ISSUE:**

To authorize Mayor Eslick to accept the \$20,000 grant offered to the City of Sultan from the Utilities and Transportation Commission for improvements to the Skywall Drive railroad crossing and to sign an agreement with Mr. Dan Ramirez to limit the City's financial contribution to \$20,000 as covered by the grant.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

On January 19, 2006 the City of Sultan filed an application with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission requesting a \$20,000 grant to pay toward improvements to the Skywall Drive Railroad Crossing in partnership with the developer of Twin Rivers Estates agreeing to pay the amount owed above the \$20,000 grant.

On March 28, 2007 the City of Sultan contacted the Utilities and Transportation Commission and explained that the developer contracted to perform the work has delayed the project and would neither start nor finish the project by the established deadline. The Utilities and Transportation Commission rescinded the order granting disbursement of the funds and the project was held over for consideration during the next call for projects.

On August 7, 2007 the Utilities and Transportation Commission notified the City of Sultan that the 2006 grant application was again approved for funding. The \$20,000 grant must be spent by June 2009.

The cost estimate from Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad to replace the wood crossing ties with concrete ties at the Skywall Drive Crossing is \$23,000. The private partner in this Public/Private Partnership, Mr. Dan Ramirez has agreed to pay the overage above \$20,000 on this project.

**Recommended Motion:**

I move to authorize Mayor Eslick to accept the \$20,000 grant offered to the City of Sultan from the Utilities and Transportation Commission for improvements to the Skywall Drive railroad crossing and to sign an agreement with Mr. Dan Ramirez to limit the City's financial contribution to \$20,000 as covered by the grant.