

**OREGON INTERNATIONAL PORT OF COOS BAY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
ACTION/DECISION REQUEST**

**DATE:**

August 20, 2026

**PROJECT TITLE:**

ODOT Rail Crossing Safety Improvement Grant

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve execution of two Federal Subrecipient Grant Agreements with ODOT under the Rail Crossing Safety Improvement Program

**BACKGROUND:**

In May, the Port of Coos Bay submitted grant applications to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Rail Crossing Safety Improvement Program, on behalf of the Coos Bay Rail Line, for the purchase of railroad-highway crossing signal equipment at various locations along the rail line in Coos, Douglas, and Lane Counties. ODOT has selected the applications for funding and has drafted Federal Subrecipient Grant Agreements for the projects. The projects will replace and upgrade aging crossing signal infrastructure, including crossing predictors, gate mechanisms, battery systems, and other eligible safety equipment.

The two applications submitted, and the two agreements drafted, are based on populations of the locations of the signal upgrade. The total estimated project cost is \$747,276 (for the purchase of the equipment). ODOT will provide up to \$670,530.76 in federal grant funding. Under each agreement, the Port of Coos Bay will be responsible for the required 10.27% match on eligible costs (\$76,745), estimated NEPA-related costs as required under the agreement (none expected), installation costs (completed by CBRL Staff), and any project costs exceeding the available grant funding. Because this equipment will be part of the PCIP rail improvement project, PCIP state funds will be used as the match.

ODOT will be responsible for completing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review, while the Coos Bay Rail Line will be required to provide supporting documentation and comply with ODOT's procurement and project requirements. No project purchases or work may begin until ODOT issues a formal Notice to Proceed.

Following ODOT approval of the required procurement documentation and completion of environmental requirements, the project must be completed by June 15, 2027, with reimbursement requests submitted to ODOT no later than June 30, 2027. The agreement terminates upon ODOT inspection and approval of the completed project and final payment, or by September 30, 2027.

Execution of the agreement will allow the Port of Coos Bay and Coos Bay Rail Line to proceed with the required environmental review, procurement, and implementation steps necessary to complete the rail crossing safety improvements.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Approve execution of two Federal Subrecipient Grant Agreements with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) under the Rail Crossing Safety Improvement Program and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the agreements and related documents necessary to implement the projects.