

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Rail Safety and Carriers Division  
Railroad Safety Branch  
Railroad Operations & Safety Section

Resolution SR-101  
Date: February 4, 1999

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION SR-101. GRANTING UNION PACIFIC EXEMPTION FROM WALKWAY REQUIREMENTS OF GENERAL ORDER 118 FOR 2,700 FEET ADJACENT TO ALAMEDA STREET IN CARSON, CALIFORNIA**

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**Summary**

This Resolution grants Union Pacific Railroad (UP) an exemption from the Commission's walkway requirements for an extended portion of an Alameda Corridor storage track parallel to Alameda Street, south of Sepulveda Boulevard in Carson, California.

**Background**

As part of the Alameda Corridor Rail Project, a portion of UP's former Southern Pacific San Pedro Branch will be reclassified as industrial/storage, transloading track and leased to Venture-Castro, which handles petroleum products and plastic pellets. This trackage includes 2,700 feet paralleling Alameda Street at Milepost 500.00 between Sepulveda Boulevard and a proposed turnout near Engineer Station 726+00 (northerly of Watson Road). Unfortunately no change in this track's alignment or elevation were made in connection with the recent widening of Alameda Street, resulting in a difference in elevation between the top of ties in the former San Pedro Branch track and the widened roadway surface. The resulting surface is in noncompliance with General Order No. 118 walkway requirements along the easterly side of the track. UP, therefore, has requested a variance from the walkway standards (pursuant to Paragraph 7 of General Order 118). The applicable Standard No. 6 would generally require an even surface out six feet from the edge of rail. The railroad is agreeable to prohibiting walking on the affected east side of the track.

A meeting was held at the project site on November 25, 1998 with the State Legislative Director of United Transportation Union (UTU), engineering staff of UP, and the Commission staff. UTU expressed concern over the proposal but agreed to the exemption with the mitigating measures provided in the following order.

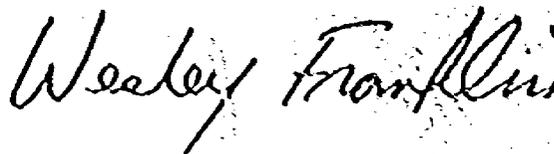
This is an uncontested matter in which the resolution grants the relief requested. Accordingly, pursuant to PU Code Section 311(g)(2), the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is being waived.

IT IS ORDERED that UP is granted deviation from walkway requirements of General Order 118 at Milepost 500.00 on the east side of the former Southern Pacific San Pedro Branch track parallel to Alameda Street and (compass) south of Sepulveda Boulevard for a distance of 2,700 feet, subject to the following mitigating precautions:

1. Signs shall be installed at the north and south ladder turnouts, advising train crews that no walkway exists on the easterly side of the affected track.
2. Notice shall be published in applicable bulletins and/or circulars for train crews.

This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on February 4, 1999. The following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:



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WESLEY M. FRANKLIN  
Executive Director

RICHARD A. BILAS  
President  
HENRY M. DUQUE  
JOSIAH L. NEEPER  
Commissioners