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Re: **General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the Tweedy Boulevard Highway-Rail crossing, CPUC Crossing Number 001BG-490.30 in the City of South Gate, Los Angeles County.**

Dear Mr. Anjomshoaa:

This refers to your letter, dated February 8, 2010, received February 16, requesting authorization, pursuant to Commission General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the existing at-grade crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) tracks and Tweedy Boulevard in the City of South Gate, Los Angeles County. The crossing is identified by CPUC Crossing Number 001BG-490.30.

This crossing is over one at-grade UPRR track, and is immediately adjacent to the multiple depressed tracks of the Alameda Corridor trench. Tweedy Boulevard is a four lane roadway with raised medians separating westbound and eastbound traffic. The intersections of East Alameda Street and West Alameda Street are adjacent to the crossing. The intersection of West Alameda Street and Tweedy Boulevard was previously upgraded in a GO 88 B request. In this project, the City is proposing to signalize the intersection of East Alameda Street and Tweedy Boulevard, with interconnection to the West Alameda Street/Tweedy Boulevard signalized intersection.

The City proposes the following alterations:

- Signalize the intersection of East Alameda Street and Tweedy Boulevard and interconnect with the railroad warning devices.
- Upgrade the existing signalized intersection of West Alameda Street and Tweedy Boulevard to function with the East Alameda Street and Tweedy Boulevard signal.
- Install two train activated California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) defined R3-2 'NO LEFT TURN' blank-out signs for the northbound left turn movement onto Tweedy Boulevard.
- Install two train activated CA MUTCD defined R3-1 'NO RIGHT TURN' blank-out signs for the southbound right turn movement onto Tweedy Boulevard.

The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) investigated the request filed by the City, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City, the County, and UPRR

are all in agreement as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, the improvements as described in your letter dated February 8 2010 and summarized above are authorized.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with Section 8A.05, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), published by the California Department of Transportation.

All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and the CA MUTCD.

This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended. [California Pubic Resources Code 21084].

This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within two years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to this office, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence letters by involved parties in support of the time extension. If an extension is requested, RCES may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, UPRR shall notify RCES that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G titled *Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossings and Separations*. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the CPUC web site Form G page at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/formg>. This report may be submitted electronically to rces@cpuc.ca.gov as outlined on the web page.

If you have any questions, please contact Laurence Michael at (213) 576-7076 or ldi@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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C: Freddy Cheung, UPRR

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