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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter Placer Street Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001C-258.10, DOT No. 750510X, in the City of Redding, Shasta County.

Dear Ms. Vandiver:

This refers to your letter dated July 8, 2010 and received by us on July 26, 2010 requesting authorization pursuant to Commission General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter an at-grade highway-rail crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) in the City of Redding (City), County of Shasta. The crossing is identified as Placer Street Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001C-258.10, DOT No. 750510X.

The crossing is currently equipped with two Commission Standard 9-A (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm and additional flashing light signals over the roadway on a cantilevered arm) warning devices, two W10-1 (RXR) advance warning signs and two R8-8 (DO NOT STOP ON TRACKS) regulatory signs. UPRR currently operates approximately 10 freight trains per day at 50 mph, and the National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak) operates two passenger trains per day at 55 mph over this line.

This project is being done in conjunction with the Section 130 Program.

The proposed alterations as indicated in the request letter and/or shown in the attachments shall consist of:

- Repair of sidewalk in the northeast quadrant behind railroad warning device.
- Reconstruction of approximately 20 feet of sidewalk in the northwest quadrant from the track to the west to the existing edge of concrete sidewalk.
- Construction of approximately 25 feet of sidewalk in the southwest quadrant from the track to the west to the intersection of Placer Street and Railroad Avenue, including a pedestrian curb ramp at the intersection.
- Reconstruction of approximately 25 feet of sidewalk in the southeast quadrant from the track to the east.

- Installation of ADA compliant detectable warning (tactile strips) on all sidewalk approaches.

Staff has investigated the City's request, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City and UPRR are in agreement as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, you may proceed with the improvements as described in the request letter and attachments, and summarized above.

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 Caltrans.

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

This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Public 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, the Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, UP 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 Daniellia Fristoe at (916) 928-2108 or dvm@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Daren Gilbert, Supervisor
Rail Crossings Engineering Section
Consumer Protection and Safety Division

c: Terrel Anderson Manager, Union Pacific Railroad