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**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter Figarden Drive Highway–Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 002-1006.20, DOT No. 027488W in the City of Fresno, Fresno County.**

Dear Mr. Mozier:

This refers to your letter dated September 27, 2010, and received by us on October 1, 2010, requesting authorization pursuant to Commission General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter an at-grade highway-rail crossing of the BNSF Railway (BNSF) track in the City of Fresno (City), Fresno County. The crossing is identified as Figarden Drive Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 002-1006.20, DOT No. 027488W.

Figarden Drive is a four through-lane and one left turn-lane urban minor arterial roadway at the crossing. The crossing is located in a residential area in a northeastern section of the City. The crossing has a single mainline track frequented by BNSF freight and Amtrak trains. There is a raised median on both sides of the crossing, and a sidewalk across the track on both sides of Figarden Drive. The crossing is equipped with one Commission Standard 9-A (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm with additional flashing light signals over the roadway on a cantilevered arm) and three Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices.

The crossing modifications proposed in this project are being requested by the City in order to improve safety due to the inclusion of this crossing in the City's proposed phase two quiet zone.

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

- Installing two traffic regulatory signs stating "NO RIGHT TURN WHEN RAILROAD LIGHTS FLASH" per plan;
- installing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standard detectable warning tactile strips on all sidewalk approaches to the crossing per plan;
- installing a W10-4R at-grade crossing advance warning sign on the eastbound, parallel Santa Fe Avenue approach as required by the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD), Section 8B.04 (published by Caltrans).

Staff has investigated the request by the City, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City and BNSF 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 your 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 CAMUTCD.

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

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. A written request for a time extension must include concurrence letters by interested parties in support of the time extension. If an extension is requested, staff from 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, the City 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](mailto:rces@cpuc.ca.gov) as outlined on the web page

If you have any questions, please contact Marvin Kennix at (916) 928-3809 or email at [mlk@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:mlk@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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