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Hamilton Boulevard
City of Pomona, Los Angeles County

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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Hamilton Boulevard Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001B-513.71/003-31.30 and DOT No. 746925Y, in City of Pomona, Los Angeles County.

Dear Mr. Cheung:

This refers to your letter, dated November 21, 2011 (received January 3, 2012), requesting authorization, pursuant to Commission General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the existing at-grade crossing of Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) Alhambra Subdivision railroad tracks and Hamilton Boulevard in City of Pomona (City), Los Angeles County, identified as CPUC Crossing Number 001B-513.71/003-31.30 and DOT Number 746925Y.

The roadway is currently four lanes, two in each direction, crossing over three UPRR tracks, two on the Alhambra Subdivision and one on the Los Angeles Subdivision. The crossing is equipped with two curb mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices and two curb mounted Commission Standard 9-E (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm installed on the departure side of the at-grade crossing, also known as an exit gate). In addition to UPRR freight trains, the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) and the National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak) operate passenger trains over this line.

UPRR proposes the following alterations to the Hamilton Boulevard crossing:

- Install a new second main line track across Hamilton Boulevard, 19.80-feet from center line of track, south of the existing Alhambra Subdivision tracks and north of the existing Los Angeles Subdivision tracks;
- Install concrete crossing panels for the new main line track;
- Install Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complaint sidewalks on both sides of the crossing;
- Install ADA compliant standard detectable warning tactile strips on all sidewalk approaches to the crossing;
- Reinstall the vehicle presence detection system for the Commission Standard 9E exit gates on the northeast and southwest quadrants of the crossing; and
- Application of MUTCD compliant signage and pavement markings, including W10-1 and W10-2 advance warning signs, W48 (CA) 4 tracks signs and RxR pavement markings.

The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) investigated the request by UPRR, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As UPRR and City are 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 November 21, 2011, and summarized above are authorized.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with 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 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 three 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 Crossing Engineering Section (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 title *Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossings and Separation*. 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.

At the conclusion of the project, UPRR should also submit an updated FRA inventory form to the Federal Railroad Administration, reflecting the changes. CPUC requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rces@cpuc.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Lay at 213-576-1399 or bl@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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