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**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter W. B Street Pedestrian/Bicycle-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001A-67.50-D and DOT No. 751251S, in the City of Dixon, Solano County.**

Dear Ms. Koster:

This refers to your letter dated July 17, 2012, received by us on July 18, 2012, requesting authorization pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the West B Street pedestrian/bicycle-rail at grade crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) in the City of Dixon (City), County of Solano. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001A-67.50-D and DOT No. 751251S.

The crossing is currently equipped with two Commission Standard 8 (flashing light signal assembly) warning devices, two 1-D pedestrian crossing signs, and two R15-2 (2 TRACKS) regulatory signs. UPRR currently operates approximately 30 freight trains per day at 60 mph, and the National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak) operates 32 passenger trains per day at 79 mph over this line. While the crossing is in the City of Dixon, the Solano Transportation Authority is the agency responsible for the project and its implementation.

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

- Constructing a grade-separated pedestrian/bicycle undercrossing. During construction, the existing at-grade pedestrian/bicycle crossing will remain open with the current warning devices in place and functioning. All pedestrian/bicycle traffic will be rerouted to the north side of the nearby station building located northwest of the existing at-grade crossing. In addition, the south side of the existing at-grade crossing will be temporarily fenced off during construction.
- Removing the existing at-grade pedestrian/bicycle crossing upon completion of the undercrossing.

- Installing fencing extending north and south of the proposed undercrossing to West A Street and First Street, per plan. This will prevent pedestrian/bicycle access to the tracks at-grade.
- Installing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant ramps and stairways for the grade-separated pedestrian/bicycle undercrossing.

The City states in its GO88-B request letter that “Elimination of this at-grade crossing will eliminate any conflict between pedestrian/bicycle and train traffic making a much safer crossing. The public will benefit from the proposed project through improvements to both public safety and convenience.”

Commission’s Rail Crossing Engineering Section (RCES) Staff has investigated the City’s and Solano Transportation Authority’s request, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City, Solano Transportation Authority, 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 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 Public Resources Code 21080.13].

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 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](mailto:rces@cpuc.ca.gov) as outlined on the web page.

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At the conclusion of the project, UPRR should submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form to the FRA, reflecting the changes. CPUC recommends acquiring a new DOT number and retiring the old number associated with the at-grade crossing. Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated/new inventory forms be submitted to [rces@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rces@cpuc.ca.gov).

If you have any questions, please contact Daniellia Fristoe at (916) 928-2108 or [dvm@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:dvm@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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