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File Number: XREQ 2013040008
City of La Habra, Orange County

Sam Makar
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Re: **General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Walnut Street Highway-Rail Crossing identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001BBJ-504.70, and DOT No. 761442E in the City of La Habra, Orange County.**

Dear Mr. Makar:

This refers to your letter dated January 15, 2013, received by us on April 15, 2013, requesting authority, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) La Habra Branch and Walnut Street in the City of La Habra (City), Orange County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 001BBJ-504.70 and DOT Number 761442E.

The Walnut Street crossing is a two lane roadway, one through lane in each direction, which crosses over one set of UPRR track. The crossing is equipped with two curb mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices, pavement markings and advanced warning signage. Electric Avenue runs parallel to the tracks and is a stop controlled T intersection with Walnut Street just south of the crossing. West Loma Verde Avenue runs parallel to the tracks and is a stop controlled T intersection with Walnut Street just north of the crossing.

As part of its "Safe Routes to School" project, City proposes the following modifications to the Walnut Street crossing along this corridor:

- Construct Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complaint sidewalks on both sides of the crossing, and;
- Install ADA compliant detectable warning tactile strips on all sidewalk approaches to the crossing;
- Install "CROSS AT WALKWAY" and arrow marker pavement markings on all sidewalk approaches to crossing to prevent trespassers on right-of-way;
- Construct curb ramps, curb, gutter and ADA compliant sidewalk landing of the Electric Avenue/Walnut Street and Loma Verde Avenue/Walnut Street intersections on the southeast and northeast quadrants of the crossing, respectively as shown on plans;
- Construct curb ramps, curb, gutter and ADA compliant sidewalk landing on both sides of the driveway located on the northwest quadrant of the crossing; and

- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings; including W10-1 advance warning signs and RXR pavement markings.

The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) investigated the request filed by City and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As City and the UPRR 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 request dated January 15, 2013 and summarized above are authorized.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the 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 Public 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 RCES, 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, 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/PUC/safety/Rail/Crossings/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 Sergio Licon at (213) 576-7085 or sal@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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