

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Citrus Avenue  
City of Covina, Los Angeles County

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**SENT VIA E-MAIL**

**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the Citrus Avenue At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, Identified as CPUC Crossing No. 101SG-22.91 and DOT No. 747307C, in the City of Covina, Los Angeles County.**

Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

This refers to your letter, dated August 15, 2013, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC / Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the Citrus Avenue at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) San Gabriel subdivision tracks in the City of Covina (City), Los Angeles County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 101SG-22.91 and DOT No. 747307C.

Citrus Avenue is a north-south oriented four lane roadway with two lanes in each direction separated by raised concrete medians. Two freight mainline tracks run through Citrus Avenue. SCRRA commuter rail station is located east of and adjacent to Citrus Avenue. The crossing is equipped with two curb and two median mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices.

City is making modifications to the SCRRA station and proposes the following alterations to the crossing:

- Install Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant detectable warning tactile strips on all sidewalk approaches to the crossing;
- Install hand railing along the pedestrian crossing approaches on the west side of Citrus Avenue; and
- Install 36 inch high wrought iron fencing within the median islands on each approach to the crossing.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the City's request and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As City and SCRRA 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 August 15, 2013, 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 Public Resources Code 21084].

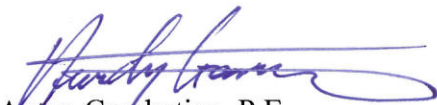
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to RCEB, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence letters by involved parties in support of the time extension. If an extension is requested, RCEB may re-evaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, City shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G titled *Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossings and Separation*. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the Commission 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](mailto:rces@cpuc.ca.gov) as outlined on the web page.

At the conclusion of the project, SCRRA shall submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form to the FRA, reflecting the changes. Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to [rces@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rces@cpuc.ca.gov).

If you have any questions, please contact Jose Pereyra at 213-576-7083 or [jfp@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jfp@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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