

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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June 18, 2015

File Number: XREQ 2015060001  
Winchester Boulevard  
Los Gatos, Santa Clara County

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**SENT VIA E-MAIL**

**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Winchester Boulevard At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001V-5.90 and DOT No. 750185D in the Town of Los Gatos, County of Santa Clara.**

Dear Ms. Tunguyen:

This refers to your letter dated June 4, 2015, received by us on June 5, 2015, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Winchester Boulevard at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) track in the Town of Los Gatos (Town), County of Santa Clara. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001V-5.90 and DOT No. 750185D.

The single track crossing is equipped with two curb mounted Commission Standard 9-A (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm and additional flashing light signals over the roadway on a cantilevered arm) and two median mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices. There are currently two trains per day at a maximum speed of 45 mph over the crossing. The average daily traffic on Winchester Boulevard is 10,918 vehicles.

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

- Constructing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant concrete sidewalk through the east side of the crossing approach;
- Installing ADA compliant detectable warning strips on all sidewalk approaches, located a minimum of 12 feet from the centerline of the track;
- Installing Type-1 pedestrian barricade along the sidewalks in the northeast and southeast quadrants of the crossing;
- Installing a Pre-Cast Concrete panel crossing surface at the new sidewalk location;
- Replacing the flashing light signal warning devices with light emitting diode units; and

- Applying California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings as shown on plans.

Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) staff has investigated the Town's request, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the Town 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 your request letter, attachments, and summarized above. Town must complete all the improvements in order RCEB considers this GO 88-B authorization closed.

UPRR must ensure that Emergency Notification Signs are installed to comply with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Section 234.309.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with Section 8A.08, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the CA MUTCD, 2014 Edition, 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 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 RCEB may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

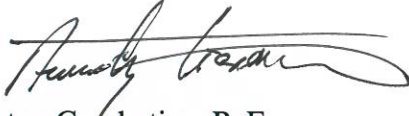
Within 30 days after completion of this project, the Town shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the Commission web site Form G page at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/safety/Rail/Crossings/formg.htm>. This report may be submitted electronically to [rceb@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rceb@cpuc.ca.gov).

At the conclusion of the project, UPRR should electronically submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the FRA, reflecting the changes. Title 49 CFR Section 234.409 requires the railroads to submit periodic crossing inventory updates a minimum of once every three years. Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to [rceb@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rceb@cpuc.ca.gov).

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If you have any questions, please contact Felix Ko at (415) 703-3722 or [felix.ko@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:felix.ko@cpuc.ca.gov) .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anton Garabetian', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Anton Garabetian, P. E.  
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Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch  
Safety and Enforcement Division

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C: Kevin Yoder, Union Pacific Railroad  
Jaggi Bhandal, BKF Engineers



