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File Number: XREQ 2015090006
Rustin Avenue
City of Riverside, Riverside County

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Rustin Avenue At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001BJ-543.80, and DOT No. 747058Y in the City of Riverside, Riverside County.

Dear Mr. Mohammadi:

This refers to your letter dated and received by us on September 9, 2015, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC/Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the Rustin Avenue and the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) track at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing), in the City of Riverside (City), Riverside County. The crossing is identified by CPUC Crossing Number 001BJ-543.80, DOT Number 747058Y.

The Rustin Avenue crossing is a two lane roadway, one south bound and one north bound that cross over the UPRR track. The crossing is equipped with two curb mounted Commission Standard 1-R (crossbuck sign on a reflectorized post) warning devices, pavement markings and advanced warning signage. Electric Avenue runs parallel to the tracks and is a "STOP" sign controlled T-intersection with Walnut Street just south of the crossing. West Loma Verde Avenue runs parallel to the tracks and is a "STOP" sign controlled T-intersection with Walnut Street just north of the crossing. UPRR operates approximately two freight trains daily with a maximum speed of 20 miles per hour. The average daily vehicle traffic over the crossing is 2,862.

The City proposes the following modifications to the Rustin Avenue crossing:

- Construct Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complaint sidewalk on the west side of Rustin Avenue,
- Install ADA compliant detectable warning tactile strips on the west side sidewalk approaches to the crossing;
- Construct curb and gutter, as shown on plans,
- Install additional concrete crossing panel surface for the track for the west side pedestrian path;
- Install 48 inch high fencing to channelize pedestrians along the pedestrian west side approaches of the crossing, as shown on plans; and

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

The Commission’s Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request filed by City and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As City and 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 received on September 9, 2015, 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, Americans with Disabilities Act, and the CA MUTCD.

UPRR must ensure that Emergency Notification Systems signs are installed to comply with CFR 234.309.

This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Pubic Resources Code 21084].

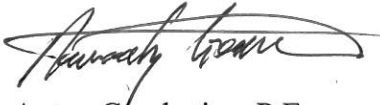
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to RCEB, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence letters by involved parties in support of the time extension. If an extension is requested, RCEB may reevaluate 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 Separations*. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the Commission web site at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/safety/Rail/Crossings/formg.htm>. This report may be submitted electronically to 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. 49 CFR 234 Section 234.409 requires the railroads to submit periodic crossing inventory updates a minimum of once every three years.

If you have any questions, please contact Sergio Licon at (213) 576-7085 or sal@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.
Program and Project Supervisor
Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch
Safety and Enforcement Division

C: **(SENT VIA EMAIL)**
Chris Keckeisen, UPRR

