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Central Avenue
City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Central Avenue At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, Identified as CPUC Crossing No. 002H-3.50 and DOT No. 027957V in the City and County of Los Angeles.

Dear Mr. Chao:

This refers to your letter signed, dated, and received by us on March 1, 2016, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) Harbor Subdivision track at Central Avenue, in the City and County of Los Angeles. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 002H-3.50 and DOT No. 027957V.

Central Avenue single-track crossing is a five-lane north-south roadway located at approximately 20 feet north of the Central/Slauson Avenues intersection (intersection). The boundary of jurisdiction between the City and County of Los Angeles is located at the east leg of the intersection. The crossing is equipped with two curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices and simultaneous preemption. There is no rail traffic currently at this crossing. The average daily traffic at the crossing is approximately 25,800 vehicles.

The City of Los Angeles (City) proposes to rehabilitate the underground sewer line along Slauson Avenue and make the following interim alterations to the intersection as shown per plan:

- Deactivate the westbound Slauson Avenue to southbound Central Avenue left-turn phasing and apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage R3-4 "NO U-TURN" for westbound Slauson Avenue;
- Disconnect the traffic loop on Slauson Avenue;
- Cover the westbound Slauson Avenue left turn traffic signal head; and
- Restripe Slauson Avenue.

The above alterations will be reverted upon completion of the sewer rehabilitation project. The reversion of the intersection to the existing condition, is approved herein, and does not require further GO-88B authorization.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by the City and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City, County and BNSF 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 letter dated March 1, 2016, and summarized above are authorized.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the current version of 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.

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

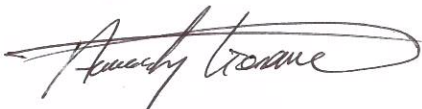
This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Public Resources Code §21084].

This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three (3) 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 and/or BNSF 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 at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings>. This report may be submitted electronically to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Chi Cheung To at (213) 576-5766 or cct@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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