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April 29, 2018

File Number: XREQ 2018030012, 2018030013,
and 2018030014
City of Tehachapi, Kern County

Jay Schlosser
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City of Tehachapi
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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter Three At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossings at Green Street, Hayes Street and Dennison Road in the City of Tehachapi, Kern County.

Dear Mr. Schlosser:

This refers to your letter, dated March 20, 2018, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify three at-grade highway-rail crossings (crossings), identified in the table below, over the shared rail corridor tracks of the Union Pacific Railroad Company's (UPRR) Mojave Subdivision and BNSF Railway (BNSF) in the City of Tehachapi (City), Kern County. UPRR owns the railroad right-of-way.

Crossing Names and Identification Information

Authorization No.	CPUC Crossing Nos.	DOT No.	Street
XREQ 2018030012	001B-360.50	757436U	Green Street
XREQ 2018030013	001B-360.90	757246R	Hayes Street
XREQ 2018030014	001B-361.40	757247X	Dennison Road

The City proposes the following alterations as part of its pedestrian safety improvement project. These improvements are discussed in greater detail and shown on the plans submitted with the City's request:

- Install Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant sidewalks at the crossings to connect with existing sidewalks in the vicinity;
- Install additional concrete crossing panels to improve pedestrian walking surfaces;
- Install additional flashing lights directed at pedestrians on existing warning device masts at all sidewalk approaches to the crossings;
- Install handrails and fencing to deter trespassing;
- Install ADA-compliant detectable warning tactile strips on all sidewalk approaches to the crossings;
- Reconstruct roadway surfacing for at least 100 feet from the crossings on both directions;
- Install raised curb medians to deter motorist driving around activated warning device gates;
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD)-compliant including W10-1, W10-2, and W48(CA) advance warning signs, and "RXR" and railroad limit pavement markings as shown on the plans.

For Green Street only:

- Install regulatory signage R4-11 “BICYCLE MAY USE FULL LANE” at the H Street intersection, near where the existing bike lane striping drops off, as shown on plans;
- Install CA MUTCD-compliant “RXR” striping at eastbound H Street right turn lane approaching the tracks.

For Hayes Street only:

- Relocate northbound Commission Standard 9 warning device as shown on plans.

For Dennison Road only:

- Install R9-3 (“NO PEDESTRIAN CROSSING”) sign on the west side of the road where no sidewalk will be constructed;
- Install median-mounted Commission Standard 8 to supplement the existing southbound railroad warning device.

The Commission’s Rail Crossings Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by the City and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the 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 letter dated March 20, 2018, and summarized above, are authorized. All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission GOs, ADA, and the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), published by California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the current version of 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 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, RCEB may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

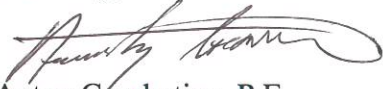
Within 30 days after completion of this project, the City shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G titled *Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossings and Separations*. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the Commission web site at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings>. 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 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.

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If you have any questions, please contact Oliver Garcia at (213) 576-7077 or og1@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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C: Daniel Moreno, UPRR

