

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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South Fruit Avenue  
City of Fresno

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**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the South Fruit Avenue Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 002-1002.50 and DOT No. 028583V, in the City of Fresno.**

Dear Mr. Delsid:

This refers to your letter received by us via email on April 30, 2018, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the South Fruit Avenue at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) track in the City of Fresno (City), County of Fresno (County). The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 002-1002.50 and DOT Crossing No. 028583V.

At the crossing, South Fruit Avenue has an average daily traffic of 7827 vehicles. The crossing is frequented by 36 freight and 12 Amtrak trains per day.

The alterations, as indicated in the City's request letter and/or shown on the plans, shall consist of:

- Replacing the asphalt concrete (AC) path on the east side of the roadway, south of the track, with a 10 foot wide concrete sidewalk;
- Replacing a section of the AC path on the east side of the roadway, north of the track in the City's right-of-way, with a 10 foot wide concrete sidewalk section which will connect with a realigned, new 6 foot wide section AC path in the County's right-of-way;
- Installing curb and gutter associated with new sections of concrete sidewalk;
- Removing existing AC dikes and installing AC dike;
- Installing asphalt buffer between end of sidewalk and edge of concrete panel;
- Removing and replacing the asphalt around the warning device in the southeast quadrant with decomposed granite;
- Removing the existing detectable stripes in the southeast quadrant and replacing it with new detectable stripes; and
- Installing California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) staff has investigated the request by the City, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City and BNSF (Parties) are in agreement as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the

provisions of GO 88-B, the City may proceed with the improvements as described in its request letter and attachments, and summarized above. The City must complete all the proposed alterations mentioned above for RCEB to consider this GO 88-B application closed.

BNSF must also ensure that Emergency Notification Signs are installed to comply with CFR 234.309. Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with Section 8A.08.

All Parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including other Commission General Orders and the latest version of the CA MUTCD. Temporary traffic controls shall be in compliance with the latest version of the CA MUTCD and detour plans as agreed to by the Parties.

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 years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to this office, the time to complete the project may be extended. A written request for a time extension must include concurrence letters by interested 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. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the CPUC web site at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings/>. This report may be submitted electronically to [rceb@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rceb@cpuc.ca.gov).

At the conclusion of the project, BNSF should submit an updated electronic inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the Federal Railroad Administration, 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. The Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to [rceb@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rceb@cpuc.ca.gov).

If you have any questions, please contact Marvin Kennix at (916) 928-3809 or email at [mlk@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:mlk@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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