

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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File Number: XREQ 2019100006  
Mount Vernon Avenue (Overhead)  
City of San Bernardino, San Bernardino County

Paula Beauchamp  
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**SENT VIA E-MAIL**

**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the Mount Vernon Avenue Grade-Separated Highway-Rail Crossing Identified as CPUC Crossing Numbers 101SG-56.26-A and 101SG-56.33) and DOT Number 026731F, in San Bernardino, San Bernardino County.**

Dear Ms. Beauchamp:

This refers to your letter dated October 2, 2019, received by us on October 18, 2019, requesting authorization pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC/Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the grade-separated Mount Vernon Avenue crossing (crossing) over the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) tracks in San Bernardino (City), San Bernardino County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Numbers 101SG-56.26-A and 101SG-56.33-A and DOT Number 026731F.

The crossing consists of a vehicle overpass with two traffic lanes in each direction over a railyard with 23 sets of railroad tracks owned by the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) and maintained by SCRRA. BNSF also operates freight trains over this line. The proposed alterations include the construction of a new wider bridge to accommodate four lanes of vehicular traffic, along with a bike lane and sidewalk in each direction. Approximately 56 passenger and 13 freight trains operate daily on the railroad tracks at a maximum speed of 25 and 10 miles per hour respectively.

The new bridge provides a minimum permanent vertical clearance of 24 feet 6 inches. and a minimum horizontal clearance of 9 feet 4 inches. During construction, the minimum vertical clearance will be reduced to 24 feet. All proposed permanent and temporary clearances will comply with Commission GO 26-D minimum clearance requirements.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request filed by the SBCTA and finds that it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As SBCTA, SCRRA, and the City agree as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, the improvements as described in your request received by us on October 18, 2019, and summarized above, are authorized.

This project is statutorily exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Public Resources Code 21080.13].

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, the SBCTA 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](mailto:rceb@cpuc.ca.gov).

At the conclusion of the project, SCRRA should electronically submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the FRA, reflecting the changes. 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 Sergio Licon at (213) 576-7085 or [sal@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:sal@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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cc: **(SENT VIA E-MAIL)**  
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