

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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25th Street
City of Vernon, County of Los Angeles

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the 25th Street At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing Number 001BG-485.77-C and DOT Number 747602G in the City of Vernon, County of Los Angeles

Dear Mr. Wall:

This refers to your letter dated September 27, 2019, received by us on November 4, 2019, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the 25th Street highway-rail at-grade crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Los Nieto Subdivision track, in the City of Vernon (City), County of Los Angeles. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001BG-485.77-C and DOT No. 747602G.

The single-track crossing is a two-lane east-west roadway with one through lane in each direction. The crossing is equipped with two curb-mounted Commission Standard 8 (flashing light signal assembly) warning devices. The Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach (Ports) jointly own the railroad right-of-way and UPRR is responsible for operation and maintenance of this rail corridor and the crossing. Approximately two freight trains operate daily with a maximum speed of 10 miles per hour over the crossing. The average daily traffic at 25th Street is approximately 11,700 vehicles.

As part of the private development, the driveway located immediately east of the crossing will be widened to accommodate large vehicle access. The City, with the concurrence provided by the Ports and UPRR, plans the following safety improvements at the crossing and as shown per plan:

- Remove two curb-mounted Commission Standard 8 warning devices;
- Install one curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning device on the southwest quadrant of the crossing;
- Install one curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 warning device on the northeast quadrant of the crossing;
- Install one Commission Standard 9 warning device at the southeast quadrant of the crossing located at the departure side of driveway;
- Install two bollard posts at the southeast quadrant of the crossing at approximately six feet east of the warning devices;
- Construct American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalks at the southwest and northeast quadrants of the crossing;

- Install ADA compliant detectable warning tactile strips on all sidewalk approaches of the crossing;
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage, including W10-1; “RXR,” and railroad limit pavement markings.

The Commission’s Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by the City, finds that it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City, Ports 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 November 4, 2019, and summarized above, are authorized. All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission GOs and the current version of the CA MUTCD, published by the California Department of Transportation. The Cities must complete all the proposed alterations mentioned above for RCEB to consider this GO 88-B application closed.

The following requirement pertains to this authorization:

- Flagging shall be provided during construction for the safety of the public, construction workers and train operations.
- UPRR shall maintain the current “Stop and Proceed” operation through this crossing for the safety of the public, train operators and train operations.

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

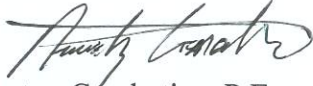
Within 30 days after completion of this project, the City shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G title *Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossings and Separation*. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the CPUC web site Form G page 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 to 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 Chi Cheung To at (213) 576-5766 or cct@cpuc.ca.gov .

Sincerely,



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