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Peach Avenue
City of Fresno, Fresno County

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Peach Avenue At-Grade Highway–Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 103BC-210.00, and DOT Crossing No. 757162V, in the City of Fresno, County of Fresno.

Dear Mr. Garcia:

This refers to your letter, dated and received by us on May 1, 2020, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Peach Avenue at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the San Joaquin Valley Railroad (SJVR) track, leased from Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) in the City of Fresno (City), County of Fresno. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 103BC-210.00, and DOT Crossing No. 757162V.

Peach Avenue is a north-south aligned, two-lane crossing with two Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with an automatic gate arm) warning devices for a single SJVR track. SJVR operates two freight trains per day at the crossing at a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour. The average daily vehicle traffic across the crossing is 13,444.

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

- Removing the existing Commission Standard 9 warning devices.
- Installing four, new Commission Standard 9 warning devices, one on the shoulder and one on the raised median on both sides of the crossing.
- Installing a raised 16-foot wide median on both sides of the crossing.
- Widening the existing two-lane roadway with no shoulders to a four-lane roadway with one 13-foot lane and one 12-foot lane for each direction of traffic with 7-foot shoulders.
- Installing a sidewalk of various widths on both sides of the roadway.
- Installing American with Disabilities Act detectable warning surfaces in the appropriate locations.
- Installing 121.8 feet of concrete panel crossing surface.
- Installing curb and gutter on both sides of the roadway.
- Installing signage, striping, and "RXR" pavement markings compliant with the 2014 California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD).

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, SJVR, and UPRR agree to

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the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, the City may proceed with the alterations 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.

SJVR must ensure that Emergency Notification System signs are installed to comply with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 234.309.

The City shall provide temporary traffic controls in compliance with Section 8A.08, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the 2014 CAMUTCD, published by the California Department of Transportation.

All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and the latest version of the CAMUTCD.

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

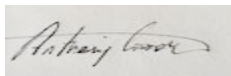
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to RCEB, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence 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. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the Commission's website at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Crossings>. This report may be submitted electronically to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

At the conclusion of the project, the City or SJVR must submit an updated electronic inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the Federal Railroad Administration reflecting the changes. The Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Marvin Kennix at (916) 928-3809 or marvin.kennix@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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