

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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June 23, 2020

File Number: XREQ 2020050005
North Street
Hollister, San Benito County

Danny Hillstock
City Engineer
City of Hollister
375 Fifth Street
Hollister, CA 95023

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the North Street existing at-grade crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001EB-11.40, and DOT No. 752413V, to provide additional pavement for travel lanes and bike lanes in the City of Hollister, San Benito County.

Dear Mr. Hillstock:

This refers to your letter dated and received by us on May 13, 2020, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the North Street existing at-grade crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) track in the City of Hollister (City), County of San Benito. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001EB-11.40, and DOT No. 752413V.

The track crossing is equipped with two Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate) warning devices. Six freight trains operate per week over the crossing at a maximum speed of 10 miles per hour. The crossing average daily traffic is 5,240 vehicles.

The proposed alterations, as indicated in the request letter and/or shown in the attachments, shall consist of:

- Installing one additional travel lane for eastbound North Street for a total of two eastbound travel lanes.
- Installing a bike lane on each side of the crossing.
- Installing sidewalk on each side of the crossing.
- Installing curb and gutter in all four quadrants.
- Relocating the existing Commission Standard 9 in the southwest quadrant.
- Replacing the Commission Standard 9 in the northeast quadrant with a Commission Standard 9-A (Commission Standard 9 and additional flashing light signals over the roadway on a cantilevered arm) warning device.
- Removing the extra concrete panels.
- Installing raised concrete medians on each approach.
- Installing advance railroad preemption.

- Applying California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings, including W10-1 advance warning signs, and “RXR” and railroad stopbar pavement markings.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) staff has investigated the City's request 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, you may proceed with the improvements as described in your request letter, attachments, and summarized above.

UPRR 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, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the CA MUTCD, 2014 Edition, published by the California Department of Transportation.

All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and 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, the RCEB may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

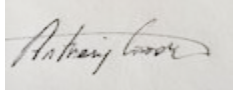
Within 30 days after completion of this project, the City shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is completed by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G, its requirement, and the forms can be obtained at the Commission web site at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Crossings>. This report may be submitted 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 to submit periodic crossing inventory updates a minimum of once every three years.

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If you have any questions, please contact Ade Sogbesan at (415) 703-1869 or es3@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anton Garabetian", is placed on a light gray rectangular background.

Anton Garabetian, P.E.
Program Manager
Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch
Rail Safety Division

cc: Peggy Ygbuhay, UPRR