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File Numbers: XREQ 2020090016, XREQ 202090017  
Eastbound and Westbound Interstate 40  
Unincorporated San Bernardino County

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## SENT VIA E-MAIL

**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Eastbound and Westbound Interstate 40 Grade Separated Highway-Rail Crossings in Unincorporated San Bernardino County.**

Dear Ms. Kalinosky:

This refers to your letter dated November 29, 2019, received by us on September 23, 2020, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Westbound Interstate 40 (WB I-40) and Eastbound Interstate 40 (EB I-40) grade separated highway-rail crossings (crossing) of the BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) Needles Subdivision tracks in an unincorporated area of San Bernardino County (County). The crossings are identified in the table below:

Request Number	CPUC Crossing Number	DOT Crossing Number	Roadway Name
XREQ 2020090017	002-584.90-A	026011M	EB I-40
XREQ 2020090016	002-584.92-A	026012U	WB I-40

The crossings are comprised of two sets of tracks beneath two adjacent roadway bridges. Approximately 64 BNSF freight trains and two passenger trains pass this location daily at a maximum speed of 50 miles per hour (MPH) and 55 MPH, respectively. The average daily vehicle traffic at the crossing is approximately 15,600.

BNSF, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), proposes the following alterations as indicated in the request letter and/or shown in the attachments:

- Construct a third mainline track south of the existing tracks, within the limits of the BNSF ROW
- Construct a crash wall 10 feet 6 inches south of the proposed Mainline 3 on each roadway bridge.

The new Track 3 will be placed a minimum of 15 feet (centerline to centerline) from the existing Main Track 2 and will have a minimum vertical clearance of 23 feet 2 inches.

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The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request filed by BNSF and finds that it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As BNSF and Caltrans 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 letter received by us on September 23, 2020, and summarized above, are authorized. All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and the current version of the CA MUTCD, published by the California Department of Transportation. BNSF and Caltrans must complete all the proposed alterations mentioned above for RCEB to consider this GO 88-B application closed.

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

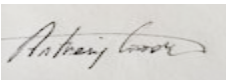
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with, or if the proposed project is not completed, within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to this office, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence letters by involved parties in support of the time extension. If an extension is requested, RCEB may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, the BNSF 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 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 electronically submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) reflecting the changes. RCEB 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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