

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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File Number: XREQ 2021020002
3rd & D Street
City of West Sacramento

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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the 3rd & D Street At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001A-88.40, and DOT No. 750900K, in the City of West Sacramento, County of Yolo.

Dear Ms. Ortiz:

This refers to your letter, dated December 18, 2020, received by us on February 4, 2021, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the 3rd & D Street at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks in the City of West Sacramento (City). The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001A-88.40 and DOT No. 750900K.

The double-track crossing is equipped with two curb mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices. 3rd Street is a two-lane, north/south running road. UPRR and Amtrak run 39 freight and passenger trains per day at a maximum speed of 40 miles per hour over the crossing. The average daily traffic on 3rd Street is 3,300 vehicles.

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

- Adding approximate nine-foot-wide sidewalks on the east and west sides of the crossing.
- Widening the crossing.
- Installing an additional flashing light signal pair on the existing Commission Standard 9 in the northwest quadrant aimed at 2nd Street.
- Bulbing out the curbs in the southeast and southwest quadrants for the 3rd and D Street intersection.
- Installing crosswalks with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) curb ramps at the adjacent intersections.
- Installing channelizer medians on both approaches.
- Reconstructing the curb and gutter in all quadrants.
- Installing Commission Standard 8 (flashing light signal assembly) pedestrian warning devices at the pedestrian sidewalk approaches in the southwest and northeast quadrants of the crossing.

- Installing ADA compliant detectable warning strips on all sidewalk approaches located a minimum of 12 feet from the centerline of the nearest track.
- Installing fencing in all four quadrants to channelize pedestrians.
- Applying the 2014 California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices-Revision 5 (CAMUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings, including W10-1, W48 (CA) “2 TRACKS” advance warning signs, R15-8 “LOOK” signs, R8-8 “DO NOT STOP ON TRACKS” signs and “RXR” and railroad limit pavement markings.

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 and UPRR agree as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, the City may proceed with the alternations 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.

The City 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 CAMUTCD, published by 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.

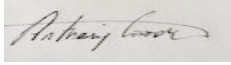
Within 30 days after completion of this project, the City shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is completed by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G. Form G requirements can be obtained at the Commission website at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Crossings>. This report may be submitted electronically to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

At the conclusion of the project, UPRR 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. 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 David Stewart at (916) 928-2515 or atm@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Anton Garabetian".

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

cc Peggy Ygbuhay, UPRR