

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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June 30, 2021

File Number: XREQ 2021060009  
McKinley Street  
City of Corona, Riverside County

Savat Khamphou  
Acting Public Works Director/City Engineer  
City of Corona  
400 S. Vicentia Avenue  
Corona, CA 92882

**SENT VIA E-MAIL**

**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to grade separate the McKinley Street At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, Identified as CPUC Crossing No. 002B-21.20 and DOT No. 026519P, in the City of Corona, Riverside County.**

Dear Mr. Khamphou:

This refers to your letter dated June 28, 2021, received by us on June 29, 2021, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to grade separate the McKinley Street at-grade rail crossing (crossing) over the BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) tracks in the City of Corona (City), Riverside County. The crossing is identified by CPUC Crossing No. 002B-21.20 and DOT No. 026519P.

The crossing is comprised of two sets of tracks and a four-lane roadway, with two traffic lanes in each direction. The crossing is equipped with four curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 (Flashing Light Signal Assembly with Automatic Gate Arm) warning devices. Approximately 39 BNSF freight trains and 21 passenger trains operate through the crossing daily, with a maximum speed of 60 miles per hour. The average daily traffic at the crossing is approximately 29,269 vehicles.

The City proposes to construct a four-lane overhead roadway bridge structure crossing the BNSF railroad tracks, the Arlington Channel, and Sampson Avenue. The minimum vertical clearance will be 24 feet, and the minimum horizontal clearance is approximately 74 feet to the bridge abutments, which exceed the requirements of GO 26-D. The City does not request for temporary impaired clearances for construction of the bridge.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request filed by the City and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City and BNSF 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 dated June 28, 2021, and summarized above, are authorized. All parties must comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, published by Caltrans.

During construction, the City must comply with the proposed temporary traffic control plans included in the GO 88-B request. Any deviations to the temporary traffic control plans must first be reviewed and approved by RCEB.

The new completed grade separated crossing will be identified as CPUC Crossing Number 002B-21.20-A and DOT No. 979306L. The current Department of Transportation number will be retired.

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 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 re-evaluate 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 titled *Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossings and Separations*. Form G requirements and 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](mailto:rceb@cpuc.ca.gov).

At the conclusion of the project, BNSF shall submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form to the FRA, reflecting the changes. Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to [rces@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rces@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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Rail Safety Division

cc: **(SENT VIA E-MAIL)**  
Kate Kalinosky, BNSF