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Stimson Avenue
City of Industry, Los Angeles County

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Stimson Avenue At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing Number 003-18.30 and DOT Number 810871U in the City of Industry, Los Angeles County

Dear Mr. Nelson:

This refers to your letter received by us on October 4, 2021, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the Stimson Avenue highway-rail at-grade crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Los Angeles Subdivision in the City of Industry (City), Los Angeles County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 003-18.30 and DOT No. 810871U.

The crossing consists of two tracks and a four-lane north-south roadway, with two lanes in each direction. The crossing is equipped with four Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices, with one curb-mounted and one median-mounted device on each roadway approach. UPRR operates 38 freight trains and Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) operates 12 passenger trains daily at the crossing, with maximum speeds of 65 miles per hour (MPH) and 79 MPH, respectively. The average daily traffic through the crossing is approximately 15,960 vehicles.

With concurrence from UPRR, the City proposes the following alterations at the crossing as shown on the plans:

- Install two Commission Standard 8 (flashing light signal assembly) warning devices, with one in each of the southwest and northeast quadrants.
- Install 88 feet of precast concrete railroad crossing panels.
- Reconstruct, widen, and extend the medians north and south of the crossing.
- Repave roadway north and south of the crossing.
- Reconstruct sidewalk approaches and install detectable warning tactile strips at all four quadrants, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Install signage and striping per 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 that it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City and UPRR are in agreement

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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 October 4, 2021, and summarized above, are authorized.

All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission GOs and the current version of CAMUTCD, published by California Department of Transportation. The City and UPRR must complete all the proposed alterations mentioned above for RCEB to consider this GO 88-B application closed.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the current version of the CA MUTCD. Refer to CA MUTCD Section 6G.18 and Figure 6H-46 regarding "Work in the Vicinity of a Grade Crossing."

UPRR must ensure that Emergency Notification Systems signs are installed on new warning devices to comply with CFR 234.309.

This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental 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 titled *Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossings and Separation*. 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.

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. Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Cervantes at (213) 266-4716, or mci@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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