

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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October 13, 2022

File Number: XREQ 2016080001TE  
W. Belmont Avenue, Fresno

Bruce W. Armistead  
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California High-Speed Rail Authority  
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**Re: Time Extension Request for General Order 88-B Authorization XREQ2016080001 to Construct the W. Belmont Avenue Grade-Separated Highway-Rail Crossing in the City of Fresno, County of Fresno.**

Dear Bruce Armistead:

This refers to your letter dated August 18, 2022, received by us on August 30, 2022, requesting a time extension of 36 months to replace the existing Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) grade-separated crossing with a new grade-separated crossing for both UPRR and California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) tracks at the existing underpass crossing of W. Belmont Ave in the City of Fresno. The crossing shall be identified for the UPRR tracks as CPUC Crossing No. 001B-203.82-A and for the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) tracks as CPUC Crossing No. 135S-190.29-A. Both sets of tracks shall share DOT Crossing No. 450428A.

The California Public Utilities Commission Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) granted the original authorization on September 6, 2016, with an expiration date of September 6, 2019. On August 14, 2019, the Commission granted a three-year time extension to complete the construction of the overhead grade separation, which expired on September 6, 2022.

CHSRA is requesting a second time extension to complete the construction of the overhead grade separation improvements. UPRR and the City of Fresno provided concurrence to the modification and time extension request.

RCEB investigated the time extension request and finds that there has been no substantial change in circumstances since granting the original authority.

In consideration of the above, CHSRA is granted a 36-month extension of time to September 6, 2025, to complete construction of the overhead grade separation improvements. In all other respects, the approval letter issued on September 6, 2016, shall remain in full force and effect.

If you have any questions, please contact Marvin Kennix at (916) 597-5760 or email at [mlk@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:mlk@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gina Adams".

Gina Adams  
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