

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Cedar Avenue  
City of Rialto, San Bernardino County

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**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Cedar Avenue Rail Crossing**

Dear Rudy Victorio:

This refers to your letter received by us on April 25, 2023, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Cedar Avenue rail crossing (crossing) of the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) tracks, in the City of Rialto (City), County of San Bernardino. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 101SG-51.44 and DOT Number 026140C.

The crossing is a north-south, four-lane roadway that consists of two tracks. The crossing is equipped with two curb-mounted and two median mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices.

In January 2018, the City had requested authorization from the Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) to make modifications to the crossing. RCEB had authorized the City's request under GO 88-B XREQ 2018010002 letter. Construction on the crossing was started, however due to contractor issues, the work was not completed by the authorization's expiration date of January 22, 2021. The City has now resolved the contractor issues and is ready to complete the unfinished work at the crossing. Since the previous authorization has expired, the City is requesting a new authorization to complete construction. RCEB has reviewed the request by the City. As the City and SCRRA agree on the alterations and apportionment of costs under the provisions of GO 88-B, the following alterations as described and specified in the request letter and its attachments are authorized:

- Remove the existing backlights from the median-mounted Commission Standard 9 warning devices as requested by Metrolink, to maintain consistency with their design standards.
- Install one Commission Standard 9 pedestrian warning device at each sidewalk approach, including emergency swing gates on the east side of Cedar Ave.
- Install pedestrian channelization in the form of hand railings for both approaches on the east side of Cedar Avenue.
- Install additional concrete panels along the track to accommodate the new sidewalk.
- Construct an eight-foot wide Americans with Disabilities Act compliant sidewalk on the east side of Cedar Avenue, including detectable warning strips on both approaches to the crossing.

- Install pedestrian barricades on the west side of Cedar Avenue for both approaches to the crossing.
- Install right-of-way fencing and maintenance access gates to the railroad right-of-way.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings, including W10-1 advance warning signs, “RXR” and railroad limit pavement markings.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the CA MUTCD, published by the California Department of Transportation. All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and CA MUTCD.

This authorization shall expire if the full scope of alterations is not complete within three years of the date of this letter. City may request a time extension at least 30 days prior to the expiration date. The time extension request shall include evidence of agreement by involved parties. This authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity, or safety requires.

This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended. [California Public Resources Code §21084].

The following requirements pertain to this authorization:

- The crossing shall have the configuration and operational characteristics as described and specified in the request letter and its attachments.
- Within 30 days after the authorized scope of alterations is complete, City shall notify RCEB of the alterations by submitting a Form G to [rceb@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rceb@cpuc.ca.gov). Form G requirements and forms are available on the CPUC web site at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings>.
- SCRRRA shall electronically submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the FRA per 49 C.F.R. § 234.411(c).

If you have any questions, please contact Sergio Licon at (213) 503-4688 or [sergio.licon@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:sergio.licon@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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