

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Baumberg Ave  
City of Hayward, Alameda County

Dave Hung  
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**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Baumberg Ave Rail Crossing**

Dear Dave Hung:

This refers to your letter received by us on May 9, 2023, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Baumberg Ave rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) track(s), in the City of Hayward (City), County of Alameda. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 001L-23.00 and DOT Number 749913P.

The crossing is a Northeast-Southwest, two-lane roadway that consists of two tracks. The crossing is equipped with two curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 (Flashing Light Signal Assembly with Automatic Gate Arm) warning devices.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) reviewed the request by the City. As the City and UPRR 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:

- Relocate the Commission Standard 9 warning device in the southwest quadrant.
- Install a Commission Standard 8 (flashing light signal assembly) warning device in the southeast quadrant.
- Widen the roadway for the northeast bound direction of vehicular traffic. There will continue to be a single travel lane in each direction.
- Widen the concrete crossing panel crossing surface.
- Construct Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant sidewalk through the crossing to connect the sidewalks in the southeast and southwest quadrants.
- Install detectable warning surfaces in the southeast and southwest quadrants.
- Install a driveway in the southeast quadrant for maintenance access.
- Remove existing AC berm in the southwest quadrant.
- Remove existing guard rail posts.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and 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. The City of Hayward 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>.
- UPRR 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 Sia Mozaffari at (415) 471-4129 or [Siavash.Mozaffari@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Siavash.Mozaffari@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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