

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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File Number: XREQ 2023090004  
South Austin Road  
City of Manteca, San Joaquin County

Kevin Jorgensen II  
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Manteca CA 95337

**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Grade Separate the South Austin Road Rail Crossing**

Dear Kevin Jorgensen II:

This refers to your letter dated September 12, 2023, received by us on September 22, 2023, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to grade separate the South Austin Road at-grade rail crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) track, in the City of Manteca (City), County of San Joaquin.

The at-grade crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 001B-99.50 and DOT Number 752434N. The grade-separated crossing will be identified as CPUC Crossing Number 001B-99.50-A and DOT Number 978386D.

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 cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, the following alterations as described and specified in the request letter and its attachments are authorized:

- Construct an 84-foot-wide roadway consisting of four vehicular lanes, two bicycle lanes, and one six-foot two-inch-wide sidewalk above the tracks.

The project proposes a minimum permanent vertical clearance of 25 feet 9 inches from the top of rail and a permanent horizontal clearance of 50 feet from the centerline of the nearest track to the pier. No temporary clearance reductions are requested during construction. All proposed permanent clearances comply with minimum clearance requirements specified in Commission GO 26-D.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), published by the California Department of Transportation. All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and the CA MUTCD.

This authorization shall expire if the full scope of alterations is not complete within three years of the date of this letter. Authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity, or safety so requires. The City may request a time extension to complete the project in writing to RCEB at least

30 days prior to the expiration date. The time extension request shall include evidence of agreement by involved parties.

This project is statutorily exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended. [California Public Resources Code 21080.13]

The following requirements pertain to this authorization:

- The crossing configuration and operational characteristics at each stage during construction should be altered as described and specified in the request letter and the staging plan attachments.
- The at-grade crossing shall be eliminated by removing all pavement approaches, crossing surface, railroad signal equipment, traffic control devices and railroad warning devices upon the completion of grade-separated crossing.
- Within 30 days after the authorized scope of alterations is complete, the 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 Form G page 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 David Stewart at (415) 806-0490 or [David.Stewart@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:David.Stewart@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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cc: **(SENT VIA EMAIL)**  
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