

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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E. San Francisco Avenue

City of Willits

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**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the E. San Francisco Avenue Rail Crossing**

Dear Dusty Duley:

This refers to your letter dated October 24, 2023 and received by us on March 15, 2024, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the E. San Francisco Avenue rail crossing (crossing) of the California Western Railroad (CWR) track, in the City of Willits (City), County of Mendocino. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 005-139.10 and DOT Number 498847J.

The crossing is an east-west two-lane roadway that consists of four tracks. The crossing is equipped with two curb-mounted Commission Standard 1-R (crossbuck sign on a post) warning devices.

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

- Install a striped continental crosswalk with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant pedestrian ramps and detectable warning surfaces on the east side of the crossing.
- Install a 10-foot-wide pathway north and south of the crossing on the east side of the tracks.
- Install a 3.5-foot-high fence between the new pathway and track in the northeast and southeast quadrants.
- Install California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant R1-1 "STOP" signs, 12-inch-wide stop lines, W3-1 "STOP AHEAD", W10-3 advance warning signs and RXR markings on each pathway approach .
- Construct a new 4-foot-wide sidewalk on the north side of the crossing with ADA compliant detectable warning surfaces, Commission Standard 1-R Crossbuck with a STOP sign, and R15-8 "LOOK" signs on both approaches.
- Install a striped continental crosswalk with ADA compliant curb ramps and detectable warning surfaces on the north leg of the East San Francisco Avenue and Railroad Avenue intersection.

- Install an asphalt dike in the southwest quadrant on the corner of E San Francisco Avenue and Railroad Avenue.
- Apply CA MUTCD compliant signage and pavement markings, including W11-15 and W16-7P crosswalk warning signs, R1-5 “YIELD HERE TO PEDS” signs, R8-8 “DO NOT STOP ON TRACKS” signs, and 24-inch-wide STOP bars on both roadway approaches to the crossing.

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 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, 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 at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings>.
- CWR 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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