

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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May 29, 2024

File Number: XREQ 2024050001
Berkeley Ave
Stanislaus CountyDenis Bazyuk
Project Manager
Stanislaus County Public Works Department
1716 Morgan Rd
Modesto, CA 95358**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Berkeley Ave Rail Crossing**

Dear Denis Bazyuk:

This refers to your letter dated May 2, 2024, received by us on May 2, 2024, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Berkeley Ave rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) track, in the County of Stanislaus (Stanislaus County). The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 001B-127.50 and DOT Number 752837C.

The crossing is a southwest-northeast, two-lane roadway that consists of one track. 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 County. As UPRR agrees 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 two Commission Standard 9 warning devices on the northeast and southwest quadrants of the crossing.
- Install two new curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 warning devices on the northeast and southwest quadrants.
- Install one new median-mounted Commission Standard 8 (Flashing Light Signal Assembly) on the northeast side of the crossing.
- Construct American with Disabilities Act-compliant sidewalk on all quadrants of the crossing.
- Install detectable warning surfaces on all quadrants of the crossing.
- Install a new traffic signal system at the Berkeley Ave and Paulson Rd intersection along with railroad circuitry to provide advance preemption time.
- Construct curb ramps and crosswalks at the Berkeley Ave and Paulson Rd intersection.
- Install a new traffic signal system at the Berkeley Ave and Golden State Blvd intersection along with railroad circuitry to provide advance preemption time.
- Construct curb ramps and crosswalks at the Berkeley Ave and Golden State Blvd intersection.

- Widen the roadway across the crossing to accommodate one westbound through/right lane, one westbound left turn lane, and one eastbound through lane.
- Construct non-mountable medians on the crossing approaches.
- Modify the road profile to a flatter elevation.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD)-compliant signage and pavement markings, including R8-8 “DO NOT STOP ON TRACKS” regulatory signs.

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. Stanislaus County 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.
- The County shall notify RCEB at least 45 days prior to the date that the new or modified interconnection is placed in service by sending notification to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.
- Within 30 days after the authorized scope of alterations is complete, the County shall notify RCEB of the alterations by submitting a Form G to 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 Pablo Vargas at (916) 532-8807 or pablo.vargas@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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cc: Amber Stoffels, UPRR