

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Pennsylvania Avenue
City of Beaumont, Riverside County

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City of Beaumont
550 E. Sixth Street
Beaumont, CA 92223

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

Dear Robert Vestal:

This refers to your letter dated April 16, 2024, received by us on May 13, 2024, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Pennsylvania Avenue rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks, in the City of Beaumont (City), County of Riverside. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 001B-563.10 and DOT Number 760688Y.

The crossing is a North-South, two-lane roadway that consists of two tracks. The crossing is equipped with two curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal 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 Commission GO 88-B, the following alterations as described and specified in the request letter and its attachments are authorized:

- Remove and replace the two existing curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 warning devices.
- Install two median-mounted Commission Standard 9 warning devices.
- Install Americans with Disabilities Act compliant sidewalk on the west side of Pennsylvania Avenue.
- Replace and extend concrete panel crossing surface on both tracks to 88 feet to accommodate new sidewalk.
- Widen Pennsylvania Avenue to accommodate a four-lane roadway.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD)-compliant signage and pavement markings, including applicable warning signs and 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. City may request a time extension at least 30 days prior to the expiration date. The

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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. 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 Sergio Licon at (323) 503-4866 or sergio.licon@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew Bond".

Matthew Bond, P.E.
Program and Project Supervisor
Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch
Rail Safety Division

cc: Kenneth Tom, UPRR