

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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29th Ave
City of Oakland, Alameda CountyJesse Bourdart
Transportation Engineer
City of Oakland
250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 4344
Oakland CA 94612**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the 29th Ave Rail Crossing**

Dear Jesse Bourdart:

This refers to your letter dated July 15, 2024, received by us on July 26, 2024, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the 29th Ave rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks, in the City of Oakland (City), County of Alameda. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 001D-9.50 and DOT Number 749621T.

The crossing is a north-south, four-lane roadway that consists of three tracks. The crossing is equipped with two curb-mounted Commission Standard No 9 (Flashing Light Signal Assembly with Automatic Gate Arm) warning devices, one in each direction of travel.

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:

- Replace the current Commission Standard No 9 warning devices in the northwest and southeast quadrants with Commission Standard No 9-A (Commission Standard 9 with Additional Flashing Light Signals over the Roadway on a Cantilevered Arm) warning devices.
- Install two Commission Standard No 8 (Flashing Light Signal Assembly) warning devices on the northeast and southwest quadrants.
- Construct Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant sidewalks with detectable warning surfaces on all quadrants.
- Replace the All Red Flash preemption hold phase at the Del Monte traffic signal with limited-service.
- Rehabilitate the roadway pavement within the railroad right of way.
- Construct non-mountable medians on the crossing approaches.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD)-compliant signage and pavement markings, including KEEP CLEAR 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 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 City and/or UPRR 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, 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 [Sia Mozaffari](mailto:sia.mozaffari@cpuc.ca.gov) at (415) 471-4129 or sia.mozaffari@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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