

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

320 West 4th Street, Suite 500, Los Angeles, CA 90013



August 28, 2024

File Number: XREQ 2024080002
Firestone Boulevard
City of Norwalk, Los Angeles County

Run Chen
Principal Civil Engineer
City of Norwalk
12700 Norwalk Boulevard
Norwalk CA 90650

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Firestone Boulevard Grade-Separated Rail Crossing

Dear Run Chen:

This refers to your letter dated August 7, 2024, received by us on August 7, 2024, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Firestone Boulevard grade-separated rail crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) track, in the City of Norwalk (City), County of Los Angeles. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 001BKA-497.70-A and DOT Number 761471P.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) reviewed the request by the City of Norwalk. 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:

- Widen the bridge structure by 16 feet 4 inches over the UPRR right-of-way.
- Install lighting beneath the bridge structure.
- Remove existing pedestrian stairwell to Ringwood Ave on the north side of Firestone Blvd, just west of the crossing, and install a steel picket fence along UPRR right-of-way.

The project proposes a minimum permanent vertical clearance of 23 feet 11 ½ inches from the top of rail and a permanent horizontal clearance of 11 feet 4 inches from the centerline of the nearest track to the abutment. 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 CA MUTCD.

This authorization shall expire if the full scope of alterations is not complete within 3 years of the date of this letter. 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.

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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:

- 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>.

If you have any questions, please contact Richard Le at (213) 999-9053 or Richard.Le@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: Nick Vineyard, Benesch
Run Chen, City of Norwalk
Kenneth Tom, Union Pacific Railroad