

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Gilbert Street  
City of Santa Ana, Orange County

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**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Gilbert Street Rail Crossing**

Dear Russell Osorio:

This refers to your letter dated September 9, 2024, received by us on September 10, 2024, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Gilbert Street rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific (UPRR) tracks, in the City of Santa Ana (City), County of Orange. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 001BAA-512.40 and DOT Number 748011G.

The crossing is a north/south direction, 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 of Orange (County). As the County, 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:

- Remove the existing curb mounted Commission Standard 9 on each approach.
- Remove the existing signal house.
- Install new curb mounted Commission Standard 9 on each approach.
- Install new Commission Standard 8 in the southwest quadrant.
- Install new signal house.
- Install pedestrian sidewalk through the crossing.
- Install interconnected pre-signals for southbound approach to the crossing.
- Install interconnected traffic signals at the intersection of Gilbert Street and Pacific Place.
- Install raised medians to divide northbound and southbound lanes.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD)-compliant signage and pavement markings, including applicable warning 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. 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](mailto:rceb@cpuc.ca.gov).
- Within 30 days after the authorized scope of alterations is complete, County 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>.
- 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 Howard Huie at (415) 308-0533 or [howard.huie@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:howard.huie@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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