

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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File Number: XREQ 20241200002  
Ash Street  
City of Newark, Alameda County

Amber Stoffels  
Manager Industry & Public Projects  
Union Pacific Railroad  
1400 W. 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Unit 1259  
Denver, CO 80221

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

Dear Amber Stoffels:

This refers to your letter received by us on December 3, 2024, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Ash Street rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks, in the City of Newark (City), County of Alameda. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 001DAB-36.70 and DOT Number 750024H.

The crossing is a North-South, two-lane roadway that consists of three tracks. The crossing is equipped with two curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 (Flashing Light Assembly with Automatic Gate Arm) warning devices.

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

- Change the crossing from Constant Warning Time to a Stop and Proceed operation using the island circuit to activate the gates. The trains will stop 50 feet from the crossing and the engineers will ensure that the gates are lowered before proceeding across the roadway.

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 the CA MUTCD.

This authorization shall expire if the full scope of alterations is not complete within three years of the date of this letter. UPRR 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.
- Within 30 days after the authorized scope of alterations is complete, UPRR 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 required.

If you have any questions, please contact Sia Mozaffari at (415) 471-4129 or [siavash.mozaffari@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:siavash.mozaffari@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew Bond". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

cc: Howard Young, City of Newark