

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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File Number: XREQ 20250300001

Third Street

City of Riverside, Riverside County

Sweta Patel  
Principal Engineer  
City of Riverside  
3900 Main Street  
Riverside CA 92522

**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Grade Separate the Third Street Rail Crossing**

Dear Sweta Patel:

This refers to your letter dated January 23, 2025, received by us on March 13, 2025, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to grade separate the Third Street at-grade rail crossing of the BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) track(s), in the City of Riverside (City), County of Riverside.

The at-grade crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 002B-9.50 and DOT Number 026480N. The grade-separated crossing will be identified as CPUC Crossing Number 002B-9.50-B and DOT Number 980865H.

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

- Construct an 87-foot-roadway consisting of four lanes and two 6-foot-wide sidewalks below the tracks.
- Construct an 83-foot-wide rail bridge structure with three tracks.

The project proposes a minimum permanent vertical clearance of 17 feet 8 inches under the rail bridge structure and a permanent horizontal clearance of 16 feet 10 inches from the centerline of the nearest track to the edge of rail bridge. No temporary clearance reductions are requested during construction. All proposed 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 four 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.

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:

- The crossing configuration and operational characteristics at each stage during construction shall be altered as described and specified in the request letter and the staging plan attachments.
- The at-grade crossing shall be eliminated by removing all pavement approaches, crossing surface, railroad signal equipment, traffic control devices and railroad warning devices upon the completion of grade-separated crossing.
- 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](mailto:rceb@cpuc.ca.gov). Form G requirements and forms are available on the CPUC web site at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings>.
- BNSF 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 (213) 503-4866 or [sergio.licon@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:sergio.licon@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew Bond". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matthew" and the last name "Bond" clearly distinguishable.

Matthew Bond, PE, TE  
Program and Project Supervisor  
Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch  
Rail Safety Division

cc: Dionisio Martinez, BNSF