

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102



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File Number: XREQ 20250500005  
Decoto Road  
City of Union City, Alameda County

Farooq M. Azim  
City Engineer  
City of Union City  
34009 Alvarado-Niles Rd  
Union City, CA 94587

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

Dear Farooq M. Azim:

This refers to your letter dated April 1, 2025, received by us on May 14, 2025, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Decoto Road rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks, in the City of Union City (City), County of Alameda. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 004-26.90 and DOT Number 834186V.

The crossing is a North-South, four-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 and two median-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 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 existing concrete crossing surface and install additional panels to allow for future installation of realigned sidewalks.
- Install detectable warning devices on all four quadrants.

The request states that the City proposes to reconstruct the existing sidewalks as a second phase of the project. This phase will require a second GO 88-B authorization. If the second phase of this project is not completed within three years of the date of this request, the additional panels will be removed.

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. Furthermore

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, the 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>.
- 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 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, PE, TE  
Program and Project Supervisor  
Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch  
Rail Safety Division

cc: Amber Stoffels, UPRR