

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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San Gorgonio Road
City of Banning, Riverside County

Nathan Smith
Deputy Director/City Engineer
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99 E. Ramsey Street
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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the San Gorgonio Road Rail Crossing

Dear Nathan Smith:

This refers to your letter dated June 4, 2025, received by us on June 27, 2025, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the San Gorgonio Road rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks, in the City of Banning (City), County of Riverside. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 001B-568.20 and DOT Number 760694C.

The crossing is a North-South, two-lane roadway that consists of two tracks. The crossing is equipped with two curb-mounted Commission Standard 9-A (Flashing Light Signal Assembly with Automatic Gate Arm and Additional Flashing Light Signals over the Roadway on a Cantilevered 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:

- Remove existing curb-mounted Commission Standard 9-A warning devices.
- Install two new curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 (Flashing Light Signal Assembly with Automatic Gate Arm) warning devices; one in the northwest quadrant and one in the southeast quadrant.
- Install two new curb-mounted Commission Standard 8 (Flashing Light Signal Assembly) warning devices; one in the southwest quadrant and one in the northeast quadrant.
- Replace and extend concrete panel crossing surfaces to cover the proposed sidewalk.
- Construct Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant sidewalk on the including detectable warning strips on all four quadrants of the crossing.
- Install curb and gutter on all four quadrants of the crossing.
 - Northwest quadrant: 100 feet to Bryant Street.
 - Southwest quadrant: 75 feet to the existing curb.
 - Southeast quadrant: 35 feet to the existing curb.
 - Northeast quadrant: 100 feet to Bryant St.
- Construct non-mountable medians on the crossing approaches.
 - Approximately 90 feet north of the track.

- Approximately 100 feet south of the track.
- Install street lights in the southeast, northeast, and northwest quadrants of the crossing.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD)-compliant signage and pavement markings, including 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. 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.

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. 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 Sergio Licon at (213) 503-4866 or sergio.licon@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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