

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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File Numbers: XREQ 20250800005 and
XREQ 20250900010Maple Ave and S. Greenwood Ave
City of Montebello, Los Angeles County

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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Maple Ave and S. Greenwood Ave Rail Crossings

Dear Kevin Lai:

This refers to your letter dated August 19, 2025, received by us on September 11, 2025, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Maple Ave and S. Greenwood Ave rail crossings (crossings) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks, in the City of Montebello (City), County of Los Angeles.

Crossing Names and Identification Information

Authorization No.	Roadway Name	CPUC Crossing No.	DOT No.
XREQ 20250800005	Maple Ave	003-8.00	811076V
XREQ 20250900010	S. Greenwood Ave	003-8.30	811075N

Both crossings are configured as North-South, two-lane roadways that consist of two tracks. The crossings are equipped as follows:

- Maple Ave is equipped with one 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 device, one Commission Standard 9 (Flashing Light signal Assembly with Automatic Gate Arm) warning device, and two Commission Standard 8 (Flashing Light Signal Assembly) warning devices.
- S. Greenwood Ave is equipped with two Commission Standard 9 warning devices and two Commission Standard 8 warning devices.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) reviewed the request by the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG). As the City, SGVCOG, 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:

General

As a condition of constructing the at-grade safety improvements at S. Greenwood Ave, Maple Ave, and S. Vail Ave (to be authorized separately), construction of the three crossings shall be performed one at a time as stated and agreed to in the letter dated August 8, 2025 from Marisa Creter, the Executive Director of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. Two of the three crossings shall remain open at all times during construction.

- The northbound dedicated left turn lane installed at S. Greenwood Ave/Olympic Blvd intersection described in “Phase 1A Safety Mitigation Improvements” and in Exhibit 3 of the GO88-B request for Greenwood Ave will remain in place until after the Montebello Blvd Grade Separation is open to vehicular traffic and the detour is removed.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD)-compliant signage and pavement markings, and regulatory signs.

Maple Ave

- Remove existing warning devices.
- Install one CPUC Standard 9-A warning device for the northbound approach to the crossing.
- Install one CPUC Standard 9 warning device for the southbound approach to the crossing.
- Install two CPUC Standard 9-E (Commission Standard 9 installed on the departure side of the at-grade crossing, also known as an exit gate) warning devices, one in each direction.
- Install four CPUC Standard 9 pedestrian gate warning devices with emergency egress swing gates and detectable warning surfaces on each quadrant of the crossing.

S. Greenwood Ave

- Remove existing warning devices.
- Install two CPUC Standard 9 warning devices, one on each approach.
- Install four CPUC Standard 9 pedestrian gate warning devices with emergency egress swing gates and detectable warning surfaces on each quadrant of the crossing.
- Install of a traffic signal with pre-signal for southbound traffic, crosswalks, and pedestrian ramps at the intersection with Truck Way.
- Interconnect the traffic signal and pre-signal with the rail crossing warning devices with advance preemption.
- Install a raised median north and south of the crossing.

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. San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments 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 each of their request letter and its attachments.
- SGVCOG shall notify RCEB at least 45 days prior to the date that the new interconnection is placed in service by sending notification to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.
- Within 30 days after the authorized scope of alterations is complete, SGVCOG 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 Chris Palas UE at (213) 999-3403 or Christopher.Palas@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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