

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Crown Valley Parkway OH  
City of Laguna Niguel, Orange County

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**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Crown Valley Parkway OH  
Grade-Separated Rail Crossing**

Dear Harrison Martin:

This refers to your letter dated September 5, 2025, received by us on September 9, 2025, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Crown Valley Parkway OH grade-separated rail crossing of the Southern California Regional Railroad Authority (SCRRA) tracks, in the City of Laguna Niguel (City), County of Orange. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 101OR-193.20-A and DOT Number 026780C.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) reviewed the request by the City of Laguna Niguel. As the City and SCRRA agree on the alterations and apportionment of costs under the provisions of Commission GO 88-B, the following alterations as described and specified in the request letter and its attachments are authorized:

- Widen the existing overpass to add one westbound lane and one 5-foot sidewalk.

The City is requesting a deviation from Commission GO 26-D for a temporary vertical clearance of 22 feet 1 ½ inches above SCRRA tracks during construction. GO 26-D, Section 2.1 requires a minimum vertical clearance of 22 feet 6 inches from the top of the rail to the bottom of the overhead structure.

Pursuant to Commission Resolution SX-76 and Section 16.2 of Commission GO 26-D, the City is granted a temporary deviation from Commission GO 26-D, Section 2.1 for a temporary vertical clearance of not less than 22 feet 1 ½ inches from the top of rail, during the construction period for the structure. All proposed permanent clearances comply with minimum clearance requirements specified in Commission GO 26-D.

The following requirements shall apply to the temporary deviation to Commission GO 26-D, Section 2.1:

1. City shall notify SCRRA and the Commission's Rail Safety Division – Rail Operations Safety Branch (ROSB) and RCEB at least 15 days but not more than 30 days in advance of the date when City will create the temporary reduced vertical clearance. For the Commission, this notification may be submitted electronically to [rceb@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rceb@cpuc.ca.gov).

2. SCRRRA shall issue instructions to all individuals responsible for operation of trains over these tracks of the temporary reduced vertical clearance of 22 feet 1 ½ inches and shall submit the instructions in advance of the date when City will create the temporary reduced vertical clearance to ROSB and RCEB. This notification may be submitted electronically to [rceb@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rceb@cpuc.ca.gov).

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 5 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:

- 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>.

If you have any questions, please contact Howard Huie at (415) 308-0533 or [howard.huie@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:howard.huie@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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