

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102



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File Number: XREQ 20251000005
Skyway Drive
City of San José, Santa Clara County

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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Skyway Drive Rail Crossing

Dear Florin Lapustea:

This refers to your letter dated October 22, 2025, received by us on October 22, 2025, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Skyway Drive rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) tracks, in the City of San José (City), County of Santa Clara. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 001E-53.45 and DOT Number 755135S.

The crossing is a Northeast-Southwest, four-lane roadway that consists of two tracks. The crossing is equipped with two curb-mounted and one 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:

- Reduce the number of travel lanes on westbound Skyway Drive through the crossing from two to one and stripe in a merge lane for Monterey Road southbound right turn.
- Reduce the lengths of the railroad vehicle gate arms for both eastbound and westbound directions.
- Install a striped center median island in both directions.
- Extend the sidewalk in the southwest quadrant behind the CPUC Standard 9 warning device to allow pedestrian egress during train activation.
- Add detectable warning surfaces to both sidewalk approaches on the south side of the crossing.
- Install Class IV bike lanes on Skyway Drive, including the installation of vertical delineators.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD)-compliant signage and pavement markings, including, W10-1: RXR Advance Warning (Circular), W48(CA): Number of Tracks, warning signs, AND R8-8: Do Not Turn on Tracks regulatory signs, including Train-activated blank-out 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 the 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.
- The City and/or UPRR shall notify RCEB at least 45 days prior to the date that the new or modified interconnection is placed in service by sending notification to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.
- Within 30 days after the authorized scope of alterations is complete, City and/or UPRR 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 website 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 Eyitejumade “Ade” Sogbesan at (415) 471-6784 or eyitejumade.sogbesan@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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