

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Palm Avenue
City of Riverside, Riverside County

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Riverside, CA 92522

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Palm Avenue Rail Crossing

Dear Farshid Mohammadi:

This refers to your letter dated October 02, 2025, received by us on November 5, 2025, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Palm Avenue rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks, in the City of Riverside (City), County of Riverside. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 003-54.80 and DOT Number 811009B.

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 Cantilever 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.
- Remove existing wayside horns.
- Install two curb mounted Commission Standard 9 (Flashing Light Signal Assembly with Automatic Gate Arm) warning devices with sidelights - one in the northwest quadrant and one in the southeast quadrant.
- Install two new curb-mounted Commission Standard 9-E (Commission Standard 9 installed on the departure side of the at-grade crossing) warning devices with sidelights and vehicle presence detection radar system - one in the southwest quadrant and one in the northeast quadrant.
- Install one Commission Standard 8 (Flashing Light Signal Assembly) warning device in the southwest quadrant of the crossing.
- Reconstruct the concrete sidewalks on the west side of the crossing. Install Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant detectable warning surfaces on all four quadrants of the crossing.
- Reduce Palm Ave roadway from Dewey Ave to approximately 45 feet south of Gardena Ave and eliminate the southbound right turn lane from Palm Ave to Dewey Ave.

- Relocate the residential driveway at 6290 Palm Ave approximately 55 feet to the north, away from the tracks.
- Construct 4-ft wide, 8 inch raised, non-mountable median 10 feet from the north from the tracks to Gardena Drive.
- Install one new Caltrans Type 1 ES-7Q pedestrian barricade in the southeast quadrant.
- Relocate the existing pedestrian barricade in the northeast quadrant per traffic plan.
- 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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cc: Ken Tom, UPRR