

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Mt. Vernon Avenue
City of Colton, San Bernardino County

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650 N. La Cadena Drive
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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Mt. Vernon Avenue Grade-Separated Rail Crossing

Dear Victor Ortiz, PE:

This refers to your letter dated September 3, 2025, received by us on December 18, 2025, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Mt. Vernon Avenue grade-separated rail crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks, in the City of Colton (City), County of San Bernardino. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 001B-539.70-A and DOT Number 746988D.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) reviewed the request by the City of Colton (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:

- Rehabilitate the Mt. Vernon Avenue bridge and perform seismic retrofit.
- Widen the existing bridge from two lanes to four lanes and provide a 6'2" sidewalk on the west side and 6' bike lanes on both sides.

The City is requesting a deviation from GO 26-D for a temporary vertical clearance of 21 feet 6 inches above UPRR track 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 GO 26-D, City is granted a temporary deviation from GO 26-D, Section 2.1 for a temporary vertical clearance of not less than 21 feet 6 inches from the top of rail, during the construction period for the structure. The project proposes a minimum permanent vertical clearance of 23 feet 4 inches from the top of rail and a permanent horizontal clearance of 23 feet 9 inches from the centerline of the nearest track to the pier/abutment. 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 GO 26-D, Section 2.1:

1. The City shall notify UPRR and the Commission's Rail Safety Division – Rail Operations Safety Branch (ROSB) and Rail Crossings Engineering Branch (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.

2. UPRR shall issue instructions to all individuals responsible for operation of trains over these tracks of the temporary reduced vertical clearance of 21 feet 6 inches, and shall submit the instructions in advance of the date when the City will create the temporary reduced vertical clearance to ROSB and RCEB. This notification may be submitted electronically to 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 three 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. 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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Kenneth Tom, Union Pacific Railroad