

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102



January 2, 2026

File Number: XREQ 20251200025  
Oak Street  
City of Oakland, Alameda County

Edmond Siu  
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City of Oakland  
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**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Oak Street Rail Crossing**

Dear Edmond Siu:

This refers to your letter dated December 17, 2025, received by us on December 23, 2025, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Oak Street rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks, in the City of Oakland (City), County of Alameda. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 001D-7.20 and DOT Number 749591D.

The crossing is a north-south, four-lane roadway that consists of three 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 cantilevered 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 both existing curb-mounted Commission Standard 9-A warning devices.
- Install two curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices in the northwest and southeast quadrants.
- Install two curb-mounted Commission Standard 9-E (Commission Standard 9 installed on the departure side of the at-grade crossing, also known as an exit gate) warning devices in the northeast and southwest quadrants.
- Install four Commission Standard 9 pedestrian gate warning devices with emergency egress swing gates, channelization, and detectable warning surfaces on all quadrants of the crossing.
- Install an additional pair of flashers on the curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 in the southeast quadrant aimed at westbound Embarcadero West.
- Install additional pair of flashers on curb-mounted Commission Standard 9-E in the southwest quadrant aimed at northbound Oak Street.
- Install additional pair of flashers on the Commission Standard 9 pedestrian gate in the northwest quadrant aimed at the station pathway.
- Install a bike/pedestrian shared use path through the west side of the crossing.

- Install advance railroad preemption at the Oak Street and Embarcadero West intersection.
- Install a traffic signal at the Oak Street and Embarcadero West intersection with presignals and programmable visibility signal heads for southbound Oak Street. The traffic signal will be interconnected with the railroad warning devices.
- Install RRFB at Oak St and 2<sup>nd</sup> St.
- Remove and replace the non-mountable medians on the crossing approaches.
- Install median island at the intersection of Oak Street and Fallon Street.
- Install additional lighting to illuminate the crossing.
- Trim vegetation to insure the visibility of the flashing lights on the northwest quadrant.
- Install fencing per plan to prevent trespassing.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD)-compliant signage and pavement markings, including R3-1 “No Right Turn blank-out”, R8-8 “DO NOT STOP ON TRACKS”, R8-10 “STOP HERE WHEN FLASHING”, R10-11 “NO TURN ON RED” regulatory signs and “WAIT HERE” pavement markings.

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.
- The City 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](mailto:rceb@cpuc.ca.gov).
- Within 30 days after the authorized scope of alterations is complete, 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>.
- 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 Ramineh Medhat at (415) 791-2612 or [ramineh.medhat@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:ramineh.medhat@cpuc.ca.gov).

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew Bond". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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