

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Market Street
City of Oakland, Alameda CountyEdmond Siu
Supervising Civil Engineer
City of Oakland
250 Frank H Ogawa Plaza, Suite 4314
Oakland CA 94612**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Market 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 Market 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-6.20 and DOT Number 749580R.

The crossing is a north-south, four lane roadway that consists of three 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:

- Remove existing median-mounted Commission Standard 9 warning device.
- Remove existing curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 warning device in the northwest quadrant and install a 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 device.
- Replace existing Commission Standard 9 warning device in the southeast quadrant.
- 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 additional pair of flashers on the Commission Standard 9 warning device in the southeast quadrant, aimed at vehicles traveling eastbound on Embarcadero West.
- Install additional pair of flashers on Commission Standard 9-E warning device in southwest quadrant, aimed at vehicles traveling westbound on Embarcadero West.
- Install pedestrian channelization to the east side of the crossing and provide Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant sidewalk with detectable warning surfaces.
- Convert northeast leg of crossing to include four 12-ft lanes and a 2-ft median.
- Realign Embarcadero West by shifting it south, further from the crossing.

- Re-construct the roadway to reduce approach grade at the crossing.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD)-compliant signage and pavement markings edge line pavement markings across the crossing, extending over the concrete panels, and an R9-3 “No Pedestrian” regulatory sign on the west side of the grade crossing.

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, 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 Raminah Medhat at (415) 791-2612 or ramineh.medhat@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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