

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Michael Kay
AECOM
300 Lakeside Drive Suit 400
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Re: Notice of Preparation
Oakland Waterfront Ballpark District
SCH # 2018092027

Dear Michael Kay,

As the state agency responsible for rail safety within California, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC or Commission) under Public Utilities Code Section 1201-1220, has exclusive jurisdiction over the point of rail crossing, the terms of installation, operation, maintenance, use and protection of railroad crossings in California. CPUC appreciates the early coordination of the project with both CPUC and the public and hopes to continue building on the previous plans presented to identify potential project impacts and appropriate mitigation measures, and thereby improve the safety of motorists, pedestrians, railroad personnel, and railroad passengers.

The Valley Link Rail Project proposes to establish a new passenger rail service along the 22-mile corridor between the existing Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station in Alameda County and the proposed Mountain House Community Station in San Joaquin County. This will result in the construction of multiple new crossings including but not limited to:

Tassajara Rd
El Charro Rd
Airway Blvd
Isavel Ave
Portola Ave
N Livermore Ave
Las Colinas Rd
First St
N Vasco Rd
Greenville Rd
Grand Rd
Midway Road
Grant Line Rd
Mountain House Parkway

In addition, there are locations where the railroads would cross Union Pacific's Oakland Subdivision tracks and private roads.

The authority to construct a new public rail crossing is typically granted by the CPUC through the

“formal application” process outlined in the [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#), Rules 3.7 to 3.11, which result in an Order issued by the Commission. More information on this process can be found in the link below:

[Rail Crossing Formal Applications](#)

Please ensure the nearby crossings and tracks comply with applicable federal and state requirements. Applicable state requirements include:

- California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices – Chapter 8 (<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/engineering/mutcd/>)
- CPUC General Order 26-D, Clearances on railroads and street railroads as to side and overhead structures parallel tracks and crossings,
- CPUC General Order 72-B, Construction and maintenance of crossings
- CPUC General Order 75-D, Warning devices for at-grade railroad crossings
- CPUC General Order 88-B, Alterations of railroad crossings
- CPUC General Order 118, Construction, reconstruction and maintenance of walkways and control of vegetation adjacent to railroad tracks

A link to the Commission’s General Orders and Public Utilities Code can be found here <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings>.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. If you have any questions in this matter, please call me at (415) 703-1815 or email me at sjavash.mozaffari@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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