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May 5, 2025

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Ariana Villanueva
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Re: San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan [SCH 2022090340](#) — *Draft Environmental Impact Report*

Dear Ariana Villanueva:

The California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) has jurisdiction over rail crossings (crossings) in California. CPUC ensures that crossings are safely designed, constructed, and maintained. The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Branch (RCEB) is in receipt of the *Draft Environmental Impact Report (DIR)* for the proposed San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (County) is the lead agency.

The County developed the San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Implementation Plan (Plan) as a framework to study, identify, and implement potential projects within existing Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) rights-of-way in the San Gabriel Valley (SGV) into a network of bicycle, equestrian, and pedestrian pathways. As part of the plan's goals, both the County and/or local agencies within the proposed area will utilize the plan as a guide to construct greenway paths, such as multi-use, pedestrian, bike, and equestrian trails and paths, as well as other improvements including stormwater management infrastructure and community greenspaces. The draft EIR investigated 10 potential example projects within the District right-of-way but acknowledges that the entire project area encompasses approximately 140 miles of right-of-way along with adjacent parcels along the San Gabriel and Rio Hondo rivers as well as their creeks and washes.

CPUC recognizes the current plan does not define any immediate construction or respective project boundaries, but as the example projects describe, future developments will likely cross through railroad crossings both at-grade and grade-separated in the SGV. Any proposed modifications to any at-grade crossing will require authorization from the CPUC. Additionally, CPUC recommends that at any at-grade crossing the future paths and trails will cross, the project team(s) implement pedestrian treatments including pedestrian warning devices and gates as well as channelization, and to bring the crossings up to current standards and in compliance with ADA requirements. For any currently grade-separated crossing, CPUC authorization is required if any project intends to modify the structure of the crossing or create a new crossing above or beneath the railroad corridor. Any projects adjacent and parallel to a railroad corridor should also ensure proper fencing and deterrence are installed to discourage trespassing onto railroad right-of-way.

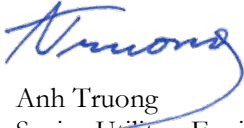
Any proposed crossing improvement project must also conform to the goals of the CPUC's Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan. This includes improving safety and access to transportation, improving local air quality and public health, and expanding outreach and public participation opportunities in disadvantaged communities. For more information, please visit <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/esjactionplan>.

RCEB is available to discuss any potential safety impacts or concerns at this location and address any questions from the State or the Applicant.

If you have any questions, please contact Richard Le at (213) 999-9053, or richard.le@cpuc.ca.gov.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anh Truong', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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