

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
for Four Crossings in the City of Oakland

This notice is to inform the public and interested agencies that in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is circulating Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for public comment.

**Project/Location:** The project site consists of four existing at-grade UPRR tracks where UPRR tracks intersect with local streets in the City of Oakland in California. Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). All four crossings are in the same general area of east Oakland in predominantly business, commercial, and light industrial areas. The 29th Avenue and 37th Avenue crossings are located near residential areas. The existing railroad crossings include single-arm gates (one in each direction of traffic), a warning device, concrete crossing panels, and street lighting. Safety improvements at the crossings would include installation new security gates/fencing, medians, pavement markings, automatic pedestrian gates, and roadside signals. Additional improvements include Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) detectable pavers, warning devices, “No Trespassing” signs, replacement of signal arms, and installation of new sidewalks.

**Document Availability:** The Initial Study/MND will be available for review at the following location beginning on Tuesday, May 2, 2023:

- Alameda CTC website: <https://www.alamedactc.org/programs-projects/transit-and-rail/rail-safety-enhancement-program>

**Public Review Period:** The 30-day public review period for the Initial Study/MND is from May 2, 2023, to May 31, 2023.

**Comments:** Any person who wishes to comment on the Alameda CTC’s intent to adopt the MND must submit written comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31, 2023. Written comments may be sent to: Jhay Delos Reyes, Principal Transportation Engineer at Alameda CTC, via email to [jdelosreyes@alamedactc.org](mailto:jdelosreyes@alamedactc.org) or by mail at 1111 Broadway, Suite 800, Oakland, CA 94607.

**Project Impacts:** Based on the findings of the Initial Study, it has been determined that the project will not have a significant effect upon the environment based on mitigating measures, which will be attached to the project as conditions of approval. A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared outlining a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan to mitigate the potentially significant impacts.

**Public Hearing:** The Virtual Public Hearing for the Oakland crossings will be held on Wednesday May 17, 2023, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

# Rail Safety Enhancement Program

