

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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LOS ANGELES, CA 90013



March 28, 2025

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Amanda Acuna  
City of Gardena  
1700 W 162nd Street  
Gardena, CA 90247

**Re: 1450 Artesia Specific Plan EIR [SCH 2023060263](#) — *Notice of Determination***

Dear Amanda Acuna,

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 *Notice of Determination (NOD)* for the proposed 1450 Artesia Specific Plan Project. The City of Gardena (City) is the lead agency.

The City has approved the 1450 Artesia Specific Plan which consists of a mixed-use commercial and industrial development. This site will include a self-storage facility, an industrial warehouse/distribution facility, and an office/retail space. As part of the development, construction will also consist of perimeter fencing, lighting, exterior sidewalks, on-site parking, and a city storage building. The city also maintains the right to utilize the parking lot for City-sponsored outdoor events. Adjacent to the eastern side of the property runs a Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) track, and at the northeast corner of the property is the Artesia Boulevard at-grade highway railroad crossing (001BBG-497.75, 760511G).

The property neighbors other retail centers and given the addition of office and warehouse space at the property, pedestrian and vehicular activity in the vicinity of this crossing and track can be expected to increase. Although the site plan does call for the installation of security fencing along the railroad right-of-way between the track and site, RCEB recommends also installing fencing along Normandie Avenue parallel to the existing sidewalk. The project team should also investigate the impact of increased vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the Artesia Boulevard crossing and any necessary supplemental measures to mitigate this increase, such as but not limited to cantilever railroad warning devices, automatic pedestrian gates, and updated preemption timing. This can be accomplished through a capital project funded by the city or developer, and should also bring the crossing up to current standards and in compliance with ADA requirements.

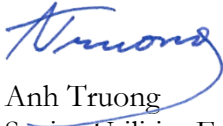
Any proposed crossing improvement project will require authorization from the CPUC and must also conform to the goals of the CPUC's Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan. This includes improving safety and access to transportation, improving local air quality and public health, and expanding outreach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

RCEB staff is available to discuss any potential safety impacts or concerns at the crossings and address any questions from the City.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anh Truong", with a flourish that loops back under the name.

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Rail Crossings Engineering Branch  
Rail Safety Division

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