

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

320 WEST 4TH STREET, SUITE 500
LOS ANGELES, CA 90013



April 22, 2025

ENVR 20250400001

Scott Nightingale
City of San Marcos
1 Civic Center Drive
San Marcos, CA 92069

Re:

Woodward 46 Specific Plan (SP22-0005) [SCH 2023080449](#) — *Draft Environmental Impact Report*

Dear Scott Nightingale:

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 (DEIR)* for the proposed Woodward 46 Specific Plan (SP22-0005). The City of San Marcos (City) is the lead agency.

The Project Applicant proposes the development of 46 residential condominiums. The project is located approximately 500 feet north of the E San Marcos Blvd (CPUC No. 106E-116.49, DOT No.) at-grade crossing and the San Marcos Civic Center Sprinter Railway Station.

The proposed project lies in the vicinity of active railroad tracks. In July of 2006, RCEB authorized a General Order 88-B (GO88-B) request from the North County Transit District (NCTD) install a second track at the E San Marcos Blvd at-grade crossing (XREQ 20060400003). In October of 2006, RCEB authorized a GO 88-B request from the City to narrow the existing center median to accommodate an additional northbound through lane on E San Marcos Blvd (XREQ20060700006), changing the traffic configuration from a one through lane and one protected left turn lane to one protected left turn lane and two through lanes. At the time of both authorization requests, it was not known that the neighboring parcel was planned for future residential development. Now, with a future residential development being planned for the neighboring parcel, pedestrian and traffic improvements may be needed at E. San Marcos Blvd to provide greater safety benefits for future increases in pedestrian and vehicular activity. As such, RCEB recommends that the City review the existing conditions and implement any needed improvements either through a capital project led by the City or a condition of approval for the developments adjacent to the crossing.

RCEB is available to discuss any potential safety impacts or concerns regarding the crossing and address any questions from the City.

If you have any questions, please contact Howard Huie at (415) 308-0533, or howard.huie@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Anh Truong
Senior Utilities Engineer (Supervisor)
Rail Crossings Engineering Branch
Rail Safety Division

Scott Nightingale
ENVR 202501000xx
April 22, 2025

CC: State Clearinghouse, state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov
Scott Shroyer, NCTD, sshroyer@nctd.org
Lori Winfree, NCTD, lwinfree@nctd.org