

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

320 West 4th Street, Suite 500, Los Angeles, CA 90013



December 23, 2024

John Merrill, PE, TE
 City of Carson
 701 E Carson St,
 Carson, CA 90745

Re: Public Works 1451 — Bike Lane Installation [SCH 2024110931](#) – Notice of Exemption
Public Works 1452 — Bike Lane Installation [SCH 2024110932](#) – Notice of Exemption

Dear Mr. Merrill:

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 Exemptions (NOE) for the proposed Public Works 1451 and Public Works 1452 projects (Bike Lane Projects). The City of Carson (City) is the lead agency.

According to the NOE's and communications with the city, the Bike Lane Projects would upgrade the design, including installation of medians and/or install bike lanes along Avalon Blvd., Del Amo Blvd., Figueroa St., Main St., University Dr., Victoria St., 223rd St., Central Ave., and Carson St. within the City of Carson. Although the city did not provide the project boundaries or specific scope on each project street, each of these streets intersects the following at-grade highway-railroad crossings within or on the city limits:

Street Name	Crossings (CPUC No., DOT No.)
Avalon Blvd.	002H-25.90, 028118W
Del Amo Blvd.	001BBM-499.91-C, 747909T 001BBM-499.56-C, 747908L 001BBH-497.55-C, 747798D
Figueroa St.	002H-24.80, 028113M
Main St.	N/A
University Dr.	N/A
Victoria St.	N/A
223rd St.	001BBM-500.10-C, 747916D
Central Ave.	N/A
Carson St.	003A-18.05, 811215N

General Order 88-B (GO 88-B) dictates that any modifications of an existing rail crossing or its approaches requires CPUC authorization. New bike lanes through a crossing as well as bike lanes that lead bicyclists up to a crossing but terminate prior to a crossing and restart on the other side constitute modifications to a crossing and/or its approaches. Median modifications, striping and signing changes, and lane changes also affect the safety of railroad crossings. As such, the City must obtain GO 88-B authorization for any at-grade crossing within the scope of these projects.

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RCEB is available to discuss any potential safety impacts or concerns at the crossings and address any questions from the City, and recommends the City communicate with RCEB during its design process as to facilitate the GO 88-B process early and help mitigate any safety concerns.

If you have any questions, please contact Richard Le via email at richard.le@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew Bond". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Matthew Bond, PE, TE
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Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch
Rail Safety Division

CC: State Clearinghouse, state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov