

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Ellen McDowell
City of Healdsburg
401 Grove Street
Healdsburg, CA 95448

Re: Grove Street Neighborhood Plan Implementation (Complete Streets) [SCH 2025020879](#) — *Notice of Exemption*

Dear Ellen McDowell:

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 Exemption (NOE)* for the proposed Grove Street Neighborhood Plan Implementation (Complete Streets). City of Healdsburg (City) is the lead agency.

The Project Applicant proposes installing curbs, gutters, and sidewalks to close gaps in pedestrian infrastructure. The project also includes the installation of Class II bicycle lanes linking the Foss Creek Trail to Dry Creek Road. The project has potential impact on the Dry Creek Rd at-grade highway rail crossing (CPUC No. 005-69.50, DOT No. 498638B).

The project plan for adding Class II bicycle lanes should be submitted to the CPUC for further evaluation. The addition of bicycle lanes alters the crossing's use and traffic dynamics, which may impact the safety of the public using the crossing. Any modifications to an existing rail crossing or its approaches require CPUC authorization under the General Order 88-B process.

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 to facilitate the GO 88-B process early and help mitigate any safety concerns.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (415) 791-2612, or ramineh.medhat@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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