

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Martha Butler  
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**Re: Vermont Transit Corridor Project [SCH 2025031347](#) — *Notice of Exemption***

Dear Martha Butler:

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 Vermont Transit Corridor Project. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) is the lead agency.

The Project Applicant proposes the development of a bus rapid transit (BRT) project that would extend approximately 12.4 miles along Vermont Avenue from its southern terminus at 120<sup>th</sup> Street, south of the Vermont/Athens Metro C Line Station, to its northern terminus at Sunset Boulevard, at the Vermont/Sunset Metro B Line Station. The proposed project would include roadway modifications and construction of 26 BRT stations at 13 station locations.

The 12.4-mile project route traverses two at-grade crossings. The LACMTA E Line at-grade crossing of Vermont Avenue (CPUC No. 84S-101.90) is located at the intersection of Vermont Avenue and Exposition Boulevard. The Union Pacific Railroad El Segundo Industrial Lead at-grade crossing of Vermont Avenue (CPUC No. 001BBF-493.88/DOT No. 760572X) is located just south of the Vermont Avenue and 116<sup>th</sup> Place intersection. Any roadway modifications along the project route should consider impacts to public safety at the two at-grade crossings, including obstructing railroad warning devices and traffic signals, as well as modifications to intersection traffic signals. Coordination with the City of Los Angeles and RCEB is necessary for any proposed roadway modifications that may impact the crossings, including traffic signal system changes. Ultimately, any proposed modifications impacting the two at-grade crossings will require authorization from the CPUC.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Jose Pereyra at (213) 479-0181, or [jose.pereyra@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jose.pereyra@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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