

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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**Re: Santiago Canyon College Orange Education Center Portable Project [SCH 2003121142](#) –  
*Notice of Determination (NOD)***

Dear Carrie M. Matsumoto,

The California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) has jurisdiction over rail crossings (crossings) in California. The 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 Santiago Canyon College Orange Education Center Portable Project, located in the City of Orange (City). The Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) is the lead agency.

The project site is located at 1465 N Batavia Street, Orange, CA 92867. This site will include portable classrooms, for students and staff, and provide parking on the currently vacant site to accommodate RSCCD's Continuing Education Programs.

The Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Los Nietos subdivision parallels the north face of the site. The site can be accessed from the north and south from N. Batavia Street. From the north route, traveling in the southbound direction, the site crosses an at-grade highway-rail crossings along the UPRR's Los Nietos subdivision [Batavia St crossing](#) (DOT# 761638Y, CPUC# 001BM-514.30). The Batavia St at-grade highway-rail crossing consists of a 4-lane roadway with two lanes in each direction and active railroad warning devices.

The proposed Santiago Canyon College Orange Education Center Portable Project will provide portable classrooms and parking for its staff and students. With these improvements, the vehicle and pedestrian traffic in the area is expected to increase within the vicinity of the Batavia St crossing. RCEB recommends the Project Team investigate the impact of increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic through the crossing and any necessary supplemental measures to mitigate this increase. Mitigation measures can include but are not limited to, installation of sidewalks across the tracks, additional lighting at the crossings, and possible right-in/right-out configuration from the development. These measures can be accomplished through a capital project funded by the City or a condition of approval for the development, and should also bring the crossings up to current standards and in compliance with ADA requirements.

Any proposed crossing modifications will require authorization from the CPUC through a [General Order 88-B request](#) 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

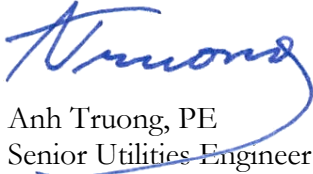
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public health, and expanding outreach and public participation opportunities in disadvantaged communities. For more information, please visit <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/esjactionplan>.

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anh Truong', with a large loop at the end.

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