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Re: Arrow Commerce Center Project [SCH 2023110033](#) – *Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)*

Dear Sean McPherson,

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 *Final Document (FIN)* for the proposed Newcastle Arrow Route Project. The City of Rancho Cucamonga (City) is the lead agency.

The project site is located at 12451 Arrow Route in the city of Rancho Cucamonga, bounded by Arrow Route Road to the north, industrial land uses to the east, the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) San Gabriel subdivision to the south, and industrial manufacturing and undeveloped land uses to the west). The site can be accessed from two routes, one of which crosses an at-grade highway-rail crossings along the SCRRA San Gabriel subdivision; [Etiwanda Avenue](#) (DOT# 026151P, CPUC# 101SG-44.14).

The Etiwanda Avenue at-grade highway-rail crossing (Crossing) consists of a 2-lane asphalt roadway with active railroad warning devices and is currently planned to be grade separated. The City has plans to grade separate the Crossing, which was authorized by RCEB under XREQ 20221200001 on December 20, 2022. Per the request submitted by the City, the Project was intended to reduce congestion and mitigate future growth impacts to alleviate delays and queuing that currently exist at the Crossing and along Etiwanda Avenue.

As the grade separation Project has not yet commenced due to lack of construction funding, RCEB recommends that the City review the area and provide any mitigations measures for the increase in vehicular activity (particularly trucks) from this and other new adjacent developments. Mitigations measures to consider can be, but not be limited to, requiring trucks to utilize Foothill Blvd to access the freeway and avoid the Crossing or improving the Crossing in the interim condition by adding an additional lane to reduce the single lane bottleneck at the Crossing for both the northbound and southbound directions. These mitigation measures can be accomplished through a capital project funded by the City or as a condition of approval for the development. Additionally, the City should consider that the development help partially fund the grade separation since their development will significantly increase the volume of vehicles, particular large semi trucks, over the Crossing.

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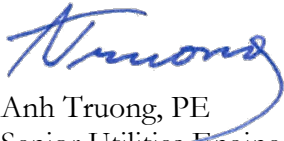
It is also recommended that consideration be taken to seal off access to the railroad corridor south of the newly proposed roadway designated as “New Public Street A”, to deter any trespassing that leads to the active SCRRA San Gabriel subdivision mainline tracks. Parking should not be allowed on the south side adjacent to the railroad corridor, unless a physical curb is installed to define the limits of the roadway and fencing is installed along the roadway to prevent vehicle from parking too close to the tracks and within SCRRA’s right-of-way. Guardrail should be evaluated and considered on “New Public Street A” where “New Public Street B”, Yellow Wood Rd, and “New Public Street F” intersects to prevent any errant vehicles from ending up on the SCRRA tracks. Adequate lighting should also be provided at those locations to provide visibility of the roadway during the evening or times of low visibility.

Any proposed new crossing construction project will require authorization from the CPUC 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 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 County.

If you have any questions, please contact Sergio Licon at (213) 503-4866, or sergio.licon@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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