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Joe Enke
City of Martinez-Public Works Director
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Re: Martinez Terminal Rail Restoration Project [SCH2023120466](#) — *Draft Environmental Impact Report*

Dear Joe Enke,

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 *Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)* for the proposed Martinez Terminal Rail Restoration Project. The City of Martinez is the lead agency.

The Project Applicant proposes implementing a project that would reestablish a former rail line along the south side of the existing Martinez Terminal, within the City of Martinez. This new segment would connect to the existing Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks located south of Waterfront Road. As part of the project, a new rail track would be constructed between the existing bridge columns. The proposed project has potential impact on the grade-separated highway-rail crossing at Waterfront Road (CPUC No. 001B-36.90-A, DOT No. 751773P).

The construction of the new track must comply with CPUC General Order 26-D (GO-26D), which governs the clearance requirements for railroads concerning side and overhead structures as well as parallel tracks. Additionally, any modifications to railroad crossings, including addition of a new track, must be authorized by the CPUC through a General Order 88-B (GO-88B) request.

Any proposed crossing improvement project 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 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 Ramineh Medhat at (415) 791-2612, or ramineh.medhat@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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