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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
300 Capitol Mall, Suite 400
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August 5, 2025 ENVR 2025070964

Tia Klumpp
City of Auburn
1225 Lincoln Way
Auburn, CA 95603

Re: Auburn Station Infill Project SCH# 2025070964 — *Notice of Preparation*

Dear Tia Klumpp,

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 Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report* for the proposed Auburn Station Infill Project. The City of Auburn (City) is the lead agency.

A development is proposed at 175 Fulweiler Avenue, on a site opposite the Robert F. Conheim Auburn Train station at 277 Nevada Street. This 10.5-acre, mixed-use, infill development site is proposed to accommodate between 200 and 350 dwelling units, an outdoor plaza, a community building, retail or commercial facilities, and new office space for Placer County operations. Improvements to pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular circulation are also proposed.

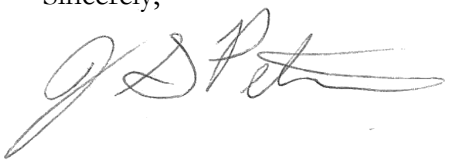
Approximately 600 feet south of its intersection with Fulweiler Avenue and Nevada Street, Blocker Drive crosses the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Roseville Subdivision track at the Blocker Drive at-grade highway-railroad crossing (CPUC# 001AI-124.20, DOT# 753211B.) Just east of this crossing, at 10901 Blocker Drive, is a public parking lot bordering the UPRR right-of-way, with approximately 100 spaces. Given the proposed addition of new community, commercial, residential, retail, and office facilities, pedestrian and vehicular activity in the vicinity of this crossing and track can be expected to increase. RCEB recommends installing fencing between this parking lot and the railroad right-of-way. The project team should also investigate the impact of increased vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the Blocker Drive crossing and any necessary supplemental measures to mitigate this increase, such as but not limited to vehicle-channelizing median curbs, off-quadrant railroad warning devices, and automatic pedestrian gates. This can be accomplished through a capital project funded by the City or developer and should also bring the crossing up to current standards and ensure compliance with ADA requirements.

Any proposed crossing improvement 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 are available to discuss any potential safety impacts or concerns at the crossing and to address any questions from the City.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 268-8050, or at jordan.peterson@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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