

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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September 19, 2025

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Re: 2 Phase Warehouse Distribution Facility [SCH 2025080819](#) – *Mitigated Negative Declaration*

Dear Leilani Henry,

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 *Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)* for the proposed 2 Phase Warehouse Distribution Facility Project. The City of Hesperia (City) is the lead agency.

The project site is located at 16801 Hercules Street. This site will include two industrial warehouse/distribution facilities and an office for each warehouse. As part of the development, construction will also consist of a storage yard, perimeter fencing, lighting, exterior sidewalks, and on-site parking.

The Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway Cajon subdivision parallels the west side of Santa Fe Street. The site can be accessed from the south from two routes, both of which crosses an at-grade highway-rail crossings along the BNSF Lucerne Valley subdivision; [Live Oak Street](#) (DOT# 027132N, CPUC# 002D-0.20) and [C Avenue](#) (DOT# 027184F, CPUC# 002D-0.40). The Live Oak St at-grade highway-rail crossing consists of a 2-lane dirt roadway with passive railroad warning devices. The C Avenue at-grade highway-rail crossing consists of a 2-lane paved asphalt roadway with passive railroad warning devices.

The project team should investigate the impact of increased vehicular and pedestrian traffic through these two at-grade highway-rail crossing and any necessary supplemental measures to mitigate this increase, such as but not limited to installation of active railroad warning devices, paving of Live Oak Street, and installation of street lighting at the crossing. Additionally, mitigations should be provided along the west side of Santa Fe Street to prevent vehicles from parking on the BNSF right-of-way and near the existing tracks. 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.

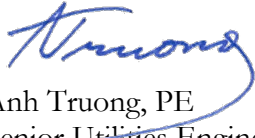
Any proposed crossing improvement project will require authorization from the CPUC and must also conform to the goals of the CPUC's Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan. This includes improving safety and access to transportation, improving local air quality and public health, and expanding outreach and public participation opportunities in disadvantaged communities. For more information, please visit <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/esjactionplan>.

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

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

Sincerely,



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